

Mission Statement
“We are called to Love, Serve, and Share God’s Word.”

- Vision Statement**
- Be a loving presence to those in our lives by opening our hearts to all.
 - To serve others by being an example of Christ in all we do
 - To share the Word of God through worship, education, community service, and intentional living.

<u>This Week at Immanuel</u>	
Today (02)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship Service 12:30pm Youth leave for camp
Monday (03)	6:00pm Lite meal 6:45pm All Committee Meeting
Tuesday (04)	9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am God’s Garden
Wednesday (05)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice
Friday (07)	7:00pm Youth Return from Camp 7:00pm Pastor Chris Vacation Begins

Upcoming Events

- August 9 - Annual Church Picnic
- August 10 - Bible and Brew
- August 11 - Coffee for Vets
- August 15 - White Caps Game
- August 16 - Packing the Backpacks
- August 17 - Deliver Backpacks
- August 17 - Church Council
- August 18 - God’s Garden

If you would like to donate to Immanuel, but do not have cash or check, we offer an electronic option; just scan this QR code with your phone:



Serving Today
Reader: Jennifer Vance Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath
Counters: Laura Compton & Mike Aksamit
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving August 9, 2026
Reader: Sharon Aksamit Communion Assistant: Mike Aksamit
Counters: Joyce Davis & Sharon Aksamit
Greeters: Jim & Marie Combs

PRAYER PARTNER LETTERS: *Please sign the Letter on the Welcome Table* this morning before you leave. Today we are praying for Augustana Lutheran Church in Tustin, Michigan.

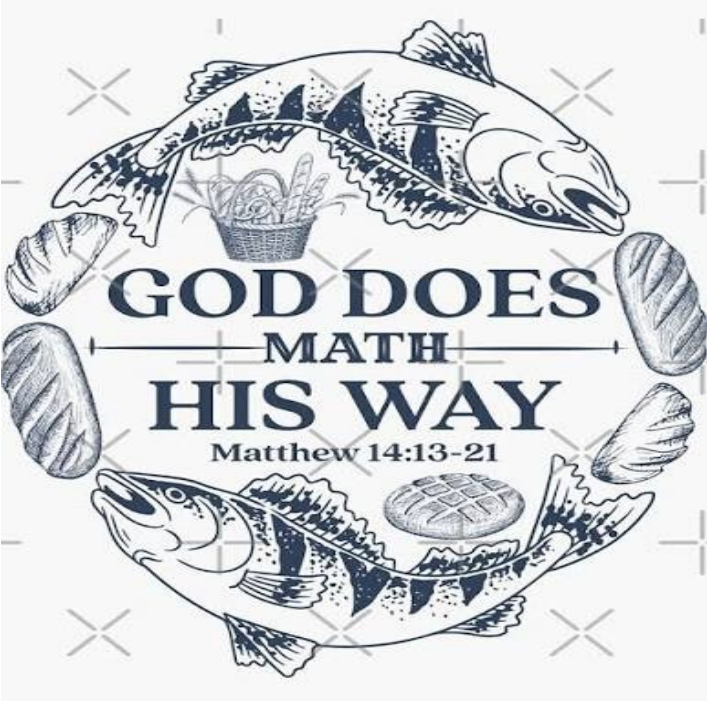
Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: Pr. Adrian, Whitney, Alex, Cyndi, Sam & AJ, Pam, Bev, Jennifer, Zandra, Christian, Barbara, Vicki, Jeff, Lynda, Dennis, Nicole, Kathy, Mike, Lisa, Lorui, Russ, Bill, Dan, Dawn, Marie, Dottie, and Ken.

Coffee for Veterans
Will be held at Immanuel on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.** This is for all Veterans who have served or those who are still serving. A time to gather, spend time together, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts / rolls. Please come and see what it is all about and share this with others. If you have any questions, please call Jessie (269)650-0026 or the church office at (269)673-3335. Thank you.

Our Financial Stewardship
\$562.70 (includes online giving)
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$147.76
Attendance Last Week: 38 Bible Study: 10

2026 Church Council
Sandie Horwath, President
Rick Bierlein, Vice President
Jacquelyn Burnside Recording Secretary
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship
Shelley Busfield, Worship/Music
Ursala Armourillo, Education
Mike Acosta, Property
Sharon Aksamit, Mission/Outreach

Immanuel Lutheran Church



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2026

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Pastor Chris Laughlin

Immanuel Welcomes You!

We welcome all visitors who worship with us today. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome Table outside of the sanctuary.

BACK PACKS: Our Backpack Ministry is going well, thanks to your generous donations! As we enter the final week of collecting supplies, we are still in need of pencils and pocket folders (currently just 25¢ each at Meijer). If you’re heading to the store this week, please consider picking up a few of these items. Your support will ensure we have everything we need to pack the backpacks on August 16. We have a special *Apple Tree* next to the Welcome Table. Thank you.

YOUTH CAMP Our young people will be leaving after worship today. The young people have been having fundraising programs to help pay for this ministry and we appreciate the support of everyone here at Immanuel. They will spend the week at camp coming back home on Friday with lots of memories.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING is tomorrow, Monday, August 3rd. We have a lot going on and we urge everyone to attend. We will NOT have a meal before the meeting which will begin at 6:00pm. And if you need the agenda or notes for your committee printed, please get them in to the office before that date and we will print them for you.

GOD’S GARDEN GROUP will meet at the church Tuesday morning at 9:00am. We plan to work for ONE hour only and urge you to come and join us. With many hands we can accomplish so much more in the beautification of our landscape.

PASTOR CHRIS VACATION: Pastor will begin his vacation when he returns from the Youth Camp on Friday and will be on vacation through Friday the 14th. Please contact Pastor Nicole Smith at Hope Lutheran Church if you have need of pastoral service. Next Sunday, August 9th we will welcome pastor Jim Foster as the leader of our worship service.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is coming up on August 9th. There are brochures for your information on the Round Table, along with the signup sheet. Please pick one up. It is also in the August Newsletter.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER: Copies available on Welcome Table.

We believe that Holy Communion is Christ’s own body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, as Christ himself promised. We also believe that this is Christ’s table, not ours, so we welcome all as Christ welcomed all. Communion comes in two elements, or forms – (1) bread and (2) wine or grape juice. The bread we serve is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free in hopes that our entire community will be able to share the same bread. The wine is in the clear cups or grape juice is in the purple cups; please indicate to the assisting minister which you would like. If you can only receive the sacrament in one element (bread or wine / grape juice), please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in that one element.

Prelude:
“Come O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Announcements
“Happy August Birthday”

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LBW#230

*Call to Worship
*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Pastor Chris
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation of Faith

*Prayers of Intercession
Each petition ends with
“God of grace”
And the congregation responds with
“receive our prayer”

*Sharing of the Peace
Offering
Offertory
*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer

Worship Assistant

Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving
*The Proper Preface
*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
*The Verba (Words of Institution)
*The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Invitation
The Distribution
Communion Song:
“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW#611
“For the Beauty of the Earth” LBW#561

Sending of Communion Prayer
*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“This is My Father’s World”

*Dismissal:

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33