

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 (16)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Pack Backpacks
Monday (17)	10:00am Deliver Backpacks 6:30pm Church Council
Tuesday (18)	9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am God’s Garden
Wednesday (19)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice
Saturday (22)	12:00pm Youth Swin Party

- Upcoming Events**
- August 23 - Youth Ice Cream Social
- August 24 - Allegan High School Starts
- August 28 - 148th Anniversary of Immanuel
- September 1 - God’s Garden
- September 6 - Pulpit Swap with Prince of Peace
- September 8 - Coffee for Vets
- September 11-12 - Synod Connection Days
- September 11-19 - Allegan County Fair

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: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo
Counters: Laura Compton & Nancy Brauer
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving August 23, 2026
Reader: Bernie Lenau Communion Assistant: Linda Scott
Counters: Joyce Davis & Jim Combs
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 Grace Lutheran Church in Vassar, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:
On-going health concerns: Whitney, Alex, Cyndi, Sam & AJ, Bev, Jennifer, Zandra, Christian, Barbara, Vicki, Jeff, Lynda, Dennis, Nicole, Kathy, Mike, Lisa, Lori, 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
\$909.70 (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: 41 Bible Study: 4

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



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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: Once again we have had a very successful year collecting for the backpacks. Thank you so much for your participation. It means a lot to the kids in our Allegan Middle and Elementary schools.

PACKING THE BACKPACKS TODAY: If you are able to stay for a short time after worship today to help prepare the backpacks, it would be greatly appreciated. With many hands it will only take a very short time. We plan to deliver them to the schools tomorrow.

CHURCH CAMP: We welcome back our young people from church camp this year. This is a very unique and *Special* experience that they will remember for years to come. Thank you everyone for your support.

CHURCH COUNCIL: meets tomorrow evening (August 17th) at 6:30pm. If anyone needs to have a report printed for the meeting, please see that it is in the office before Noon tomorrow.

GOD’S GARDEN: We will meet Tuesday morning the 18th at 9:00am for *One Hour* caring for the landscape around the church. This group started last year meeting twice per month for one hour and we can easily see the benefits of their efforts. Thanks to them and the floral contributions from Jim Battaglia, we have some beautiful grounds. If you are able, please come and join us Tuesday.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Next Sunday after the worship service, our young people will be hosting an ice cream social. We will have lots of toppings and sprinkles. Plan now to join us for some fun and to help support our youth with your donations.

ALLEGAN COUNTY FAIR PARADE: The Fair will begin on Friday September 11th and last through Saturday the 19th. On Monday the 14th of Fair week there will be a parade and Pastor is planning to once again have his truck involved. Please see the signup sheet on the Round Table for details.

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:
“Your Name”

Announcements

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“It is Well with My Soul”
*Call to Worship
*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Pastor Chris
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation of Faith

*Prayers of Intercession
Each petition ends with
“Merciful God”
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:
“Amazing Grace”
“Into My Heart”

*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LBW#551

*Dismissal:

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

Readings for Next Sunday
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20