

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.

This Week at Immanuel

Today (23)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Ice Cream Social
Monday (24)	6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Tuesday (25)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (26)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice

Upcoming Events

- 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
- February 21 - Dinner Nite Out
- February 22 - Youth Soup & Salad Fundraiser

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: Bernie Lenau Communion Assistant: Linda Scott
Counters: Joyce Davis & Jim Combs
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs
Serving August 30, 2026
Reader: Karen Acosta Communion Assistant: Mike Acosta
Counters: Joyce Davis & Laura Compton
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 Lebanon Lutheran Church in Whitehall, Michigan.

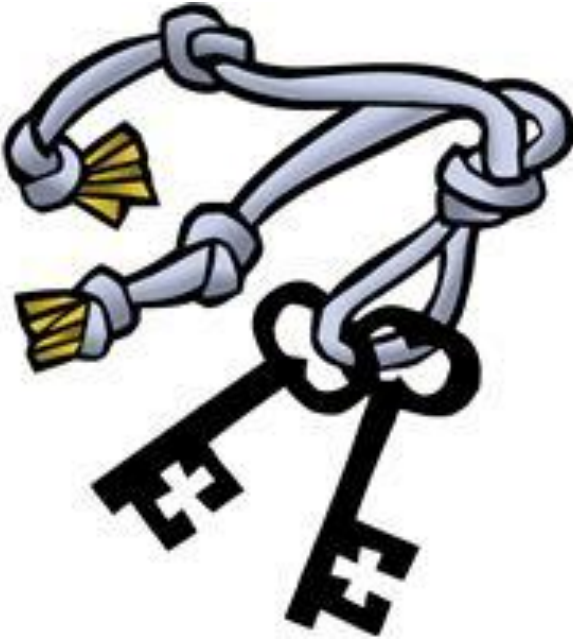
Please remember these people in your prayers for: **On-going health concerns:** Whitney, Alex, Cyndi, Sam & AJ, Bev, Jennifer, Zandra, Christian, Barbara, Vicki, Jeff, Lynda, Dennis, Pat, Nicole, Kathy, Mike, Lisa, Marie, Lori, Russ, Bill, Dan, Dawn, Marie, Dottie, and Ken.

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
\$1,182.70 (includes online giving)
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$146.76
Attendance Last Week: 50 Bible Study: 6

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Our youth are sponsoring an Ice Cream Social today immediately after the worship service. Join us for this fun time complete with toppings and sprinkles. We ask that you give a donation in support of our ongoing youth ministry. We are planning to send at least three young people to the ELCA National Youth Conference.

THE BOOK GROUP will gather in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow the 24th at 1:00pm. This month we will be discussing ***Thy Will Be Done by John Garrison-Marks***. Come and join in on the discussion. We will be making a selection for next month’s reading at the meeting.

148TH ANNIVERSARY of Immanuel Lutheran Church is coming up on Thursday August 28th. Some preliminary plans are already underway for our 150th anniversary in 2028 and, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please talk to our church council president, Sandy Horwath. Current copies of our church history are available on the Welcome Table.

ALLEGAN COUNTY FAIR PARADE will be on Monday September 14th. Pastor Chris is once again planning to have his truck in the parade. We need people to help put the banner on the truck and ride/walk while tossing candy to the bystanders. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table.

BIBLE & BREW+DINNER NITE OUT: Since both of these events occur during Fair Week next month, we **WILL NOT** be having either of these events in the month of September. We are proud to have so many members of our congregation working and volunteering all week at the Fair and they are not able to do both.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: We will publish the Newsletter on Thursday the 27th and if you have something that needs to be included, please see that you have it in the church office before then.

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:
“Rock of Ages”

Announcements

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“The Church’s One Foundation (LBW#369)”
*Call to Worship
*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Built on the Rock (LBW#365)”

Pastor Chris
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation of Faith

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

Worship Assistant

*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:
“Living Hope”
“Just a Closer Walk”

*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“Shine, Jesus Shine”

*Dismissal:

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

Readings for Next Sunday
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalms 112:1-10
I Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20