

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 (09)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Annual Church Picnic
Monday (10)	5:30pm Bible and Brew
Tuesday (11)	9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Coffee for Vets
Wednesday (12)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice
Saturday (15)	5:30pm Dinner Nite Out

- Upcoming Events**
- August 16 - Packing the Backpacks
- August 17 - Deliver Backpacks
- August 17 - Church Council
- August 18 - God’s Garden
- August 22 - Youth Swim Party
- August 23 - Youth Ice Cream Social
- August 24 - Allegan High School Starts
- August 28 - 148th Anniversary of Immanuel

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: Sharon Aksamit Communion Assistant: Mike Aksamit
Counters: Joyce Davis & Sharon Aksamit
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving August 16, 2026
Reader: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo
Counters: Laura Compton & Nancy Brauer
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 Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Unionville, 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
\$3,221.70 (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: 58 Bible Study: 5

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 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.

WELCOME PASTOR JIM FOSTER: We are please to welcome Pastor Foster back with us this morning to lead us in worship while Pastor Chris is on vacation.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is today shortly after the worship service. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us at the home of Bernie and Laura. There is a brochure on the Round Table with directions ion the back to the location.

PASTOR CHRIS VACATION: Pastor will return from his vaca-tion Friday the 14th. Please contact Pastor Nicole Smith at Hope Lutheran Church if you have need of pastoral service.

BIBLE AND BREW will be tomorrow evening at 5:30 PM. We will be meeting again at the Trestle Stop in Hamilton. This is an evening of great food, fellowship, and discussion. Join us if you can. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table.

COFFEE FOR VETS will have their monthly gathering on Tues-day the 11th beginning at 9am. If you know of a veteran please in-vite them to attend.

DINNER NITE OUT: We will be checking out a new location for many of us and encourage you to join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. We will be going to the ***One More Grill*** in Dorr on Saturday the 15th at 5:30pm. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table. The address is 1830 142nd Ave., Dorr.

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). Check out the special *Apple Tree* next to the Welcome Table. 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. ***Please plan to remain after worship next Sunday to help.*** It should not take very long with everyone pitching in, Thank you.

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:
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Announcements

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Call to Worship
*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“What a Friend We have in Jesus”

Pastor Foster
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33
Pastor Foster

*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:
“I’m Going on a Journey”
“Make Me a Servant”

*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion
Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“You are the Rock of My Salvation”

*Dismissal:

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

Readings for Next Sunday
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28