



Friday, February 6, 2026

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



## Worship and Learning Schedule Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:30 am - Divine Worship  
9:30 am – Adult Bible Class led  
by Pastor  
Krengel in the Life  
Center  
9:30 am – “The Rock” Sunday  
School  
10:45 am – Praise Worship

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streamed Live on Facebook  
[Immanuel Lutheran Church Bridgman](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranChurchBridgman),  
or are posted on our website:  
[www.immanuelbridgman.org](http://www.immanuelbridgman.org)



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*A weekly publication of our announcements from our church leadership, staff and Early  
Childhood Development Center of Bridgman*

## AS WE GATHER

This morning is the fourth Sunday for our current sermon series on Spiritual Conversations. As the infant Jesus called the Magi from a distant land, so the risen Jesus today calls many into his presence through the Means of Grace – the Word and the Sacraments. In some ways, our witness to Christ is like the star through which Jesus reached out to the Magi. In order to serve the Lord's purposes, we are learning to joyfully join in Spiritual Conversations in a way that is gracious and effective. The Spiritual Conversation Curve is one tool that each baptized Christian would do well to have in his/her outreach toolkit. So far, we have learned how to recognize and respond to two of the three spiritual postures an unbelieving person may present: unreceptive and receptive. This morning, we will consider the third and final spiritual posture, the one maintained by those seeking to learn more about Jesus and his saving Gospel. May the Holy Spirit enable us to engage in many spiritual conversations in these Last Days. Amen.

## CHURCH NEWS

**At the Special Voters' Meeting Last Sunday** you have approved the expenditure of more than \$10,000 in order to repair and retrofit the gas valve and electronic control board for the RTU that is heating the ECDC.

**We are still looking** for wedding photos for the month of February. We are celebrating our history at Immanuel and with Valentine's Day as the theme we would like you to share your wedding photo! Thank you to everyone who shared a wonderful piece of their life by sending us the wedding photos! If you would like to participate, please take a picture with your phone of your favorite wedding photo and send them to the church office via email [ilc@immanuelbridgman.org](mailto:ilc@immanuelbridgman.org) or text 269-612-8811. It doesn't matter where you were married, we would just love to celebrate the sanctity of marriage for February! We would love to see you on the big screen!

**Winter Warm Up and Soup's On...Us!** Doesn't it sound inviting to share a warm meal with neighbors during the cold of winter? The Outreach Board wants to offer a free meal to our community on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30pm-7:00pm**. There will be a variety of soups, salad, and desserts for all who attend. There will also be board games available if people want to play. This event is open to everyone - congregational members as well as the community. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to indicate you will be coming. Also, your help is needed to make this event happen! There are sign-up sheets for donations of soups and desserts, as well as helpers to set-up and clean-up. We hope you put this on your calendar to Come In, Warm Up, and Have Fun with our community.



GL Wasko & Sons is a family-owned transportation and warehouse company, that now includes a third generation of the Wasko Family. We think of ourselves as your "dedicated carrier" because we are dedicated to treating our customers like we treat each other with respect and concern for getting every detail right.

**Flowers on the altar today** are in memory of David J. Zilke from his loving daughter, Nancy Seldomridge. Thank you to those who provide flowers in honor or memory of their loved ones. It enhances our chancel area and shows our love and care of our church and loved ones.

**Sewing for missions:** As this cold weather continues, we all can appreciate the warmth a quilt provides. The quilters will be assembling quilts for LWML on **Friday, February 13th starting at 9:00am**. We will meet in the Life Center. Please come join us for an hour or two. We are sandwiching and tying the quilt layers together - no sewing required!

**Altar Guild** has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, February 19th at 10:00 am**. We hope you are able to come to this meeting for a refreshing of procedures and Lenten service planning. How about bringing a friend or maybe a new member who would like to serve as a member of the altar guild?

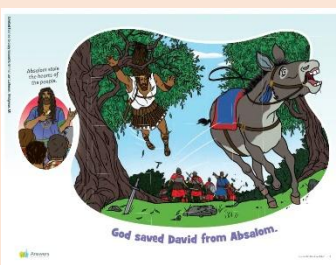
**Operation Christmas Child** We are looking for a little bit of love this February, would you be able to provide a small stuffed animal for the boxes that go to children overseas? This is the best time to find the little stuffed animals to put into our Operation Christmas Child boxes. We hope you will send this little bit of huggable love to the children who receive so little throughout the year, Christmas is such a special time to send love but especially the love of Jesus Christ who has blessed us with so very much! Let's share that love!

**Ash Wednesday** is coming quickly and we would like to prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. On **Wednesday, February 18th** we will have two worship services, one at 12:15 pm and one at 6:00 pm.. We are looking forward to Pastor Krengel's area of study this Lent, "Two Men and a Tomb" focusing on the Apostles John and Peter. What a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for Easter. We hope you will join us for our Lenten Worship services.

**We REALLY Need Your Help!** We struggled in Advent this last church year to provide the meals for the Advent Midweek services, and leadership was considering eliminating the meals for the Midweek Services. They have decided to move forward and still offer the meals during the midweek services. If you can help, either your family or group here at the church would like to volunteer to host a meal we would be very grateful! Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

**People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO)** is a recognized service organization of the LCMS dedicated to reaching out with the Gospel - especially to people associated with Islam. Pastor Farrukh Khan from POBLO will present the sermon on March 1 in all services. He will also lead the Adult Bible Study on the topic of inter-religious marriages. The title of the Bible study is "Unequally Yoked."

**Did You Know?** Immanuel will be 130 years old in 2026. We would like to do a little reminiscing. Do you have photos of church life with your family? We would like to take a picture of your photos for display on our big screens in the month of January. If you can help, please submit them to the church office via email [ilc@immanuelbridgman.org](mailto:ilc@immanuelbridgman.org) or text 269-612-8811.

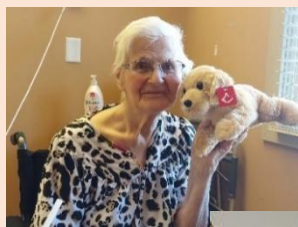


## ECDC NEWS

### "The Rock" Sunday School

**Sharing God's Love: A Love Story: The Gospel is the Good News** Hearts, you see hearts everywhere you look this time of the year. Red hearts decorate store windows for the upcoming Valentine's Day. Cards with funny and loving verses line the aisles of stores. It's that time of the year again. It's time to find the perfect box of Valentines for your friends and classmates. What theme will you give this year? Kittens and puppies? Horses? Dinosaurs? Superheroes? Cards that make you laugh? How do you choose the best Valentine to give? God gave us the best Valentine ever. God gave us his only son Jesus, to show His love for us. **John 3:16 states, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."** Wow! This is such a wonderful message that God wants us to give to everyone. The gospel is the good news that God gave us his son Jesus. Jesus died for sinners, but He rose again! Those who put their trust in Him will be with God in heaven someday. God wants to share this good news. The Rock will be making Valentine's Day cards to share God's love. To whom are you going to share God's message of love?





## Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

**Homebound:** Dollie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Joanne Argue, Harry Rock, Wally & AnneMarie Mojsiejenko, Elizabeth Rock, and Donna Mach

**Continuing Care Facilities:** Pat Ott, Geraldine Wooley, Norma Linn, Rose Briggs, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, Harriet Fester, Dave Arndt, and Marion Winter

***For information on how to connect with our church family please call the church office at 269-465-6031***

## Prayers of the Church for Today

Char Schram (blockage in her throat)  
Barb Ackerman (diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma)  
Karl Schelling  
Norma Linn (Hip Replacement)

**No Visitations This Week**

## Healing Needs for the Month

Karl Kaeding, Larry Ott, Manfred Moneta, Pastor Greg Lorenz, Vern Nitz Jr., Lou Kendrick, Karen Burger, Denny Lawrenz, Vicki Ott, Paul Graves, Cameron Magro, Gerald Kuhn, Alex Varvel, Craig Wendzel, Georgia Hildebrandt, Darrell Gast, Brett Germain, Sharon Korcek, Jim Benjamin, Karl Kaeding, Carla Weiser, Jeff Rodewald, Debbie Miller, Natalya Gaidukevich, Christie Ott Hartzler, Janet Lamb, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Cuzio, Andy Benjamin, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Harriet Fester, Marilyn Gelesko, Tom Ulmer, Roger Mojsiejenko, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske,

## Serving in the Military

USN Military Police Brady Leimbach, Specialist Isaac Maze (Army) SFC Casey LeFever, Maj. Kenneth Stice, Nathan Anderson, MM1 Timothy Ott, Jacob Lomoro, Devin Hays (Army Reserve), Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff, SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe, MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Sebastian Kirk MMN3

## Finance News

February 1, 2026 offerings and donations:  
Offering Envelopes: \$ .00 Year to date: \$ .00

*Thank you to those that give their offerings  
when absent on Sunday.*

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## LWML NEWS

**Calling All Ladies!** Are you ready for a night out of relaxing fun with dice, fellowship and some really great treats? Then this night is for you! We are having a BUNCO night filled with quick moving dice action and prizes for the winners! Please join us on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm** in our Life Center when we will meet to enjoy a fast moving dice game to help us ignore the winter weather! Why not a fun night out? We hope you will join us!

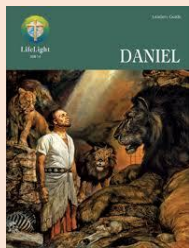
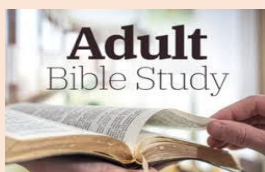
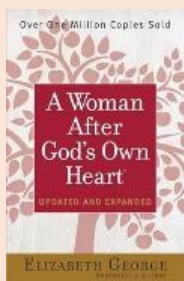
**Can You Help?** We are looking for helpers for our Sunday School room. We could use your expertise won't you consider helping with our Sunday School room. They meet at 9:30 am between our two worship services. In addition, everyone is welcome to come into the Sunday School room on Sunday and watch these wonderful children learn about Jesus! We hope you will take this opportunity to visit our Sunday School room.

**Dear Friends,** Over the years, our Beyond the Walls ministry has shared the good news of Jesus Christian to senior communities and churches throughout our area. This ministry of music will seek to share Jesus yet again this April in the weeks immediately following Easter. The plan is to visit no more than 5 area senior communities with a special 20 minute Easter-based program. Tentatively our practice will be the first Saturday after Easter, April 11th. In order to ensure a strong core of singers, we are looking for a minimum of TWELVE people to commit to this. Though all will not need to be at every single one, we need people who will be able to make a majority of our presentations so that we have at least 8-10 singers at each BTW presentation. If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please let me know via my email [pastorgolf@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgolf@gmail.com) Looking forward to sharing the Good News that He is Risen, Indeed! with all of you. God's blessings to you this New Year! I am truly...Yours in Christ, Pastor Tom Fischer

**Maybe one of your New Year's resolutions** could be to join one of our Choirs or our Praise Team. Everyone is welcome to join, we enjoy fellowship and fun while using our unique talents to add beauty to worship. If you have a voice you can sing, if you can count you can play bells, if you play an instrument we can use you too. Our Handbell Choir practices on Monday at 6:00 pm. Our Choir practices on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our Praise Team practices on Thursday at 6:30 pm. There is also the Beyond the Walls Choir which is seasonal. If you play an instrument, (any instrument!) we would like to invite you to join us also. Let's use our many talents to praise our Lord and Savior.



God Made  
You  
Very Special!



## Special Days

### **Birthdays:**

### THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Divine Worship Service - 8:30am  
Adult Bible Class led by Pastor Krengel  
in the Life Center - 9:30 am

“The Rock” Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Praise Worship Service – 10:45 am

Mon. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study led by Patty Green – 10 am  
Worship Bd Mtg – 5:00 pm  
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – LWML Bunco Night – 6:30 pm

Wed. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Wed. Bible Study led by Elsie Hanke – 10 am  
Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

Thurs. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort's – 8am  
Praise Team Practice – 6:30 pm

Sun. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Divine Worship with Holy Communion - 8:30 am  
Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study 9:30 am  
“The Rock” Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Praise Worship with Holy Communion –  
10:45 am

### Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ Ash Wednesday ~ February 18<sup>th</sup> 12:15 pm & 6:00 pm
- ♥ Winter Warm-Up Soup's On... Us ~ February 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30 pm
- ♥ Midweek Lenten Worship Services ~ February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 12:15 pm and 6:00 pm
- ♥ Midweek Lenten Meals February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1:15 pm and 5:00 pm

**Griefshare** is a program for any person who is enduring the feelings of grief in their life. There is a local group at the Village Church in Berrien Springs in their fireside room and they meet on Tuesdays beginning February 17<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8 pm. If you would like to be a part of this very special group you can sign up online or when you attend your first meeting you can sign up at that time. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful outreach program.

**We Have Some Really Great Bible Studies** here at Immanuel! **Pastor Krengel is offering a Bible Study during our Education Hour on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Life Center.** In addition, every Thursday morning at 8:00 am Breakfast with Jesus meets at Rochefort's in Bridgman. Please take advantage of a bible class on Wednesday mornings Elsie Hanke leads a Bible class at 10:00 am and they are studying “A Women After God's Heart”. In addition, Men's Network Breakfast is on the third Saturday of each month and a great opportunity for men to come together to study many aspects of our faith in addition to a delicious breakfast made by men for men. Our Monday morning Bible Study is sharing a new Bible study on the book of Daniel, with Patty Green leading the discussion, they will meet every Monday at 10:00 am until Lent and then pick up again after Easter. Why not spend an hour or two out of your week to join these wonderful learning opportunities!

**Can you be a scripture reader?** We are looking for people to read the scriptures at the 8:30 am worship service on Sundays. You will receive the scripture assignment before the service so you can practice reading them. If you can serve in this manner, please contact the church office at 269-465-6031. Thank you for helping with this very special way to serve.

## Those Serving in Church This Week

**Greeters:** (8:30 am) Immanuel's Praise Team (10:45am)  
**Ushers:** Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Pastor Carl Bassett and Larry Smith  
**Praise Team:** Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Pattie Neal, Tim Ott and Shannah Smith  
**Praise Speaker:** Shannah Smith  
**Guitarists:** John "Mac" McElligott, Kurt Hanke  
**Keyboardist/Guitarist:** Kunwarjit Singh Multani "Sid" & Lanny Duffel  
**Altar Guild:** Bev Barnes and Liz Zilke  
**A/V Techs:** Chad Hettig, Lucas Oldenburg, Cyndi Pedde, Pattie Neal, Steve Schmitz, Karl Hanke Brianna Schmitz and Eric Kubsch  
**Counters:** Karen Pedde, Craig Klein, Karen Oldenburg, Carol Berndt and Cheryl Music  
**Office Assistants:** Lorraine Jasper, Melissa Barker  
**Trustees:** Joe Rydwelski, Dale Marschke, Art Brunke, Brad Hildebrandt and Paul Jaeger  
**Elders:** Larry Kanous, Denny Barnes, Paul Jaeger, Mark Heyn, Eric Ott, Larry Smith, and Steve Schmitz  
**Organist:** Pastor Tom Fischer  
**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Douglas Kregel

*Welcome Visitors! We are blessed you are joining us today! Thank you for spending your time in worship to join us in prayer, study and song. Please take some time to share your contact information with us by signing the guest book in the narthex. God bless your time with us!*

**Thank you to** Susan Foster, Ellen Yeske and Cheryl Music for using your time and talents helping to put away and organize the Share Closet. We have had many blessed donations in the last few months and we appreciate you spending your time hanging, folding and organizing the closet so the "shoppers" can see all the wonderful items. You are a blessing to this mission!

**Bridges: Connecting God's Love from Sunday School to Our Seniors** Bridges is more than just a new name; it's a heartfelt initiative designed to foster connections between the children at The Rock and the senior members of our church community. This program aims to bridge generations by creating delightful take-home treats and engaging projects that will be shared during visits to church members who are homebound. In previous years, The Rock has brought joy and warmth to our seniors by making thoughtful gifts for holiday celebrations, including Christmas presents, Valentine's treats, Easter goodies, and summer activity packets. Now, we proudly adopt the "Bridges" name as our mission—uniting youth and seniors through the gift of God's love and creativity.

**Need to make an appointment with Pastor Kregel?** You are invited to call him on his cell phone at **832-257-5437** or email him at [kregeld@gmail.com](mailto:kregeld@gmail.com). Pastor Kregel has posted his hours on his office door.

**Today's Hymns:** LSB  
**Next Sunday Scriptures:**

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** - 8:30 am; -10:45 am

**Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Kregel, Sole Pastor**

**Please contact Pastor Kregel for any Pastoral needs. Pastor Kregel's Cell Phone: 832-257-5437**  
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