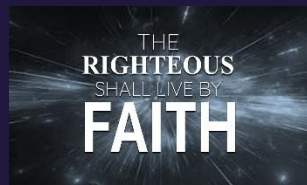




Friday, October 3, 2025

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:30 am - Divine Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 – Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study and

“The Rock” Sunday School

10:45 am – Praise Worship with Holy Communion

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



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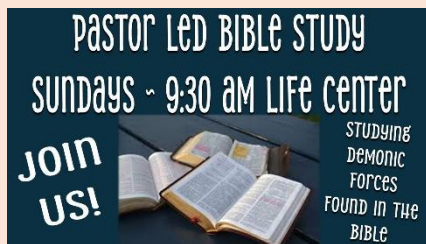
Two weeks ago, we learned about the way of the prophet as we studied the Book of Amos. Last week we learned about how the risen Lord Jesus Christ extended the role of the prophet as he called pastors to serve in His church. This morning, we again focus on a prophet, the prophet Habakkuk. We will especially focus on Habakkuk's teaching that the righteous shall live by faith. May it be so among us.

CHURCH NEWS.

LWML Sunday is Today and this again year we are enjoying all of the quilts that our Sewing For Missions Group has put together for Lutheran World Relief. All of the quilts made this year are gracing the back of the pews There is a Blessing of the Quilts before they make their way to different parts of the world to help people stay warm and to people in our community that may have needs. We are so grateful to our Sewing for Missions' group who work many hours sewing material together for the quilts and putting the layers together to make such beautiful quilts! What wonderful mission work! Please offer your appreciation to these women for their hard work and dedication to this very important mission.

Please mark your calendars for our Diner Dinner. On Saturday, October 11th, from 5 – 7 pm please come and enjoy a genuine Diner Dinner of open-faced beef or turkey on Texas Toast with mashed potatoes and homemade gravy over the entire dish. We have some delicious cole slaw and corn to accompany this original diner dinner. For dessert we will have slices of layer cake and fruit pies to choose from and rootbeer floats for \$1. The children's meal will be macaroni and cheese and mini corn dogs with ice cream sandwiches as their dessert! **Take Out Meals are available.** In addition, we are so blessed that the Outreach Board has offered to create a life sized Candyland Game in the Life Center to keep the kids busy while their parents enjoy the diner atmosphere. In addition to all of this great food we will have baskets for silent auction put together by our Boards and Councils with lots of great unexpected goodies for you to bid on. There will be two raffle items, a repurposed bench and a beautiful Lap Quilt made by Sue Berk's expert skills! This event is a fund raiser to start raising money for replacement doors for the emergency exits in the sanctuary. The west door is falling apart and since these doors are special order because of the size, they are more expensive. Tickets are available; Adults \$15 Children 6-12 yrs \$7 plus five and under are free!

Can you help? We are looking for some of our wonderful bakers to help us offer layer cakes and fruit pies for the Diner Dinner. If you can help by baking layer cakes of any kind or make a delicious fruit pie, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with us to help us raise the money for new emergency doors. Anything you can offer we would be grateful for!



The Altar Flowers today are in memory of Eunice Florip who passed into the arms of her loving Savior on September 19th in Grand Rapids. Her memorial service was Friday, October 3rd. We pray that God will walk with Eunice's family and many friends during their time of grief.

Thank you! We are blessed and grateful for all the time and talents shared with us from Susan Foster and her skills on the piano, to Cheryl Music for her handbell skill and to all of the musicians and instrumentalists who have shared their talents and time with us at both our traditional and praise worship services to enhance our worship today. We praise God for His everlasting blessings!

"Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study: Starting at 9:30 AM on Sundays in the Family Life Center, Pastor Krengel will lead a Bible Study about the demonic forces found in the Bible. In addition, this study will emphasize how the risen Lord Jesus Christ equips His church to withstand spiritual attacks from inside and outside the church. Lessons will include examples from both the Old and New Testaments including the Psalms and the Book of Revelation. This topic was requested by those currently attending the Bible study hour."

Operation Christmas Child ~ Have you noticed the **GREEN & RED** boxes in the back of the church? It looks like Christmas already--- because it's time for **Operation Christmas Child!** In October we are collecting donations of hairbrushes, hair bow/ties, kids' scissors, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, and small notebooks. All the items donated throughout the year will be packed into those green & red boxes on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 10am. Please come and help; it's quick, easy, and fun. You can also pack your own shoebox at home. Just bring it to church on Sunday, Nov. 9 and we will make sure it gets started on its journey to a child somewhere in the world. It's All About Jesus!

LWML St. Joseph Zone Fall Rally is Today at Trinity in Berrien Springs. Registration starts at 2:00 pm and the program begins at 2:30 pm. The theme is "On the Road Again" with Mel & Barb Buescher from Trinity Glendora will share their recent trip to Greece with Pastor and Jill Measel. Their ingathering will be for Spero House in Niles. They will be collecting Grab and Go Food items that can be opened without the use of equipment.. Spero House is a shelter and safe place house. A potluck will follow the business meeting and you are asked to bring a dish to share. We hope all our ladies will take this opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of Trinity Lutheran Church in Berrien Springs.



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ECDC NEWS

Our students continued with their studies in the Infant Room while they studied Outer Space this week. The youngest of our students made "asteroids" out of foil. They read books about outer space like "Love You To The Moon and Back" and sang "Starlight, Starbright". They made "planet paintings" by rolling marbles around paper in a foil pan with finger paint drizzled in, another keepsake they made by taking orange paint on their palms and putting them at the base of a rocket going to the moon. Their Bible story was "God Made Everything" with Leo the Lion puppet telling the story. Their Baby Sign this week was the word "Hello". Thank you teachers for continuing to try to reach the youngest of our children.

Our Toddler Room received two new students this week so the room was getting to know each other. They studied leaves this week, by making leaf rubbings, They went on nature walks collecting and observing leaves, the changing colors and weather they are smooth or rough. They made crowns from the leaves they collected. They read the book "Pumpkin Gospel" comparing pumpkins with what the love of Jesus can do for us. God picks us up from a patch to serve him. Lights shine in pumpkins which can shine in us if we give our lives to Jesus. Jesus cleans out the "gunk" in us just like we do when we clean out pumpkins. Great Book! They played in their sensory table by picking up acorns, leaves and twigs with tweezers, great fine motor skills. Their Bible story was "God Is In Charge of Everything". They also made a "Smash Painting" very creative.

Our GSRP Room worked on their "Tree Study" this week. They were able to take some walks to see trees, comparing their sizes as well as measuring plants and each other. They started working on creating poems about Lions and Tigers with the help of their teachers. They studied "A, G, D, & M" letters studying sounds that the letters make and drawing pictures of things that begin with those letters. Great job teachers!

Our three year olds focused on a lot of different things this week. They studied the letter "E" and made an elephant picture with the letter. They made straight cuts with scissors and decorated their "Name Ghosts" with those cuts. They started making letter sounds A-Z, painted leaves with Q-Tips and read the story "Pete the Cat" Their Bible story this week was Adam and Eve.

The four year olds studied rectangle as their shape, the color green, the number 3 and the letter "D". Their Bible story was the Tower of Babel and they drew their own version of the tower. They also made self portraits which hang on the wall they can compare with small mirrors as they walk by. Ingenious teachers!

"The Rock" Sunday School

How strong are you? How much weight can you lift with ease? Can you hoist your heavy backpack brimming with textbooks and homework? That's a simple task for you, isn't it? Now, consider how many books you can lift all at once—stacking them high makes for quite a challenge! Truly, you are quite strong! In the pages of the Bible, there lived an extraordinary man named Samson, renowned for his unmatched strength, a gift bestowed upon him by God from the moment of his birth. Samson was chosen to deliver the Israelites from the oppressive rule of the Philistines. With his remarkable strength, he accomplished incredible feats, defeating the Philistines time and again and serving as a judge for Israel for two decades. However, the tides turned when Samson revealed his secret—his source of strength—to Delilah, a woman he loved. This moment of vulnerability led to his tragic downfall; he lost his immense power when he prioritized his relationship with her over his loyalty to God. The Philistines, seizing this opportunity, captured him and blinded him, stripping him of his once unstoppable might. In his darkest hour, as he languished in captivity, Samson cried out to God for forgiveness and strength. God heard his plea and revitalized his power. With newfound determination, Samson pulled down the pillars of a great building, collapsing it and bringing down 3,000 of his enemies in a dramatic display of strength. Samson's story is a profound reminder of the importance of faith and the consequences of misplaced priorities.





Just Relax! Please feel free to relax and enjoy the quilts which adorn our pews today. Pray over them. Pray that through these quilts, God will give comfort and solace to those who are in need. These quilts were made by women with loving, caring hands and will go on to people who will love and appreciate their beauty and warmth in addition to the prayers that go with them, will sustain those in need.

Open Gym and Hangout for Adoptive and Foster Families this is a time for kids to play, run and make friends while parents build relationships and support one another. This gathering isn't just for First Church of God members, it is open to the whole community. It will be at First Church of God St. Joseph campus the first Tuesday of every month beginning October 7th from 6-8 pm. If you have any questions please contact Sammi Illich at sami.illich@gmail.com

Need to make an appointment with Pastor Krengel? You are invited to call him on his cell phone at **832-257-5437** or email him at krengeld@gmail.com. Pastor's normal weekly schedule is to be in the office Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays are dedicated to visiting shut ins. Wednesday he will be in the office at 11 am. Friday and Saturdays are his days off. Feel free to contact Pastor directly.

Operation Christmas Child 2025: We are still collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child boxes. All items collected will be added to our boxes for November. October is here and **we are still collecting items, some things you may consider; socks, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, small games, playing cards, hair combs and accessories, small hair brushes, bandaides, wash cloths, nail files and clippers, sunglasses, jump ropes, yo-yo's, puzzles, craft kits, pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, scissors and glue sticks (no liquid glue please) small flashlights, batteries, small notebooks and index cards.** Don't forget we are putting together the boxes on November 1st after the Outreach Board meeting around 10:30 am. This is your opportunity to add to the boxes if you have not been able to shop during the summer months. Thank you for your support of all items for these very important gift boxes. We want to continue to support this inspirational mission. We hope you can and will take some time to shop for the box.

Let Us Take Care of Dinner for you! To begin with come to our Diner Dinner on October 11th at 5:00 pm and then on Wednesday, go to **Trinity Lutheran in Glendora** who are inviting you to their annual Chicken Dinner fundraiser on October 15th starting at 4:30 pm for meal pickup and 5:00 pm for dine in. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 4-10 and children 3 and under are free. They will be serving a chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets are available by calling Ginny Hischke at 269-876-9834. **Dine-in or take out only advance sale.** Deadline is October 12th.

Thank you to Pattie and Dave Neal for donating a brand new handicap toilet in the girl's bathroom by the Life Center. We are so grateful to them for seeing a need and donating the funds to take out the old toilet and replace it with a new taller one. We would also like to thank Dave Neal and Brad Hildebrandt for installing the new toilet on a Saturday.

Annual Voters' Meeting has been set by our congregational president Kurt Hanke, for **Sunday, November 2nd, at noon** in our Life Center. This Voters' Meeting agenda is to set our budget for the year 2026. We will receive Voters' Packets on **Sunday October 18th** for you to review for information regarding our activities through our Boards and Councils for the Annual Voters' Meeting. Please let your voice be heard and prepare to give your opinion about how our church is doing.



Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

Homebound: Dolie Schmaltz, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Irwin and Margaret Poschke, Terry Graves, Kay Cornwell, Joanne Argue, Harry Rock, and Elizabeth Rock

Continuing Care Facilities: Pat Ott, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Norma Linn, Marylou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, Harriet Fester, Dave Arndt, Marion Winter and Linda Totzke

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

Judy Roush (Hospitalized)
Ken Dickinson (Hospitalized after a fall)
Joyce Hamlin (Kidney Stone Surgery on October 9th)
David Arndt (In Rehab at Pine Ridge)
Gerald Kuhn (prayers for healing)
The Family and Friends of Eunice Merz-Florip

Pastor Krengel and Betty Korcek, visited this week: Pat Ott, Dave Arndt and Elizabeth Rock

Healing Needs for the Month

Dave Harrison, Brian & Lorrie Tidd, Linda Totzke, Craig Wendzel, Georgia Hildebrandt, Darrell Gast, Delora Rathbun, Fawn Giteronke-Mills, Manfred Moneta, Brett Germain, Sharon Korcek, Jim Benjamin, Karl Kaeding, Carla Weiser, Jeff Rodewald, Debbie Miller, Denny Lawrenz, Natalya Gaidukevich, David Harrison, Christie Ott Hartzler, Erica Anstey, Janet Lamb, Larry Ott, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Cuzio, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Darrell Gast, John Stine, Jeffrey Nemitz, Harriet Fester, Ray Krieger, 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 Reserves), Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff, SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe,
MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Sebastian Kirk MMN3
Please keep in your prayers USN Military Police, Brady Leimbach (Larry and Vicki Ott's Grandson) who is being deployed.

Finance News

September 28, 2025 offerings and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$4,243.00 Year to date: \$251,516.00

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Special Days

Birthdays: Eloise Hays (10-5), Rebekah Hettig (10-05), Larry Kanous (10-06), Kodi Jones (10-07), Tiffany Ott (10-07), Megan Oldenburg (10-08), Nancy Reinhardt (10-08), Jan Mercier (10-10)

Anniversaries: Alan & Susan Foster on October 1st, 39 Years Ago; Dan & Jamie Starbuck on October 5th, 23 years ago; Denny & Bev Barnes on October 6th, 52 years Ago; Scott & Emily Barnes on October 7th, 25 years ago; Joshua & Katherine Crow on October 8th 14 years ago; Pastor Carl & Lisa Bassett on October 9th, 55 years ago; Robert and Pam Svoboda on October 10th 45 years ago; Mike & Pam Hoover on October 11th, 45 years ago.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun. Oct. 5th - Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion – 8:30 am
Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study 9:30 am
“The Rock” Sunday School – 9:30 am
Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion – 10:45 am

Mon. Oct. 6th – Bible Study led by Gerry Vigansky – 10am
Handbell Choir Practice – 6:00 pm
AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wed. Oct. 8th – Children’s Chapel – 9:15 am
Wednesday Bible Study led by Elsie Hanke 10am
Midweek Evening Family Worship in the Sanctuary - 6:00 pm
Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

Thurs. Oct. 9th - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort’s – 8am
Praise Worship Practice – 6:30 pm

Sat. Oct. 11th – 50’s Diner Dinner Fund Raiser 5:00 pm

Sun. Oct. 12th – Divine Worship Service – 8:30 am
Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study 9:30am
“The Rock” Sunday School – 9:30 am
Praise Worship Service – 10:45 am

Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

- ♥ **Diner Dinner** – Saturday, October 11th, 4:30 pm, Silent Auction preview, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- ♥ **Live Candyland Game** – Saturday, October 11th 6:00 pm
- ♥ **Operation Christmas Child Box Gathering** – Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 10 am in the Life Center
- ♥ **Annual Voters’ Meeting** – Sunday, November 2nd at noon in the Life Center

Our Bible Studies are taking a hiatus or summer break. However, they will be back after Labor Day! **Pastor Krenzel is offering a Bible Study during our new 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 Monday mornings at 10:00 led by Gerry Vigansky and on Wednesday mornings Elsie Hanke leads a Bible class at 10:00 am. In addition, Men’s Network Breakfast is back 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. Why not spend an hour or two out of your week to join these wonderful learning opportunities!

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