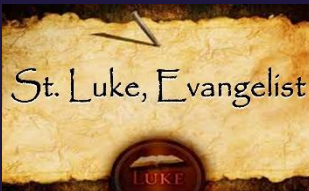




Friday, October 17, 2025

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule

Sunday, October 19, 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
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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

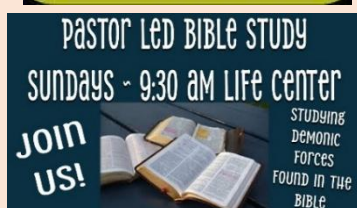
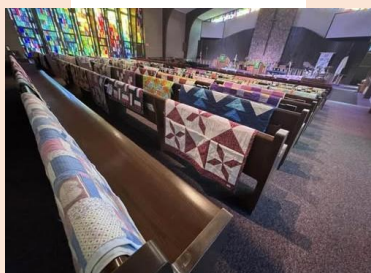
October 18 is designated by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod as the Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist. Throughout this church year, the Gospel lessons have been from the Gospel of Luke. In the LCMS Lectionary, this last year is referred to a Series C (the last series in a three-year cycle of readings). In addition to being the Gospel the church has been focusing upon throughout the last year, Luke is also worthy of our commemoration as he wrote over one third of the New Testament while traveling with Saint Paul on the second and third missionary journeys. Luke stayed by Paul's side when Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea and again in Rome. In today's epistle lesson, we read the last recorded words of Saint Paul – words which include a reference to Paul's close friend, co-worker in Christ, and fellow evangelist – Luke. May the risen Lord Jesus bring us to enjoy share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the same vigor as Luke while being a Christian friend like Luke was to Paul.

CHURCH NEWS.

Thank you for supporting our 50's Diner Dinner to help raise money for our emergency exit doors for the church sanctuary. We had so many wonderful volunteers from set up and clean up to cooks, bakers, bussers wait staff and the marvelous dishwashers. So much was donated to further our mission! We had many people come and enjoy the Diner Food which was offered along with the delicious cakes and pies. Thank you to the Oldenburg Family, Sue and Kayla Berk and Sherry Vonk, who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. We even had all the boards involved donating items for our silent auction which was a rousing success. Thank you to the LWML for all their support and to Sue Berk for donating the beautiful lap quilt for the raffle and to Steve Schmitz for his repurposed outdoor bench for a second raffle. To Karen Oldenburg for donating the supplies for rootbeer floats and to Pattie Neal for donating the delicious macaroni and cheese for the children's dinners. We are so blessed with so many loving, caring, generous people and we praise God for all of His blessings to us.

What is Worship? Gloria in Excelsis: This is one of the very oldest hymns sung by Christians. The earliest reference to it occurs in a letter written in A.D. 112, when Christians were still being ruthlessly persecuted by the Roman Empire. Pliny the Younger, a Roman governor, was writing to the Roman emperor Trajan to seek advice concerning how to conduct the trials of Christians. In this letter, he describes how Christians worship: “On an appointed day they had been accustomed to meet before daybreak, and to recite a hymn antiphonally to Christ, as to a god” While bizarre to a pagan like Pliny, Christians easily recognized this reference to the Gloria: “O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,”

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. Voter Packets are ready 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.



Sewing for Missions *The big quilts are on their way! Sandy Vigansky and I packed them up today and I took them to Trinity, Sawyer. There, a good soul has agreed to transfer them to Portage this weekend. We had 30 full-sized quilts, exceeding our goal of 25. Kudos to all!*

Special thanks to Sandy & Sue for putting the quilts out on the pews this Sunday. It was a beautiful sight.

We have around 40 lap quilts still in the cabinet. Sue gave three to her brother who is a 1st responder. Sandy is checking with Corewell to see if they can use some. The Safe Shelter in Benton Harbor will accept them, as well. And I'm checking with Life Plan. They will all find homes, I'm convinced.

Thank you all for participating in this amazing outreach. I feel blessed to share time with you and to create something useful for a person in need.

Our next quilting get-together is Friday, Nov. 7 at 9am.

Hope to see you there - or before! Suellen Klein

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.

"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 The time is nearly here to pack our **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**. Please join the Outreach Committee on **Saturday, November 1st at 10:30 am in the Life Center** to pack shoeboxes. Thank you to all who have donated shoebox items throughout the year – we have a good collection so far that we hope to expand as we near the finish line! In October we are asking for hairbrushes, hair bow/ties, kids' scissors, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, and small notebooks. Our goal is 100 boxes - please help us make the goal! You can also pack your very own shoebox and bring it to church November 9th. There are boxes and information in the back of the sanctuary on how to pack your own shoebox.



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The Altar Flowers today are in memory of Ray Krieger who passed into the arms of his loving Savior on October 6th in Iowa. His Christian Funeral Service was October 10th. We pray that God will walk with the family during their time of grief. They have recently lost both Ray and Jackie and can use our prayers.

ECDC NEWS

The fall season is in full swing and God has been so good to us with the excellent weather. The students and teachers have been very busy with tree studies and the fall seasons and all that entails.

Our Infant Room studied Fall this week by creating finger play about falling leaves, they sang about Ten Little Leaves to the tune of "Ten Little Indians". They made some percussion instruments out of dried corn and toilet paper rolls enjoying creating the sound. They studied the circle shape and the color green. They made a keepsakes out of their handprints creating an apple shape from their hands. They made an apple out of a handprint and red paint and played with leaves and acorns in their sensory table. Their baby sign language word was "Good Night". What great teachers we have that will go the extra mile to help the infants to communicate.

Our Toddler Room is celebrating and learning from a new teacher this week. We are grateful and blessed to have "Mr. Dom", Dominic Giunta, Tanya Hildebrandt's son and Brad and Debbie Hildebrandt's grandson. He has joined our staff and we are so very grateful for our new staff who have come to help us teach these wonderful children entrusted to our center. They focused animals that live in trees, they talked about birds, squirrels and insects that make their home in the trees. They made hedgehogs out of dried leaves, they played with dried leaves, sticks and acorns in their sensory table. They made apple cinnamon play dough and created birds, squirrels and spiders out of the dough. They started decorating for their fall parties with handmade jack-o-lanterns, bats and spiders which they hung in their windows, doors and walls. Their Bible story was about Jonah and the Whale.

Our GSRP room, our Early Learners and Skill Builders enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Stover's Farm where they consumed apple cider, ate apple cider donuts, picked apples from the trees, picked out a pumpkin from the fields and got to go on a fun hayride! What a great way to teach the children about how things grow and when to harvest, other uses for vegetables and just enjoying the gifts God has given to us. The GSRP continued on with their tree study, they practiced their cutting skills with scissors creating colorful leaf pieces out of construction paper. They used paint and stamps to create a beautiful art piece resembling trees. They created charts listing who lives in trees, the children this year are very well informed and came up with so many things that live in trees, they filled their charts.

Our three year olds in the Early Learners room made "Spookly" the square pumpkin, they studied the letter "G" and made Gregory the Goat faces. They painted dotted black bats to fill the dots using their fine motor skills to keep the markers in the dots. Their Bible story was "Noah Builds an Ark". At Stover's farm they watched as an artisan made a spoon out of a gourd and saw other useful items created from pumpkins and gourds. They sent home paper pumpkins to their families to see how they would decorate a pumpkin and then the children brought them back to display them.

Our four year olds in the Skill Builder's room reviewed their numbers 0,1,2,3,and 4, they studied the letter "M", the color black and the oval shape. They colored pictures of Abraham counting the stars in the sky of God's promise to give him a son and many ancestors. They also read the story "Jacob's Troubles". We are blessed and grateful to all of our teachers and staff who work so hard to teach our children about our Lord!

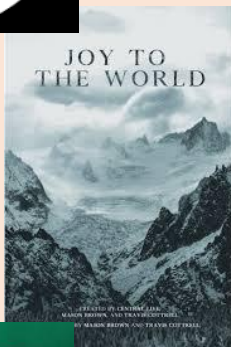


Kids! Join us!
"The Rock"
 Sunday School
 New Time 9:30 am



Ladies Come Join Us!
 Tues., Oct. 28th 5:30 pm

Join Us! 6:00 pm
 Every Wednesday
**MIDWEEK FAMILY
 WORSHIP SERVICE**



"The Rock" Sunday School

Today at The Rock, we will learn about Hannah and Samuel. Hannah had always wanted to have a baby, but since she didn't have any children, this made her really sad. Hannah prayed to God and made a special promise: if God gave her a son, she would give him back to God to serve Him. God listened to Hannah's prayers and blessed her with a baby boy named Samuel. When Samuel was just a little boy, Hannah kept her promise. She took him to the tabernacle, a special place of worship, and left him there with a kind man named Eli, so he could help serve God. One night, while Samuel was sleeping, he heard a voice calling his name. He thought it was Eli, but it wasn't! This marked the beginning of Samuel's special journey with God, during which he would grow up to become an important prophet and leader. Hannah's story teaches us about faith and keeping our promises to God.

LUTHERAN'S WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS

Please Join Us For an LWML Meeting We hope that all women of the church would come and help us plan the Advent Tea and to organize our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On **Tuesday October 28th at 5:30 pm** we will meet to discuss both those very important events for our group. We look forward to all women coming together in fellowship and love to share their ideas and thoughts. We hope you will join us! Refreshments will be provided if you would just like to come and listen, we would love to see you!

Dear BTW Friends!

"Joy to The World" is this year's Christmas presentation for our Beyond The Walls Choir! Here's the initial information: There will be **TWO Rehearsals--On Saturday, November 8th and 15th, 10-11:15**. Due to time constraints, we will be limiting our performances to senior communities **ONLY**. The Senior Communities in our listing tentatively include: Woodland Terrace, Bridgman; Story Pointe (formerly Provision House), St. Joseph; Caretel, St. Joseph; and Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. For requests for others, please contact me ASAP as the scheduling for these will be done this coming week. Music for "Joy To The World" will be available online and also at Immanuel, Bridgman, by 10/26. Practice tracks will be sent out beginning the end of the week of October 12th. Please request your tracks ASAP. Please indicate your desire to join us again in this exciting ministry which will be performing beginning around Nov. 30th and tentatively through December 20th. A finalized schedule will be available in TWO weeks. God bless! Looking forward to all of you being with us again! And, of course, **Invite a FRIEND!!!** I am truly... ***Yours in Christ! Pastor Tom Fischer***

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. 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.

Do you love the scriptures? We are looking for lay readers for our 8:30 am worship service. Some of our readers have taken a step back from reading the scriptures during worship services and we are looking for some people to serve as readers each Sunday. We accommodate comfort levels of all our readers. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact the church office at 465-6031. Thank you for your willingness to serve!



Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

Homebound: Dollie 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, Linda Totzke, and Ken Dickinson

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

Vicki Ott (liver cancer)

Ken Dickinson

Amy Krengel (Cataract Surgery)

Paul Graves (health issues)

Cameron Magro (hit by cars racing in Tennessee)

Pastor Krengel, Chris Damaske and Betty Korcek, visited this week:

Joanne Argue, Buster & Lorraine Jasper, Dick, Karen & Beth Gorske, Judy Roush, Donna Springs, and Terry Graves

Healing Needs for the Month

Gerald Kuhn, Alex Varvel, Judy Roush, Dave Harrison, Brian & Lorrie Tidd, Linda Totzke, Craig Wendzel, Georgia Hildebrandt, Darrell Gast, Brett Germain, Sharon Korcek, Jim Benjamin, Karl Kaeding, Carla Weiser, Jeff Rodewald, Debbie Miller, Denny Lawrenz, Natalya Gaidukevich, David Harrison, Christie Ott Hartzler, Janet Lamb, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Ciuzio, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Darrell Gast, John Stine, Jeffrey Nemitz, 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 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

October 12, 2025 offerings and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$4,787.00 Year to date: \$266,545.00
Doors: \$320.00 Diner Dinner Fundraiser: \$2,749.00

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

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Special Days

Birthdays: Desirae Hildebrandt (10-21), Grant Gelesko (10-21), Maley Miller (10-21), Jeremy Schaeffer (10-22), Michael Cotter (10-22), Rena Scharnowske (10-24), Michelle Saari (10-15) Ray Michener (10-15)

Anniversaries: David & Judy Baute (10-15) 45 years

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun. Oct. 19th - Divine Worship Service w/Holy Communion
8:30 am

Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study 9:30 am

"The Rock" Sunday School – 9:30 am

Praise Worship Service w/Holy Communion
10:45 am

Mon. Oct. 20th - Bible Study led by Gerry Vigansky – 10am

Handbell Choir Practice – 6:00 pm

AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. Oct. 21st – Spiritual Council – 6:00 pm

Business Council – 7:00 pm

Wed. Oct. 22nd – Children's Chapel – 9:15 am

Wednesday Bible Study led by Elsie Hanke
10am

Midweek Evening Family Worship - 6:00 pm

Choir Practice – 7:00 pm

Thurs. Oct. 23rd - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort's – 8am

Praise Worship Practice – 6:30 pm

Sun. Oct. 26th – 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

♥ **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

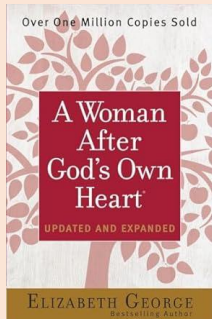
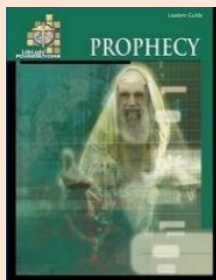
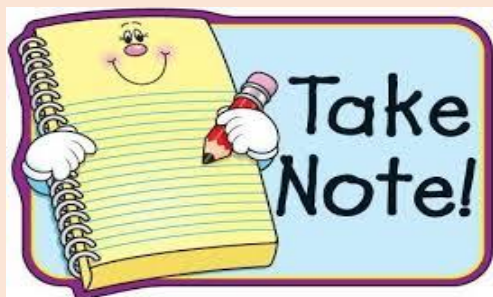
♥ **Time Changes** – "Fall Back" Sunday, November 2, 2025

♥ **Advent begins** – Sunday, November 30, 2025

Our Bible Studies are back and in full swing! And new Bible Studies have been added. **Pastor Krengel 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 and they are studying "A Women After God's Heart". 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!

Don't Forget About our Midweek Family Worship Service every Wednesday Evening. Come and enjoy a relaxed service with your family or on your own, we would love to see you!

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Very Special!





Those Serving in Church This Week

Greeters: Ellen Yeske, Craig & Suellen Klein (8:30 am);

Immanuel's Praise Team (10:45 am)

Ushers: Don Burch, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Neal, Paul Jaeger, Joe Rydwelski, Larry Smith, and Ken Dickinson

Lay Reader: Pastor Tom Fischer

Pianist: Pastor Tom Fischer

Immanuel's Choir: Directed by Pastor Tom Fischer, Elsie Hanke, Mark Heyn, Kurt Hanke, Chris Hampton, Kathy Hanke, Nancy Kirk, Judy Roush, Jeannie Dehring, Karen Pedde, Ilene Nemitz, Cheryl Fischer, Debbie Zimmerman, Kim Schmitz

Praise Team: Team Leader, Deb Jaeger; Rich Kubsch, Mark Heyn, Karen Kerlikowske, Lori Sukupchak, Sharon Stine, Melissa Barker, Pattie Neal, Amy Krengel and Shannah Smith

Guitarists: John "Mac" McElligott, Kurt Hanke

Praise Speaker: Kurt Hanke

Keyboardist/Guitarist: Kunwarjit Singh Multani "Sid" & Lanny Duffel

Altar Guild: Sue Berk, Diana Prittinen, Judy Kubsch and Lori Wesner

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, Suellen Klein,

Trustees: Joe Rydwelski, Dale Marschke, Art Brunke, Brad Hildebrandt and Paul Jaeger

Elders: Larry Kanous, Denny Barnes, Paul Jaeger, Mark Heyn, Eric Ott, Steve Schmitz

Organist: Pastor Thomas Fischer

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Douglas Krengel

Do we have your contact information? Please consider filling out an update to information form. In some cases if your landline has been discontinued we do not have any way to contact you via cell phone or email. If you would, please fill out an update to your contact information sheet to add to our directory. You can turn those completed sheets into the church office or put in the offering box in the narthex, or hand to an usher or leader. Thank you for your assistance!

***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!*

Today's Hymns: LSB 869, 518 vs. 1,26,3; 770, 725, 810

Next Week's Scriptures: Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Sunday Attendance: October 12, 2025

8:30 am - 65; 10:45 am - 51

Wednesday Evening Worship Service – 4

Wednesday Bible Study – 8

Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Krengel, Sole Pastor

Please contact Pastor Krengel for any Pastoral needs.

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