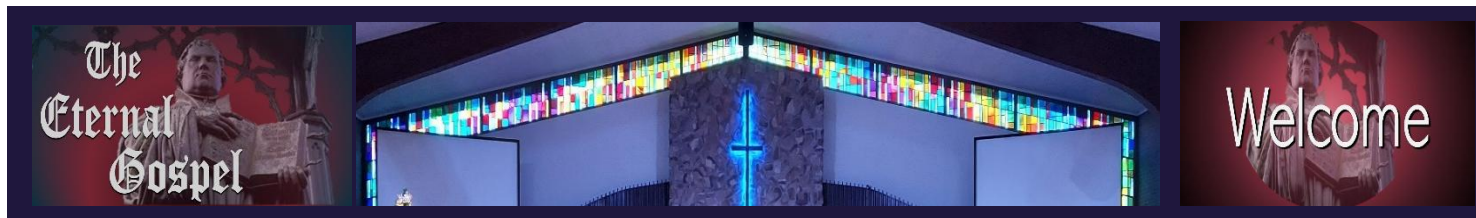




Friday, October 24, 2025

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY



Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:30 am - Divine Worship

9:30 – Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study and

“The Rock” Sunday School

10:45 am – Praise Worship

email: ilc@immanuelbridgman.org

*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



Holy Land Ministries



Immanuel Lutheran Ministries
9650 N. Church St.,
Bridgman, MI 49106
269-465-6031 Church Office

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

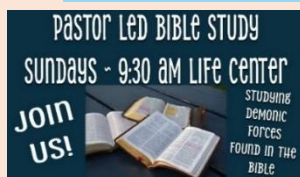
AS WE GATHER

The Book of Revelation and the Lutheran Reformation at first glance only appear to have the first letter, “R,” in common. In this morning’s sermon we will learn that there is actually a very deep and deliberate correlation between God’s Word in general, God’s Word in the Book of Revelation, and the Lutheran Reformation. Under the theme, “The Eternal Gospel,” we will learn together how the message of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ did not, and does not, originate in the imagination of any poet, philosopher, theologian, or any other human being. Rather, The Eternal Gospel originates in the very heart of the true, and triune God. Therefore, we pray God will lead us to celebrate with the angel in Revelation 14 who had the Eternal Gospel to proclaim as we continue to proclaim that salvation comes by grace through faith in the crucified, risen, and reigning Jesus Christ.

CHURCH NEWS.

Holy Land Ministries On **Nov 9, 2025** and during both services, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting in the church narthex a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war for the past two years, due to this tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town of Bethlehem where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings. A Christians family from Bethlehem will be telling us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and they will be presenting these carvings after the services. It is never too late to help. All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem. **Let us carefully tend to our roots, Christian children of God in the Holy Land. And let us pray together for peace in the land where our Savior once walked to tell the world the good news of salvation.** *Thank you for your support*

Don’t Forget About the Annual Voters’ Meeting next **Sunday November 2nd at Noon in the Life Center.** Please pick up your copy of the Voters’ Packet to see what the Boards’ projects are and to see the Budget for 2026. Your opinion and voice are needed to help us succeed in our mission.



The Flowers on the Altar today are in loving memory of John Shaw Zilke from his sister, Nancy Seldomridge and mother, Liz Zilke. John passed into the arms of Jesus in 2023 and is remembered with love by his family and friends.

Time Change Time! Here is what we wait for all year long! That blessed extra hour of sleep. Please turn back your clock early Sunday morning (or Saturday before you go to bed). If you miss the time change you might be a little early to church, not a bad thing, but the doors may not be open yet! Enjoy that little gift of sleep.

Thank you to Larry and Vicki Ott for sharing your golden delicious apples with us. So many people benefited from those delicious apples and we are grateful for your generosity and love.

A Door Offering will be held at both worship services on **Sunday November 2nd**. We will be collecting for the shipping costs for the Operation Christmas Child Boxes you have been collecting for all year long. Each box costs about \$10 to ship to the different countries OCC serves. We hope you can help with this very important mission.

Are you still thinking about being a part of Operation Christmas Child? It is nearly time to assemble the shoeboxes and send them off – sharing the news of God's greatest Gift – His Son Jesus! To help with the cost of sending the shoeboxes, **there will be a door offering on Sunday, November 2nd**. The cost of sending a box is \$10 and we hope to send 100 boxes. So, we need your generous help to complete this mission project and get the boxes to children around the world. We have been collecting shoebox items all year and will pack them **Saturday, November 1st at 10am** in the Life Center. Please join in helping the Outreach Committee for this fun job. And if you prefer, you can pack your own shoebox and bring it to worship on November 9th. It's all about Jesus!

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.

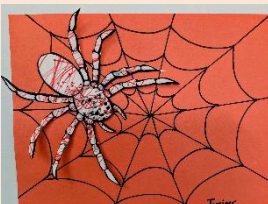
"Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study: Starting at 9:30 AM on Sundays in the Family Life Center, Pastor Krengel will lead a Bible Study about the demonic forces found in the Bible. In addition, this study will emphasize how the risen Lord Jesus Christ equips His church to withstand spiritual attacks from 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."

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.

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!



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Are You Interested? We are asking your opinion about a new church directory. Would you be interested in having a professional photographic portrait done of you as an individual or your family for a new church directory? Please sign your name up on the sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. The more interested parties, the more likely we can get a new church directory.

ECDC NEWS

Our students have been very busy this week, with classroom learning, creating special artwork and projects for their fall parties and getting prepared for their Thanksgiving Feast which is coming up fast. In addition, it was school picture day this last Thursday, when all the teachers, students and staff spruced up for that yearly photo.

Our four year olds have been reviewing this week with numbers from 0-4 and their shapes. Their color was black again, because of all the Halloween colors out in their communities. They carved pumpkins with the help from their teachers and made a pumpkin pie on Friday. They have been practicing their names, by picking out letters from pre-printed pumpkins and glueing them onto a chalk fence. What a great way to learn your name! Their Bible story this week was Joseph and His Brothers. Thank you teachers for continuing to share God's word with our students to keep their education complete.

Our three year olds were very busy this week not only learning about the letter "K" by glueing a kite onto a light blue sheet of paper. They dot painted candy corn, created Trick or Treat buckets to collect their candy from the Halloween events. Their ingenious teachers were busy creating a Halloween activity path, making pumpkins stamps on black mats along with green spiders, broom sticks and cauldrons. The idea is to stomp on the chalk pumpkins, jump to the next mat and stomp on a spider, then jump to the next mat and spin around on the broomstick, then jump to the next mat and stir the cauldron. This sounds like great fun for the little ones and a great activity for gross motor skills.

Our GSRP room collected leaves from the outdoor play area to create "leaf people". They worked on their alliteration skills with a story about "Laughing Leo" creating a story with the letters they recognize in their names. They created charting by tasting different colored apples to see what colored apple tasted the best. They talked about things that are real and not real, costumes the children will be dressing up in and whether they are a real person or a fiction person. Great lesson for those young ones. Our fantastic teachers in the GSRP room are piloting a reading program for the state which creates a basic skill for the readers concentrating on the sounds of letters and how to create the shape of the letter on paper. They also continued on with their Tree Study by studying who or what lives in trees, especially learning about tree diseases and insects that harm trees like the "Pine Beetle".

Our sweet little toddler room studied what wood is used for, they built houses out of popsicle sticks, they put wooden shams in a paper fire using glue on the shams to keep the wood in place. This ingenious teacher taped popsicle sticks together and had the children separate the sticks by peeling the tape off of the sticks, great for their fine motor skills. Another great way to work on their fine motor skills was to spread sprinkles on a table and picking them up with their little fingers. Their Bible story was "God Wants Us To Pray" with Marvin the monkey.

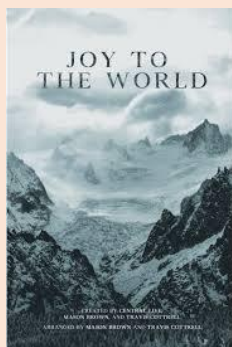
Our Infant Room has been studying the fun holiday of Halloween. They created ghosts from cotton balls, finger painted with the color white making a specter painting for a keepsake. Busy crawling, starting to talk and taking their first tentative steps keeps our teachers very very busy, we are so fortunate to have some very dedicated and creative teachers working with the infants. Their Baby sign language word was "Happy" and they played with Halloween colored spaghetti noodles in their sensory table trying to find the plastic spider. They loved tasting the green, orange and purple noodles the best. Their lead teacher Erin created a tape spider web on their door and had the infants throwing large pompoms at the web and delighted the infants when the pompoms stuck to the web tape. They also dot painted pumpkins. Great Skill building by our teachers!

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



Ladies Come Join Us!

Tues., Oct. 28th 5:30 pm



"The Rock" Sunday School

Today at The Rock, we'll discuss making good choices and bad choices. There was a wise man named Samuel, who was a judge who helped the people make good choices and follow God. Everyone looked up to him, and he made sure that they were happy and safe. As Samuel grew older, the people of Israel started to worry about who would lead them after he was gone. One day, they came to Samuel with a big request. They said, "We want a king! We want to be like all the other nations around us!" This made Samuel very sad because he knew that God was their true leader. God had been looking after them all along, but the people wanted a human king instead. They believed a king would strengthen them, just as other nations had. Samuel prayed to God about this, and God told him, "Listen to the people. Let them have a king, but remind them what it will be like." So, Samuel warned the people that a king might take their land and make them work hard. Despite the warning, the people insisted. They wanted a king! So, God told Samuel to find a man named Saul. Saul was tall and handsome, and everyone noticed him. Samuel poured oil on Saul's head, just like a special ceremony, and told him he would be the king of Israel. At first, Saul did a great job. He led the people and fought bravely in battles. But over time, Saul started to make some poor choices. He didn't listen to God's instructions, and that caused problems for him and the Israelites.

God was not pleased with Saul's choices. Samuel had to tell Saul that because of his actions; God would choose another king. This was a tough message, but Samuel knew it was important for the people of Israel to follow God. In the end, Samuel learned that having a king like Saul wasn't what God wanted for His people. It was better to trust in God than to rely on a person. And from Saul's story, the Israelites understood how important it is to make good choices and always remember that true leadership comes from following God.

LUTHERAN'S WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE NEWS

Please Join Us For A Meeting with Ladies 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 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*



Pastoral VISITATION MINISTRY

*Please Keep
In Your
Prayers*



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

Denny Lawrenz (recovering from neck surgery)
Ken Dickinson
Paul Graves (health issues)
Linda Totzke (Preparing for Chemo treatments)
Family and Friends of Jay Woodrick

Elder Mark Heyn, Pastor Krengel, Chris Damaske and Betty Korcek, visited this week: Kay Cornwell, Myra Clark, Linda Miller, Harry Rock, Norma Linn, Gerri Wooley, Denny & Debbie Lawrenz, Westwoods of Bridgman, and Dorothea Crocker

Healing Needs for the Month

Vicki Ott, Cameron Magro, Amy Krengel, Gerald Kuhn, Alex Varvel, Judy Roush, 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, Christie Ott Hartzler, Janet Lamb, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Ciuizio, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, 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 Reserve), 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

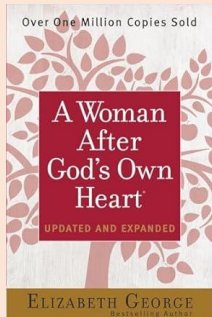
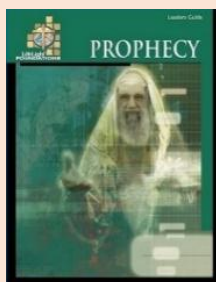
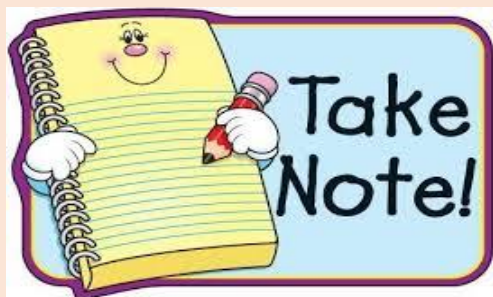
October 19, 2025 offerings and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$7336.00 Year to date: \$273,901.00
Doors: \$180.00

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



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Special Days

Birthdays: Jenna Gorske (10-26), Lance Germani (10-26), Cindy Linn (10-27), Logan Schmidt (10-28), Michael Hein (10-29), Hazen Hill (10-30), Maxwell Vonk (10-30), Bill Gast (10-30), Billy Cotter (10-31)

Anniversaries: Jon & Suzanne Malm on October 27th, 41 Years Ago

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun. Oct. 26th - Divine Worship Service – Reformation Sunday – 8:30 am

Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study 9:30 am

“The Rock” Sunday School – 9:30 am

Praise Worship Service – Reformation Sunday 10:45 am

Mon. Oct. 27th - Bible Study led by Gerry Vigansky – 10am

Handbell Choir Practice – 6:00 pm

AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. Oct. 28th – LWML Meeting – 5:30 pm

Wed. Oct. 29th – 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. 30th - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort’s – 8am

Praise Worship Practice – 6:30 pm

Sat. Nov. 1st – Outreach Bd Meeting – 9:15 am

Pack a Box Event – 10:00 am in the Life Center

Sun. Nov. 2nd – Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion – 8:30 am

Education Hour Pastor Led Bible Study 9:30am

“The Rock” Sunday School – 9:30 am

Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion – 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
- ♥ **Door Offering** – for OCC Shipping Boxes – Both Worship Services on Sunday, November 2nd.
- ♥ **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!



Those Serving in Church This Week

Greeters: Karen Pedde and Steve Pedde and Liz Zilke (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: Ilene Nemitz

Immanuel's Choir: Directed by Sara Oldenburg, 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

Violin Soloist: Sara Oldenburg

Piano/organ Accompanist: Pastor Tom Fischer

Chimes Ensemble: Susan Foster, Cheryl Music, Doug Hamlin, Joyce Hamlin, Kathy Michener and 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: Shannah Smith

Keyboardist/Guitarist: Kunwarjit Singh Multani “Sid” & Lanny Duffel
Altar Guild: Sue Berk, Diana Pritinen, 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

"Next Sunday, November 2, 2025, All Saints Day, both worship services will include the "Commemoration of the Redeemed Children of God." During this portion of both services, we would like to read the names and project a picture of all those associated with the Immanuel Lutheran Church community who have entered heaven since November 30, 2024. If you would like a picture of your loved one to be noted in the service, please provide the Church Office with a picture by Thursday, October 30, 2025. Thank you."

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 656, 803, 664

Next Week's Scriptures: *Revelation 7:2–17, 1 John 3:1–3, Matthew 5:1–12*

Sunday Attendance: October 19, 2025

8:30 am - 68; 10:45 am - 37

Wednesday Evening Worship Service – 4

Wednesday Bible Study – 9

Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Krengel, Sole Pastor

Please contact Pastor Kregel for any Pastoral needs.

Pastor Krenzel's Cell Phone: 832-257-5437