



Friday, June 6, 2025

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP WEEKLY

The Day of
PENTECOST



Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

Sunday Worship and Learning Schedule

Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:30 am – Divine Worship Service

9:30 am – Education Hour

10:45 am – Praise Worship Service

*Most of our Worship Services are
streamed Live on Facebook
Immanuel Lutheran Church Bridgman,
or are posted on our website:
www.immanuelbridgman.org

**ANNOUNCING
NEW WORSHIP TIMES**

**Beginning June 8th ~ Worship
Services are 8:30 am & 10:45 am
Education Hour 9:30 am**



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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

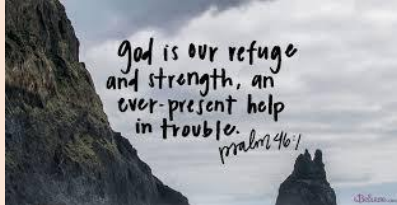
This morning we begin worshiping at a new time. Our new start time beginning today is 8:30 AM. This change to our regular Sunday morning schedule was voted on at the May 18 Voters' Meeting. The vote was 43-YES to 8-NO to adopt a new starting time in order that a pastor-led, Sunday morning Bible Study might be offered. Pentecost Day is a very appropriate day to begin a new regular Bible study. On this day we remember how God gathered the early church around a Bible-based sermon delivered by Peter as he was inspired by the Holy Spirit. If you would like to learn more about Pentecost Day, please join us in the Family-Life Center for our inaugural Bible study.

CHURCH NEWS

New Worship Service Times For some time requests have been coming in to establish a learning hour between our worship services that will accommodate all our congregation members. At the Voters' Meeting on May 18th, a vote was taken to change our worship times. Beginning on today our traditional or early worship will start at 8:30 am, then we will have an Education Hour beginning at 9:30 am, with Pastor Krengel leading a Bible Study (location to be determined) and when Sunday School is in session, their start time will be at 9:30 am as well. This allows the children to spend time with their family in worship and our teachers to spend time in a worship service of their choice. Our Praise Worship service will move 15 minutes later than before and start at 10:45 am. In addition, the voters approved the reinstatement of a midweek evening worship service. This will be a casual family style worship. The structure of this service will be developed by Pastor Krengel with the day and time will be announced. Thank you to everyone who came to the voters' meeting to share your opinion with our leadership! We hope you will come and enjoy the Pastor led Bible Study.

Congratulations! To Tatyanna Hill, Monica Scharnowske and Ava Starbuck on their graduation from High School last Sunday. Tatyanna Hill will be attending Lake Michigan College in the fall studying Psychology and playing on their volleyball team. Monica has been attending Lake Michigan College in extension courses and will continue for one more year before deciding on a University to attend. Monica is studying Finance with an emphasis on accounting. Ava will be attending Notre Dame in the fall studying for her degree in aerospace engineering, she will also be very busy this summer as she is the reigning Miss Bridgman and Miss Blossomtime! We pray that each of our graduates are granted God's grace on their academic journey!

***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!*



Free for All
Come and See
What is for Free!
June 27 & 28th
8am to 2pm in the Gym!



The Flowers on the Altar today are from the Coronation Service of Celebration in memory of Ted Joachim from his family. Thank you for sharing those lovely tributes to Ted with his church family.

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Mike Hahaj. Mike was called to his heavenly home on Monday, June 2nd. We pray for God to surround the Hahaj family with His loving, consoling arms and walk with them in the difficult days ahead.

FREE FOR ALL: Don't forget to save your reusable items for the "Free For All" scheduled for Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 during the hours of 8 am to 2 pm in the gym. The "Free For All" is open to anyone who has a need, and items are free of charge. If you're downsizing and have excess usable items, please consider donating to this worthwhile event. We will take any gently used, serviceable, working items such as electronics, tools, furniture, kitchen gadgets, clothing, bedding, toys, footwear, etc. (Please, no car seats older than 3 years or mattresses). Items can be dropped off at the church's gym on June 25 and June 26 from 10 am - 6 pm. **If you have some time to help June 23- 28, please join us.** **Many hands make light work.** Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. What a great way to share all of the blessings God has given you with others in need.

Vacation Bible School will be starting before you know it. This year's Vacation Bible School will focus on the life of Jesus, they will learn about him, his ministry and how to live for his glory. This Bible school is unique in that the children will learn about apologetics, which is a skill the children will develop to use reasoned arguments and evidence to defend our faith and address objections that other people offer. This will help to strengthen their faith as well as offer to others a reasonable explanation to doubts. The children get to experience the Old West with crafts, science, Bible study and snacks all geared to enjoy the western theme. We hope you will sign up the young'un in your life. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex and can be turned into the church office or Shannon Jones, our fabulous VBS organizer! Please consider joining the volunteers to provide instruction, help with games, crafts or get creative with the snacks. Please join us for our next meeting on **June 22nd at 11:45 am** in the Life Center. We can always use the extra hands and skills our generous volunteers offer!



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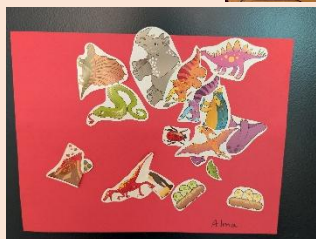
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Last Week

This Week



Congratulations to Racheal Harrison on the birth of her first grandchild, a little boy born, June 1st. His name is Leon and was 7 lbs 4 ounces. This was a very special event because we have been praying for his father and mother, Dante Lewis, who was involved in a motorcycle accident last month and Racheal's daughter Hailey because of the stress with advanced pregnancy and the accident. Thank you for your prayers for this young family and congratulations to everyone in the Harrison Family.

Thank you to everyone who donated stuffed animals and comfort blankets for the Eva Martin Project again this year. In memory of Eva, we (the church and ECDC) together had a stuffed animal/comfort blanket drive in Eva's honor. These will be distributed to local hospitals for children to provide them comfort to help soothe them during their hospital stay. We appreciate you

VBS will be here before you know it and we are looking for some decorations for the stage. We are looking for some wagon wheels and burlap bags filled with straw or crumpled up paper. Our theme this year is the wild west and we could really use these great props. If you can let us borrow these items we would be very grateful. Please drop them off at the church office, we will label them so they can be returned to you. Thank you for helping us make this a great experience for the children!

ECDC NEWS

Summer is up and coming and with school ending this week, the day care children are getting ready for their summer activities. The primary room was busy making Father's Day gifts and tending to their seeds, now plants that have started to come up. They have started practicing how to print their names. They colored with chalk on black paper, and made cards for one of their classmate's mother. They also enjoyed outside time and in the gym when the weather became inclement.

Our toddler room was busy painting with cars and trucks on a large canvas and hung their artwork in their room. They made sticker collages, enjoyed playing in water outside on Tuesday and got to tour the neighborhood when the rain stopped. The children were fascinated by a fly that flew around the classroom and they named him "Frank" what fun for the kids. A lot of squeals and laughter when Frank landed on a child.

Our Infant room worked on their Summer Study, singing "You Are My Sunshine" and reading books about the beach and swimming in the water. They used their dot marker to color paper fish and made s'mores out of paper and cotton balls as the marshmallows. Their Bible Story was "Jesus Came To Save" with Toby the Tiger puppet helping to tell the story. They spent a good amount of time outside playing on their new slide and blowing bubbles and watching the wind take them away! Wonderful ways to help these little ones learn.

"The Rock" Sunday School

The "Rock" is going on Summer Break! Coming back in the fall they will meet at 9:30 am during the newly established Education Hour. We are so very grateful to Ms. Shannon, Ms. Sherry, Ms. Cindy and Ms. Sue for all of their hard work and knowledge they have shared with our young members. They work hard each week to make sure the students are learning about Jesus, and the Word! We are so blessed with the dedication that these women offer with this very necessary ministry! Thank you!



Homebound and Continuing Care Facilities

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

Continuing Care Facilities: Pat Ott, Geraldine Wooley, Don Metzger, Norma Linn, Marylou Svorec (out of state), Rose Briggs, Betty Dehring, Dorothea Crocker, Bill Gast, Duane Vigansky, Harriet Fester, 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

The Family and Friends of Mike HaHaj
Pat Heyn (cancer diagnosis)
Edie Paul (testing)
Marion Winter (waiting for surgery)
Karl Kaeding (Cancer treatments)
Jeff Delvaux

Visitations this week by Pastor Krengel, Chris Damaske, and Betty Korcek: Elizabeth Rock, Linda Miller, Edith Weed, Edna Holt, Pam Hahaj, Kelly Hahaj, Justin Hahaj, Terry Graves, Don Metzger

Healing Needs for the Month

Rich Kubsch, Norma Linn, Carla Weiser, Marcia Hanke, Dante & Hailey Silva-Lewis, Jeff Rodewald, Debbie Miller, Denny Lawrenz, Natalya Gaidukevich, David Harrison, Christie Ott Hartzler, Erica Anstey, Janet Lamb, Larry Ott, Alex Dixon, Beth Vigansky Ciuizio, Dave Kramer, Andy Benjamin, Pastor Carl Bassett, Leon Schmaltz, Darrell Gast, John Stine, Jeffrey Nemitz, Ray Michener, Harriet Fester, Ray Krieger, Marilyn Gelesko, Tom Ulmer, Roger Mojsiejenko, Terry Graves, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Dick Gorske,

Serving in the Military

Isaac Maze (Army) SFC Casey LeFever,
MAJ Kenneth Stice, Nathan Anderson, MM1 Timothy Ott,
Jacob Lomoro, SGT Devin Hays, Tom Shepard, Dan Woodruff,
SPC David Helfman, Arthur Gatchel, Ryan Skibbe,
MAJ Joe Chappel, FN Sebastian Kirk MMN3

Finance News

May 25, 2025 offerings and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$6,847.00; Year to date: \$151,452.00.00

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

Our Patriotic Worship Service has moved. This year we will celebrate our veterans, military and first responders around Patriot's Day which is September 11th. So, on **Sunday, September 14, 2025** we will enjoy some of the same elements of our Patriotic Worship Service. We are hoping to include the Honor Roll which is a video tribute to all veterans, military persons and first responders. We will focus more on the worship service this year to praise our Lord for providing these heroes who have protected our freedom to worship our Lord. We hope you will spread the word about the worship service and invite those who might not be aware of the service.



Harvest Dinner



Thank you for the Beautiful Geraniums provided by Marilyn Krieger. Every year in the spring we are gifted by lovely, large planters full of vibrant red geraniums for the front of our church doors. Marilyn creates such a welcoming entrance to the church as a gift. These blooms remind us of the glory and miracles that God gives to us every day. We are blessed with these loving gifts and we know that they are being cared for by Marilyn Krieger and Art Brunke daily with water and fertilizer, throughout the spring, summer and fall months. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us and a wonderful way to praise the Lord.

Calling all everyone! We hope you can join us on **Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30 pm** for a meeting in the Life Center. We will be planning the Fall Fundraiser. This will be a joint effort for whomever would like to lend a hand. We will plan a Fall Harvest Dinner tentatively set for Saturday, October 11, 2025. We have our Outreach Board helping with this fund raiser by having children's games in the Life Center so those families who come can sit and enjoy a delicious meal and the children are occupied. What a blessing! The fund raiser for this year will be for emergency exit doors in the sanctuary which are deteriorating. We hope you can help us with this worthwhile event!

Operation Christmas Child 2025: Like last year, we will be collecting each month, items to add to our boxes for November. Thank you for your support of fun band aides, washcloths, nail clippers and nail files for the month of May. We want to continue to support this inspirational mission. **In June we are collecting sunglasses, jump ropes, yo-yos, puzzles and craft kits (no liquid glue).** We hope you can and will take some time to shop for the box.

Did you know? Immanuel Lutheran Church will be 130 Years old on June 14, 2026! We are looking for some congregation members to head a committee which will look at ways we can celebrate our 130 years. If you would like to help with the celebration, please contact the church office at 269-465-6031 or email at ilc@immanuelbridgman.org

Outreach is renovating again! The renovation on the old kindergarten/café room was so successful, Outreach Board is looking at updating the nursery furniture, and toys. They will be removing/donating the older furniture and toys to the Free for All unless someone would like the items they donated returned. They would like to start this project by June 24th. Interested parties should contact Amie Smith at 269-277-2965

Thank you to Renate Ottusch for being such a dedicated helper in the office preparing our Portals of Prayer for you to purchase each quarter. Thank you for your invaluable help!

Thank you to Brad Hildebrandt for putting up the shade sails outside in the children's play yard, it needed extra repair again this year, we appreciate you!

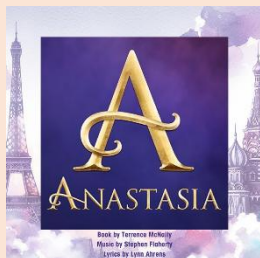
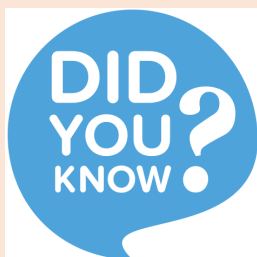
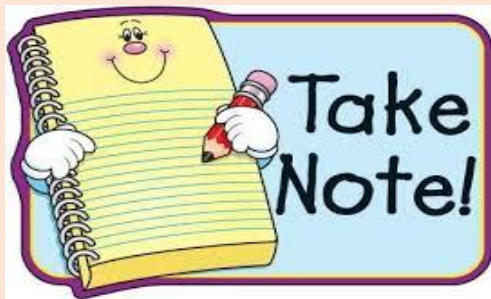
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Special Days

Birthdays: Ellen Yeske (6-10); Glenn Keller (6-12); Bev Barnes (6-13); AnneMarie Mojsiejenko (6-14); Shelly Ott (6-14)

Anniversaries: Steve & Kim Schmitz on June 13th, 44 Years; Michael & Tonya Ott on June 14th, 28 Years

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun. June 8th – Divine Worship Service – 8:30 am
NEW TIMES Education Hour – 9:30 am Pastor led Bible Study in the Life Center
 Praise Worship Service – 10:45 am

Mon. June 9th – Bridge Club - 12:30 pm
 Worship Board Mtg – 5:00 pm
 AA Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tues. June 10th – LWML Meeting/Fall Festival Committee – 6:30 pm

Thurs. June 12th - Breakfast with Jesus at Rochefort's – 8am
 Praise Worship Practice – 7:00 pm

Sun. June 15th – Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion – 8:30 am
NEW TIMES Education Hour – 9:30 am
 Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion – 10:45 am

Noteworthy Dates in the Next Few Weeks

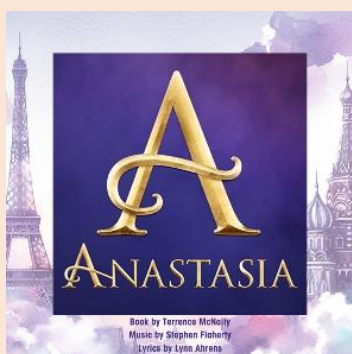
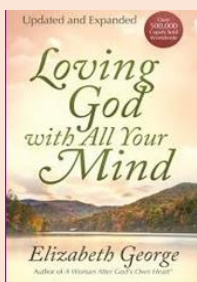
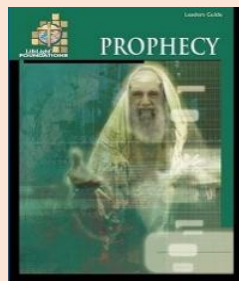
- ♥ **Free For All** – Friday and Saturday, June 27th & 28th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- ♥ **Wonder Junction Vacation Bible School** – July 7th – 10th 5:20 pm Kid Friendly Family Dinner; 6:00 pm VBS

Did you know? Worship Anew Worship Services are now broadcasted on **South Bend – CW 1.25 (FOX) Sunday 11:30 am.** Why not take a peek?

Eva's Toast Fund Raiser In memory of Eva Martin her family will offer a French Toast breakfast fund raiser on **Saturday June 14th from 7-11 am. in Baroda Park.** For an \$8 donation you will receive french toast, sausage and coffee or orange juice. Eva's family wanted to create a mission to promote healing and comfort to little ones and their families who find themselves in the worst situations. The blankets and stuffed animals that you have donated go a long way to comfort children in the hospital. They couldn't do their mission without the love and support of many supporters, and their mission is supporting the children and families in our area.

Special Thank you goes out to Chris Dow for always making sure our children's busy bags are up to date with the church season, to Nancy Kirk for making sure our bathroom is beautifully decorated for each church season and to Shannon Jones, who makes sure our people in continuing care facilities or homebound have special little gifts from our congregation and Sunday school, so they know we are praying for them and not forgotten!

Did You Know? Our own Ilene Nemitz is appearing in the musical "Anastasia" at Twin City Players Theater June 6th – 29th. She is playing the Imperial Duchess and will be singing as well. We have all benefited from the blessing of Ilene's voice in our worship services, please take some time to enjoy a wonderful performance.



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Douglas Kregel

Our Bible Studies are taking a hiatus or summer break. However they will be back after Labor Day! 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 8am Breakfast with Jesus meet at Rochefort's in Bridgman. Come and join these wonderful learning opportunities this summer!

Would you like to see the play Anastasia? Our LWML is offering tickets to see the Twin City Players production of Anastasia. These tickets are at a discounted price of \$10 each. We are planning on getting a group together to go see this production on **Sunday, June 22nd at 2:00 pm!** We are offering carpooling to the theater for this event. If you would like to attend, please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex and please check the box if you would like to carpool. We have one of our own members in this play, we hope you will come and support her efforts.

Today's Hymns: LSB 913, 497, 650

June 15th Scripture Readings: *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; John 8:48–59*

Sunday Attendance: June 1, 2025
Unity Service - 110

Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Krengel, Sole Pastor

Please contact Pastor Kregel for any Pastoral needs.

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