



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Immanuel's Mission Statement

Immanuel exists to connect all people to Jesus Christ, who embraces all people in His grace, so that we can serve all people in love and discover a hope that heals.

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!

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord!!

April 5 29, 2026

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of Our Lord – Today, we look forward to this morning's sermon on "Two Men and a Tomb" focusing on the Apostles John and Peter, the two apostles who ran to the tomb to only to find it empty and witness Jesus' resurrection. **He is not here, for he has risen (Luke 24:6).**

Today's Hymns: LSB 457, 507, 461, 466, 814

Today's Scriptures: Acts 10: 34-42, Colossians 3: 1-4, Matthew 28: 1-10, John 20:1-18

Thanks be to God the Pastor and Elder teams made the following visits in the first quarter of 2026.

In Person Visits January 28 & 68 calls

In Person Visits February 20 & 60 calls

In Person Visits March 20 & 79 calls

Pastor also held Chapel services at Westwood's in February and March.

We are thankful for all those who help with this ministry.

Prayers of the Church for Today

Joyce Stevens (Judy Roush's sister-in-law) (hospitalized)

Healing Needs for the Month – Please update the office with any changes.

Barb Ackerman, Pastor Carl Bassett, Andy Benjamin, Jim Benjamin, Karen Burger, Harriet Fester, Natalya Gaidukevich, Darrell Gast, Marilyn Gelesko, Dick Gorske, Paul Graves, Terry Graves, Christie Ott Hartzler, Lou Kendrick, Sharon Korcek, Denny Lawrenz, Bill Linn, Norma Linn, Pastor Greg Lorenz, Debbie Miller, Roger Mojsiejenko, Manfred Moneta, Vern Nitz Jr., David Oldenburg, Tim Ott Sr., Vicki Ott, Irwin & Margaret Poschke, Jeff Rodewald, Karl Schelling, Char Schram, Tom Ulmer, Alex Varvel, Beth Vigansky, Carla Weiser,

CHURCH NEWS

A big Thank You to our guest Trumpeter this Easter Sunday – Debbie Kroening.

Church Office Secretary Position - Immanuel is taking applications for our Church Office Secretary position. If you are interested, applications are in the basket which is on the table outside Pastor's door. Return the application and your resume to the Church Office by April 8, 2026.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin at 10:00 AM starting in April.

Operation Christmas Child – Thank you for all the playing cards & games donated last month. The Outreach Committee has an ambitious goal of filling 150 shoeboxes in 2026; every item given helps! In April, we are gathering socks, toothbrushes & small notebooks. There is a decorated collection box in the back of the church. Thank You!

CHURCH KEY CARDS - Effective April 6, 2026, all door locks that require a Key Card to unlock will have the codes changed. This should not affect your Key Cards, but you will need to use your Key Cards after this date. If you have any issues with your Key Card after this date, or if you are in need of a Key Card, please contact Paul Jaeger, Safety Team Member at (269-470-5235 by phone or text. Also, if you would rather have a number code that you would rather use instead of your Key Card, this can be done also, just ask. Thank You.

Organist Joel Stoppenhagen will perform at the Monday Musical Program Monday, April 6, at 7:00 pm at First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Sacred Music at the University of Notre Dame. The program is free and open to the public.

LWML Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Calling all Quilters – the quilters are meeting next Friday, April 17 at 9:00am in the Life Center. If you can tie a knot, you are equipped to join this group! We assemble the quilts when we get-together, no sewing required. Please consider yourself invited.

LWML Spring Rally is scheduled here at Immanuel Lutheran on April 26 – Registration begins at 2:00 pm, program starts at 2:30pm.

VOTER'S MEETING is MAY 3 , 2026. Please mark your calendars, if you are a board chair please turn in your report to Amie Smith or Deb Jaeger by April 13, so our Voters Meeting Package will be ready for distribution on April 19, 2026.

National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 7 at 12:15 meet at Bridgman City Hall 9765 Maple St. Bridgman, MI.

Altar Guild is looking for a Lead for their group if interested please contact Liz Zielke

March Planning Committee Update:

Following the feedback gathered at the 2025 Fall Congregational Planning Retreat, the Planning Committee has met five times to develop a comprehensive draft of an updated Constitution and By-Laws. We are grateful for the thoughtful feedback, encouragement, and support that members of the congregation have shared throughout this process.

This draft is now being published and will be included in the May 2026 Voter's Packet so that congregational members have the opportunity to review the document.

There will not be a vote on the Constitution and By-Laws at the May meeting. Instead, we want everyone to have ample time to read through the draft before a more in-depth discussion at the 2026 Fall Congregational Planning Retreat. After that retreat, the draft will return to the Planning Committee for any necessary revisions before being presented for a vote at the Fall 2026 Voters Meeting.

As the congregation reviews this draft and looks ahead to the decisions before us, we ask that you keep this process in your prayers, asking God for wisdom and guidance for the congregation and all involved in this work.

Reminder – Beyond the Walls has an initial practice of "Worthy Is the Lamb" music on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 10:00 -11:30 am, at Immanuel, Bridgman. We did this musical three years ago so it will be familiar and should be easy-to-recall for many of us. Hard copies of the program will be available at Immanuel and by email request beginning Holy Week.

PERFORMANCES: Most of these are during April, right after Easter. We hope that most of you will be able to attend most of them.

- 1) Thursday, April 16 at 4:00 pm Whitcomb Towers
- 2) Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm StoryPoint (Formerly Provision House), St. Joseph
- 3) Tuesday, April 21 at 11:00 am Buchanan Meadows
- 4) Thursday, April 23 at 2:00 pm West Woods, Bridgman
- 5) Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 pm, Pine Ridge Rehab, Stevensville
- 6) Tuesday, April 28 at 2:00 pm Woodland Terrace, Bridgman

If you would like to join us, please RSVP via email at pastorgolf@gmail.com . Thx! God bless us as we share the Good News that He is Risen indeed beyond the walls!

Pastor Tom Fischer, Coordinator

The Sunday School Bridge Program “From Sunday School to Our Seniors”, will be placing an order for t-shirts. If you are interested in one for yourself or a love one - please see the office to sign up! The shirts are \$12/each and they are a 50/50 blend. They are available in the following sizes: Youth XS-XL to Adult S-5XL .

He is Risen, Alleluia!

The Flowers on the Cross are given in Honor and Memory of Our Loved Ones!

In Loving Memory of:

Harold & Lorraine Meyer from the Barb Ackjerman and family
Rev. Wilfred & Ruth Rittamel from the Barb Ackerman & family
Erich, Ruth & Randy Warmbein from Dale & Peggy Brueck
Oscar & Jon Crocker from Doreathea and Family
Roy & Bernice Dehring, Frank & Olga Kramer from Corky & Jeannie Dehring
Sister Claudia Lukrofka from Phyllis Emery
Annabelle & Robert Gast, Cindi & Annabelle from Linda Fisher
My parents Marguerite & Charles Prudak and my husband Gene Paff & Charles Hadley
My beloved son Ralf, my husband Ted and all my loved ones from Lydia Joachim
Our parents Mike & Janet Jones, Milford & Barbara Wallace from the Jones Family
Our parents Joseph M. & Virginia Kamp from Your Family the Kamp & Malm's
Joseph G. & Susan Kamp from the Kamp & Malm Families
Michael & Theresa Kamp & Walter & Anna Panzer from the Kamp & Malm Families
Carl & Eileen Malm & Paul from the Malm fami
Our parents, Art & Irene Nemitz from Irene & Arthur Nemitz
Our grandparents, Henry & Bertha Nemitz and Gus a& Anna Nehring, our uncle Bernard Nehring from Irene & Arthur
Nemitz
John & Mildred Barancin from David & Karen Oldenburg & Family
Leroy & Dorothy Oldenburg from David & Karen Oldenburg & Family
My loved ones from Renate Ottusch
Felix Paul & Family from Edeltraut Paul & Family
Mike Hampton & Michael Pedde from Children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
Don & Collette Metzger from Michael & Lisa Reilly
Earl Schmitz Jr., Earl Schmitz, Diane Schmitz, Lillian Schmitz, Jan Elsass, Ned Elsass & Scott Elsass from the Schmitzfamily
Richard Stelter from Patricia Stelter
Richard Vonk from the Sherry Vonk & family
Mr. & Mrs. Lee, Richard Lee, Grete Wueste, Betsy Wallis, Shelly Slavicek from
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wappler
Mr. & Mrs. Wappler from Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wappler
Sylvia & Schott Wasko from Gerald Wasko
Harold & Helen Wolski from the Family
For my loved ones Anna Mae Yaeger
My Dad – Ronald Germain from Shelley Yuran
John Zilke & David Zilke with love from the Family,
Jean Ferney with love from the Family,
Alan & Emily Zilke with love from the Family,
Mark Seldomridge from Nancy Seldomridge & Liz Zilke
Elizabeth Zilke's 90th Birthday with love from the Family

In Honor of:

Our grandchildren Taylor, Bailey, Rachel & Manica from Oma Lydia Joachim
Our family from Jere & Corky Dehring

Thank you to everyone who purchased a lily plant to grace our sanctuary to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection!
Your plants can be taken home after the Easter Service!

Last Sunday's Attendance: 160 - 10:00 am Palm Sunday Service
Maundy Thursday: 83 - 6:00 pm
Sunday Bible Study – no Sunday class – Palm Sunday
Monday Bible Study - 8

Finance News

March 29, 2026, offerings and donations:
Offering Envelopes: \$ 6,319.00 Year to date: \$81,766.00

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



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Please notify the Church Office of any updates to the monthly calendar or the newsletter by the third week of each month!

Thank You!

