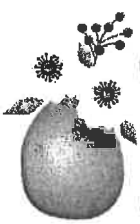


NEWSLETTER

THE PRESENCE

September
2026

Our Mission Statement

“We teach, proclaim and live Christ in all things.”

Where two or three come together in my name there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

Immanuel Lutheran Church – 351 Wilson Street – Alpena, Michigan 49707 – Ph: 989-354-3443
Website: immanuelalpena.org

September 2026

Dear Members & Friends of Immanuel:

What a memorable, historic day August 23rd was for all of us at Immanuel! The Blessing and Dedication of the Pinecrest property was the culmination of prayers and planning over the past couple of years and long hours of hard work by many involved with the school expansion project. The imposing hurdle of space limitations hindered the desire of many to see our vision of growth become more than just a dream. With the acquisition of the Pinecrest property so close to our church and school, the incredible arrival of Mr. Tom Turri with such experience in building schools downstate as our project manager, and the reasonable bid from Devere Construction to restore and remodel the old Aces Academy structure, it was an "alignment" that only the Lord could bring together. The whole process has been a miraculous thing to behold! If you have not had the opportunity to stroll through the new school on Pinecrest, please make arrangements with the school secretary for some time to do so. Grades 5-10 will celebrate "opening day" on Pinecrest for a new school year on Monday, August 31st!

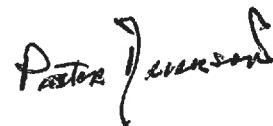
We welcomed two new instructors to our school staff at the Dedication service, consecrating our staff for the Lord's work of teaching at Immanuel School. Mr. Joe Fulkerson is teaching Science for all grades 5-10 while Mrs. Chase Hoffman is teaching English for grades 5-6 & 9-10 as well as Social Studies for grades 7-8. We are thankful to God for these committed Christians who have joined our mission to nurture students with core subjects from a distinctly biblical perspective. Our teachers are truly Ephesians 4 "gifts from the Lord" to work with us in His kingdom. Remember that ... in all your interactions with them and daily remember them in your prayers.

On another note, I continue to be thanked by people all over the community for our television and Facebook Live worship services. Recently, while waiting in line at Culvers, I received a warm and heartfelt word of appreciation from a couple who weekly watch our television service before attending their own church, Leer Lutheran. For more than six years, this outreach on WBKB has had an impact the lives of many from Presque Isle County down to Iosco County and over to Otsego County. With such a large population of older people here in northeast Michigan, this ministry meets the needs of the segment of truly homebound people, who cannot get out to a church.

Finally, I am so grateful to the Lord that Jim Grulke has answered the Spirit's call to be our congregation's President. Being a Lay Minister for several years now and serving as Interim Principal at our school a couple of times, Jim has a unique grasp of our parish from various vantage points. That includes being our technology point man for the television services recorded on Wednesday mornings.

I close with the words of an old and fitting Gospel hymn by Charles Gabriel that sums up our mission here at Immanuel:

*"There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
Send the light! Send the light!
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
Send the light! Send the light!"*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Johnson", written in a cursive style.



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

September 1

Owen Garrow
Stephanie Minton
Kenneth Werth
Briley Witt

September 2

Earlene Krist
Damen McCall
Thelma Skuse
Doris Troyer

September 3

Emerson Batory
Carol Boyd
Ethan Gosselin
Nancy Stafford

September 4

Deanna Brege
Kiowa Kirchoff

September 5

Ella Papineau

September 6

Tyler Dickinson
Tom Grubaugh

September 7

Linda Falk
Christopher Oliver
Logan Schaedig
Richard West

September 8

Raymond Nickels
Kim Plohocky

September 9

No Birthdays

September 10

Kayla Bruski
Desarae Harris
Laura King
Marianne Modrzynski
Erna Schuler

September 11

Bonnie Badgero
Levi Nowakowski
Evan Repke
Landon Male-King
David Schaedig
Casey Vanvolkenburg

September 12

Diane Hale
Landon Male-King
Cindy Krentz
Eli Krentz

September 13

Diane Smith

September 14

Robert Bunton
Terry Hale
Rita Male
Arthur Pahlkötter

September 15

Sevi MacNeill
Kailey Matney
Logan Nowakowski
Pauline Urlaub

September 16

No Birthdays

September 17

Sebastian Cummins

September 18

Edmund Bailey
Jacob Birmingham
Judith Hoch
Denise Knoll
Christopher Lytle
Mary Plume

September 19

Jessica Cummins
Lauren Larsen
Brian Puls
Joshua Scott
Kristine Smolinski

September 20

Emerson Compeau
Laurie Hein
Jean Neumann
Tristen Phillips

September 21

Dave Amlotte
Katrina Farley
Cary Keller

September 22

Valerie Avery
Tom Kindt
Alison Lukitsch
Emily Smith
Evan Weide

September 23

Heather Beaubien
Brody Hayes
John Male Sr.
Micah Schultz
Holden Scott

September 24

Lillian Shriner
Molly Wolf

September 25

James Falk
Matthew Kaiser
Ryley Kennedy

September 26

Ethan Dickins
Alivia Gosselin
Sally Krist

September 27

Cheryl Adrian
Darwin Grabow
Jim Karsten
Katherine Male

September 28

Bree Oliver

September 29

Savannah McCoy
Jane Steinke

September 30

Allan Frank
Amy Worm



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Asst. Secretary - Kristin Davis Ext. 11

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Vacancy Pastor

Rev. James D. Erickson

Phone ext. 16

Email: ericksonj@immanuelalpena.org

Deacon:

James T. Wolf

Email: wolfj@immanuelalpena.org

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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Principal: Rev. Joshua Schultz Ext. 23

Email: schultzjm@immanuelalpena.org

Administrative Assistant –

Kelsey MacNeill Ext. 13

Email: school@immanuelalpena.org

Congregation President: Jim Grulke

Congregation V President:

Congregation Secretary: Madison Wangelin

Congregation Treasurer: Michelle Hoes

Worship Services

Saturday at 6:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

(live on Facebook at 10:30am)

WBKB-TV 7:30am Ch: 12

10:00am Ch: 10



August

Michael Cherney 7/30/26

Mark Brilinski 8/11/26

Darlene Cadarette 8/16/26

Office News

Bulletin submission deadline

3:00pm Tuesday

Newsletter submission deadline

The 15th of each month.

ANNIVERSARIES-CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OR MORE



Kevin and Christine Cosbitt – 32 Yrs. September 3

Rusty and Nancy Dewar – 27 Yrs. September 4

Gary and Sharon Grulke – 62 Yrs. September 5

Kent and Caroline Rhude – 40 Yrs. September 6

Gerald and Charlene Sommerfeld – 55 Yrs. September 11

Andrew and Jennifer Matuszak – 49 Yrs. September 11

Raymond and Helen Nickles – 47 Yrs. September 14

Robert and Cheryl Adrian – 42 Yrs. September 15

Loren and Bonnie Urlaub – 59 Yrs. September 16

Jeffrey and Tamara Oliver – 45 Yrs. September 19

Jeffery and Mary Cosbitt – 48 Yrs. September 30

Clayton and Janice VanWagoner – 31 Yrs. September 30

CHURCH SERVICES

September 6

First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9
Epistle:	Romans 13:1-10
Gospel:	Matthew 18:1-20

September 13

First Reading:	Genesis 50:15-21
Epistle:	Romans 14:1-12
Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:6-9
Epistle:	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Gospel:	Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

First Reading:	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Epistle:	Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Gospel:	Matthew 21:23-27

BIBLE CLASS

Sunday 9:15am High School Youth/Adult Bible

***“Beyond Comprehension: God Preserves
and Purifies His People” (Habakkuk)***

September 6... J. Wolf – 3:1-19

“Habakkuk’s Prayer”

“Boundless Compassion: The book of Jonah”

September 13... J. Erickson – 1:1-16

“God’s First Call & Jonah’s Response”

September 20... J. Schultz – 1:17-2:10

“God’s Rescue of the Rebellious Prophet”

September 27... J. Wolf – 3:1-10

“God’s 2nd Commission & Jonah’s Obedience”



See weekly bulletin

**Or inquire at church office for
details** (dates subject to change)

September 3 – Youth Group: Arzo Park

September 4 – Just for Widows Picnic Starlite Beach

September 5 – Sunday School registration

September 6 – Sunday School registration

September 7 – Labor Day

September 8 – Parish Boards meeting

September 8 – Finance Committee meeting

September 9 – Confirmation Orientation

September 10 – Choir Starts

September 12 – Men’s Bible Study/Breakfast

September 12 – Mark Nowak’s Benefit (tractor club)

September 13 – First Day of Sunday School

September 13 – Jr. High Bible Study

September 13 – Grandparents Day

September 14 – Social Ministry Meeting

September 14 – LWML Evening Mission Group

September 14 – First Adult Inquirer Class

September 14 – Grief Share

September 15 – Parish Planning Council

September 16 – First Class of Confirmation

September 21 – Women’s Bible Study

September 21 – Grief Share

September 22 – Voter’s meeting

September 25 - Gala Fundraiser at Apex

September 27 – Family life Candy Bar Bingo

September 28 – Grief Share

October 1 - 5:15pm – Youth Group Board Meeting

October 4 – LWML Annual Sunday

October 6 – Finance Committee meeting

October 6 – Parish Board meeting

October 10 – Lutheran World Relief load U-Haul

October 12 – Social Ministry meeting

October 13 – LWML Priscilla meeting

October 13 – Parish Planning Council meeting

November 3 – Finance meeting

November 3 – Parish Board meeting

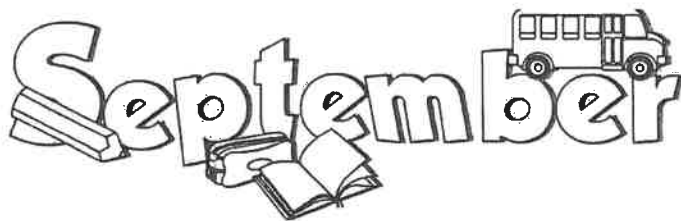
November 9 – Social Ministry meeting

November 10 – Parish Planning Council meeting

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

We're Looking For Help

- Immanuel Lutheran Social Ministry is looking for board members.
Contact: Dawn McDonald 354-8541
- Youth Group looking for Members. For more information contact Lauren Larson (989)255-7949
- Counters needed. Please contact church office if interested.
- Sunday School is looking for volunteers to join our team. It doesn't have to be weekly commitment. Crafts, storytelling or music. For more information contact Janet Schaedig at (989) 354-3677.
- ILS school (Pinecrest location) looking for volunteers for office help.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please update your calendars with the following meeting changes:

Parish Board Meeting

September 1 → September 8

Parish Planning Council Meeting

September 8 → September 15

Thank you for marking these new dates on your calendar!

See weekly bulletin/Google calendar or inquire at church office for details

MONDAY:

- ❖ 7-8am Early Bird Bible Study
Adult Ed. Room
- ❖ 9:30am Social Ministry Meeting
(2nd Monday of the month)
- ❖ 5-6pm Grief Share in Library (Sept- June)
- ❖ 6-7:10pm Adult Inquirer's Class in Adult Ed.
- ❖ 6pm Women's Bible Study in Youth Room
(Check Google calendar for changes)
- ❖ 5pm LWML Evening Board Meeting: Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr (2nd Monday of the month)

TUESDAY:

- ❖ 8:30am Quilters Guild
- ❖ 5:30pm Finance Mtg. (1st Tuesday of the Month)
- ❖ 6pm Parish Boards Meetings
(1st Tuesday of the Month) (No July)
- ❖ 6pm Parish Planning Council
(2nd Tuesday of the Month) (No July)
- ❖ 6pm Voters' Meetings
(June 23rd, Sept. 22nd, Dec 1st)

WEDNESDAY:

- ❖ 8:15am ILS Chapel in Sanctuary

THURSDAY:

- ❖ 8:30am Quilters
- ❖ 11am Prayer Circle – Library
- ❖ 2pm Bible Study (Sept-June)
- ❖ 5:30pm Adult Choir – Sanctuary (Sept-May)
- ❖ 6pm-8pm Youth Group (Sept. 10th) Starts
- ❖ 6-6:30pm Close the Back Door in Adult Ed.
- ❖ 7pm Al-Anon in Adult Ed.

SATURDAY:

- ❖ 7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
(2nd Sat of month No July/No August)

SUNDAY:

- ❖ 9am Sunday School
- ❖ 9:15am Adult Bible Study
- ❖ 11:30am Bell Choir Practice (Sept-May)



August 9

Liliana Fay Male

Daughter of Dustin and Elizabeth (Dean) Male

August 29 - Private

Mitchell Thomas Karsten

Son of Zachary and Juanita (Mitchell) Karsten

YOU HAVE GIFTS—PUT THEM TO WORK FOR GOD!

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved at Immanuel? We still have openings for **church officers and board members**, and there may be a place that is just right for you!

Opportunities include:

Vice President •

Christian Day School • Evangelism • Family Life

• Personnel • Lay Ministry • Public Relations •

Youth Group • Social Ministry

Officers meet twice a month.

Boards meet once a month.

Whether you enjoy working with people, planning activities, managing finances, supporting our school or helping behind the scenes, **your time and talents can make a difference!**

Stop by the church office to review position descriptions, ask questions and discover how you can serve God and strengthen Immanuel's ministry.

★ **YOUTH GROUP FUN!** ★

★ **ARZO PARK** ★

★ **SEPTEMBER 3 • 5:30–7:45 P.M.** ★

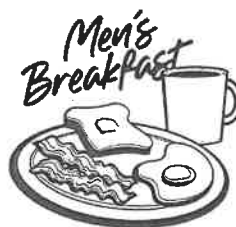
★ **5 ACTIVITIES • PIZZA • TREATS • LEMONADE** ★

★ **\$10 PER PERSON** ★

★ **EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED!** ★

★ Questions? Call or text Lauren ★

★ **989-255-7949** ★



MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY ... gathers September 12th, @ 7:30 a.m. in the adult education room. All men are welcome to join.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

PTLS GALA

SEPTEMBER 25 • 5:00 PM



TICKETS AVAILABLE

Purchase tickets in the church office.

\$50 PER PERSON

\$400 RESERVED TABLE FOR 8

Please make checks payable to:
Immanuel Lutheran School PTLS

AUCTION DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Donations are needed for our live and silent auctions, as well as event sponsorships.

Questions?

immanuelschoolgala@gmail.com



Social Ministry Update

Your continued support through donations in July helped secure an apartment for one individual (helping with the security deposit needed to move in), provided gas money for a family that got stranded in Alpena trying to make it home from a funeral (this referral was made by local police) and provided gas money for another individual needing assistance to get to an out of town surgical procedure. One family used the pantry in July. These families appreciate the assistance we as a congregation give. Please continue your support through donations of food/money so we can continue to support these individuals in need. Contact Dawn McDonald at (989) 354-8541 if you are interested in hearing more about our committee or would like to volunteer your time to assist in making these efforts happen.



Prayer Circle Every Thursday morning 11:00 am in the Church Library

We start with scripture followed by 30 minutes of prayer. Bring any prayer concerns that you have or just come and pray with us. We would love to pray for you or someone you care for. Please feel free to fill out a prayer request card and place it in the container marked **"Prayer Requests" located in our Parish Welcome Center.**



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE— JOIN THE CHOIR!

Calling all youth group members who are in high school! Come share your voice, have fun, and enjoy fellowship with the Immanuel Lutheran Choir.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 10, and are held every Thursday from 5:30–6:00 p.m. (Right before youth group)

No auditions. No pressure. No experience needed—just come ready to sing and have fun!

Returning singers and new members are always welcome! For more information, contact Sharon Jack at 989-255-8413.



A Mercy & Care

Is a Ministry that has been formed within our family church dedicated to offering compassionate care and support for members of our congregation.

Our ministry seeks to provide Christ's love with compassionate care through meaningful acts of kindness.

If you or someone you know from our congregation could utilize these services, whether it's helping with small chores, transportation needs, meals, or simply a visit from one of our volunteers, please reach out to Karen Nowicki-Compeau (989) 657-4149 or Anne Lewandowski (989) 590-7174 to utilize our services.

"Therefore, be merciful, just as your father also is merciful." Luke 6:36



FRIDAY, September 4, 2026, at NOON-picnic at Starlite Pavilion. Bring your own lunch and drink as we gather for a Christian

Devotion and fellowship. Perhaps Nancy will have a simple table game for us also. In case of bad weather, we will meet in the church fellowship room. If you have questions, call Carol at 989-354-3758 or Janet at 989-354-4486. See you there!

Women's Bible Study...will be starting back up again on September 21st at 6pm in the Youth room. We will be continuing our study: The Mighty and the Mysterious: A study of Colossians. All women are welcome!





Help! Social ministry donations have dropped this last year but unfortunately the need for assistance hasn't. With unexpected costs such as medical emergencies, weather extremes, unexpected home/car repairs to name a few there are some individuals who have needed assistance to make ends meet.

A summary of this last year's donations and money given out for assistance is as follows: Donations \$3464.88 (\$2250.00 of this coming from local organizations and \$1214.88 coming from the congregation).

Total assistance of money handed out this past year \$4572.47.

As a result of more money going out than coming in, our ending balance for assistance is almost \$2500.00 less than a year ago. This may not seem like a lot, but when the starting balance is typically \$6000.00 it is making a large impact. We have started to lessen the amount given to offset this imbalance. We do put time and effort into deciding who needs the assistance given. We are often partnering with other churches or local organizations for these efforts. No money is handed to individuals. Checks are made out to the business owed with receipts obtained for assurance of follow through.

We are putting this information out to you to bring donations back into our **social ministry** to keep our efforts going. Please keep us in your thoughts when considering donating to the church. We have been assisting our community for a long time and would like to continue this good work. God's blessing for your continued generosity.



Attention Immanuel Family:

Scams are becoming more common, and churches aren't immune. If you ever receive a text message or Facebook message from one of the pastors or staff asking for money (usually in the form of gift cards or cryptocurrency), be assured that it is NOT from them. Scammers can easily fake someone's name on caller ID or copy their profile picture to set up a Facebook profile. Report attempted scams to the church office and forward them to Attorney General Dana Nessel's office at michigan.gov/consumerprotection/complaints or by calling 877-765-8388.

HELP A YARD SIGN FIND A HOME!

Our yard signs are waiting for you in the **narthex**! Please take one home and help it find its way into your yard before the snow arrives.

The cost is a donation to the **School Expansion Fund**. Place your donation in an envelope labeled "Yard Sign" and put it in the basket on the church office counter. **Yard signs are available only while supplies last—so get yours before they're gone!**

Thank you for supporting our school!



Grief Share Starts September 14th at 5pm (13 weeks). Have you lost a loved one? Grief Share is a Christ-centered support group designed to help you on your journey from mourning to joy. This group is a safe and welcoming space where you can share, listen, and find comfort. We meet every Monday at 5 p.m. in the Church Library. All are welcome, and you can join at any time. Any questions please contact Carol Boyd 989-354-3758.

PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED!



It is important to keep your
address, home phone, cell phone,
and email address current with
the church office.



Name Tags Are Coming!

The Evangelism Committee is excited
to move forward with purchasing name
tags for our congregation!

If you would like one, please sign up
on the sheet located in the **Narthex**. Be
sure to print your name exactly as you

would like it to appear on your name tag.

Name tags are available to congregation members
14 years of age and older. Your name tag will be
yours to keep, and we encourage you to wear it. It's
a simple and friendly way for us to get to know one
another!

Questions? Please contact **Sharon Jack at 989-255-8413**

LWML Evening Group

Come join our ladies (teens and up) in
Mission evening group. We are women in mission
to learn about God's Word, fellowship and serve
our community of saints together! Grab a friend
and be refreshed with God's Word!

Sept 14th @ 6pm in the fellowship room.

Mission for the month: **LERT (Lutherans
Emergency Relief Teams)** we are collecting
monetary gifts.

College Care Packages

Do you have a current college or graduate student?
LWML would love to support them by sending them
care packages. Please leave their name and address
in the church office marked for LWML evening group.



Pinecrest Office Volunteers Needed

As we are preparing for the
start of the school year, we
are looking for volunteers to
help provide an office
presence at our Pinecrest building during the
school day.

All phone calls, messages, and regular school
communication will continue to be handled
through the main school office at Wilson Street.
However, we would like to have a volunteer
available in the Pinecrest office to welcome
visitors, assist students and staff as needed,
and help provide a consistent presence in the
building.

We hope to create a schedule with multiple
volunteers covering portions of the day,
approximately 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Volunteers
do not need to commit to a full day. Even a few
hours on a regular day each week would be a
great help!

For the safety of our students and staff, all
volunteers serving in this role will be required
to submit to our standard background check
process.

If you may be interested in serving in this way,
please contact Pastor Schultz
at schultzjm@immanuelalpena.org or 354-
4805.

Thank you for considering another way to
support the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran
School!

Pastoral Call Update

We have received our next call list. Members of the
Call committee will be reviewing information on the
pastoral candidates and will work to set up Zoom
interviews with the appropriate candidates. Please
pray for God's guidance through this process.



Sunday School News

Get Ready for a Fun New Year!

Sunday School begins with **Rally Day on Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.** Classes are open to children **age 3 through sixth grade.**

Early Registration Dates

Look for our registration table near the front entrance after the following services:

- **Saturday, September 5** — after 6:30 p.m. service
- **Sunday, September 6** — after 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services

You may also register at the school on **Rally Day, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.**

Our Sunday School is excited to donate **\$50 from our offerings to The Salvation Army's backpack program!** This is a wonderful opportunity for our Sunday School children to help other children begin the school year with the supplies they need.

We will offer the Church Extension saving stamp program again this year!

We can't wait to learn, grow, serve, and have fun together!

TEENS—LET'S GROW TOGETHER!

Calling all Immanuel Jr. High and High School students in **7th–12th grade!**

Join us for a new Sunday morning Bible study where you can ask questions, connect with other teens, and grow deeper in your faith.

**Begins Sunday, September 13
9:15–10:15 AM
Church Library**

Led by **Matt Stevens and Doris Puls**

Bring a friend and come check it out!

CANDY BAR BINGO

**Sunday, September 27, 2026
1:00–2:00 PM
Church Fellowship Hall**

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FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Bring a full-size candy bar to play.
Each candy bar gets you:

- One bingo card
- One chance to win

Want to play more games?
Bring more candy bars!
Example: Bring 3 candy bars and play 3 games.

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♥ Come enjoy fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! ♥

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Questions?
Karen Nowicki-Compeau: 989-657-4149
Stacie Papineau: 989-657-6391

LWML BAKE SALE

October 3 & 4
Before and after each service

Please remember to bake!

Your support helps pay for members to attend conferences and helps cover related expenses.

LWML PRISCILLA MEETING

Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 PM
Adult Room

We are collecting:

- Monetary donations
- Paper supplies
- Laundry detergent

SEPTEMBER IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH AT IMMANUEL ... Our focus this month is on our need for spiritual growth that must happen in the lives of all those who have been baptized into Christ. Without spiritual growth through God's Word in Christian education, our life in Christ withers and dies. What began in our hearts by the Holy Spirit's miracle of regeneration can be aborted by negligent inattention.

Our congregation provides many opportunities for children, youth, & adults to grow in their understanding and faith in Christ. It is imperative that disciples of Jesus constantly learn what it means to be "rooted in Christ Jesus."

So, how are your children growing in the Christian faith? True, teaching the faith begins with parents. But as a congregation we partner with you in this great task of nurturing disciples. As an adult, how are you growing in your faith? Worship on weekends is crucial and central to the believer's life. But when do you open your Bible to discover the insights and eternal truths God wants you to know? If you're currently not participating in an adult Bible study ... why not? This issue surely has eternal implications and can't be dismissed with a just a simple excuse, "I'm too busy!" Here are opportunities to grow in your faith this fall:

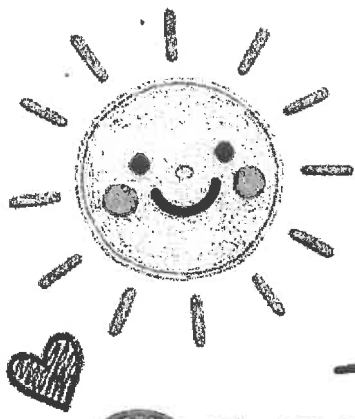
CHILDREN & YOUTH

- SUNDAY SCHOOL for 3-year-olds to 6th grade (Sundays @ 9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH YOUTH BIBLE STUDY for grades 7-12 (Sundays @ 9:15-10:15 a.m.)
- 6th, 7th, & 8th grade CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:45 p.m.)
- JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP for 7th-12th grades (Thursdays @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

ADULTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES meet at the following times throughout the week ...

- + SUNDAYS @ 9:15-10:15 a.m.. (Jonah)
- + MONDAY EARLY BIRD @ 7:00-8:00 a.m (Hebrews)
- + MONDAY WOMEN'S GROUP @ 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- + THURSDAY AFTERNOON @ 2:00-3:00 p.m. (2 Kings)



IMMANUEL

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH 6TH GRADE



9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
≡ EVERY SUNDAY ≡

FIRST DAY IS

SEPTEMBER 13th !

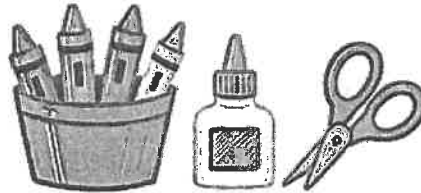
COME, LEARN, AND GROW IN FAITH!

A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN DISCOVER GOD'S LOVE,
BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH.



**MUSIC &
WORSHIP**

Sing, praise, and
celebrate together!



**CREATIVE
CRAFTS**

Make, create,
and have fun!



**BIBLE
ADVENTURES**

Learn God's Word through
exciting stories!

≡ FRIENDS, FAITH, AND FUN—EVERY SUNDAY! ≡

All children are welcome! No church membership required.

Bring a friend!



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A BENEFIT FOR MARK NOWAK

— ★ MUSIC • COMMUNITY • HOPE ★ —

★ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
— 5:00–10:00 P.M. —

⚡ LIVE MUSIC ⚡

— 70s, 80s & 90s ROCK FAVORITES —

★ ALPENA ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB ★

TICKETS

\$15 IN ADVANCE • \$20 AT THE DOOR

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Contact Sue O'Neill at 586-216-1177

or visit the church office

Monday–Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

★ ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MARK NOWAK AND HIS FAMILY ★

September School News

There is something special about the beginning of a new school year. Classrooms that have been quiet through the summer are once again filled with conversation and activity. Teachers are welcoming students, friendships are being renewed, new routines are being learned, and another year of growth has begun.

There is a great deal to be excited about as we enter this school year. We have opportunities before us that we have prayed about, planned for, and worked toward for a long time. Yet even with careful preparation, the beginning of a school year always comes with an adjustment period. Schedules need to be refined. Routines that look good on paper need to be tested in practice. Students and teachers need time to settle in. New procedures sometimes reveal things that need to be changed.

As we begin September, we approach these first weeks with both excitement and patience. We will undoubtedly encounter a few bumps along the way. When we do, we will address them, learn from them, and continue moving forward together. Most importantly, even as many things around our school grow and change, the reason Immanuel exists has not changed.

We teach, proclaim, and live Christ in all things.

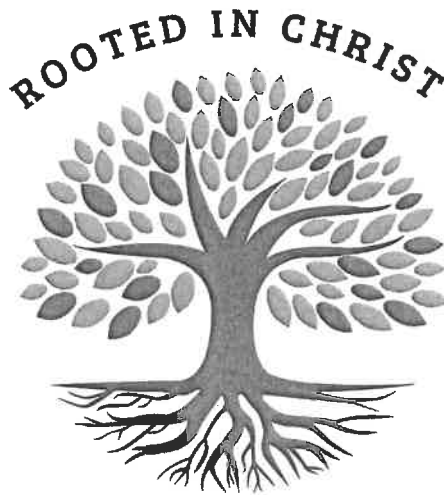
That mission is more than a statement printed on our materials. It shapes what happens in every aspect of each school day. We want our students to receive an excellent education, but our purpose goes deeper. We want them to know Christ, to grow in the wisdom that comes from His Word, and to understand every part of their lives in light of who they are in Him.

We want our students to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually while remaining firmly rooted in Christ. That kind of growth requires time and requires faithful teachers. It requires supportive families and students who are willing to work, struggle, learn, and try again. And it requires a community willing to extend grace and patience to one another along the way.

I am tremendously excited about what this year holds for Immanuel. There will be challenges, certainly, but there will also be countless opportunities to see God at work through our students, our faculty and staff, and our families.

Thank you for entrusting your children to Immanuel and for partnering with us in this ministry. As we begin this new school year together, I pray that we will meet the opportunities and challenges before us with confidence—not because everything will always go according to plan, but because the One in whom we are rooted remains faithful.

In Christ,
Pastor Schultz



So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

Colossians 2:6-7

Upcoming Dates

Monday, August 31
First Day for Students

Friday, September 4
No School—Labor Day
Weekend

Monday, September 7
No School—Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9
Picture Day

Friday, September 11
No Preschool Enrichment Friday

Sunday, September 13
All School Sing
10:30 am Church Service

Friday, September 25
PTLS Fall Gala

October 15 –16
No School
Full Days for Staff (PD)

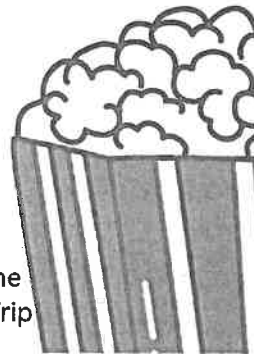
Thursday, October 29
Early Release @ 11 am
P/T Conferences through 7 pm

Friday, October 30
No School
Half Day for Staff (Records)



September 18th

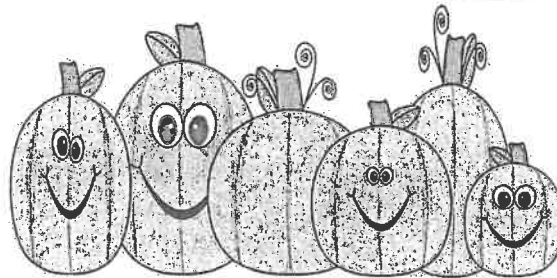
All money goes towards the
8th grade Washington D.C. Trip



RUN CLUB

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 15th

For Grades 3rd - 8th will
be held every Tuesday
and Thursday from
2:30 - 3:15 pm



PTLS News and Events

First meeting will be Tuesday,
September 22nd in the school
library at 5 pm. Child care is
available on site.



September Chapel Offerings to benefit: World Vision

September Birthdays

9/1	Briley Witt	9/4	Rory Hentkowski	9/5	Ella Papineau
9/11	Evan Repke	9/12	Myles Lamp	9/15	Sevi MacNeill
9/20	Luciana Makowske	9/22	Emily Smith	9/22	Ember Trevino
9/22	River Trevino	9/23	Micah Schultz	9/28	Luke Arsenault
9/29	Bodie Bernicki				

Sunday School (3 years – 8th grade)
meets every Sunday at 9am
Youth Group (7th grade and Up) meets
every Thursday at 6pm beginning in
September

SEPTEMBER 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Usher/Service Schedule

Wk	Date / Service	Lay Minister	Head Usher	Ushers	Acolytes
1	September 5 & 6 6:30 pm	RICK YERKS	_____	WAYNE KOWALSKI, JERRY PLOHOCKY, EVAN KOWALSKI, NICK THIBAUT	JOSSLYN SCOTT, JAZMIN KOLNOWSKI
	8:00 am	BRIAN GLENNIE	ART PAHLKOTTER	TOM LUDWIG, TOM KINDT, CLAYTON VANWAGONER	OWEN MILLER, ANNA SCHULTZ
	10:30 am	MATTHEW STEVENS	KURT KRAJNIAK	ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI, MARTY SOMMERFELD, BRANDON NEUMANN	SKYLAR TORSCH, JACKSON SCHAEIDIG
2	September 12 & 13 6:30 pm	DALE PARRIS	_____	DAVID BAUER, DALE BURT, STANLEY KRENTZ, FRED STERNS, EVAN REPKE	RORY CUMMINS, JACKSON SCHAEIDIG
	8:00 am	JERRY NEUMANN	_____	MERTON GABARA, DAVE DICKINS, TOM GERSZEWSKI	OWEN MILLER
	10:30 am	BRIAN GLENNIE	PAUL KARSTEN	DARWIN GRABOW, TOM GRUBAUGH, KARL LARSEN, JIM COMPEAU	MERIDEL STEVENS, ANNA SCHULTZ
3	September 19 & 20 6:30 pm	RICK YERKS	TERRY CLUTE	NOLAN PARRIS, NATHAN PARRIS, KENTON PARRIS, RODNEY CROW, LANDEN MALE-KING, REMINGTON GAGNON, CHRIS GAGNON	TBD
	8:00 am	DALE PARRIS	DALE PARRIS	ART HOCH, DOUG HUITING, JIM KINDT, JOHN MALE	TBD
	10:30 am	MARK PULS	_____	JERRY NEUMANN, MATTHEW STEVENS, ADAM SZYDLOWSKI, TOM THORNTON	TBD
4	September 26 & 27 6:30 pm	JIM VANWAGNEN	_____	DALE KRENTZ, RICK YERKS, DAVE LAMARRE, KEN KRENTZ	TBD
	8:00 am	TOM KRIST	_____	ADAM HARDIES, JUSTIN KARSTEN, JON KINDT	TBD
	10:30 am	JIM GRULKE	BRIAN GLENNIE	GARY GERKE, CRAIG VINING, MASON DONAJKOWSKI, STEVE DONAJKOWSKI	TBD
Greeter & Welcome Center					
Wk	1 September	5 & 6	Janet Winfield	Bob & Barb Raniszewski	Anne Lewandowski, Bev Hiske
2	12 & 13		Pat Lafleur	Bobbi Cornell	Carol Schuetz, Elaine Pearcey
3	19 & 20		Marilyn Clute	Lisa Kendziorzski	Darlene Sommerfeld & Carol Boyd
4	26 & 27		Adeline Krentz	Pat Glomski	Ruth Thiem, Karen Cirulis
Serving the Lord with Gladness					
Finance: Bobbie Cornell Altar Guild: Shelley Tuuri, Mert & Cindy Gabara Flower Committee: Elaine Miller 989-356-3806 Mary Vining 989-464-5493 Marlene Long, Janet Schaedig, Bulletin Folders Art & Lorie Pahlkötter					

2026 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8AM Communion Service Sunday School Registration after service 9:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School Registration after service 2PM Turning Brook	Labor Day Church Office Closed	8:30AM Quilters Guild 10AM Circuit Pastor Conference at Rogers City	8:15AM ILS Chapel Sanctuary 5PM SS Teacher Training 6:30PM Orientation 6-8 grades Confirmation Classes	8:30AM Quilters Guild 11AM Prayer Circle (Library) 4:30PM Fowler Service 6PM Youth Group-Arzo Park 6:30PM Close the Back Door 7PM Al-Anon(Adult Ed)	12PM Just for Widows Picnic Starlite Beach	6:30PM Worship Service Sunday School Registration after service
Grandparents Day 8AM Worship Service 9AM Sunday School Rally 9:15AM Adult Bible Study 9:15AM Teenager Bible Study 10:30AM Communion Service 2PM Turning Brook	7AM Early Bird Bible Study 9:30AM Social Ministry Meeting 5PM Grief Share (Library) 6PM Fall Adult Inquirer's Class 6PM LWML Evening Mission	8:30AM Quilters Guild 6PM Parish Planning Mtg. 7PM Condo Mtg. (Adult-Ed)	8:15AM ILS Chapel Sanctuary 6:30PM 6-8 grades Confirmation Classes	8:30AM Quilters Guild 11AM Prayer Circle (Library) 2PM Bible Study 4:30PM Fowler Service 5:30PM Adult Choir 6PM Youth Group 6:30PM Close the Back Door 7PM Al-Anon (Adult Ed)	5:30PM Paquette Lewandowski Rehearsal	2PM Paquette-Lewandowski Wedding 6:30PM Worship Service
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