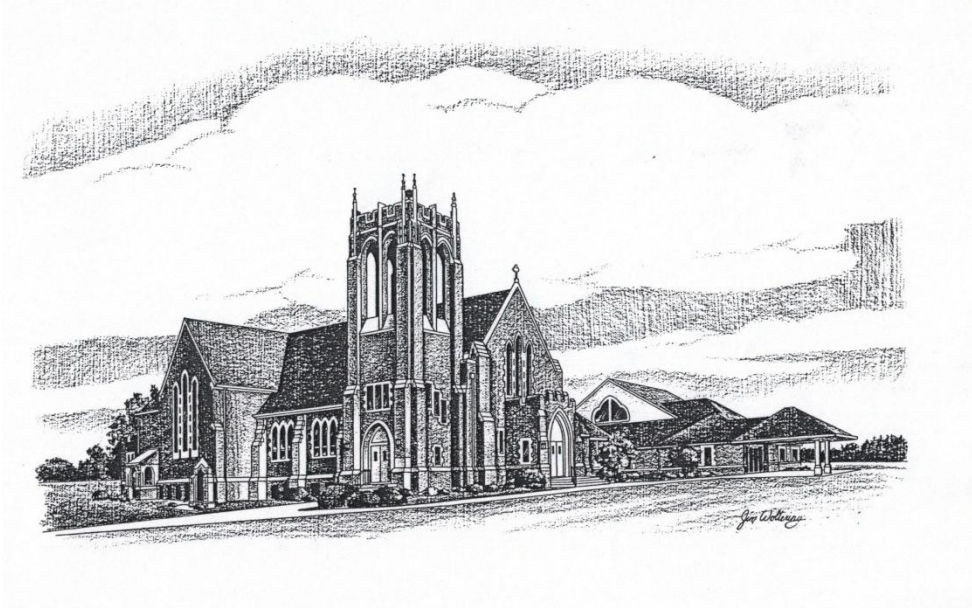


# Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 2025



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -  
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

# Pentecost

November 16, 2025

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Rev Charles Kuhl, em

### Director of Music

Barbara Bleck

### Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

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and RADIO – 103.7 FM

### Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

### WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

... In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

### Psalm 26:8

*...O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.*

### HELP NEEDED

...The LWML is currently asking for donations of standard size, darker colored bath towels to complete hygiene kits. Please leave donations in the box outside the church office. Thank you!

### SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

...Christ the King gym will be a new vendor location for this year's Spirit of Christmas event in Sebewaing! There are still vendor spots available. Please contact Gayle Genow to reserve your space 989-551-8542. Make sure to check out the cafeteria for lunch! CTK's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will have a concession stand available with dine-in and take-out of hot soups, hot dogs, brats, chips, water, pop, and candy bars to help support their Washington D.C. trip.

### VOTERS MEETING

...The next Immanuel Lutheran Church Voters' Meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:30pm in the great room.

### COOKBOOK

...Stewardship is asking for MORE recipes! We currently have 175 and need 350 to make a book. If you have past Immanuel Cookbooks and want to re-share some of those favorite recipes we would love to include them too. Recipes can be written on the blue insert in this bulletin or any other paper, typed or emailed to [church@ilcmi.org](mailto:church@ilcmi.org). Thank you for helping make our next cookbook.

### BAKERS OF IMMANUEL

...Would you be willing to share some of your favorite Christmas cookies for the Cookie Walk on November 22? You can drop them off in the great room on Friday, November 21 or bring them to the Sebewaing Township Hall on Saturday, November 22 at 9:00am. Thank you! – Mary Martha Guild

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **+ SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, and Rick Chambers.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

...Sunday, November 9, 2025; 9:00 – 186; Monday, 6:30 – 42

### **LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "The Name on the Front" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God. (Romans 12:5-6)

# **School News**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...CTK "B" basketball will play at Frankentrost on Monday, November 17 at 4:45, and will host St. Paul, Lapeer on Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00. The girls' team will play first, followed by the boys' game. Go Knights!

...Thank you to all the veterans and guests who attended our Veterans Day program. We greatly appreciate you sharing your personal stories. Thank you for your service!

...Our 7th & 8th graders will be having a concession stand during the Spirit of Christmas event, in the Sebewaing cafeteria on November 22, beginning at 10. Proceeds will go to help cover the cost of their DC trip.

...The 5th graders will be having a Crumbl style Cookie and whipped hot chocolate sale, at the Countryside Auto Value store on M-25, from 10am-3pm (or until sold out) on November 22. Proceeds from their fundraiser will go towards their Camp Howell trip.

...CTK's Lutheran Junior Honor Association students will be offering free face painting during the Spirit of Christmas event in the Sebewaing cafeteria.

...CTK's Crochet Club will have a table in the Sebewaing cafeteria with handmade crochet projects for sale. Stop by to check out what they've learned to make!

...Thank you to the trustees at both Immanuel and St. Paul. They are great at handling all the random things that happen during the year. We are blessed and grateful to have their help!

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## November 16 – November 23

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room <b>WORSHIP/Communion</b> Sunday School & Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM <b>6:30 PM</b> 7:30 PM	Finance <b>WORSHIP/Communion</b> <b>VOTERS' MEETING</b>
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Quilters Christ's Messengers Public School Confirmation Class Board of Education
WEDNESDAY:	8:05 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Chapel Adult Bible Class Newsletter Deadline Glory Ringers Adoration Choir
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
SATURDAY:	10:00 AM	Spirit of Christmas in CTK gym and cafeteria
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room <b>WORSHIP/Communion</b> Sunday School & Bible Study

### SERVING NEXT WEEK (NOVEMBER 23)

Elders: 9:00-Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl  
Acolytes: 9:00-Addison Kelly & Reed Werschky  
Greeters: 9:00-Sandy Marxhausen & Chris Walz  
Scrip: 9:00-Kari Stecker  
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 4: Mike Walz, Brent Vogel, Adam Vogel, Craig Rieman, Loren Kunisch, Jeff Williamson, Isaiah Williamson, Pat Stecker, John Kemp, Jim Bratton, Greg Eremia

Online giving with Vanco





Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

# Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

9:00 am

## Divine Service 1

### *Announcements*

Opening Hymn – *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

LSB 355

### Divine Service 1

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#### Introit

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.  
I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

#### Kyrie

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This Is the Feast - Sam Sting, timpani (CTK 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

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#### Salutation and Collect

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading – *Malachi 4:1-6*

### The Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

### The Epistle – *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Alleluia & Verse

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### The Gospel – *Luke 21:5-28*

Hymn – *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

**LSB 508**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering – *He's Risen, He's Risen* – Sam Sting, timpani

Offertory

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## Communion Liturgy

### Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

**LSB 670**

*Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*

**LSB 676**

*I Am Trusting Thee, Lod Jesus*

**LSB 729**

Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

**LSB 516**

### Who Should Commune?

In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

## Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

## Luke 21:5-28

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup>“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will

be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
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**Our Congregation at Prayer**  
**Daily Scripture and Prayer**  
**To be Used in the Home**  
**Getting Ready for Proper 29 C**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: Amid our sins there is nothing we can do to make them up before God. Like the criminal on the cross we plead for mercy and we are given Jesus.

*The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).*

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

*Psalm 134; ant Psalm 33.8*

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

*Revelation 7.14b, Psalm 84.5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

The Psalm for Proper 29 C may be read (Psalm 46) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	110	62	13	96	116	85	61
Evening	66; 23	73; 8	36; 5	132; 134	26; 130	25; 40	138; 98

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

November 16	Jeremiah 31.1-17, 23-34 (Rev 16.1-21)	Matthew 27.1-10
November 17	Jeremiah 33.1-22 (Jer 34.1-36.32; 45.1-51.56)	Matthew 27.11-32
November 18	Jeremiah 37.1-21 (Rev 17.1-18)	Matthew 27.33-56
November 19	Jeremiah 38.1-28 (Jer 39.1-44.30)	Matthew 27.57-66
November 20	Daniel 1.1-21	Matthew 28.1-20
November 21	Daniel 2.1-23	Revelation 18.1-24
November 22	Daniel 2.24-49	Revelation 19.1-21

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.13-18**

How have the people spoken against God?

What is the distinction between the righteous and the wicked?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Colossians 1.13-20**

How do we have redemption in Christ?

What is so special about Jesus?

Why is it so important that Jesus is true God and true man?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 23.27-43**

What is Jesus talking about with mountains falling and the barren being blessed?

Why do the soldiers mock Jesus?

What does Jesus say to the repentant criminal? Why?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

### **The Apostles' Creed Continued**

#### **The Second Article**

##### *Redemption*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

##### *What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

# Give as you are Blessed



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## Love Prompts Giving

Giving is a natural expression of love. If we dearly love and give ourselves to others, we will do everything possible not to forget occasions or opportunities to share with those individuals. Loving spouses show their love for one another without any limitation or constraint. The young man who loves his girlfriend never thinks he has given enough to her. Parents who love their children will give whatever they can to contribute to their well-being. Followers of Christ who love Him know no limits to their giving. Thus, we joyfully give to God our hearts as well as our money. Since our hearts are opened by the Holy Spirit, we will grow spiritually and desire to give.



God is concerned with more than the giver's gift. He is more concerned with the love of the giver. We are to give because we love the one to whom we give. Paul wrote about the importance of love in 1 Corinthians 13:3: *"If I give all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing."* We need to monitor our motives for giving. Is it recognition we seek? Are we giving for tax reasons? Are we giving to fulfill an obligation or to "pay a pledge"? Do we hope to earn God's favor with our giving? Giving is intimately connected with the conditions of our spiritual lives. In the story of the poor widow (Luke 21:1-4), the widow gave all that she had out of love for and trust in Jesus, whereas the wealthy gave their leftovers in a very public display to receive undue recognition.

We place our money in the offering plate as an act of worship. We are not just giving money; we are witnessing to our faith in God. We are agreeing with God that He can take care of us, that He will not let us flounder on our own, but that He will always be with us to provide for our needs. Our giving is a way to show our appreciation to God for the greatest gift of all—our redemption.

**Blessings on your Stewardship Journey!**



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## My Commitment for the Lord

- ☐ After prayerful consideration of how the Lord has blessed me/us, I/we will increase the portion that I/we give by \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my/our income
- ☐ I/we will begin tithing, giving 10% of my/our income to the Lord
- ☐ I (we) already tithe (10%). I (we) will surpass my/our tithe by \_\_\_\_\_ %
- ☐ I/we currently give through an automatic electronic process such as Vanco Giving or my bank and will continue to do so
- ☐ I/we will begin giving through an automatic electronic process such as Vanco Giving or my bank

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

*"Give...according to the blessing of the Lord..." (Deuteronomy 16:17).*



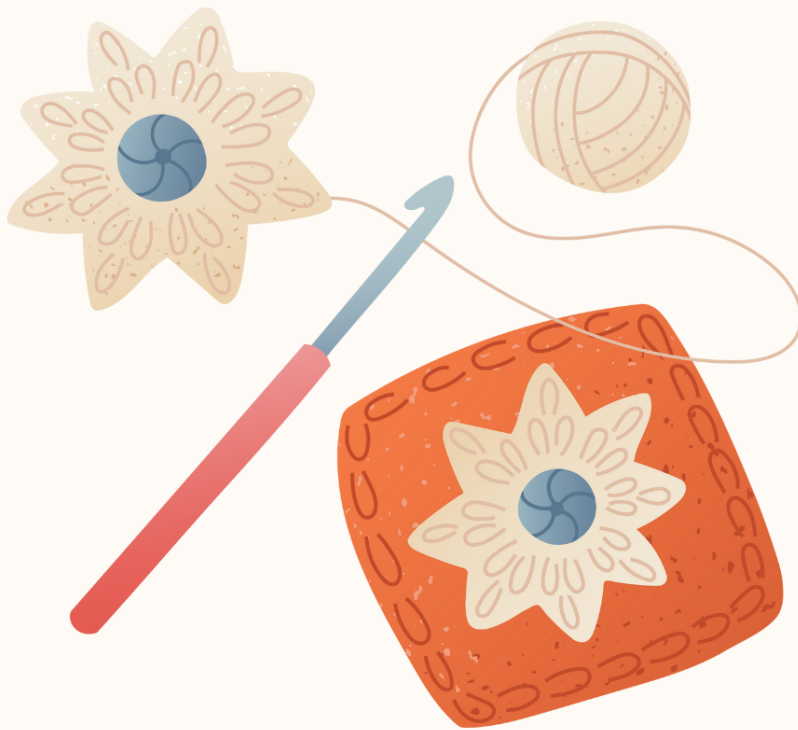
CTK LUTHERAN JUNIOR HONORS  
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# FREE FACE PAINTING

November 22, 2025  
Sebewaing Spirit of Christmas  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
CTK Gym

This is a FREE  
event! Everyone is  
welcome!

# CTK'S CROCHET CLUB PRESENTS **PROJECTS FOR SALE!**



NOVEMBER  
22ND  
10AM-3PM  
CTK GYM

THE LADIES HAVE BEEN WORKING  
HARD AND ARE EXCITED TO SHOWCASE  
THEIR WORK! PLEASE SWING ON IN TO  
SEE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING!

CTK'S 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTS...  
**CRUMBL STYLE COOKIES &  
WHIPPED HOT CHOCOLATE!**

**November 22, 2025 During Sebewaing's**

**Spirit of Christmas**

**10am-3pm (or until sold out)**

**Countryside Auto Value on M-25**

WARNING: Not your average Cookie  
Make sure you bring your sweet tooth,  
because these cookies are  
big and they will go fast!!

All Proceeds will Go towards  
5th Grade's Camp Howell Trip





**We Need Your Help!**

## **We Want To Publish Your Favorite Recipes!**

The Stewardship Board is collecting favorite recipes from our congregation to be published in Immanuel's next cookbook!

**Please send us 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes as soon as possible!**

Just neatly print or type your favorite recipe on the back of this recipe form (please use the easy-to-follow format). If you need extra copies of the form, stop by the church office or ask a Stewardship member. Be sure to put a title on your recipe. Use only one recipe per form.

Please return your recipes to the Stewardship Board via the church office or Stewardship mailbox...we need 175 more!

**These cookbooks make great gifts since they'll have your own recipes in it!**

Your friends and family will especially enjoy it...it will be a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Send in your favorite recipes, whether it is a dessert, salad, vegetable or main course. Also include recipes for the Blackstone, air fryer, crockpot, instapot and canning!

Money raised from cookbook sales will benefit the church and school kitchens.

*(Please TYPE or PRINT only one recipe per page)*

Recipe Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ingredients:**

*Recommended Abbreviations: c, tsp, Tbsp, pkg, qt, pt*

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### **Directions:**

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Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_



# Christmas Concert

*Featuring...*

*David Schnitker, Gabi Reinbold  
and Immanuel's Christ's Messengers*

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Sebewaing, MI

**December 7th, 2025  
2:00pm**

Public welcome!