



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

October 2023

Mission Statement of Immanuel Church

To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world.

Welcome to Immanuel Church!

We at Immanuel are on a joyful journey – with Jesus – to disclose His presence in the world and His love for all people. With Humility, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of their relationship with Jesus, and even if they doubt His reality. And we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of race, culture, age, sexual orientation, family status, or the brokenness of their lives. On this journey there are no judgments – just Jesus. Whoever you are, **you are welcome** to join us!

If you desire information about becoming more involved in Immanuel Church, please contact Rev. Rich Vincent pastor@immanuelwestbend.org or Jenny Landowski director@immanuelwestbend.org or leave a message at the church office (262) 334-2886

CELEBRATING JOYFUL JOURNEYS INDIA

Beginning Wednesday, October 4th
through Sunday, October 15th,
you are invited to join us

for the numerous opportunities
to celebrate Immanuel's India Ministry
as we welcome

Novahu, Manjula, and Shekinah Valluri!

Don't miss out,
see details inside our Journey Connection.

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

I am so excited that the visit of the Valluri family is right around the corner. It will be such a joy to personally interact with Novahu, Manjula, and Shekinah again. We have filled their schedule with opportunities to interact with our congregation. I certainly hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and show our guests and fellow co-workers in the gospel warm and generous hospitality. May God richly bless their time with us and our time with them.

We are almost halfway through our Fall Series, “More Than Money: Stewardship as a Way of Life.” It has been a joy to highlight the many gifts God has entrusted to us. The gifts we are given are multiplied when they are shared. Even more, God has granted us these gifts that we might steward them in a way that expresses love to God and to others. Our joy is expanded when shared, for we are made in the image of triune God who not only gives generously, but also dwells in the fullness of the mutual sharing of life as Father, Son, and Spirit. That’s why I love this quote by Orthodox scholar Kallistos Ware, “We become fully ourselves — fully human according to the divine image — only when living in and for others. We become human by sharing... The genuinely human person, faithful to the image of God the Trinity, is always the one who says, not ‘me’ but ‘us’, not ‘mine’, but ‘ours’. The prayer which the Son of God taught us begins ‘Our Father’, not ‘My Father’.”

Finally, in regard to a health update: My numbers continue to improve, and my strength and stamina continue to increase. At the time of writing this, I’ve just returned from bloodwork. However, the lab is running behind, so I won’t know these results before the printing of this Journey Connection, but I am confident that they will be good. I’ll let you know if it is otherwise.

It is a privilege and a joy to serve you and to share in the journey of faith with you. May God richly bless you this Fall Season.

Grace and peace,
Rich



On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Fall is officially here! It is my favorite season. I love the beautiful colors and cooler temperatures. It is a season of change. Change is inevitable in nature and our lives. Reflecting back on one of Pastor Rich's sermons in his series about Stewardship, I was drawn in by one of his reflections about Kairos- "Be" in the moment. In a world of constant change and movement, it is very difficult to "Be" in the moment. However, that is exactly what we are called to do. Slow down and be still. It seems as though everyone is so very busy, yet we are busy with what we choose to be busy with. How are we choosing to be busy with our time, talents, and treasure?

Stewardship often tends to be a rather uncomfortable topic. Most are okay with talking about how we are using our time and talents; however, when it comes to treasure talk that seems to make us uncomfortable. Thinking about preparing a budget to present for approval might be considered a daunting task. But, why are we uncomfortable? For we are told that God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

I invite you to take some time to be in the moment this month and beyond. Take some time to think about how you are using your time, talent, and treasure. Think about our church and how important our church family is in your life. Please remember that our church is SO much more than Sunday mornings. Of course gathering together on Sunday morning is a big part, but so many wonderful things are going on throughout the week that many of us are not even aware of. All of this is making a difference in so many ways and in so many lives! As I have said before, I am so proud to be a part of such an amazing group! I hope you are too! Continuing shining God's love to the world, believe that we are making a difference, because we are!

Blessings,
Amy

Financial Secretary...

Deuteronomy 16:17 *All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

As I have pondered the various aspects of stewardship and what Pastor Rich has said in his September sermons regarding stewardship, I thought of my discernment process about going to seminary and how that process guided me, not to seminary, but to a life of being a steward.

Part of my process included attending workshops on assorted topics including stewardship at national and regional UCC gatherings and participating in the WI Conference UCC Lay Academy Program. I learned how to become one with God and found a purpose for my life by answering the questions, "What are my God given gifts?" and "What is at the center of my being which gives meaning to my life?" I learned that stewardship is being called or charged by God to be a caretaker or steward of all of creation and to use my God given gifts, time, talents, treasures, and faith. Over the years, this has compelled me to use my faith and gift of time volunteering in the churches I have been a member of as well as the SE Association of the WI Conference, by using my various talents, especially my proficiency in math, i.e., accounting and finance.

I have also learned to thank God for all the gifts He has given me, as well as to share them thankfully.

Blessings,
Karen

THANK YOU to the members and friends of Immanuel church who, this past summer, shared their time and talents assisting with the fund-raising efforts during Music on Main and the Farmers Market as well as enjoying the food. It provided a boost to Immanuel's and the India ministries coffers. As did the donation from the West Bend Downtown Business Association for use of our parking lot each week for Music on Main.

Immanuel UCC 2023 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$431,868

Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel's local ministries mission of:

- providing meaningful life changing worship
- nurturing persons in their faith journey
- witnessing to our faith in service beyond ourselves

Just a reminder, when writing checks to Immanuel and Joyful Journeys please write two separate checks as this makes it easier to account for what is designated for Immanuel and what is for Joyful Journeys. Also, you can make on-line donations separately to Immanuel and Joyful Journeys via each of their websites as noted below under the Online Giving topic.

If you have any questions regarding Immanuel finances or would like to discuss your giving, please note my regular office hours are on Tuesdays from 9am-3pm. You can also reach me via my email, finance@immanuelwestbend.org or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886. I welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

August 2023 Monthly Finance Report

	Month	YTD
Total Income	\$29,910.11	\$267,313.68
Total Expenses	<u>\$30,763.23</u>	<u>\$283,774.51</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ - 853.12 Deficit	\$-16,460.83 Deficit

Online Giving

In case you didn't already know, both Immanuel United Church of Christ and Joyful Journeys, Inc. have the capability to receive online donations. You can set-up payment via ACH from your checking account or use a credit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit card there is a small fee of about 3.1% which the service provider reduces the amount we receive. Instructions are below:

Online Services: *immanuelwestbend.org* or *joyfuljourneys-inc.org*

To set up regular or individual electronic donations for IMMANUEL, visit *immanuelwestbend.org*

- Click on Donate Online to get to the secure Vanco payment site

To set up regular or individual electronic donations for JOYFUL JOURNEYS, visit *joyfuljourneys-inc.org*

- Click on "DONATE", then scroll down to "Click Here to Donate Securely Through Vanco"

To view your contributions, visit *immanuelwestbend.org*

- Click on Member Portal drop down
- Log in with your FAMILY email and password (may differ from a family member's individual password)
- Once in the Member Portal, choose the Giving History tab
- Select the Detail tab to see a list of your donations

A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR...

Before It's Time To Go To Bed by Annette Wynne

*Before it's time to go to bed, Let's have a feast," October said,
"Let's call our family all together, And celebrate this pleasant weather";
Then every leaf put on her best, And each small shrub most richly dressed,
In red and gold and orange, too, And many another party hue.
The party lasted day and night, Until the leaves were tired quite,
"O Mother Dear," at last each said, "It's time for us to go to bed;
Dear Mother Tree, good-night to you!" Then loosed her hand and off it flew,
and every little sleepy head, soon settled in the garden bed,
And dreamed the dreams that flowers do, and slept and slept the winter through.*

It's never too late to join one of Immanuel's choirs or offer a Ministry of Music as a soloist!

Interested? Don't hesitate to contact me! Tuesday's evenings are all about music at Immanuel!

Here's what's happening:

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble
6:00pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir

Beverly Mark
920-242-7318

bevbeemark@gmail.com



Property Update...

We had another relatively quiet month, no major issues. We installed blinds on the windows in the handbell and the room directly off the sanctuary. This will help reduce the summer heat that builds up in those two rooms.

In the coming months we will naturally have our normal preventative maintenance done on our heating systems, along with our elevator and sprinkler system.

Thank you,

Immanuel Property Team



J.A.M. Time* 2023-2024

Unit 2: Esther



Who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time as this? Esther 4:14

October 1: NO JAM TIME – Family Worship

October 8: Last week of Abraham

October 15: India Sunday

October 22

Cuttin' & Struttin – The Queen's Scepter

Kickin' Kitchen – Edible Crown

October 29: Pleasin' Plots – Skit/Melodrama

Coming up!

November: Thanksgiving Outreach with Confirmation & Shine

December: Advent/Shepherds

Thank you to all of our Unit 1 volunteers for sharing your passion and time with us! We had so much fun learning about the story of Abraham from you!

Want to join in on all the fun, or just see what the BIG deal is all about downstairs? Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Mitch Schleif for more information. Come join the fun!

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at

Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org

262-334-2886 ext. 104

414-491-5057

***Jesus and Me Time** – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children age three through 6th grade.

JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room downstairs.

Confirmation

The first couple weeks of Confirmation has been going well. Here are our three Confirmands so you can put the name to the face!

Maggie House



Austin Ratzburg



Zach Tanner



Please continue to keep these three confirmands and their families in your prayers as they start on this next chapter of their Faith journey!

Johanna Landowski

Church (262) 334-2886 Cell (262) 353-2739

confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org



Open to anyone in grades 9-12 who's interested in laughter, forming supportive friendships, and exploring how on earth having a faith-filled life might look. We meet from 10:30-11:30 on Sunday mornings in the room with all the couches at the bottom of the stairs by the elevator. We welcome visitors and new friends!

October 1: Family Worship Sunday- go to church!

October 8: SHINE meets

October 15: India Sunday with JAM Time and Confirmation

October 22: SHINE meets

October 29: SHINE meets

If you have any questions, please let Elise know!

shine@immanuelwestbend.org

(262) 343-1149

YOUTH GROUP
FALL EVENTS

Save the Dates

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
NOON-1PM~
RALLY SUNDAE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH
6:30PM-9PM~
REAL LIFE CLUE GAME

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
8:30AM-NOON~
FALL CLEANUP

See you there!

Youth Group
End of the year Event

Save the Date

Friday November 24th
4:30pm-9:15pm
~ Enchantment in the Park

Saturday December 23rd
6:45am-10:15am
~Mr. Bob's under the bridge

See you there!

If you are interested in helping with Chaperoning youth activities, feel free to contact me at church. Johanna Landowski
youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org

F.I.J.
Families Interacting Together!

JOIN US FOR OUR FIT FAMILY FALL FEST

WHEN: OCTOBER 22 AFTER SECOND SERVICE
WHAT: LUNCH AND FALL ACTIVITIES
WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL (DOWNSTAIRS)

FIT IS A MINISTRY TO OFFER FAMILIES ADDITIONAL TIME TO INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES. THIS HELPS THE KIDS TO BUILD BETTER BONDS WITH THEIR CHURCH FAMILY AND GIVES FAMILIES MORE TIME TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH SOME FUN FALL THEMED ACTIVITIES. **COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!** PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE. IF INTERESTED YOU MAY ALSO SIGN UP TO BRING SOME SIDES OR ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER OR LIZ WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
JENNIFER SCHLEIF 414-248-9353 OR JSBSCHLEIF@GMAIL.COM
LIZ RATZBURG 262-483-6183 OR ERATZ217@GMAIL.COM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

India Gala Virtual Silent Auction

Details for the Virtual Silent Auction!

Here's how it works...

~Access the Online Silent Auction through this link:

<https://www.32auctions.com/IndiaGala2022>

(Items can be viewed without setting up an account)

~Auction will "go live" at noon on Sunday, October 1st, 2023

~If you want to bid on items, follow the simple instructions on the auction site to set up an account

~People who are bidding will be notified via email if they have been outbid on an item of interest

~Auction will conclude at 9:00am on Saturday, October 7th

~Winners will be notified via email

~Items can be paid for by (cash, check or credit card) and picked up at Immanuel Church starting Sunday, October 8th following Worship Services or throughout the week, Monday-Thursday between 9:30am-3:00pm

~100% of profits benefit Joyful Journeys India Ministries

In Kindness donations can be made on or before October 7th, 2023

Give securely online through our website

Or checks made out to Joyful Journeys India can be sent to Immanuel UCC, 501 Walnut Street, West Bend WI 53095



As we look to the 2023 Gala as a way to support Immanuel's India Ministry, our focus this year is "celebrating how far we've come and maintaining the good works that are being done"!

Our history “in a nutshell”...

In 2005, Immanuel Church, as a whole, agreed to financially support Novahu Valluri and his family as they began their mission of ministering and educating the poorest of the poor in the village of Madhavapatnam...we began with a one room school house, 5 students and the desire to shine the light of Christ in this area. Within 1 year, enrollment was up to 35 children... Shortly after that first year, Joyful Journeys, Incorporated, a 501(c)3 organization was established by Immanuel Church as a way to help support and sustain the growth of our church’s ministry.



Other ministries that started early on were the Cutting & Tailoring Centers teaching women a trade, Joful Journey Hostel for orphans , and a Lunch Bunch program to feed hungry students.



The first of many major expansions within the ministry was the purchase of a building to accommodate Marshall School and the now 60 students enrolled. This structure was bought for \$6,000 by Immanuel Church. The second expansion, also made that year, was the purchase of a building to house Novahu and his family as well as serve as the JJ Hostel.

Members of Immanuel raised \$13,000 for that purchase



Over the next several years through the continued generosity of our Immanuel Church family and friends, additions were made to Marshall School to accommodate the ever growing number of students. A larger home was built for the Valluri family and hostel children, with the main floor being utilized for the Cutting and Tailoring program, school assemblies and weekly worship.



In 2014, through personal support and fundraising at Immanuel Church, Terri's Dining Hall was built, providing an area for students and hostel children to eat, and Bill's Light Center for Computer Training was constructed offering both students and adults a space to learn technological skills.



That same year, through the combined efforts of Immanuel Church along with the Kakinada and West Bend Rotary Clubs, Lora's Living Water, a water filtration system, was installed serving students and community members clean drinking water.



Other ministries that Joyful Journeys maintains are the House Pastor program which equips and supports individuals in sharing the Gospel within neighboring villages, and Oma's Oldsters, a fund that offers assistance with necessities to seniors in the community.



With money raised through Immanuel's India Gala, the latest additions to the Marshall School were added in 2017 offering space for a science lab, a library and the 450 students that attend there. The Landowgals Fashion Technology and Computer Training Institute was also completed; this new structure gives impoverished women a place to come to learn skills and build self confidence.



Through the sheer generosity of one donor, a school bus was purchased in 2019. This gift opened doors for impoverished children from neighboring communities to attend Marshall School in addition to transporting the students in the village of Madhavapatnam.



Following a Mission Trip to India in 2020, a passionate supporter of JJM initiated the expansion of the Joyful Journeys Hostel with the building of a separate Boys Dorm. Donations made outside of normal pledges provided sufficient funding to offer these children a more spacious place to call home.



After needing to scrap vehicles that were purchased in the earlier stages of this ministry, a request for a van to help transport the hostel children as well as to be used in for daily marketing was made. In 2022 a Memorial Fund was established in honor of Joyful Journeys Board member, Big Bob; through the outpouring of donations a Mini Bus was purchased.



**Immanuel ~ God with us; working in and through our members
to empower and care for the less fortunate.
We have so much to celebrate; join us on our journey!**



Unable to attend the India Gala? There are still ways to support the event and the ministry it impacts. Prayers for its success are certainly appreciated as are "In Kindness" donations. The money generated from both the Gala and Silent Auction help to enable us to continue the good works being done in the village of Madhavapatnam and beyond; together we are making a positive difference.

SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals is an eclectic group of women who share a common thread of growing together in faith and love through books studies, video discussions and prayer.

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00am-11:30am.

The current book we are studying is

The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society by Henri J.M. Nouwen

**On Thursday, October 12th, we will be hosting special guests
Novahu, Manjula, and Shekinah Valluri
for Discussion and Tea!**

**You don't have to be a "SonShine Gal" to attend,
all are welcome to this event!**

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us,
please contact Jenny Landowski



Wise Guys October Meeting

Wise Guys will not be meeting for its regular scheduled time on the 3rd Thursday of the month in October,
but rather **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm.**

**Special guest speaker, Rev. Novahu Valluri,
will be joining the group that night to share how
Joyful Journeys India Ministry is impacting the
village of Madhavapatnam.**



Not a regular attender of Wise Guys??

No worries, this dinner and
discussion is open to all interested men; friends are welcome too!

Please sign up on the designated sheet at church or
contact Johanna in the Main Office for assistance and details. 262-334-2886

Health and Wellness Ministry

Do you work in the Healthcare Field? Do you have a heart for wellness? If yes, consider joining our newly evolving team of individuals who share your passion as they consider different ways of highlighting health and wellness here at Immanuel Church.

Contact Jenny Landowski at director@immanuelwestbend.org for more information.



RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS (formally known as SCRIP)

Raise Right Gift Card sales benefit our Joyful Journeys Ministries; members of the India Task Force will have cards on hand on Sunday mornings; you can find them seated at the table across from the church mailboxes. They can also take your special orders; forms can be found in mailbox # 79. Completed forms with payment made out to Joyful Journeys can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or brought into the main office Monday thru Thursday between 9am-3pm.

Orders this month will be called in on **Monday, October 30th.**



RaiseRight™



Walgreens

Pick n Save

Sendik's
FOOD MARKET



Kwik
TRIP

Walmart 

meijer

Full Shelf Pantry

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever.*

John 14:16

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry
throughout the month of October, we will be collecting
Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper



12 count egg cartons are needed on a monthly basis

Items can be placed in the bins outside the main office, or
cash/checks (payable to Immanuel) can be put in your giving envelope
with notation designated to Food Pantry.

Any questions see Jenny or Johanna Landowski

Sport your Support = CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

Let's get people talking about the **Shine Brite's** wearing **Green Shirts**!!

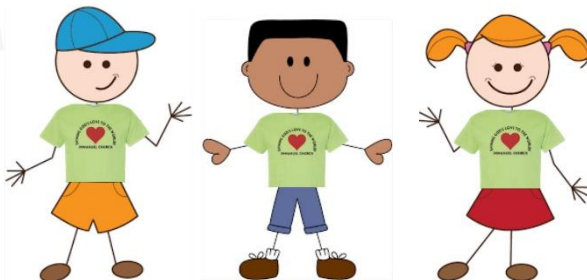
Wear your **Immanuel** ❤️ **T-shirt** while you're out and about,
get a picture of yourself so we can tell where you wore it,
send it to Johanna office@immanuelwestbend.org
and your name will be entered in our Gift Card Drawing!

- ~ Photos must be received by October 15th.
- ~ Pictures **cannot** be from a church function.

Don't have a shirt yet? It's not too late to purchase one!
Contact Johanna in the Main Office and she'll help you
"Sport your Support" for Immanuel Church!

office@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886

Adult Shirts - \$15 Children Shirts - \$10



Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This year, Neighbors in Need continues their **“BEHOLD”** theme. Their focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, Electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet.

Artist: Alexis
Age: 15
Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

Support for Neighbors in Need can be put in the designated envelopes outside the main office or included with your regular offering, noted under UCC Missions. You can also securely give through our website, designating it to Our Church’s Wider Mission:

<https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/> or

directly through the UCC website:

<https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>



*“God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good.”*

Genesis 1:31

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2023
ucc.org/nin

Offering Altar

The Offering Altar is located in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. On it you will find the Giving Church; monetary donations can be slipped in through the slit on top. There is also information about Immanuel Church and its ministries along with additional contribution envelopes. If you are a visitor and would like us to contact you, please fill out the information form and drop it in the Giving Church and be sure to help yourself to a welcome packet. Also available on the Offering Altar are Prayer Request forms; prayers dropped into the Giving Church will be shared with the SonShine Gals during communal prayer time. If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org



~Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

An outreach ministry founded and operated
by members of Immanuel Church.

OUR MISSION: *to establish and or operate programs and facilities that will assist impoverished and needy people whose lives are challenged by current life circumstances, by helping to provide for their immediate basic needs and to bring them hope and promise for a brighter future.*

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

INDIA NEWS



**Welcome Members of the Valluri Family...
Novahu, Manjula, and Shekinah!**



After 6 months of raising funds and making plans, we are excited to announce that Novahu, Manjula, and Shekinah Valluri will be coming to America for a visit, October 4th-16th! Thank you to all who so generously donated to their travel fund! Sadly, Karishma and her husband Praveen will not be able to join them on this trip; they will definitely be missed.

The last time they made the trip over was in 2018; so much has changed both here and in India since then, it will be wonderful to reconnect and catch up on things. They are looking forward to spending time with their Immanuel Church family as well as meeting new friends and supporters of Joyful Journeys Ministry.

We sincerely hope you will find a time to visit with the Valluri's and broaden your awareness of what Joyful Journeys is doing in India, as well as get better acquainted with those who run the ministry on the other end. Below are the different community gatherings that all may participate in; call Immanuel Church's Main Office for details and to find out about the individual house get togethers as well. 262-334-2886.

Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30pm

Welcome Pizza Party and Celebration Service

(Wear your Immanuel T-Shirts) ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Friday, October 6th at 6:00pm

18th India Gala (ticket required)

Sunday, October 8th at 9am and 10:30am

Worship Service w/ Q&A with Pastor Novahu

Monday, October 9th at 1:00pm

Presentation by Novahu at Cedar Ridge

Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm

Wise Guys Dinner and Discussion

Thursday, October 12th at 10:00am

Morning Tea with the SonShine Gals

Sunday, October 15th at 9am & 10:30am

Worship Service ~ Message by Pastor Novahu

We're counting on your help to shower them with love and hospitality.

Namaste',

Your India Task Force,

Mary Demmon, Joan Dobberstein, Julie Feit, Julie Glassman,
Olivia Gluck, Esther Kohler, Jenny Landowski, Johanna Landowski, Sophia
Landowski, John McCann, Laurie McCann, Jan Nesladek, Alan Nevala, Kaitlin
Petrin, Amy Schmitt, and Barb Seefeldt



Circle of Friends

Incredible...In September we served 67 individuals at our Circle of Friends Shoppe; last September we served 43 individuals! As always, your support within this ministry is greatly appreciated!!

Trick or Treat for Circle of Friends Shoppe

As "Trick or Treat" approaches and the thoughts of sweet treats and chewy candy fills the minds of many, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize that many of the families that come through the Circle of Friends Shoppe are in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

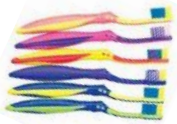
Please consider dropping off one or more of these items in the "Trick or Treat" bags hanging on the doors of Immanuel Staff Members.

If you have any questions, please see Jenny Landowski



Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

Don't forget we're always collecting donations for making hygiene packets. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion can be brought to Immanuel Church and dropped in the designated bin.



Tending the Flock



PLEASE KEEP OUR IMMANUEL CHURCH FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, SPECIFICALLY THOSE LISTED BELOW. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, OR WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER REQUESTS.

Yellow Roses:

Val Borresen, Ken Buchmeier, Sue Calhoun, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Karen Lewis, Judy Muelling, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Myrna Buchmeier, Terry Christie, Bruce Kapanke, Peggy Kaye, Ed Muelling, Jessica Rose, Fred Seefeldt, Julia Raad, Tom Wilson, Lynn Vegafria, and Pastor Rich.

Those of us who are suffering from depression and/or addiction:

Serving in the military:

Jackson Raad and his wife Carlyn Raad, Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David.

Continuing their education:

Brett Bartoszewicz, Abby Frederick, Claire Gustafson, Kendra Kapanke, Kailyn Komro, Even Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Elise Patten, Evan Patten, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, Adam Vincent, and Rebecca Kempfer-Witt.

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Family Loss

Pat Love – Sister-in-law Lela Keepers
Laurie McCann – Brother John Trimble

Prayer Requests

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~Philippians 4:6

If you have a special prayer that you would like lifted up on your behalf, feel free to fill out one of the Prayer Request forms located on the Offering Alter and deposit it into the Giving Church or email it to Jenny at

director@immanuelwestbend.org.

The SonShine Gals will respectfully include your joys and concerns within their prayers.





FAMILY WORSHIP &

Communion Sunday October 1st

9am and 10:30am Worship

10:30 Demmon Baptism

NO J.A.M. Time,

Confirmation & Shine

Monday October 2nd

3:30pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday October 3rd

1pm Staff meeting

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday October 4th

2:30pm PEO Book Club

5:30pm Valluri Pizza Party

7pm Welcome Worship Service

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday October 5th

1pm – 3pm COF Shoppe

Friday October 6th

6pm India Gala

Saturday October 7th

9am Gala Clean-up

10am–noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday October 8th

9:00 & 10:30am Q&A w/Novahu

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,

Confirmation, & Shine

Monday October 9th

1pm Boundaries

1pm India Presentation

at Cedar Ridge

Tuesday October 10th

3:15pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday October 11th

6pm Wise Guys w/Novahu

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday October 12th

10am SonShine Gals Tea

with Valluri's

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

Friday October 13th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday October 14th

10am India Task Force

Sunday October 15th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

Message by Novahu

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
Confirmation, & Shine with
Shekinah

Monday October 16th

SAFE TRAVELS VALLURI'S

Tuesday October 17th

1pm Staff meeting

7pm PEO

Wednesday October 18th

5pm-7pm COF Shoppe

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday October 19th

Friday October 20th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday October 21st

10am-noon COF Shoppe

Sunday October 22nd

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,

Confirmation, & Shine

12pm F.I.T. Fall Fest

Monday October 23rd

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday October 24th

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday October 25th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday October 26th

10am SonShine Gals

Friday October 27th

6:30 pm NA

6:30pm Youth Group

Real Life Clue Game

Saturday October 28th

Sunday October 29th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,

Confirmation, & Shine

Monday October 30th

Tuesday October 31st

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir



Are Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

Altar Flowers

Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one.

The **sign-up sheet** is posted outside of Pastor Rich's office. Please **fill out an order form and** return it with a check for \$30.00 to the church office.

After the second service,
the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.

This month our flowers have been donated by:

October 1st:

Jan Nesladek
in celebration of her 70th birthday

October 8th:

Bath Family
in celebration of Al & Twyla Bath's 12th Anniversary

October 15th:

Jinna Lusty
in memory of Terri Tybring's Birthday -Oct 19th

October 22nd:

Maggie Seidman
in memory of Dennis Seidman's Birthday

October 29th:

Mary Ellen Doge
in memory of May & Fred Frauenfelder



BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

Bonnie Gerner 1st
Gaylene Forst 2nd
Jan Nesladek 4th
Kerrijo Patten 4th
Jim Strohmeier 4th
Gary McCrillis 5th
Cindy Roos 6th
Gail Wilson 6th
Richard Gerner 7th
Maggie House 8th
Evan Kay 9th
Karri Michell 9th
Mark Wolff 9th
Evelyn Bruder 10th
Austin Ratzburg 10th
Candi Dankert 12th
Orv Larsen 12th
Joan Dobberstein 14th
Kathy Komro 15th
Shannon Flaherty 16th
Brynn Lutter 17th
Rob Soener 20th
Ron Ten Haken 20th
Arlene Roemer 21st
Lexi McCrillis 22nd
Jatziel Pabon 22nd
Alec Komro 25th
Nancy Degnitz 26th
Lou Glassman 26th
Hazel Schleif 26th
Anne Mari Petters 31st



Happy Birthday
everyone born in the month
October

THANK YOU FOR SERVING & LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE THIS MONTH!

GREETERS:

- October 1 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- October 8 9:00am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
- October 15 9:00am Darleen Baerenwald, Georgia Kletti
10:30am Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- October 22 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman
- October 29 9:00am Dan, Rachel, Sam, & Nora Gerard
10:30am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- October 1 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- October 8 9:00am Michael Bath
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- October 15 9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- October 22 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman
- October 29 9:00am Al Nevala, Jackie Nieman
10:30am Jennifer Schleif

READERS:

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| Oct. 1 | 9am Maggie Seideman | 10:30 Joe Halfman |
| Oct. 8 | 9am Jeanne Forester | 10:30 Ashley Russell |
| Oct. 15 | 9am Kent Scheuerell | 10:30 Julie Feit |
| Oct. 22 | 9am Dave Hammen | 10:30 Karen Grace Strobach |
| Oct. 29 | 9am John Buck | 10:30 Jane Kosednar |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- Oct. 1 Bonnie Gerner
- Oct. 8 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
- Oct. 15 **WE STILL NEED SOMEONE**
- Oct. 22 Mary Demmon
- Oct. 29 **WE STILL NEED SOMEONE**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- Oct. 1 Adult Choir
- Oct. 8 Shekinah Valluri
- Oct. 15 Gene Traas
- Oct. 22 Larry Wheelock
- Oct. 29 Ladies Ensemble

Fellowship Hour:

- Oct. 1 Mary & Russ Demmon
- Oct. 8 Consistory
- Oct. 15 Gerner's
- Oct. 22 Max & Maggie
- Oct. 29 Jinna Lusty

- Communion Servers:** Oct. 1 & 8
9:00 – Frank & KC Laycock
10:30 – Jason & Liz Ratzburg
Both Novahu and Shekinah

Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

Website – <https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/>

Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelUCCWestBend>

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Christopher Arndt, Tracy Halfman, Becky Kay – Secretary, Gary McCrillis,

Ben Russell – Treasurer, and Charlene Swanson

Finance Committee: Karen Zachow - Financial Secretary,

Ben Russell – Treasurer, Julie Feit, Tama Gluck, Dave Hammen, Doug Stewart

Immanuel's Team

