

Journey Connection

July 2024

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





SUNDAY, JULY 21st; Noon – 4pm at Barton Park

ANNUAL IMMANUEL JULY JAM

A church picnic for EVERYONE, yes, YOU ARE INVITED!!! And, bring your family and friends too!!!

Annual ~ it's going to be so much fun, we're going to want to do this every year!!

Immanuel ~ it's for Shine Brites young, old and everyone in between!

July ~ It's that time of year for playful picnics in the park!

JAM ~ Jesus And Me + church family = PARTY!

Grilled items and beverages will be provided, so we kindly ask that you sign up either on the sheet outside the main office or call Johanna at 262-334-2886 so that we can plan accordingly with numbers.

Also, if you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to pass that would be appreciated.



A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Throughout the month of June, it has been a joy to embark on our study of the Book of James. A big thank you to those who've participated in our journey together so far. Together, we've discovered that James desires his hearers to endure the tests and trials of life with the goal of growing in wisdom and putting feet to their faith, because ultimately for James, faith without deeds is useless.

The following poem by Carolyn Winfrey Gillete (which can be sung to the tune of "I Sing the Mighty Power of God") does a fine job of summarizing what we've covered so far:

Be doers of the word of God, Not simply those who hear. Be ones who look into God's word, Obey, and persevere. Be quick to listen, slow to speak, And slow to anger, too. Put wrath aside; instead, be meek And let God work in you.

Religion that is undefiled, Religion that is pure Will reach to help the orphaned child And welcome all the poor. If people come here poorly dressed, To judge them is a sin. The rich aren't better than the rest; God welcomes poor ones in.

O Christ, you save us by God's grace From having to obey. Then freed to love, we can embrace A life that seeks your way. May we be doers of the word; May faith shine through our deeds; And as we seek to trust in God, May ethics follow creeds.

Lord, make it so. I hope you'll join us as we continue our journey in the Book of James in July. Grace and peace, Rich

On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Summer is officially here. It's off to quite a hot start. Hope you all are enjoying the heat and fun of summer. Speaking of fun.... I'm sure that you have heard word of our First Annual Immanuel July JAM. Our July JAM is at Barton Park on July 21st. Please mark your calendars and sign up on the sheet posted outside the main office. Consistory is busy planning an exciting afternoon for all including food, beverages, and games.

Please join us for fun and fellowship with your Immanuel family!

Blessings, Amy



Emma's Installation...

On June 23rd, Emma Landowski Sancomb was officially installed as the pastor at St. Pauls UCC in Menomonee Falls. She is so grateful for everybody who has loved and supported her along the way. God Bless Emma as she takes on this new role; may the Holy Spirit continue to work in and through her.



Property update...

Here's the latest,

Kettle Moraine Heating and A/C did their Peace of Mind service for our Air Conditioners. All the A/C units were serviced and the fan motor on one of the larger A/C unit that services the south side of the sanctuary failed. The fan motor was replaced but it came with a cost of \$1.050.51. They also replaced a thermostat that failed which was identified last fall. It wasn't replaced at that time because its only function is for air conditioning. The cost for that item was \$168.27. Thanks to Glenn Radzinski and Mike Soener for opening up the church and assisting KMH.

Ben Russell is in the process of investigating the water damage to our large stain glass window in the sanctuary. Ben and Josh Thull, assisted by Glenn, found loose anchors and high potential areas where water could be entering. Repairs happened on June 5th. Dave checked moisture content June 26th and it has gone down in some spots (great considering the amount rain) but still needs to dry out longer before drywall repairs happen. We thought we had this issue taken care of in November of 2020 and hope the repairs to it continue in the right direction. Thank you, Ben.



Financial Secretary...

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Immanuel UCC 2024 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$449,768

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

As you can see below, Immanuel's giving for May met May's expenses with a little left over to help to reduce the year-to-date deficit, however, we continue to have a cash flow problem. Please consider this as you continue to support Immanuel's local ministries.

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, *immanuelwestbend.org* or *joyfuljourneys-inc.org*.

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, <u>finance@immanuelwestbend.org</u> or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886. I welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

Blessings, Karen

Immanuel Finance Report May 2024

	<u>Month</u>	YTD
Total Income	\$33,439.63	\$169,178.22
Total Expenses	<u>\$32,836.89</u>	<u>\$176,896.79</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ 602.74	(\$ 7,718.57) Deficit

Note: Giving met 102% of expenses Giving met 96% of expenses



HOWEVER YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IMMANUEL CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRIES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, WE THANK YOU!



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 Son Shine 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



J.A.M. Time* Summer, 2024

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23



Summer is a great time to revisit my favorite lesson, the Fruits of the Spirit! I encourage JAM Time families to revisit the Galatians scripture passage and discuss the Fruits of the Spirit together. Share some ways you notice the Fruits of the Spirit at work in the world. They are a great reminder for ALL of us!

Love: An overwhelming feeling or sense of commitment to a person or God. Love involves actions that go beyond kindness, that often involve self-sacrifice and doing things we do not want to.

Joy: A happy feeling about something God did or created.

Peace: Solving arguments instead of getting upset.

Patience: Waiting for God's timing.

Kindness: An action that shows love or understanding toward others.

Goodness: Sticking to God's ways, especially when others are not.

Faithfulness: Showing you love God in front of others.

Gentleness: Treating others gently.

Self-Control: Showing discipline, especially when frustrated or angry.

Sunday, July 21st will be our next Summer JAM session! Be on the lookout for an email with more details as we get closer! There are still spots open for summer camp at Moon Beach and Daychola Center! Sign up today at: <u>www.ucci.org!</u> Contact Mitch Schleif for information about Immanuel's youth scholarships.



Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif <u>Excited4JAM@Immanuelwestbend.org</u> 262-338-2886 ext. 104 414-491-5057

*Jesus and Me Time – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children aged three through 6th grade. JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room downstairs.

Families Interacting Together

We had a great picnic lunch at Ridge Run Park! Fun was had by all!







Summer SHINE

(For Confirmation and high school students)

Come join us for summer fun and games!

July 21st 10:30-11:30am

You'll want to bring your summer service bingo cards AND a beach towel to this one. Maybe even bring a change of clothes, because this Summer Shine is going to be a little wet!

The last Summer Shine will be on August 18th, so don't forget to put it in your calendar if you haven't done so already

Questions? Thoughts? Talk with Elise! (262)343-1149 or <u>shine@immanuelwestbend.org</u>



Summer J.A.M/SHINE Fun!



GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

AGES 3-STH GRADE &

2TH -12TH GRADS

SUNDAY, JUNE STR. JULY 21ST & AUG 18TH

10:30AM-11:30AM

DON'T MISS THE FUNL

Full Shelf Pantry

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good he has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of July, we will be collecting Canned Pasta Meals – SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Beefaroni...



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

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.

Our current book study is on "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom, The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00am-11:30am. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Jenny Landowski

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. Special orders this month will be called in on Monday, July 15th.



Take me out to the ball game!

Looking for a fun way to support Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge this summer? Check out this amazing opportunity to catch a Lakeshore Chinook's game, on Sunday, July 28th, while supporting Mr. Bob's organization! We, at Immanuel Church, will be organizing a group and invite you to sit with us! If you'd like to go this route, please reserve your spot by emailing Jenny at <u>director@immanuelwestbend.org</u>, or stop by the main office and talk to Johanna. All reservations and payments (\$20 per person, checks made out to Immanuel) need to be in by Monday, July 15th. You are also welcome to sign up on your own, see below for online ordering, but then there would be no guarantees you'd be sitting with the group. Hope you can join us!

BOB'S AT The Ballpark



Help support the Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

SUNDAY, JULY 28 LAKESHORE CHINOOKS VS. KOKOMO JACKRABBITS 1:05PM • MOONLIGHT GRAHAM FIELD

\$20 Package Includes:

- Reserved Grandstand Ticket
- FREE Chinooks Hat

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• \$5 from each package goes to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge PROMO CODE: MRBOB

FOR ONLINE ORDERING:

- Go to lakeshorechinooks.com
- Click on the BUY TICKETS link
- 3 Enter promo code on flyer: MRBOB
- Choose your seats & checkout. Please PRINT your tickets!!

~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."

Circle of Friends



Patio Party at The Orville Restaurant

- south end of Immanuel's parking lot -Sunday, August 4th 4:00 – 6:30pm **Live music**

Appetizers provided by The Norbert

beverages are available for purchase

**Cost is \$25 per person; tickets must be purchased prior to the event and will be on sale beginning July 7th.

This Event is hosted by Joyful Journeys, proceeds benefit Immanuel's India Ministry.







The 2024-25 Marshall School year is beginning...

Within the Indian culture, school enrollment is a lengthy process; because of traditional customs, families have almost a 2-month window in which to register their children. Obviously, this is very different from what we are used to here in America, however over the years we have learned to wait patiently during this process as we look forward with great anticipation to see the returning faces of our beloved students and welcome in newcomers. For our sponsors, we know that you too are eager to see if your child has returned and to receive their latest photo; as we begin the process of updating the India Wall, stay tuned, we'll be in touch!

Not currently a Sponsor? Have you ever thought about how you can join forces with those who have pledged to help empower the children of Madhavapatnam India? Would you like to help shine the light of God's love to an impoverished community? Do you have an extra \$20 a month to spare? If so, we not only invite you, but we also encourage you to consider sponsoring a child at the Marshall Public School. We could use your help now more than ever as we are committed to providing an education for all 380 students enrolled this school year, of which approximately only 60% are currently sponsored. FYI...You don't need to be a member of Immanuel to sponsor a child; the LOVE we're spreading knows no boundaries; invite your family and friends to sponsor too!

Now together, as the students begin to flow back into the classrooms and the teachers prepare their lessons, pray with us... God bless Joyful Journeys in India so that the good works that began 19 years ago may continue to be fruitful. Grant wisdom in decision making to those who oversee this ministry, both here and abroad. Embolden the Marshall School staff with patience and love as they shepherd the students through another school year. And help each child to receive, like a sponge, the knowledge and possibilities being offered to them so they can be all they can be! Amen.

Joyful Journeys website https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/

If you have any questions, contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or <u>director@immanuelwestbend.org</u>













Compound Wall Holds Many Good Uses

Among the Joyful Journey property in the Village of Madhavapatnam India, is a plot of land across the street from the Marshall School that has been deemed as the student's playground. For years this open space served that specific need, however it was also utilized by other people within the community because land regulations are very loose in this area. Recently, the use of this property needed to be rethought after updates to the drainage system along the road made it impossible for our JJ buses to access the secured parking area across from the Joyful Journeys Hostel. Novahu felt if we built a compound wall around the playground plot, then that piece of land could have multiple uses.

With the construction finalized, we now have a safe place for our buses to park at night, a private area solely to be utilized by the Marshall School children and staff for playground use and school assemblies, and a secure area for the students to park their bikes during the day.

Thank you to all who contribute to Joyful Journeys India General Fund, this money helps cover additional needs that arise.













Additional Expenses in the month of July
School Minibus Insurance \$415
Office Equipment Maintenance \$184

If you would like to cover, or contribute to one of these items, you can do so by cash/check made out to Joyful Journeys or pay online through our secure website <u>https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/</u> Thank you for prayerfully considering this.



Monday July 1st

Tuesday July 2nd

Wednesday July 3rd

Office hours 9am-Noon 2:30pm PEO Book Club 7 pm AA meeting

Thursday July 4th Office Closed



Friday July 5th 6:30 pm NA

<u>Saturday July 6th</u> 10am–noon COF Shoppe

Sunday July 7th Communion 9am and 10:30 am Worship



<u>Monday July 8th</u> 12pm Boundaries 4:15pm Citizen Advocates

<u>Tuesday July 9th</u> 1pm Staff meeting Wednesday July 10th 7 pm AA meeting

Thursday July 11th 10am SonShine Gals 3:45pm JJ Inc. meeting 5:30 pm Church & Ministry 6:30 pm Consistory

Friday July 12th 6:30 pm NA

Saturday July 13th

Sunday July 14th 9am and 10:30 am Worship

Monday July 15th

<u>Tuesday July 16th</u> 5pm-8pm West Bend Youth Farmers Market 7pm PEO

Wednesday July 17th 5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe 7 pm AA meeting

Thursday July 18th

Friday July 19th 6:30 pm NA

<u>Saturday July 20th</u> 10am–noon COF Shoppe

Sunday July 21st 9am and 10:30 am Worship 10:30 Summer J.A.M/SHINE 12pm – 4pm ANNUAL IMMANUEL JULY JAM

Monday July 22nd

Tuesday July 23rd

Wednesday July 24th 5:30pm-8pm Youth Group Picnic Dinner & Outdoor Games 7 pm AA meeting Thursday July 25th 10am SonShine Gals

Friday July 26th 6:30 pm NA

Saturday July 27th

Sunday July 28th 9am and 10:30 am Worship 1pm Bob's at the Ball Park

Monday July 29th

Tuesday July 30th

Wednesday July 31st 7 pm AA meeting



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm July 3rd we will be open 9am-Noon and We Will Be Closed on 4th





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:

July 7th: Mary Demmon in honor of our mom and grandma, because we love her so!

July 14th: Luella Dekker in memory of James Allen Dekker

July 21st: Zina Cobb

in memory of Deangelo McBeath's birthday that would have been on July 18th

July 28th: Bath Family

in celebration of Allen Bath's 74th Birthday on July 28th from all his family and friends.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY!



Spencer Scheunemann 1st Rob Sheehy 1st Abby Frederick 3rd Lynn Hammen 3rd Waylon Arndt 8th Kiley Komro 8th Jessie Mastenbrook 9th Joan Stenstrup 9th Quinn Vincent 9th Brett Bartoszewicz 10th Chris Potts 14th Shaun Tanner 14th Brittany Player 16th Rachel Barger 18th Laura House 18th Ben Russell 19th Evelynn Lutter 20th Reed Depies Johnson 21st William Elliott 22nd Karen Miller 23rd Kaitlin Demmon 26th Glenn Radzinski 26th Allen Bath 28th Bruce Roell 29th





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, Sue Calhoun, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Luella Dekker, Ellery Flaherty, Bruce Kapanke, Ed Krepsky, Bill Myers, Anne Mari Peters, Larry Wheelock, and Dave Wolff.

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, Chase Mastenbrook, Even Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Elise Patten, Evan Patten, Valerie Pabon, Madison Schmitt, Chloe Sheehy, Gregory Morales-Torres, Adam Vincent, and Rebecca Kempfer-Witt.

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Special Prayer Request

Jatziel Pabon, his father Luis, and other members of his family as they deal with tragic circumstances.

Family Loss

The Schleif Family – Father/Grandfather/Great Grandfather David Schleif

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.





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

GREETERS:

- July 7 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer 10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- July 14
 9:00am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld
- 10:30am Barb Seefeldt
- July 21
 9:00am Darleen Baerenwald, Georgia Kletti
- 10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- July 28 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
 - 10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS	: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis
July 7	9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner
	10:30am Gene Kreis
July 14	9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
	10:30am Elaine Radzinski
July 21	9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love
	10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
July 28	9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
	10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

July 7	9am Dave Hammen	10:30 Kari Lutter
July 14	9am Maggie Seideman	10:30 Elaine Radzinski
July 21	9am Kaitlin Demmon	10:30 Riley Tanner
July 28	9am Kris Zulick	10:30 Kevin Martin

COFFEE MAKERS:

July 7 Bonnie Gerner July 14 Jim & Anne Mari Peters July 21 <u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u> July 28 Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

July 7 Beverly Mark July 14 Michal Gerard & Larry Wheelock July 21 Ana Komro & Marlene Wondergem July 28 Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

July 7 <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u> July 14 SonSine Gals July 21 <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u> July 28 Twyla & Michael Bath

Communion Servers: July 7

9:00 – Mitch & Jennifer Schleif 10:30 – Riley Tanner & Julie Feit Staying connected with Immanuel through social media... Website – <u>https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/</u> Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ YouTube - <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelUCCWestBend</u>

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CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Charlene Swanson – Treasurer, Carol Argabright- Secretary, Ben Russell – Property, Bradly Mitchell, Kent Scheuerell, and Mike Soener

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