



Journey Connection

November 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

Christmas Benefit Concert and Bucket Raffle...

In support of Immanuel's General Fund

Read on for details!

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

One of my common sayings that often arises when I take up a new task and it doesn't go the way I expected is, "Nothing is ever easy." But this is not only true regarding simple tasks (or at least tasks I thought would be simple), it is especially true when talking about or reflecting upon the deeper issues of life and faith; It's never easy. I know that this admission can be maddening for those who desire simplicity, ease, or certainty, but life and faith is a brilliant mosaic (or is it a maze?) of comfort and challenge, stability and struggle.

Examples of this are endless: Life is both beautiful and tragic (this is the reason both optimism and pessimism are misguided). God is both gloriously beautiful and terrifyingly awesome (thus we are called to both love and fear God). Jesus is both comforting and upsetting (offering us tender words that give peace while also deeply convicting us to change). The Spirit is both present and elusive. Faith is both stabilizing and challenging. Hope is both inspiring and dangerously naïve. Love is both gratifying and demanding. Grace is free, but never cheap. On and on we could go.

Thinking deeply about faith and grappling with God is the most wonderful and rewarding work we all do while simultaneously being one of the most difficult and challenging exercises we all practice. Wrestling with God can be exhausting because the work never ends. (Indeed, the very meaning of "Israel" is "one who wrestles with God".) If we truly are seeking to nurture a deep faith, we quickly realize that the task is never finished. We never quite arrive. Our best thoughts are incomplete. Our best efforts fall short.

That's why it is helpful to remember amid all the challenges and struggles of "fighting the good fight of faith" that there is one simple truth we are called to anchor our lives in: God is love and loves all that God has made. According to Jesus our most fundamental response to this should be "to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves". There is no higher truth or no greater calling. We can reflect endlessly on the significance of this, forever uncovering greater dimensions of this ineffable reality. But when the rubber meets the road, our task is this simple – to love as we are loved.

Yes, the fight of faith has no end (It's the reason we say at funerals, that our loved ones "can now have rest from their labors"). And it is the most wonderful privilege to seek to remain faithful to this pursuit. But its intended fruit is not "rocket science" (or even more complicated – theology, the science of God). The fruit is in the simple acts of love we show to one another, our neighbor, and even to ourselves.

Until my last breath, my hope is that amid the challenges, comforts, joys, and struggles of the uneasy task of nurturing faith that the one constant will be manifesting the Spirit's fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. It's never easy but its always the right thing to do.



Grace and peace,
Rich

On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

November is here!

That means our Fall Annual Congregational meeting is just around the corner. Our meeting is Sunday, November 3 following the second service. I hope that you have your calendars marked.

As you fill out your 2025 commitment statement, I ask that you take time to prayerfully consider each portion of the statement. Think about your time and talents and how you might use them to better our church and its missions.

Is there something that you've been wanting to get involved in?

Maybe now is the time. Give it a try.

You never know how it might impact your life or the lives of others around you.

Immanuel is a wonderful church.

I am so proud to be a member and serve as president of the consistory.

How will you give of your time, talents, and treasures?

Please prayerfully consider this question.

Immanuel needs each and everyone of us to continue to be the amazing church family that we have become.



Blessings,
Amy

YOU Can Make a Difference!

Financial Secretary...

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

Happy November!

You should have received the Stewardship letter by Pastor Rich and a Pledge Card/Commitment Statement for 2025 which includes a place to indicate the areas where you are interested in sharing your talents. Please return your completed card by Sunday, November 3rd to church via mail or drop it in the Giving Church. We will consecrate our commitments during worship services on Sunday, November 3rd. Also on 3rd, we will have the Fall Congregational Business Meeting to vote on the 2025 Budget after the second worship service. Additional Commitment Cards are available in the Narthex by the Giving Church.

Blessings,
Charlene

Immanuel UCC 2025 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

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 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am-2:30pm. 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.

September 2024 Monthly Finance Report

	Month	YTD
Total Income	\$27,484.53	\$290,990.29
Total Expenses	<u>\$31,850.26</u>	<u>\$300,501.34</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ -4,365.73 Deficit	\$ -9,511.05 Deficit
	Note: YTD Giving met 97% of YTD Expenses	

Cash Available for Church Operations September 2024

Cash Balance Available Beginning of Month 9/1/24	\$ 7,068.14
Income	\$27,484.53
Expenses	<u>\$31,850.26</u>
Cash Balance Available Ending of Month 9/31/24	\$ 2,702.41

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. For those interested in donating online, for your convenience, access our secure giving page on our website through the QR Code below.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact

Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org



Property update...

This month we had our fire extinguishers inspected by Ahern. All 19 extinguishers passed.

We renewed our contract for snowplowing with Scott's Landscaping.

Furnace and Boiler inspections will be completed in November.

Painting continues on the windows in the courtyard.

The moisture level has really went down on the stained glass window in the sanctuary, so plaster repair can be started.

We were able to find a replacement fan motor for the ladies bathroom and that now is installed.

Window A/C units have been removed at the COF shop and the boiler has been turned on for the fall/winter season.

Our contract with Otis Elevator has been renewed.

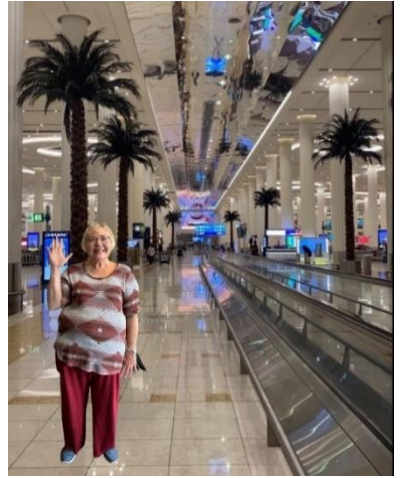
Property Team

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

After two years of faithfully serving Immanuel Church as our Financial Secretary, Karen Zachow has decided it's time to retire; her delightful spirit will be missed in the office! Karen stepped into the position here following the aftermath of COVID and was a great blessing to us as we worked towards getting back on top of things with both Immanuel and Joyful Journeys finances.

Karen will remain on staff, as needed, through the end of the year so she can help acclimate our new Financial Secretary into their role.

As Karen transitions into this next chapter of her life, spending more time with grandkids and traveling, we wish her all the best! In gratitude for her faithfulness and hard work, we ask that you join us in keeping Karen in prayer, asking for peace and wellbeing as she moves forward.



Welcome New Staff...

After 14 years of working for Kohl's Corporate as a Testing/Quality Assurance Analyst, Charlene Swanson has made both a life change and career change. In an effort to simplify things in the Swanson household, she chose to close the door to her full-time job, only to have a window open up for the Financial Secretary position here at Immanuel, which we're glad to say she accepted. Charlene has been serving on our Consistory for the past 2 years and had stepped into the role of church Treasurer this past year.

Charlene plans to have office hours at Immanuel on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays, at which time she'd be happy to answer questions about your statements or assist you with your giving.

In Charlene's time away from work, she enjoys camping and boating with her husband Stewart, and children Indy (6), and Rory (2). She also loves animals...you should ask her about her pets! Please join us in welcoming Charlene; we're grateful to have her on board!



A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR...

November

*Orange pumpkins full and round ...
Cornstalks gathered on the ground ...
Blue skies clear and autumn-bright ...
Harvest moons and frost at night ...
Leaves raked high in great big piles ...
November sights bring thankful smiles.*

It's November and Immanuel's choirs are in full swing!

We have started rehearsing for the Christmas season.

So CALLING ALL SINGERS! CALLING ALL RINGERS! CALLING EVERYONE !

Be a musical part of the Christmas season! I will have folders of Christmas Eve anthems available soon! Please let me know if you want to be part of the adult choir, ladies ensemble OR Handbell Ensemble in December and I will get you everything you need.

Singers: let me know if you want to sing in December and I'll get you a folder and also recorded vocal tracks.

Ringers: if you want to ring on December 8th for the Christmas Benefit Concert and/or worship on December 15th let me know SOON! Your presence will impact the music being selected.

Here's our Tuesday rehearsal schedule:

5:00pm - 5:45pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00pm - 6:30pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm - 7:00pm Adult Choir

Beverly Mark

920-242-7318

bevbeemark@gmail.com



JAM Time* 2024-2025

November



Thank You, LORD!

CALLING ALL CAMPERS!!!

As the leaves are turning and temps are dropping here in Wisconsin, most people would think that camping is done for the year. But here at Immanuel, the Shine Brites will be busy prepping supplies for our annual UCCI Scholarship drive! Last year went amazing and we raised almost \$3,000! This money allowed Immanuel to help a family attend a Family Camp at Moon Beach, a family attend a Family Camp at Daychola Center, a parent and child attend a &Me Camp at Daychola Center, and a youth attend a Youth Camp at Daychola Center!

As our way of giving back and showing thanks, during the month of November both CORE and SHINE will be leading the Shine Brites in preparing some amazing crafts. Along with the craft items, we'll also have some delicious camp themed treats for sale at our upcoming Camp Sunday Fundraiser. All proceeds will go into the UCCI Camp Scholarship fund, those funds will then be available to assist any child/youth of Immanuel to attend a UCCI camp!

Thank you so much to all our Mary and Martha Site Leaders, Shepherds, and volunteers for giving your time and sharing your love of God with the Shine Brites!

UP NEXT

Nov. 24 & Dec. 1	Family Worship – NO JAM Time**
December 8 – 22	Advent: Wise Men
December 24	Nativity Pageant
December 29	Family Worship – NO JAM Time**
January 5 – 19	Jesus' Temptations
January 26	Camp Sunday!

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at

Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

414-491-5057

***Jesus and Me Time** – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children age three through 6th grade. JAM Time meets at 10:30 a.m. from September to May, downstairs in the 4k/5k room.

******In our fast-paced society there are a decreasing number of activities that a family does together with all members present. Such basic rituals as eating a meal together can be a rare event. With intent, we are providing Family Worship opportunities throughout the year for those who wish to attend the 9:00 or 10:30 service as a family.



Sunday Morning Childcare



Immanuel offers childcare for children ages **3yrs and under**, on Sunday mornings, during both 9:00 and 10:30am Worship. Our Nursery is located above the Narthex and can be accessed by the stairway at the end of the hall. Children aged 4 through 6th grade are welcome to visit or enroll in J.A.M. Time (Jesus & Me Time), which takes place in the lower level during the 10:30am Worship Service. If you have questions or need direction, an Usher would be happy to assist you.

Nativity/Christmas Eve Service

Preparation is under way for our annual Christmas Eve service. As always it will be a beautiful and meaningful worship service.

A letter will be sent out with more info, but if you have any questions or know already your child want's to be in the program, please let Johanna Landowski or Mitch Schleif know if you plan on having your child participate in this year's pageant.



Johanna Landowski office@immanuelwestbend.org

Mitch Schleif Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

CORE

CORE has been going well. The past 5-weeks we have been talking about discipleship and what discipleship might look like today.

In the month of November, CORE will be assisting the J.A.M. Time kids in making Camp Crafts that will be sold at on November 17th to help raise money for Camp Scholarships. This is a yearly tradition, and fun is had by all!

In December we will be talking about Advent and how we can prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, and how we can spread holiday cheer.

Schedule:

November 3rd, 10th, 17th – Camp Crafts

November 24th – Family Worship No CORE

December 1st – Family Worship No CORE

December 8th, 15th, 22nd – Advent/Christmas

December 24th – Christmas Program

December 29th - Family Worship No CORE

CORE Leader Johanna Landowski

confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org

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

UNITED CHURCH CAMPS
OUTDOOR MINISTRY

**- CAMP -
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND RAISER**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 17TH**

A variety of items, made by Immanuel's "Shine Brites", will be for sale, with proceeds benefiting our Camp Scholarship Fund.

Show your support, bring your cash and do some early Christmas shopping!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Saturday November 9th 8:30am – Noon Fall Cleanup

Friday November 29th 4:30pm – 9:15pm Enchantment in the Park

Saturday December 21st 6:45am – 10:am Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

If you are a youth and want to attend or an adult who is interested in helping with Chaperoning youth activities, feel free to contact me at church.

Johanna Landowski

(262) 334-2886 Church

(262) 353-2739 Cell

youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org

Youth Halloween Party!! Fun was had by All!



F.I.T FAMILIES INTERACTING TOGETHER

What a wonderful event in Immanuel's Parking Lot on Sunday, October 27th; the first "Trunk or Treat" was certainly a hit!! Many thanks to all those who enthusiastically hosted a "Trunk" for Immanuel's young Shine Brites to parade around and receive "Treats", your participation created a "Spooktacular" environment for all! In addition, we give thanks for all who came out this past summer in support of our Youth's Cookout, funds raised during that event covered the cost of pizza for kids and hosts at this event! What a joy it was to have members of all ages from our church family having so much fun together!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



On Friday, October 11th a group from Immanuel participated in the Downtown West Bend Association's **Fall Fest**; treats and "Be Kind" stickers were handed out to all the youngsters who participated in the event. A fun time was had by all!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ana Komro and Austin Koehler who were married at Immanuel Church on October 12th. May the love that surrounded them on their wedding day continue to grow as they begin this next chapter of life together.





ENCHANTMENT IN THE PARK

Who's ready for another yearly fun tradition!?!?!

**Immanuel will once again be helping with
Enchantment in the Park on opening Night!**

**We are in need of at least 20 volunteers young and old
to help with various jobs, such as...
welcoming people into the park,
collecting canned good for the food pantry,
helping collect money for carriage rides and
reminding people to turn their headlights back on!**

**This event will be on November 29th from 4:30pm – 9:15pm.
Dinner will be provided for the volunteers.**

**If you are interested in helping or have any questions,
please contact...**

Johanna

Office@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886



Full Shelf Pantry

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of November, we will be collecting **Baking Items – flour, sugar, spices; Cake and Bar/Brownie Mixes**



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

Attention Bakers!!

The India Task Force is hosting a

“Christmas Cookie Walk”

Sunday, December 8th,

and we are looking for donations of Christmas Cookies to sell.

We ask that you plan to provide a minimum 6 dozen of each kind of cookie that you are donating.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the main office if you can contribute some tasty morsels!



Start shopping early for Christmas Gifts!!

Raise Right Gift Card sales benefit our Joyful Journeys Ministries, both India and the COF Shoppe, 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, November 11th.**



Deck the Halls!

Mark your calendars for Sunday November 24th to help trim our church with Christmas decorations. There will be some things that can be put up following the 9:00am service, then we'll put the tree up in the sanctuary following the 2nd Worship Service. A light snack will be provided for all who stick around to help. Please sign up on the sheet outside the main office if you plan on lending a hand.



Consider your space...

As the snow and icy season falls upon us, we ask you to please consider your parking space.

If your physical condition allows you to securely walk across the parking lot, then we ask you to kindly park further back, leaving all the parking spaces in the small parking lot, as well as the first row of spaces closest to the back entrance available for those who might find a trek across a slippery parking lot a bit more challenging.



Thank you for your assistance and be safe! 😊



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 ‘Loving Desmond’ by Sara DeRoo, During November, we will meet on the 14th and 21st from 10:00am-11:30am.

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

Wise Guys

Hey fellas! Wise Guys is our men’s ministry that meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm.

You are invited to attend this social time including dinner and a short discussion.

The sign-up sheet for **November 21st** is located on the bulletin board outside the main offices. Consider checking it out, and while you’re at it, bring a friend!



“Sharing Today’s Word” Immanuel UCC Adult Discussion Group

Do you ever leave Worship on a Sunday morning wishing you had a community to help you process the Message? Well, here is your opportunity to engage with others! “Sharing Today’s Word” is Immanuel’s Adult Discussion Group that does just that. Any individuals, beyond high school age, are welcome to join in; no need to commit on a regular basis, come when it works for you. This group will meet on Sundays at 10:30am in the space connected to the Friendship Room where Fellowship Time treats are served.

Springboard questions to ponder during the sermon and to help facilitate discussion will look something like this...

1. What is the theme of today’s sermon?
2. How can I put this message to use in my life?
3. Is there anything I question or disagree with?
4. What would I add to today’s word?
5. What would be an obstacle to making today’s word part of my life?
6. What would Jesus do?

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kent at kscheuerell@gmail.com

Trick or Treat for Immanuel's Soul Box

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Trick or Treat" for Immanuel's Soul Box; your generosity is helping care for individuals in our community who are experiencing hardships and hunger!



For more information on how you can help on a regular basis, contact Jenny director@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886

Blankets for Mr. Bob

In support of the relationship, we have with Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry, we will be collecting gently used blankets during November and December to give to Mr. Bob as he serves his friends in need within the Milwaukee area. Our Youth will have the opportunity to personally hand some of these items out on Saturday, December 21st as they join Mr. Bob during his weekly visit to the park. What a blessing it is that our Circle of Friends Ministry and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge have been able to support one another over the past several years as we seek to help those who are wrestling with various struggles in life.



If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Landowski at director@immanuelwestbend.org or Johanna Landowski at youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org



If you would like to offer financial support, please make checks payable to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, or earmark cash donations as such.

Deadline to sign-up is December 1st

FEAST WITH FRIENDS....

It's time to sign up for Feast with Friends 2025!

Feast with Friends is a fun and casual way to get together and socialize with others in our church family.

All are welcome and encouraged to sign up.

Here is how it works:

- Sign up on the Feast with Friends sign-up sheet on the table outside of the main office.

You can sign up as a single, with a friend, as a couple, or as a family.

- We will then create a schedule where you are placed in a group each quarter. The first name(s) in each group will be the host. You will only host once in the calendar year.
- The host will contact others in their group to agree on a date to get together and coordinate what others can bring to the meal.
 - It's a great way to meet and get to know others in our church family in a casual setting.
- Some ideas for a fun gathering are to meet at a restaurant (Dutch treat); have a taco bar or baked potato bar where everyone brings a topping; make your favorite casserole and others bring sides; have a Sunday brunch.
- The focus is all about meeting and socializing with others in our church family.

So please sign up for Feast with Friends! We will then compile the groups and schedule the quarterly groups starting in January 2025.

If you have any questions,
please contact Tama Gluck or Jenny Landowski.

Thanks, and happy feasting!

Tama Gluck

tsgluck@yahoo.com

262-808-6528



Bucket Raffle for Immanuel's General Expenses

Immanuel's Consistory...RAISING AWARENESS...RAISING FUNDS...

Thanks to the financial contributions of members of various church groups, "buckets" have been assembled to represent various operating expenses.

We invite you to take a chance at winning by purchasing tickets!

100% of profits directly support Immanuel's General Fund!

Tickets can be bought starting on Sunday, November 3rd,

Drawing will take place at Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert

on Sunday, December 8th

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5



Snow Removal sponsored by the **Wise Guys**

\$100 Gift Card – Sunburst Ski Hill

General Maintenance sponsored by our **Property Group**

\$100 Gift Card – Menards



Utilities sponsored by your **Consistory**

\$100 Gift Card – Kwik Trip



Music sponsored by members of the **Choir, Bells, and Worship Team**

\$100 Gift Certificate - The Bend



Hospitality sponsored by our **Goodie Gang**

\$100 in Coffee Shop Gift Cards



Christian Ed sponsored by leaders of **JAM Time, CORE, & SHINE**

\$100 Gift Card – Hobby Lobby



Technical Support sponsored by our techies in the **Sound Booth & Office**

\$100 Gift Card - West Bend Theatre



Outdoor Property sponsored by the **SonShine Gals**

\$100 Gift Certificate - Paradise Gardens Nursery



Musical Instrument Maintenance sponsored by **Pastor Rich**

\$100 Gift Card – West Bend Music Academy



Outreach sponsored by **Pastoral Assistant Jenny**



Save the Date



COME, CELEBRATE
SONGS OF THE SEASON
WITH US!

Christmas Benefit Concert

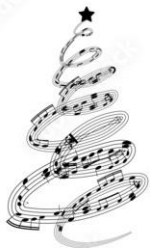
Sunday, December 8th, 2024

6:00pm Social ~ Drinks & Refreshments

6:30pm Pre-Concert Music

7:00pm Concert Begins

*Freewill donations support
Immanuel's General Fund*



~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



**Another successful India Gala and
Silent Auction in the books!**



**Thank you to all who supported our efforts;
Joyful Journey's "good works" will continue!**

Business Contributors to the 2024 Gala

**Many thanks to the following businesses
for supporting our India Gala!**

**Please remember them when you're out and about,
or in need of the services they provide.**

Admiral's Hockey, Auto Safety Center, Bath & Body West Bend, Bernie's Meat Market, Bieri's Cheese, Big Baby Subs, Bits and Pieces Floral, Casa Tequilla, Chocolate Factory, Consider the Lilies, Countryside Gardens, Dairy Queen, Dream Port Harvest Market, Dunn Brothers Coffee, Eaton's Pizza, El Pig's Butt, Family Hair Design, Feradyne Outdoors, Firehouse Subs, Fork and Tap, Garden Guest House, Gary's Place, Gentle Dental Emporium, Great Outdoors, Grun Hexe Kitchen, HDI, Hillside Aquaponics, Hon-e-cor, Inventors Brew Pub, Jersey Mikes, Jumbo's Frozen Custard, Kingpin Bowl, La Cabana, Main Street Café, McDonald's, Michalenos Pizzeria, Milwaukee Rep, Modern Nails & Spa, Moonlight Restaurant, Mountain Outfitters, Morrie's West Bend Honda, The Norbert/Orville, Now & Then, Nuckleheads, Olde Cedar Inn, Omicron, Papa Murphy's, Patio Bar and Grill, Pedal Moraine Cycle & Fitness, Piggly Wiggly-Kewaskum, Pizza Hut, Pizza Ranch, Plaza Barbershop, Port Washington Historical Society, Riverside Brewery, Riverwalk Candle Company, Robin's Country Garden, Russ Darrow, Sausage Plus, Scrub A Dub, Sendiks, Shear Edge Design, Sherman Williams, Silver Lake Country Inn, Skinny Vics, Sports Clips, Stillery, Stingers Golf & Recreation, Tello's, Tennis Ace Hardware, Texas Roadhouse, The Bend, The Steerage Dining Saloon, Timber Rattlers, Waller's on the Lake, WAPI BRICKS, West Bend Axe & Escape, West Bend Hobby Knights, West Bend Lakes Golf Club, West Bend Cinema

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our blessings to Shekinah Valluri and Naveen Kumar, as they were united in marriage on October 18th, 2024. We welcome Naveen as the newest member to our Joyful Journeys India family and look forward to celebrating his commitment to Shekinah and to our ministry.



Christmas in India

Christmas is right around the corner, and preparations are in the works for all the different ways we celebrate the joyous event recognizing Jesus' birth. One of those ways is bringing the Spirit of the Christ Child into the village of Madhavapatnam. Our hope is to give a gift to all who are a part of Joyful Journeys in India.

Please consider making a monetary donation to help cover costs...

\$5 ~ Student Gifts

\$25 ~ Teacher, Cooks, House Pastors, Oldsters, Scavengers, Drivers, and Childcare Provider Gifts

Donations can be sent or dropped off at Immanuel Church by December 8th.

Please make checks payable to Joyful Journeys and designate for Christmas Gifts.

Online donations can be made through our secure website:

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/how-you-can-help/>

Together, we can shine the Christmas Light of God's love in Madhavapatnam!



Additional Expenses in the month of November

- **Yearly Car Insurance \$455**

If you would like to cover, or contribute to this item , you can do so by cash/check made out to Joyful Journeys or pay online through our secure website

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>

Circle of Friends

WOW!!! What a month! In October, the Circle of Friends Shoppe served 95 individuals! What does this mean?!? The *need* is great, and we *need* your help!!!

Consider spreading the word and sharing our Christmas Wish List with your friends and family...or better yet, get a printout to hang up at your place of employment and invite others to offer assistance to those in need within our community. (Printouts can be obtained in Immanuel's Main Office). Items can be dropped off beginning November 17th through December 24th.

Shopping not your thing?? You can give donations through our website <https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/> or give checks payable to Joyful Journeys, and we'll gladly shop for you! Please be sure to designate COF Giving Tree.



**Circle of Friends
Shoppe
Christmas Wish List**

Serving those experiencing hardships in the
Washington County Area.
Items can be dropped off at
Immanuel Church,
501 Walnut Street, West Bend
Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm
Call 262-334-2886 for details

Men's and Women's ANKLE socks
Boys winter coats size 6&7, 14&16
Girls winter coats size 5-12
Boys athletic pants size 10-18
Girls stretchy pants size 3-14
Boys t-shirts size 14-18
Girls shirts size 3-6, 10-14
Men's boxer shorts M-2X
Kid's winter boots
Kid's snow pants
Toasters
Coffee Pots
Sheets Queen
Blankets Full & Queen

hello NOVEMBER

Friday November 1st

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 2nd

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday November 3rd

Communion

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

CORE, SHINE, &

Sharing Today's Word

11:45am Fall Congregational Meeting



Monday November 4th

Tuesday November 5th

1pm Staff meeting

5pm Handbell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 6th

2:30pm PEO Book Club

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 7th

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe

5pm India Task Force

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday November 8th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 9th

8:30am – Noon Youth Group

Fall Cleaning

Sunday November 10th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

CORE, SHINE, &

Sharing Today's Word

Monday November 11th

12pm Boundaries

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday November 12th

5pm Handbell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 13th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 14th

10am SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday November 15th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 16th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday November 17th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

CORE, SHINE, &

Sharing Today's Word

Monday November 18th

Tuesday November 19th

5pm Handbell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

7pm PEO

Wednesday November 20th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 21st

10am SonShine Gals

6pm Wise Guys

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday November 22nd

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 23rd

Sunday November 24th

Thanksgiving Service

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10am Christmas decorating

10:30 am Sharing Today's Word

**Family Worship NO J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE**

Monday November 25th

Tuesday November 26th

5pm Handbell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 27th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 28th

Office Closed

*Happy
Thanksgiving* 

Friday November 29th

4:30pm-9:15pm Immanuel

helping at Enchantment

in the Park

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 30th

OFFICE HOURS

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:

November 3rd: Evelyn Bruder

in memory of her husband Duane's Birthday

November 10th: Mike & Chris Soner

in memory of Clarke & Phyllis Danforth (Chris's Parents)

November 17th: Marge Rusch

in memory of Roy Rusch

November 24th: Karen Zachow

in memory of William & Lorraine Mueller



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER!

Sylvester Stern 1st

Peter Michell 2nd

Sara Arndt 6th

Jeanne Forester 6th

Brenda Raad 7th

Lucas Russell 8th

Mary Demmon 9th

Patrick Ratzburg 11th

Burton Schleif 14th

Rowan Susnik 14th

Charlene Swanson 14th

Doris Hawkins 15th

Bradley Mitchell 16th

Carolyn McCartney 21st

Brian Harris 22nd

Teri Sieglaff 22nd

Robert Walter 22nd

Valerie Kapanke 23rd

Wilmer Dorzok 24th (will be 100 Years old)

Howard Kusler 26th

Tracy Halfman 27th

Karen Lewis 27th

Dan Lutter 28th

Jim Peters 28th

Karen Zachow 28th

Russ Demmon 29th

Mary Ellen Doge 30th

Aiden Mitchell 30th





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, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Mona Anderson, Ken French, Rachel Gumm, Bruce Kapanke, Anne Mari Peters, Dave Wolff and Lynn Vegafria.

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.

Deaths

Maggie Seideman

Family Loss

Max Sommerfeld – Partner Maggie Seideman

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:

- November 3 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- November 10 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Barb Seefeldt
- November 17 9:00am Darleen Baerenwald, Georgia Kletti
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- November 24 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- November 3 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- November 10 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- November 17 9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- November 24 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

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| November 3 | 9am Tama Gluck | 10:30 Joe Halfman |
| November 10 | 9am John Buck | 10:30 Jane Kosednar |
| November 17 | 9am Kaitlin Demmon | 10:30 |
| November 24 | 9am Kent Scheuerell | 10:30 Riley Tanner |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- November 3 Bonnie Gerner
November 10 Jim & Anne Mari
November 17 STILL NEED SOMEONE
November 24 Mary Demmon

Fellowship Hour:

- November 3 COF Volunteers
November 10 STILL NEED SOMEONE
November 17 Halfman's
November 24 Radzinski's

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- November 3 Adult Choir
November 10 Larry Wheelock
November 17 Handbell Ensemble
November 24 Larry Wheelock

- Communion Servers:** November 3
9:00 – Jackie Nieman & Chris Witt
10:30 – Karen Zachow &
Charlene Swanson

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>

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CHILDCARE: Tobias Halfman

CONSISTORY ELDERS:

Amy Schmitt – President, Christopher Arndt-Vice-President, Tracy Halfman,
and Mitchell Schleif

CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Charlene Swanson – Treasurer, Carol Argabright- Secretary,

Ben Russell – Property, Bradly Mitchell, Kent Scheuerell, and Mike Soener

Finance Committee:

Charlene Swanson - Financial Secretary & Treasurer, Julie Feit, Tama Gluck, Dave
Hammen, Doug Stewart, and Ben Russell

Immanuel's Team





POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve by ordering a Poinsettia plant? Your plant may be brought home after the late service Christmas Eve. The cost per plant is \$11.00. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office, or church office mailbox #2, by **Monday November 25th**. Please include your payment with the order; checks should be payable to Immanuel Church.

If you have questions, please call Johanna at (262) 334-2886.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – DUE BY NOVEMBER 16TH

_____ RED poinsettia plant/s X \$11.00 = \$ _____

_____ WHITE poinsettia plant/s X \$11.00 = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

In honor / memory/ celebration (circle one) of:

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