



Journey Connection

January 2025

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



Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy.

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

**As Spirit-filled followers, let the Christ Light we received
be the torch we carry into our homes, our community,
and our world, today and throughout the upcoming year!**

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

I am a firm believer in celebrating whenever the opportunity arises. Life is challenging and stressful. We all work so hard to accomplish the objectives we hope to achieve. And I believe that all the sweat, labor, and strain it takes to fulfill our goals ought to be rewarded as often as possible with simply cherishing and relishing the fact that our hard work has paid off.

I've been your pastor for almost nineteen years. In that time we have never fully brought in the funds to meet our budget. In my first years, we were barely hitting 50%. In subsequent years, we moved the needle forward to 80%, 90% and beyond, but could never quite hit the 100% mark.

That's why I'm elated, overjoyed, ecstatic (Can anyone give me a "Woot-Woot"?) to announce that for the first time in decades we have brought in sufficient funds to achieve our goal of meeting our 2024 expenses. We've done this in spite of the tragic loss of key members through death or moving, in spite of the shadow of Covid that still hangs over us, and in spite of all the struggles that churches throughout the nation and world are experiencing.

This is certainly cause for celebration! Who knows what the future holds, but for now, we have been faithful to maintain our witness at 5th and Walnut. Though we always have work to do, I long to simply dwell in the thought that, for now, in this present moment, we have accomplished something truly worth celebrating.

As a way of thanking you all for your faithful support and generous giving, we will have a unique service of celebration and thanksgiving on January 12 during both services. I will be providing all the treats and hope to bring inspiring words (and maybe songs!) of gratitude. I certainly hope you will make every effort to attend!

Grace and peace,

Rich



Come celebrate with us!

On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Happy New Year! I would like to take a moment to celebrate how wonderfully 2024 ended with our Christmas Benefit Concert. What an awesome evening spent together with our church family, working together to raise funds for our General Fund. Thank you to all who participated. It was truly a great evening.

2025 is here. A new year filled with new opportunities. I challenge each of us to think of new commitments or perspectives that can be embraced this new year. I pray that we will join hands and work together to overcome any challenges that we may face. While none of us knows what tomorrow holds, we do know that God is with us! Join me in continued prayer for our church and church family. May 2025 be a very blessed year for all.

Blessings,
Amy

Christmas Eve at Immanuel Church

A special “thank you” to everyone who had a hand in putting together a most meaningful Christmas Eve Family Nativity Pageant and Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols; it was a blessing to all who worshiped in person and virtually! Now that we’ve sang “Joy to the World” and received the light of Christ, let us together carry that same light into our homes, our community, and our world as Spirit-filled followers of our newborn King throughout the upcoming year!



Financial Secretary...

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Welcome to the New Year!

Thank you to the **Christmas Benefit Concert** participants, helpers, and attendees. Donations received for the event amounted to \$6,500 and the **Bucket Raffle** proceeds amounted to \$1,500! Praise the Lord for all our givers! The proceeds for both events go to the general fund.

There are still 2025 Offering Envelopes available for pick up at church. Please note that your number may have changed. As a reminder, if you requested no envelopes for 2025 but have changed your mind, please let me know and I can provide you with envelopes. Otherwise, please let me know if you do not want to receive envelopes.

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 online 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.

November 2024 Monthly Finance Report

	Month	YTD
Total Income	\$31,672.51	\$348,950.85
Total Expenses	<u>\$36,187.71</u>	<u>\$365,879.51</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ -4,515.20 Deficit	\$ -16,928.66 Deficit

Note: YTD Giving met 95% of YTD Expenses

Cash Available for Church Operations November 2024

Cash Balance Available Beginning of Month 11/1/24	\$ -4,984.85
Income	\$31,672.51
Expenses	<u>\$36,187.71</u>
Cash Balance Available Ending of Month 11/30/24	\$ -4,515.20

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...

We have little to report other than we had Ahern, Kettle Moraine Heating and Otis Elevator all in for their routine maintenance and everything is working as it should. We had Hartford Boiler conduct their inspection of our two boilers so we can get our State of WI 3-year permits. We passed those inspections. We are continuing to work on our to do checklist with the help of our property folks.

Thank you,
Property Team

A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR...

From "Woods in the Winter" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*When winter winds are piercing chill,
And through the hawthorn blows the gale,
With solemn feet I tread the hill
That over-brows the lonely vale.*

*But still wild music is abroad,
Pale, desert woods! Within your crowd;
And gathering winds, in hoarse accord,
Amid the vocal reeds pipe loud.
Chill airs and wintry winds!
My ear Has grown familiar with your song;
I hear it in the opening year, -
I listen and it cheers me long.*

Our Adult choir and Handbell Ensemble will resume regular practice after the holidays on Tuesday, January 14th. (Handbell team - we have an "off schedule" practice on January 10th!!) Ladies Ensemble will take a break until February.
Handbell Ensemble 5:00pm
Ladies Ensemble 6:00pm
Adult Choir 6:30pm

It's a New Year! Would you consider joining one of Immanuel's choirs?
Contact me with any questions. bevbeemark@gmail.com or 920-242-7318.

New Year's Blessings to you and all that surround you.

~ Beverly

Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert and Bucket Raffle

Blessings abound in response to the recent Christmas Benefit Concert and Bucket Raffle for Immanuel's General Fund! The evening began with a festive Social hosted by members of our Consistory and Goodie Gang, during which time we were treated to "preconcert" music by our very own "Average Dad Band". Then the sanctuary was filled with the sounds of music, readings, and laughter as Christmas Songs were performed by a variety of musicians, poetic readings written by members of Immanuel were shared, and tickets were pulled for Chris Arndt 😊 and other lucky winners of our General Fund themed Bucket Raffle. The incredible energy that filled our church was reflected in the success of the evening...

Special thanks to everyone who offered their time, talents and/or treasures; your generosity brought in \$1,500 for the Bucket Raffle \$6,500 for the concert... totaling \$8,000!!

Immanuel ~ God with us, in all we do!
Thanks be to God!!!



J.A.M. Time*

Unit 4: Jesus' Temptations

January 5th – 19th



“God’s spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world.”
1 John 4:4

After Jesus was baptized, He knew He must carry out God’s plan. He set out into the wilderness to spend time praying. Satan tempted Jesus several times, but Jesus resisted. The message we hear is that even through the toughest times, we must never lose our faith and trust in God.

Cuttin’ & Struttin’: Temptation Garden

Kickin’ Kitchen: Chocolate Anyone?

Movin’ & Groovin’: “Let’s Make a Deal”

UP NEXT

January 26

February 2

February 9 – 23

March

Camp Sunday!

Family Worship – No JAM Time

Prodigal Son

Lent/Jesus’ Trial & Crucifixion

~Interested in our JAM Time program...Check out the JAM Time bulletin board for program information and volunteer opportunities.

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at

Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

414-491-5057

*Jesus and Me Time – is Immanuel’s Children’s Ministry for children age three through 6th grade. JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in Fellowship Hall.



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.

CORE

Happy New Year!

We will be starting January off by talking about other beliefs and religions. At the end of the month, we will be participating in Camp Sunday with the J.A.M. Time Kids!

Schedule:

January 5th - If there is only one God, why are there so many different religions?

January 12th - Why do Christians believe Christianity is the best religion?

January 19th - Why are there so many different Christian Churches?

January 26th - Camp Sunday

CORE Leader Johanna Landowski
confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org
Church 262-334-2886 Cell 262-353-2739

January SHINE Consumerism

Fresh off a season where many of us got some new “stuff,” we’re going to spend January looking at what the Bible says about our possessions (hint: it says a LOT). We’ll also look at the evolutionary psychology of why we humans always seem to want MORE, our planned cultural pressures (boo to Victor Lebow), how to recognize sneaky product placement and paid endorsements in media, and what “enough” looks like in historical, international, and modern environments.

Join us for some snacks and search for the answers to where you personally draw the line between need, want, and too much.



SHINE Schedule:

January 5th

January 12th

January 19th

January 26th

Shine is a faith and fellowship building program for high school students. You don't need to register or commit- just come downstairs to the church basement and find the room at the bottom of the stairs that has So. Many. Couches.

Questions? Comments? Talk to Elise!
(262) 343-1149 or shine@immanuelwestbend.org



F.I.T. SLEDDING FUN!

(F.I.T. STANDS FOR FAMILIES INTERACTING TOGETHER)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, **FEBRUARY 2ND 1:30PM**
JOIN IMMANUEL FAMILIES FOR SOME WINTER FUN SLEDDING AT
LAC LAWRANN

BE SURE TO DUST OFF YOUR SLEDS AND
BRING THEM WITH FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!
(SLEDS ARE NOT REQUIRED AS THERE WILL BE SOME TO SHARE.
IF YOU HAVE EXTRAS PLEASE BRING THEM TOO!)

WE WILL MEET AT THE MAIN PARKING LOT STARTING AT 1:30PM
AFTER SOME SLEDDING FUN WE WILL PROVIDE HOT CHOCOLATE
TO WARM UP! FEEL FREE TO BRING A SNACK OR LEFTOVER CHRISTMAS
COOKIES TO SHARE. IN EVENT OF WEATHER NOT COOPERATING OR LACK
OF SNOW, THE EVENT WILL BE MOVED TO IMMANUEL IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR GAMES AND PUZZLES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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



YOUTH GROUP

2025

7TH-12TH
GRADE

WINTER

EVENTS SCHEDULE

SUN
JANUARY
19TH

LUNCH AND GAMES
11:45AM - 2:30PM

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095



SOUP MAKING
9AM-NOON

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095

SAT
FEBRUARY
8TH

SUN
FEBRUARY
9TH

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
10AM-NOON

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095



KID SITTING NIGHT
5:30PM-8:45PM

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095

SAT
FEBRUARY
15TH

KIDS' NIGHT OUT
(Parents' Night OFF!)

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

Inquirers Luncheon

Have you been visiting Immanuel Church and wish to learn more about us?
Are you interested in becoming a member?

JOIN PASTOR RICH AND JENNY FOR LUNCH

Sunday, January 26th at 11:45

We would love to share "our story", mission, vision and values
as well as get to know you better!



If interested in attending, please contact
Jenny Landowski 262-334-2886 or
director@immanuelwestbend.org

Raise Right Gift Cards

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, January 13th**.



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! 😊



Full Shelf Pantry

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
Romans 12:13

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of January, we will be collecting **Boxed and Canned Soup**



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

Thank you!!!

Our hallway is overflowing with evidence of the extreme generosity this congregation continues to exude as boxes were filled with all kinds of goodies stemming from our Reverse Advent Calendar initiative!! Thank you to everyone who participated; your donations will help supply nourishment and personal hygiene items to individuals/families who visit the Full Shelf Pantry in West Bend.



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 next book study is on “Somehow: Thoughts on Love” by Anne Lamott, We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 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 **January 16th** 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

~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
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Christmas Cookie Walk ~ Thank you!!

Well, a whole lot of sugar mixed with a whole lot of love, made a whole lot of dough!! Thanks to Immanuel's bakers, the Joyful Journeys Christmas Cookie Walk was a great success! Through a combined effort of kindness and sweets we raised \$1,150 for our India Ministry!! Plus, not only were there plenty cookies for our shoppers to load up on, we had enough left over for Pastor Rich and Jenny to deliver tasty morsels to our Yellow Roses



Additional Expenses in the month of January

- School Bus Insurance \$759
- Septic Tank Cleaning and Repairs \$915

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/>

Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

Come Join us!

Party at The Norbert

- Downtown West Bend -

Join the Joyful Journeys India Task Force
for an evening of Food, Fun, and Friends

Sunday, February 16th

4:00 – 6:30pm

Live music by
Bradly Mitchell

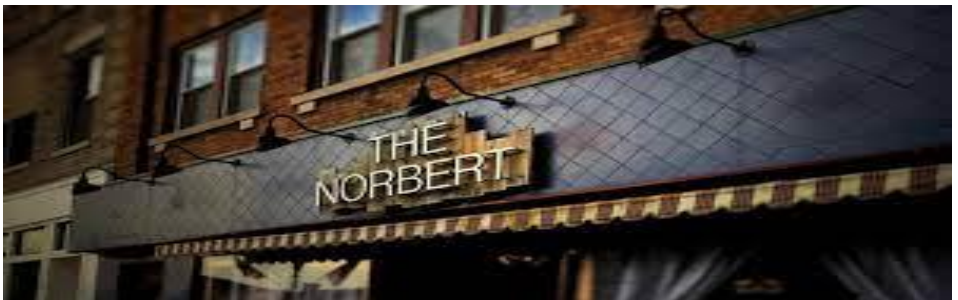
Appetizers provided by The Norbert

beverages are available for purchase

**Cost is \$25 per person;

reserved spots must be purchased prior to event
and will be on sale beginning January 19th.

Proceeds benefit Joyful Journeys India Ministry.



Christmas in India

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!
Happy Christmas!!!

This year we have had a wonderful Christmas celebration. There was a cyclone, we thought of cancelling the program due to lack of function hall. We prayed and continued, there were drizzling on that day 24th evening, but after some time rain stopped and program continued.

To this program, our Andhra Pradesh Member of Parliament, (M.P) Honorable Uday Srinivas and Kakinada Urban Development Chairperson Tangella Babu, with their team has come to participate in the Christmas celebration. They are not Christians, but they are political leaders. We were surprised to see them in our JJM Christmas program.

They sang a Telugu Christian song, gave greetings and spent time with our students who wear makeup and Christmas dress.

After that they went away to participate in other Christmas programs in Kakinada city.

After they left the stage, we continued the programs, skits, dramas, Christmas songs, and group dances. On the stage we presented gifts to all the teachers and hostel children.

In the morning, on 25th Christmas we have Christmas worship service in our church, at that time village elders -Backward class (B.C) corporation chairperson Venkatesh, he is also a political leader came with his team members. I take this opportunity to distribute all the gifts to the Oldsters and Scavengers; they are very happy, and all the villagers are also celebrated happy Christmas in this way.

On the 26th evening, our Joyful Journeys House Pastors come together to celebrate Christmas. After worship and sharing the Christmas sermon, we have distributed some saries to woman evangelists and gifts to House Pastors.

On the 27th we give gift items to all our school children along with the calendar. They are very happy.

All the participants at all Christmas Celebrations have received the Christmas cake and Tea, and our staff members have received the Christmas Lunch.

Overall, we as Joyful Journeys Ministry family have had a wonderful Christmas celebration of 2024.

We are positively looking forward to the new year, and pray for the blessings and peace in 2025.

Manjula, Karishma, Jennifer Noya, Shekinah and all our school staff, students, and hostel children send their love and happy new year wishes.

Your Brother
Novahu





Circle of Friends

As we begin this New Year, we give thanks for the joys of this past year and look forward with anticipation for what 2025 holds for us! Certainly, one of the things that, together, we can rejoice in, is the fact that in 2024 we served 749 individuals at the Circle of Friends Shoppe! 🤗 That figure is up from the previous year, which was 651. The numbers are definitely something to take note of...*on one hand*, we should celebrate that not only did we have the peoplepower to serve that many individuals, but that we actually had the resources to do so...MANY THANKS TO OUR SORTES AND SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS for helping make this possible, and for the BOUNTIFUL DONATIONS that keep pouring in!!! *On the other hand*...it's heartbreaking to know the need in our area is rising as poverty and homelessness has brought many of these people to our Shoppe. A prayer for the New Year is one of gratitude for all the donations, financial support, and volunteers who have enabled us to be a beacon of hope within our community...may we continue to shine the light of God's love in the upcoming year for those who are currently walking in darkness! ❤️

In response to the growing number of people being served, we have decided to add another day to our schedule, that being the 2nd Saturday of every month. Another prayer for the New Year is that we'll be able to recruit a few more volunteers to help cover the additional hours. If you would like more information on how you can support this ministry, please contact Jenny at director@immanuelwestbend.org or call 262-334-2886.

Christmas Giving / S.H.U.M.S. Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Giving / S.H.U.M.S. Tree; from handknit scarves and warm mittens that adorned the trees, to blankets, toasters, coffee pots and clothing piled up below the tree, EVERYTHING will be appreciated by those who come through The Circle of Friends Shoppe!



Blankets for Mr. Bob

Mr. Bob's 
"Under the Bridge"

On December 21st, a crew of youth and adults from Immanuel had the opportunity to join Mr. Bob at Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee, where he serves the homeless community every Saturday morning. We handed out, to Mr. Bob's friends, the blankets that were generously donated through Immanuel Church, as well as precious handknit scarves, hats, and a nutritious goodie bag. It was not only an amazing chance to shine the light of God's love to the world, but also an eye-opening experience for all who came along. The gratitude on the faces, and within the sometimes-broken translation, of the approximately 150 people served, warmed our hearts on that brutally cold morning! A big "thank you" to everyone who contributed to our efforts, your donation truly made a difference in the lives of the recipients as well as those of us who delivered on your behalf!



**THANK
YOU**

January

Wednesday January 1st

Office Closed

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday January 2nd

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe

5pm India Task Force

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday January 3rd

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 4th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion

Sunday January 5th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE

Sharing Today's Word



Monday January 6th

Tuesday January 7th

No Bell or Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday January 8th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday January 9th

10am SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday January 10th

Noon Handbell Choir

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 11th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday January 12th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE

Sharing Today's Word

Monday January 13th

12pm Boundaries

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday January 14th

5pm Handbell Choir

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday January 15th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday January 16th

6pm Wise Guys

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday January 17th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 18th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday January 19th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

CORE, & SHINE

Sharing Today's Word

11:45am – 2:30 Youth Group

Lunch and Games

Monday January 20th

Tuesday January 21st

1pm Staff meeting

5pm Handbell Choir

6:30pm Adult Choir

7pm PEO

Wednesday January 22nd

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday January 23rd

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

10am SonShine Gals

Friday January 24th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 25th

Sunday January 26th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

CORE, & SHINE

Sharing Today's Word

11:45am Inquirers Luncheon

Monday January 27th

Tuesday January 28th

5pm Handbell Choir

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday January 29th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday January 30th

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday January 31st

6:30 pm NA



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:

January 5th: Jenny Landowski

In gratitude for Immanuel Church and all those who shine the light of God's love to the world!

January 12th: Pastor Rich

In celebration of all who help support this Church and make it what it is today!

January 19th:

January 26th:



BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Judy Harris 1st
Kendra Kapanke 4th
Teri Mattek 4th
Julie Feit 6th
Frank Laycock 6th
Mike Bath 7th
Sue Crowley 8th
Georgia Kletti 8th
Javon Peterson 10th
Tama Gluck 15th
Susan Kist 15th
Sophie Landowski 15th
Sarah Mitchell 17th
Ashley Russell 17th
Karen Grace Strobach 17th
Jean Stewart 18th
Elise Patten 22nd
Liz Ratzburg 22nd
Luis Pabon 23rd
Ellison Player 24th
Heather Tanner 24th
Zina Cobb 27th
Aidan Kreis 28th
Julie Glassman 29th
Kathie Wolff 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, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, Joan Stenstrup, and Barb Styduhar.

Health Concerns:

Mona Anderson, Michal Gerard, Joe Halfman, Bruce Kapanke, Anne Mari Peters, Cyndee Thull, 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.

Hospice Care

Michal Gerard

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:

January 5 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
January 12 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Barb Seefeldt
January 19 9:00am Darleen Baerenwald, Georgia Kletti
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
January 26 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

January 5 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
January 12 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
January 19 9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
January 26 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

January 5	9am Carol Merrifield	10:30 Chris Witt
January 12	9am Kris Zulick	10:30 Julie Feit
January 19	9am Tom Wilson	10:30 Kari Lutter
January 26	9am Jackie Nieman	10:30 Doug Stewart

COFFEE MAKERS:

January 5 Bonnie Gerner
January 12 Jim & Anne Mari
January 19 STILL NEED SOMEONE
January 26 Mary Demmon

Fellowship Hour:

January 5 Goody Gang
January 12 Pastor Rich
January 19 STILL NEED SOMEONE
January 26 Christian Education

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

January 5 Keith Schmidt
January 12 Larry Wheelock
January 19 Handbell Ensemble
January 26 Larry Wheelock

Communion Servers: January 5

9:00 – Dave & Lynn Hammen
10:30 – Ben & Ashley Russell

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