



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

March 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

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT



ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5TH

BAKED POTATO BAR IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM 5:30-6:45PM

WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00PM

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: MARCH 12 – APRIL 9

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00PM IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Having spent the Season of Epiphany learning about God's Beloved Son and experiencing his experiences with the Woman at the Well, Simon at the Lake, and the Royal Official in Cana, we now move into the Season of Lent – a season known for reevaluating our faith and commitment to the Christ.

This year our reflections will be guided by “the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross” (sometimes known as “the Seven Last Sayings”). The Seven Last Words come from a place of deep sacrifice and self-giving. They speak clearly of who Jesus is and how he lived and the kind of people he desires us to be. Just as we treasure the last words of loved ones in our lives, the early church treasured the last words of Jesus and found in them a gateway to understanding his heart and faithfulness.

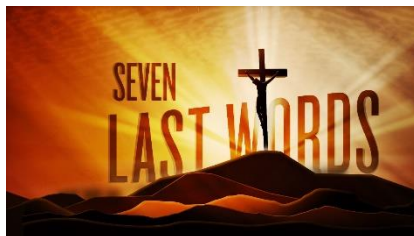
The seven last words are:

- “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)
- “Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
- “Woman, behold thy son! and Behold thy mother!” (John 19:26-27)
- “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)
- “I thirst.” (John 19:28)
- “It is finished.” (John 19:30)
- “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.” (Luke 23:46)

Starting on March 2, we will do a deep dive on each saying in order to learn more of Jesus and discover more of what God calls us to reflect in our Lenten Journeys (and our daily lives). The beauty, integrity, compassion, humanity, and faithfulness of Christ is on full display in these last words, pronounced even in the midst of the cold and cruel context of the cross. All of this will lead us into Holy Week and Easter.

I look forward to sharing these reflections with you during the Season of Lent. May God be with you and bless you as, together, we stand at the foot of the cross, and experience the last words of God's Beloved and our Lord.

Grace and peace,
Rich



Journey through Lent with Devotions

Lenten practices can look different for everyone, but ultimately through personal reflection, discipline, and repentance it can be a time for each of us to grow closer in relationship to our Creator.

Here are some resources that are available to aide you on your Lenten Journey...

~**Wednesday Devotions March 12 – April 9 at 6pm**

Led by Pastor Rich in the Friendship Room

~The Upper Room, Daily Devotional Guide located on the table outside of the main office

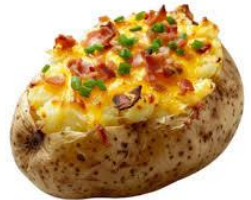
~Weekly prayers will be emailed and posted on Facebook

~United Church of Christ Daily Devotions

Sign-up to have them delivered to you via email

<https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

Blessings to you during this season of Lent.



**Join us on Ash Wednesday,
March 5th, at 5:30pm
for a Baked Potato Bar prior to
the 7pm Worship Service.
Freewill donations will support
One Great Hour of Sharing.**

Financial Secretary...

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25

The 2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed if you did not pick up your envelope in the last few weeks. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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 as noted below under the **Online Giving topic**.

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

December 2024 Year End Finance Report

Year to Date (YTD)

Total Income \$412,130.82

Total Expenses \$400,277.79

Income vs Expenses **\$11,853.03**

Note: YTD Giving met 103% of YTD Expenses

Immanuel January 2025 Finance Report

January 2025 Month and YTD

Total Income \$61,606.67

Total Expenses \$33,713.76

Income vs Expenses **\$27,892.91**

Cash Available for Church Operations January 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending of Month 1/31/25 **\$ 58,894.24**

Online Giving

In case you did not already know, both Immanuel United Church of Christ and Joyful Journeys, Inc. have the capability to receive online donations. You can set up payment via ACH from your checking account or use a credit/debit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit/debit card there is a small fee of about 3.4-3.8% which the service provider reduces the amount we receive.

Immanuel UCC...FLOODED with LOVE

A heartfelt "thank you" to all our **Valentines** who filled an envelope with \$\$\$ during our "Shower Immanuel with LOVE" fundraiser. Out of 100 envelopes, 82 were taken!! 😲 The total amount that was poured into Immanuel's General Fund was \$3,740!! 😊 **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!!** Our cup runneth over in response to your generosity!

Everyone who donated, was entered into the drawing...the lucky **WINNERS** of the \$25 gift card for Kwik Trip were...**Wayne and Rosemary Seideman!** Fun fact...they chose the envelope that corresponded with their upcoming Anniversary; we'd say that's pretty lucky! ❤️

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



In a continued effort to stay on top of Immanuel's finances, our Consistory is hosting a special Bake Sale. We all know how much our members appreciate having a hot cup of coffee on Sunday mornings, as do individuals who stop by the church throughout the course of the week, and it is our desire to continue to offer this "love in a cup" at no cost to those partaking. Therefore, the goal of this Bake Sale is to raise a minimum of \$1,092.03, which is the amount we spent on Coffee in 2024. So, come with your cash and checkbooks on Sunday, March 16th, and be ready to treat yourself to some homemade goodness!
**For those interested in contributing baked goods to the sale, please sign up outside the main office.



**PROPERTY
NEWS**

Property update...

We had only a few minor issues to address this past month. The rope for ringing the bell has been replaced and in spring we have to lubricate the bell mechanism in the bell tower.

The small furnace in the Circle of Friends sorting room still needs to be repaired.

A small portable heater is in service right now until we can fix the problem.

The stove in the kitchen needs to be replaced. We are working with consistory to get ideas for replacing the stove. By our estimation the stove is approximately 35-40 years old.

Property Team.

Find *freedom* with your money.



Do you feel like you're living paycheck to paycheck?
Is there too much month at the end of your money?
Or maybe you want to know how to steward your money
well but don't know where to start.

No matter where you land, we would like to invite you to attend Financial Peace University to help you create a life without financial stress—starting now. Jennifer and Mitch Schleif will be coordinating a *Financial Peace University* class here at Immanuel and would love for you to join them.

They began working through the 'baby steps' in 2018 and paid off \$39,000 in non-mortgage debt within about a year! This program helped them be more intentional with their money and helped their communication with each other.

They are still working through the baby steps and would love some company along the way. This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you!

Class starts Wednesday, April 23 from 6-8 pm and runs through June 18th.

Please reach out to Jennifer or Mitch to sign up or to learn more,
414-248-9353 or jsbschleif@gmail.com.

The cost is \$79.99 per household (single or couple),
but we don't want this to be a barrier for attending the class, please reach out.

A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR...

Spring's Orchestra

*March is such a blustery month - And yet I think I hear,
Beneath the clamor a little voice crying "Oh, be of cheer!"
This medley of terrific sounds, this banging far and near,
Is just the orchestra of spring announcing she is here!*

*It is the overture that heralds a sweeter melody,
You know how it is with a piece of music, a march or symphony.
The opening notes are very loud, triumphant as can be,
The orchestra blares forth with might, and shouts it mounting glee.*

*But in a moment there is heard a sweeter, softer tune.
A melody that hints of birds, and of an April moon.
A melody that whispers sweetly "flowers are coming soon".
Apple blossoms buds and daisies mingle with this tune.*

*So when I hear the banging sounds with which March comes and goes,
I only smile for now, you see, I know why this wind blows.
He is the orchestra of spring that heralds the bud and rose,
When he has finished his overture then March packs up and goes.*

It's March and our choirs are preparing for Holy Week and Easter! Ladies Ensemble will sing on Maundy Thursday and Adult Choir will sing at our services on Good Friday and Easter Morning. Handbells will ring an Easter morning processional!! Want to join in?? Sing with our choir for one of all Holy Week services. Join our handbell team as we open our joyous Easter morning worship service - NO experience necessary! It is not necessary to attend all rehearsals - perhaps one or two will suffice as we get closer to Holy Week next month. Contact me and I'll be glad to discuss the details.

Here's our rehearsal schedule on Tuesday evenings:

Handbell Ensemble 5:00pm

Ladies Ensemble: 6:00pm

Adult Choir: 6:30pm

NO choir rehearsals on Tuesday March 4th

~ Beverly Mark

920-242-7318

bevbeemark@gmail.com



JAM Time* 2024/2025
Growing in God
Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion
March 2nd – 30th



"God loved the people of this world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die."

John 3:16

Our Lenten unit helps the children to understand the path that Jesus followed on his way to the cross. We go from the joy of Palm Sunday to the sadness of the crucifixion. The children will be a part of the Palm Sunday procession for the second service.

Cuttin' & Struttin': Stations of the Cross
Kickin' Kitchen: Rice Krispie Crosses
Pleasin' Plots : Plantin' Pots

UP NEXT

March 23

March 30

April

Family Worship – No JAM Time

Mini Unit

Pentecost

If you have noticed the potted plants in the friendship room and wondered, I'd like to have a plant like that in my home... you're in luck because those plants are for sale! They are \$5 each and the proceeds support our J.A.M. Time activities! Please note that these plants are not pet friendly and could cause illness or death if ingested. Please see Mitch if you have questions or would like to purchase a plant.

Registration is open for the 2025 camp seasons at Moon Beach and Daychola Center! Camps run year-round so sign up today at: www.ucci.org!

Contact Mitch Schleif for information about available youth scholarships from Immanuel and UCCI!



~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, 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room.**



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.

**F.I.T tubing
was a blast!**

Fun was had by all!



F.I.T. EASTER EGG HUNT & BRUNCH (F.I.T. ~ FAMILIES INTERACTING TOGETHER)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY,
APRIL 27TH AFTER 2ND SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR SECOND ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT AND BRUNCH
IN A POST-EASTER F.I.T. CELEBRATION.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET BY THE OFFICE
SO WE CAN MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH EGGS FOR HIDING
AND PANCAKES FOR EATING.

PANCAKES, SYRUP AND SAUSAGE WILL BE PROVIDED,
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE A DISH TO PASS.

OLDER KIDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN BY HELPING OUT
WITH THE YOUNGER SHINE BROTHERS AND IN THE KITCHEN!



CORE

Currently our CORE group is working through the Apostles' Creed. We are digging deeper into what it means for the church as a whole as well as for us as individuals. We continue to grow our relationship with each other and with God.

Schedule:

March 2nd – 10:30am-11:30am

March 9th - 10:30am-11:30am

March 16th - 10:30am-11:30am

March 23rd – No CORE Family Worship

March 30th - 10:30am-11:30am

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

SHINE

Come a Little Closer, Then You'll See...

Lent is traditionally a time to move a little closer to God by making some changes in your daily life. But is giving up meat for 40 days really what it's all about?

Fasting from a certain food item can be great, but it's really not about the food- it's about the *focus*. Join us as we explore everyday ideas about how we can increase our focus on God through choosing Christian music we actually enjoy, praying in a style that meets our current needs, and brainstorming our way through some modern interpretations of the traditional 3 disciplines: praying, fasting, and giving.

March Schedule:

2nd- Lenten Practices

9th- Lenten Practices

16th- Lenten Practices

23rd- No SHINE- Family Worship Sunday

30th- Mini Unit



SHINE is 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

**Thank you for your support with
Souper Bowl Sunday!
We raised over \$800 to support
youth activities!**



Fun was had by kids, youth and Chaperones and Parents got to enjoy a night off for a little while!



IMMANUEL'S YOUTH GROUP SPRING ACTIVITIES

MARCH

Sunday March 30th 11:45am-3pm Lunch & Movie for the Family!

The cost of lunch and the movie will be covered, if you would like snacks from the concession stand, you're on your own for that.

The show will start at 1pm.

Pickup will be at the Cinema around 3:00pm.

We are seeing Captain America Brave New World.



APRIL

Friday April 18th Following the Good Friday service we will be putting together gift bags to take to MR. Bob's

**Saturday April 19th 6:45am-10:30am
Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge**



MAY

**Saturday May 3rd 8:30am-Noon
Spring Cleanup Day**

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**



Raise Right Gift Cards

Let us help make your shopping, budgeting, dining out, and gift giving easier...

Gift Cards for Local Grocers, Gas Stations, Clothing Stores, Online Shopping, Restaurants, and more are available through **Raise Right Gift Cards**.

A variety of cards are on hand for immediate purchase, and hundreds of different cards can be ordered on a monthly basis. Raise Right gives us a % of each sale, which benefits our Joyful Journeys Ministries, both India and the COF Shoppe. A member of the India Task Force will have cards available 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, March 10th.**

Preplan Your Funeral Service

The death of a loved one is rarely an easy time for the family, and certainly planning a funeral that will honor the deceased and comfort the living can be an added stress during this period of grieving. If your desire is to have a say in your

Memorial Service and ease the burden on those you've left behind, then you may want to consider filling out a Planned Funeral Information Sheet that can be kept on file here at Immanuel Church.

This is strictly a form that covers questions regarding your wishes upon your passing in regard to a Memorial Service; it is not a legal document, nor is it any type of prepaid funeral planning package.

If you would like a form you will find them located in a pouch on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Rich's office.

Filled out forms can be put in Jenny Landowski's mailbox #4, and any questions can be directed to her as well.

Benevolence Fund

Benevolence: an act of kindness or an inclination to be kind.

Within our church family and our community there are often individuals who need a little extra help to get them through unexpected financial difficulties. Immanuel's Benevolence Fund, under the discretion of Pastor Rich and Jenny, is yet another way our congregation seeks to shine the light of God's love in the world. Contributions can be made to this account by marking it on your weekly giving envelope or through the monthly Communion envelope. Online donations can be made through our website

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

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this special fund.



Soul Sacks...meeting a basic need of the homeless within our community.

- A can of Pasta, Soup, or Chili
- 8oz bottle of water
- Granola Bar
- Plastic Spoon
- Sweet or Savory Snack
- Fruit/Applesauce Cup
- Piece of Candy
- A WHOLE LOT OF LOVE

Filling a sack, helps keep the hungry full. 🍷

Want to support our efforts? Donations of food or \$ to Immanuel's Benevolence Fund are always appreciated.

Soul Sacks are available in the Soul Box located outside of Immanuel Church.

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 March, we will be collecting
Breakfast Foods – Cereal, Granola bars, Oatmeal, Pancake & Quick Bread Mixes, Syrup



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



Do you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry and add a special purpose to your hobby. In addition to Prayer Shawls, they've made sweaters for the children in India, hat's for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, scarves for our Boxed up with Love ministry, and Prayer Squares for new members. This group meets on the 4th Monday of each month and invites you to join them.

For more information,
contact Rosemary Seideman at roseway12@charter.net .

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 “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 **March 20th** 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

Welcome New Members!

Ronald & Kathleen Diels –

Ronald and Kathleen were members of Immanuel many years ago, prior to moving to Stoughton WI, they have since returned to the area and are rejoining. Ronald retired from the DPW in West Bend, and Kathleen was the head custodian at the West Bend High School. They are currently living at The Waterford and worship with us when able.



Joan Dobberstein – Joan started visiting Immanuel with her parents, Orv and Helen Larson, many years ago when visiting from Appleton. After moving to Cedar Ridge herself, she became a regular attendee and now desires to make it “official”. Joan is a retired Physical therapist. She has been a part of the India Task Force for several years and even traveled to India the last time a group went over. Joan is a sorter for the Circle of Friends Shoppe, helps with the Goodie Gang, is a SonShine Gal and participates in Feast with Friends. Outside of all that...Joan enjoys traveling and reading.

LaVonda Johnson – LaVonda recently started attending Immanuel Church and is excited to become part of the “family” here. She has done clerical work in the past, and in her free time enjoys gardening, small sewing projects, cooking classes and walking her dog. As LaVon da settles in here, her initial interests would be helping out with the Circle of Friends Shoppe ministry.



Paul Kenny – Paul has been attending Immanuel Church for quite some time now and truly feels the presence of the Holy Spirit here. His current job is working for Uber Technologies as a Ride Share. Some of Paul’s hobbies and interests include being a Golf Pro, Diving and Swimming, Gospel reading and playing Chess. Paul has already been attending the Adult Discussion Group on Sunday mornings and looks forward to getting involved in other areas such as Wise Guys.



Carol Merrifield – Carol is joining us after being introduced to Immanuel Church by friends at Cedar Ridge. She is retired from banking and now enjoys reading and participating in exercise classes. Carol has been attending SonShine Gals and looks forward to reading Scripture during Sunday Worship Services.

Tom & Marsha Newkirk – Tom and Marsha are actually “snowbirds” to our area, as they live “up north” in Eagle River during the summer months and reside in Slinger during the winter. Marsha is a retired teacher and Tom is a retired Pharmacist. In their free time, Tom enjoys playing golf, and Marsha likes 2d painting, wood carving and art. Marsha is currently exploring all what Immanuel has to offer, and Tom would like to check out Wise Guys.



Michael & Bethany Peterson – Michael and Bethany, along with their sons Josiah, Chrisitan and Javon, have been attending Immanuel for a couple years, and now desire to make it “official”. Michael is a Certified Arborist working for Wachtel Tree Science in their sales department. Bethany is a Stay at Home Mom, holding the fort down with 3 teenage boys in the house. With their home full of youthful energy, Bethany appreciates her downtime doing art projects, reading, and supporting justice initiatives and focusing on mental health and special needs. Michael enjoys playing the guitar, gardening, trees, and reading. As a family, the Petersons enjoy being a part of Immanuel’s F.I.T. Group and participating in Youth Activities. Michael would like to explore working in the Sound Booth, and Bethany has expressed interest in the Circle of Friends Shoppe and is a SonShine Gal.



Dan & Tracey Schnick – Dan and Tracey are transferring over from Hartland UCC since they’ve moved to Hartford. Dan worked in sales for Owens Corning, he enjoys ATV’s, sports, hunting, and boating. Tracey works as an Architect for 4G Architecture, which keeps her very busy. Dan and Tracey look forward to settling in at Immanuel.

Scott & Julie Schowalter – Scott and Julie have been a part of the UCC community for quite some time and are happy to have found a home here at Immanuel. Scott currently works for Cary Rentals doing building maintenance and Julie does accounting and tax prep at Hawkins Ash accounting firm. Both Julie and Scott enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and camping. Scott hopes to offer his skills with building maintenance to our Property Team in the future and Julie would like to explore helping out with our Circle of Friends Ministry.



All You Need is LOVE ~ Fundraiser for our India Travelers

All you need is LOVE...however, the MUSIC, FOOD, and DRINKS rounded the evening out to make it an absolutely incredible gathering in Immanuel's "Lower Lounge"! Special thanks to The Average Dad Band, as well as Pastor Rich and Jane, for providing the entertainment; it was most enjoyable! Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Chef Nick Sancomb and his kitchen crew for preparing such a delicious spread of appetizers; everyone left feeling satisfied! And of course, much appreciation for our India Task Force whose efforts supported this event in numerous ways; you ROCK! In the end, **LOVE is all you need...**as it's truly at the heart and soul of what this event was all about! Thank you to all, whose LOVE made this fundraiser a success!



~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."

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Update on Immanuel's 2025 India Travelers

TICKETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED!

The 2025 India Travelers will be gone from June 18 – July 2. Leading the trip is our Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries, Jenny Landowski.

Return travelers are Lora Buck, Johanna Landowski,
Sophie Landowski, Jan Nesladek, and Al Nevala.

First time travelers are Brenda Raad, Amy Schmitt, and Madison Schmitt.

The next step is the meticulous task of obtaining Visas from the Indian Embassy for approved travel into their country. All travelers are required to have a Visa in addition to their Passport; this process is currently underway.

Please continue to pray for these nine individuals as they prepare their hearts and minds for the upcoming trip.



Happy Anniversary, Joyful Journeys India Ministry!

The year 2025 marks the **20th anniversary of Joyful Journeys India Mission**...it is absolutely mindblowing to see how far we've come! For those who have been with us since the beginning, you have seen many of the changes and advancements through the years, and you know it has been by the generosity of many, and the Grace of God, that we've been able to accomplish what we have. We are thankful for all the prayers and support! For those of you who aren't familiar with the history, we are excited to highlight some of it throughout this year, so you too can be amazed with the good works being done in the village of Madhavapatnam India!

The hope of the India Task Force is for you to prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts as we strive to continue to educate the children, feed the hungry, empower the women, offer aid to the elderly, encourage the House Pastors, and ultimately **shine the light of God's love to the world!**

For more information, or to find out how you can help make a difference, please contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

JOYFUL JOURNEYS INDIA MINISTRY - 20TH ANNIVERSARY! LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME!

2005



2025



In 2005 the first school opened with 5 students, today Marshall School in Madhavapatnam India offers a free education to 350+ children a year, Kindergarten - 10th grade. In addition to Science, Math, and Writing, students learn three languages; Telugu, Hindi, and English. The accredited curriculum prepares children with what they need to pursue a higher education, if desired.

Student Sponsorship is \$20 per month, it helps cover teacher salaries, and pays for a child's books, uniforms, and school supplies.

For more information or to donate - <https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>

Additional Expenses in the month of March...

- New Printer for school \$168
- Air Conditioning Units for new Auditorium \$704 x2

If you would like to cover, or contribute to additional expenses, 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.

Circle of Friends

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, EVEN IF IT'S AWKWARD!



Thank you for your support within our **Period Poverty** campaign!

Through your generosity, we were able to restock the Shoppe with feminine hygiene products and adult disposable undergarments! Your ongoing support will allow us to better serve our community when they come to the Circle of Friends Shoppe throughout the year!!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, join a team of sorters, or volunteer at the Shoppe, feel free to contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

CURRENT “NEEDED” ITEMS AT THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS SHOPPE

Men’s T-Shirts - All sizes
Boy’s T-Shirts sizes 10 thru 18
Boy’s Athletic Pants sizes 10 thru 18
Girl’s Shirts sizes 10 thru 14
Girl’s Stretchy Pants sizes 10 thru 14

Sheets - Queen
Blankets - Twin, Full and Queen

Toasters
Coffee Pots

**THE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING**



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.



Support for One Great Hour of Sharing can be put in the designated envelopes outside the main office or included with your regular offering noted under UCC Missions. You can also securely give through our website designating it to Our Church’s Wider Mission: <https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/>



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:

March 2nd: Jim Morrison

In celebration of Mona's Birthday and
our 2nd Wedding Anniversary

March 9th:

March 16th:

March 23rd:

March 30th: Al & Kathy Olsen

in memory of John H. McNamara, Kathy's Father



Saturday March 1st

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday March 2nd

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE
Sharing Today's Word



Monday March 3rd

Tuesday March 4th

Ash Wednesday March 5th

2:30pm PEO Book Club
5:30pm Baked Potato Bar
7pm Ash Wednesday Service
7 pm AA meeting



Thursday March 6th

1pm–3-pm COF Shoppe
5pm India Task Force
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday March 7th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 8th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe
Memorial for Val Borresen
10am Visitation
11:30am Service

Sunday March 9th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE
Sharing Today's Word

Monday March 10th

12pm Boundaries
4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday March 11th

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

Wednesday March 12th

1pm Joyful Journeys Inc.
6pm Lenten Devotions
7 pm AA meeting

Thursday March 13th

10am SonShine Gals
5:30 pm Church & Ministry
6:30 pm Consistory
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday March 14th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 15th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday March 16th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE
Sharing Today's Word

Monday March 17th

Tuesday March 18th

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

Wednesday March 19th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe
6pm Lenten Devotions
7 pm AA meeting

Thursday March 20th

6pm Wise Guys
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday March 21st

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 22nd

Family Worship

Sunday March 23rd

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30 am Sharing Today's Word
NO J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE

Monday March 24th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday March 25th

1:00pm Staff meeting
5:00pm Handbell Ensemble
6:00pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday March 26th

6pm Lenten Devotions
7 pm AA meeting

Thursday March 27th

10am SonShine Gals
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday March 28th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 29th

Sunday March 30th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE
Sharing Today's Word
11:45am Youth Group & Family
Lunch & Movie

Monday March 31st



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3p,

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Ana Komro 3rd
Zachary Tanner 3rd
Mona Anderson 4th
Beverly Walter 4th
Irene Welzien 4th
Mark Koehler 6th
Dan Gerard 8th
Carol Merrifield 11th
Amy Schmitt 12th
Marjorie Krueger 14th
Isaiah Shaikh 14th
Jacqueline Prodoehl 16th
Carmen Vincent 17th
Kent Scheuerell 19th
Cyndee Thull 21st
Jackie Gluck 22nd
Cindy Komro 22nd
Patricia Love 24th
Beth Moser 25th
George Forst 28th
Barbara Stahnke 28th
Nader Raad 29th
Paul Stier 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:

Ronald and Kathleen Diels, DeDe Emory, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, Joan Stenstrup, and Barb Styduhar.

Health Concerns:

Mona Anderson, Dave Hammen, Joe Halfman, Bruce Kapanke, Jim Morrison, Anne Mari Peters, 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.

Deaths

Val Borresen 2-18-2025

Family Loss

Brenden and Brady Arndt – Grandfather Mike Flassig

Marty Borresen – Mother Val Borresen

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:

- March 2 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- March 9 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Barb Seefeldt
- March 16 9:00am STILL NEED SOMEONE
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- March 23 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman
- March 30 9:00am Dan, Rachel, Sam, & Nora Gerard
10:30am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS:

Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- March 2 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- March 9 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- March 16 9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- March 23 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman
- March 30 9:00am Al Nevala, Jackie Nieman
10:30am Jennifer Schleif

READERS:

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| March 2 | 9am John Buck | 10:30am Julie Feit |
| March 9 | 9am Jeanne Forester | 10:30am Kevin Martin |
| March 16 | 9am Russ Demmon | 10:30am Karen Grace Strobach |
| March 23 | 9am KC Laycock | 10:30am Joe Halfman |
| March 30 | 9am Tama Gluck | 10:30am Barb Seefeldt |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- March 2 Bonnie Gerner
- March 9 Jim & Anne Mari
- March 16 Eric Christie
- March 23 Mary Demmon
- March 30 WE STILL NEED SOMEONE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- March 2 Adult Choir
- March 9 Larry Wheelock
- March 16 Handbell Ensemble
- March 23 Larry Wheelock
- March 30 Ladies Ensemble

Fellowship Hour:

- March 2 Adult Choir
- March 9 Lavonda Johnson
- March 16 Handbell Ensemble
- March 23 STILL NEED SOMEONE
- March 30 STILL NEED SOMEONE

- Communion Servers:** March 2
9:00 – Gary McCrillis & Amy Schmitt
10:30 – Gene & Brenda Kreis

Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

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

Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

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

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CHILDCARE: Tobias Halfman

CONSISTORY ELDERS:

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

CONSISTORY DEACONS:

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

Finance Committee:

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

Immanuel's Team



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!



We invite you to help adorn Immanuel's chancel this Easter as we fill it with beautiful flowers as a symbol of Christ's resurrection.

Forms can be dropped in the Giving Church located on the Offering Altar, placed in church office mailbox #2, or given to Johanna Landowski. Please include payment with order, payable to Immanuel UCC.

Please return by Sunday March 16th.



_____ Lily X \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Tulip X \$12.50 = \$ _____

_____ Mum X \$15.00 = \$ _____

_____ Azalea X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Given by: _____

Your email: _____

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

