



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

April 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

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 13th
9:00am & 10:30am Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, April 18th
12:00pm Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 20th
9:00am & 10:30am Worship Services

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

It has been a joy this Lenten season to reflect deeply with you upon “the Seven Sayings of Christ from the Cross”. These words of Jesus during the final moments of his earthly life have revealed to us what’s on his heart as he experiences the cruel cross.

However, these sayings can be overwhelming. They all come from the dark place of death’s looming grasp. And as such, on the surface, they can feel crushing. But I believe that if we view them as Christ’s final stand against the powers of evil and Christ’s final push to establish his kingdom, we can see great victory and triumph in his sayings.

For example, the first saying, *“Father, forgive them they know not what they do,”* can be viewed in the light of the vast forces of evil that plague Christ, and yet also as the triumph of divine forgiveness even in the worst situation. This statement of forgiveness to enemies reveals God’s perfect mercy and steadfast love for all, even enemies.

The saying, *“Today, you will be with me in paradise,”* spoken to a criminal who had at first mocked Jesus with all the rest, highlights the triumph of hope offered to the hopeless. It underscores that in our darkest and worst moments, Jesus offers a word of comfort and peace, continually offering us his presence and his victory.

“Mother, behold your son... Disciple, your mother,” reveals the sad loss of family and friends. Yet it also demonstrates the triumph of Jesus’ deep concern for the welfare of others and deep desire for his disciples to extend his care by sharing resources with those whom Jesus loves.

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me” may seem to be only a cry of dereliction, wallowing in abandonment. And yet it is also, as one of Israel’s numerous “Prayers of Lament”, ultimately, a forlorn cry of faith and trust in one’s darkest moments.

There are more sayings which we still have to uncover, but perhaps the most triumphant cry is the statement, *“It is finished,”* – not a cry of despair and resignation, but an exclamation of a purpose achieved, and a goal met, even though its ending appears to be shrouded in defeat.

My goal with all these sayings has not been to “dissect” them and thus remove from them their “life,” but rather to seek to experience them together with you so that we might better understand what matters most to the heart of Jesus. The cross is simultaneously Christ’s darkest hour, and yet also God’s greatest victory in revealing God’s steadfast love and faithfulness manifest in Christ – not only for our salvation, but also for our imitation. “Taking up our cross” in some way should produce the triumphant qualities revealed in Christ’s “final words” – forgiveness, mercy, care and concern, faithfulness, and integrity to a higher purpose and call. All qualities on triumphant display even during the darkest hours on Calvary.

Grace and peace,
Rich

On behalf of our President...

Greetings Immanuel members and friends,

I pray that your Lenten journey has been meaningful- a time for reflection, renewal, and a closer walk with Christ!

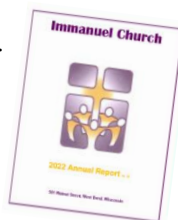
As I write I am spending what will likely be some of my last days with my mom. When Jenny was here to visit, she asked my mom if there was anything she would like to pass on to her children and grandchildren. She said, “If you feel a calling, act on it. You may not get the opportunity again.” I wanted to share those words of wisdom from my mom, as I feel we all need that reminder. How often have we put something off for another day because we were too busy or just didn’t get to it? None of us knows what tomorrow brings. Don’t put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Whether that’s a call to serve in one of our many ministries, or to give of your time, talents or treasure in other ways!

As you continue your Lenten journey toward Easter Sunday, take the opportunities that come to you... God is with you!

Blessings,
Amy

Spring Congregational Meeting April 6th at 11:45am

Hard copies of the
Annual Reports are located in front
of the main office.



Financial Secretary...

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first of all your produce."

Proverbs 3:9

We had a wonderful Shower Immanuel with Love fundraiser in February, with a total of \$3,784 going to the general fund! Thank you everyone for your generous donations to help our church! We are looking forward to another great fundraiser in March with "Love in a Cup" to cover our coffee expenses for the whole year!

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.

Immanuel February 2025 Finance Report

February 2025	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$34,321.95	\$110,427.74
Total Expenses	<u>\$34,543.57</u>	<u>\$80,732.64</u>
Income vs Expenses	-\$220.62	\$29,695.10

Cash Available for Church Operations February 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending on Month 2/28/25 \$ 58,976.24

Online Giving

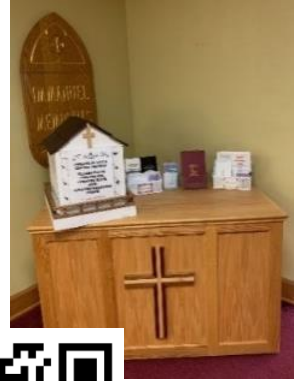
In case you did not already know, both Immanuel United Church of Christ and Joyful Journeys, Inc. have the capability to receive online donations. You can set up payment via ACH from your checking account or use a credit/debit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit/debit card there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

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...

No major issues this month. We did have one of our turbine fan vents on the roof of the sanctuary blow off. A call was made on Saturday the 15th to a local company that had replaced one of these fans several years ago and the repair was done on Monday the 17th.

Property Team



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.

“Love in a Cup” Bake Sale

Our “Love in a Cup” Bake Sale, in support of Immanuel’s Coffee Fund, was nothing short of a sweet success as we **exceeded our goal of \$1,092.03!!!!**

Thank you to members of Consistory, all who contributed baked goods, everyone who helped with packaging and set up, and certainly everyone who purchased some form of deliciousness or simply made a donation...this group effort will assure that the coffee line item on our budget will be covered for the year!!



A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR...

Easter Week by Charles Kingsley

See the land, her Easter keeping, rises as her Maker rose.

Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping, burst at last from winter snows.

Earth with heaven above rejoices; Deepest woodlands ring with voices,

While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted powers to those sweet birds unknown,

Use the craft by God implanted; use the reason not your own.

Here, while heaven and earth rejoices, each his Easter tribute bring –

Work of fingers, chant of voices, like the birds who build and sing.

Welcome to April! This year April holds our celebration of Easter. Do you ever wonder how it is that we determine the date of Easter each year? Why isn't it always on the same date, like Christmas? Well, Easter Sunday is determined as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox! We just passed the spring equinox, March 21st. The full moon that follows the equinox will be April 12th, and so the next Sunday after that moon (finished of being "full"), is April 20th. Good to know!

The stories of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morning are told through musical selections, anthems and hymns. Immanuel's choirs look forward to sharing them with you! And you are welcome to join us:

- ❖ Sing with the Ladies Ensemble on Maundy Thursday
- ❖ Sing with the choir on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday morning
- ❖ Ring with the Handbell Ensemble in our Easter morning processional, adults and children!
- ❖ Join us on the chancel on Easter morning as we belt out Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"

Interested? Please contact me and I will give you details and answer any questions you have.

Tuesday evening choirs practice schedule for April:

Handbell Ensemble: 5:00pm

Ladies Ensemble: 5:50pm

Adult Choir: 6:30pm

~ Beverly Mark

920-242-7318

bevbeemark@gmail.com



J.A.M. Time* 2024-2025

April

Lent/Pentecost



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4

Our activities and lesson topics will include:

April 6 – Lent/Pentecost

April 13 – Palm Sunday/Pentecost

April 20 – Easter Sunday – Family Worship Day

April 27 – Pentecost

May 4 – Mini-Unit

May 11 – Celebration Sundaes!

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. 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

Our CORE group is continuing to work 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.

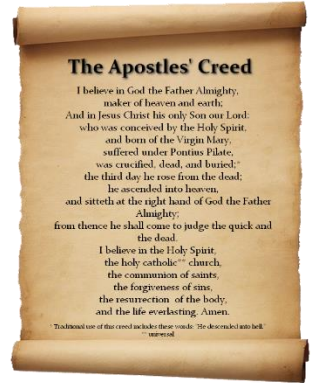
Schedule:

April 6th – 10:30am-11:30am

April 13th - 10:30am-11:30am

April 20th – Easter, No CORE Family Worship

April 27th - 10:30am-11:30am



CORE is part of Immanuel's youth ministries that serves kids in 7th & 8th grade. The foundation of CORE is reflective of it's name...exploring the core concepts of our beliefs and traditions, expanding on what it means to embrace Christianity and how it differentiates from other religions, and digging deeper into who we are at Immanuel UCC and how we can put our faith into action. They meet from 10:30-11:30am in the classroom off the west hallway in the lower level of church.

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

**IMMANUEL'S
YOUTH GROUP
SPRING ACTIVITIES**

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

**SPRING
cleaning**

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, April 14th.**

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

Soul Sack

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

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

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of April, we will be collecting **Canned Fruits, Fruit Cups, Applesauce, and Fruit Snacks**



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

Adopt a Church Garden

What joy it is to look outside and see the beautiful Spring flowers already popping up around the church; it's a reminder that it's that time of year to start thinking about our church gardens! With our location being in the main area of Downtown West Bend, the beauty of our gardens is a gift to all who go by, and we count on volunteers to help with their upkeep. Currently we have some of the gardens maintained by the same people who have helped in the past, but we could use a few extra hands. If you would be interested in Adopting a Church Garden to tend on your own, or if you would be willing to lend a green thumb to assist one of our other volunteers to co-garden, please let me know.

Thanks for considering!

Jenny Landowski 334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

Wise Guys will not be meeting in the month of April as their regular scheduled night, April 17th, falls on Maundy Thursday.

Please consider attending the special service that evening at 7:00pm.



“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 meets on Sundays at 10:30am in the space connected to the Friendship Room where Fellowship Time treats are served.

The group will not meet on Easter Sunday.

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



Find *freedom*
with your money.

 RAMSEY
FinancialPeace
UNIVERSITY

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.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Evan Patten 1st

Laura Herrick 3rd

Jennifer Schleif 4th

Scott Gluck 5th

Ian House 7th

Evan Mastenbrook 8th

Beverly Mark 11th

Jacob Soener 13th

Kathy Olsen 14th

Sara Depies 15th

Becky Kay 15th

Aurora Swanson 15th

Allen Tackes 15th

Tom Thielke 15th

Emma Gutjahr 16th

Fay Rose 16th

Sandy Michaels 17th

Jim Morrison 17th

Dave Hammen 20th

Max Sommerfeld 20th

Brenda Kreis 21st

Sandy Luft 21st

Steve Miller 21st

Elise Susnik 21st

Darleen Baerenwald 23rd

Hunter Demmon 25th

Gloria Sheehy 25th

Thea Liebelt 26th

Joyce Bultman

Jeff Otten 27th

John Sancomb 28th



April Birthdays!

~Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

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

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

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

Circle of Friends

Bundles of Undies, Sacks of Socks

Easter Baskets

It's that time of year again when we invite you to help us fill Easter Baskets with

"Bundles of Undies and Sacks of Socks"

in an effort to stock The Circle of Friends Shoppe.

Please consider donating

new footwear and underwear.

Items will be collected through Easter, April 27th.

If you would prefer that we shop for you,

monetary donations can be given to

Joyful Journeys.

Thank you for helping us care for

those experiencing hardships within our community.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Men's & Women's "no show" socks

Men's Boxers – ALL SIZES!

Women's briefs – Size 5 & 12

Boy's Boxers – ALL SIZES

Boy's & Girl's "no show" Socks



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

INDIA



Additional Expenses in the month of April...

- **Children's Bible School \$900**

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.

Update on Immanuel's 2025 India Travelers

Our 2025 India Travelers continue to prepare for their trip; tickets have been purchased, Visas are being processed, medications and vaccinations are being acquired, and prayerful planning is happening on a regular basis. In less than 3 months they will venture out to build relations with our Joyful Journeys family in the village of Madhavapatnam, see the fruits of your generosity, and most of all to shine the light of God's love to the impoverished people in this area.

As this team of 9 represents Immanuel Church and its ministry, the India Task Force invites you, as their church family, to consider supporting their efforts by contributing to the India Travelers Fund. This special fund is for expenses such as renting a bus to transport the travelers, paying for driver fees and fuel for daily travel, covering the cost of food along with paying individuals to prepare it, going on special outings with the hostel children, and hosting a celebration for the families connected with the Marshall School.

On April 6th, the India Task Force will be offering an elaborate Coffee Hour in the hopes of both raising awareness for this upcoming trip and the ministry it represents, as well as raising funds to cover the previously stated costs. Freewill donations will be accepted.

As always, we ask you to please continue to hold these nine individuals in prayer as they prepare their hearts and minds for the upcoming trip.



2025 India Travelers are

Jenny, Johanna and Sophie Landowski, Lora Buck,
Jan Nesladek, Al Nevala, Brenda Raad, Amy and Madison Schmitt.



Happy Anniversary, Joyful Journeys India Ministry!

The year 2025 marks the **20th anniversary of Joyful Journeys India Mission...** as we continue to highlight a different facet of the ministry each month, we draw your attention to our **Women Upliftment** programs. The hope of the India Task Force is for you to prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts in **shining 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 **Joyful Journeys Cutting & Tailoring Program** was established.

Using the traditional "treadle peddle" machines, women acquired skills that could be used to help support themselves and their families.

Today, at the **Landowgals Vocational Training Center**, not only are women still learning to sew, but on more advanced equipment, they are also being taught basic computer skills that are relevant in finding jobs working with technology.

Since 2005, over 1000 women have benefited from being a part of this program!

Individuals have been empowered and the community is prospering!

A financial donation, in any amount, designated to JJ Women Upliftment, helps us provide such programs, at no cost, to impoverished women in India.

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

April

Tuesday April 1st

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

Wednesday April 2nd

2:30pm PEO Book Club
6pm Lenten Devotions

Thursday April 3rd

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

Friday April 4th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday April 5th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday April 6th

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

11:45 Spring Annual meeting

Monday April 7th

Tuesday April 8th

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

Wednesday April 9th

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

Thursday April 10th

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

Friday April 11th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday April 12th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Palm Sunday April 13th

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

Monday April 14th

12pm Boundaries
4:15pm Citizen Advocates



Tuesday April 15th

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

Wednesday April 16th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe
7 pm AA meeting



Thursday April 17th

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous
7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday April 18th

Noon Good Friday Service
1:15pm Youth Group put
Mr. Bob gift bags together
6:30 pm NA



Saturday April 19th

6:45am Youth Mr. Bob's Under
the Bridge
10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Easter Sunday April 20th

Family Worship

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



Monday April 21st

Office Closed

Tuesday April 22nd

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

Wednesday April 23rd

6pm Financial Peace
7 pm AA meeting

Thursday April 24th

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday April 25th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday April 26th

Sunday April 27th

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

Monday April 28th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday April 29th

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

Wednesday April 30th

6pm Financial Peace
7 pm AA meeting



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:

April 6th: Halfmans

In celebration of our Wedding Anniversary!

April 13th: Mona Anderson

In celebration of Jim's birthday April 17th!

April 20th: Georgia Kletti

in celebration of Easter

April 27th: June Sommerfeld

In memory of my sister-in-law Donna Weidman

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SHARED EASTER FLOWERS WITH US!

June Sommerfeld

In celebration of Easter and Spring flowers and the 81st birthday of Max Sommerfeld on Easter Sunday this year

Curtis & Jeanne Forester

In celebration blessings of Easter message

Jackie Nieman

In memory of my parents & Maggie Seideman

Mary Ellen Dodge

In memory of my parents Mary & Fred Frauenfelder

Elaine & Glenn Radzinski

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren

Kim Lisanby-Barber

In memory of Gary Barber & Family celebration of family

Louise Aplin

In honor of all the volunteers who make Immanuel special

Susan Kist

In memory of my parents Susan & Henry Crysedale

Stuart & Charlene Swanson

In memory of Elsie & Leroy Anderson, Esther & Dale Curtis & David Curtis, Fred & Jean Kick. In celebration of Christ has Risen!

Jinna Lusty

In memory of Dale, Gigi & Jeff Thompson, Terri Tybring, Arnold & Ginny Bertelsen & in celebration of our church family

Mike & Chris Soner

In celebration of our church family

Barb Barger

In memory of family

Gerard Family

In memory of Michal Gerard

Tom & Marsha Newkirk

Jim & Nancy Degnitz

In celebration of our 57th anniversary

Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

In celebration of our family, our church family and the glory of Easter!

Jenny Landowski

In memory of our beloved Big Bob

Doug & Jean Stewart

In memory of Lawrence & Marjorie Stewart & Walter & Ione Nagel

The Schleif's

In celebration of our amazing church family



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, Tom Newkirk, 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

Marge Krueger 3-25-2025

Family Loss

Amy, Austin, & Madison Schmitt – Mother & Grandmother Marge Krueger

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:

- April 6 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- April 13 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
- April 20 9:00am Carol Argabright
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- April 27 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS:

Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- April 6 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- April 13 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- April 20 9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- April 27 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

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| April 6 | 9am Kent Scheuerell | 10:30am Laurie McCann |
| April 13 | 9am Michael Bath | 10:30am Julie Feit |
| April 20 | 9am Rosemary Seideman | 10:30am Elaine Rads |
| April 27 | 9am Kaitlin Demmon | 10:30am Tracy Halfman |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- April 6 Bonnie Gerner
April 13 Jim & Anne Mari
April 20 Eric Christie
April 27 Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- April 6 Adult Choir
April 13 Larry Wheelock
April 20 Easter Morning Choir /
Handbell Processional
April 27 Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

- April 6 India Task Force
April 13 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
April 20 Easter Sunday
April 27 *STILL NEED SOMEONE*

Communion Servers: April 6

- 9:00 – Curt & Jeanne Forester
10:30 – Shaun & Heather Tanner
Easter Sunday April 20
9:00 – Mitch & Jennifer Schleif
10:30 - Mary Jo Norgel &
Kent Scheuerell

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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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

