

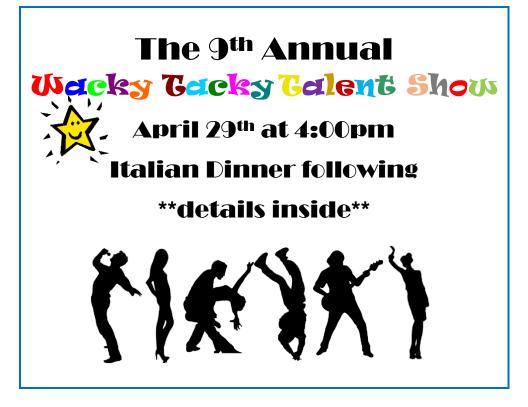
Journey Connection

APRIL 2018

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 or Jenny Landowski, or leave a message at the church office, **262-334-2886**, or <u>immanuelwboffice@gmail.com</u>.





Sunday, April 1st



7:00 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Continental Style Breakfast 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, April 3rd No Handbell or Choir rehearsal

<u>Wednesday, April 4th</u> 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

<u>Thursday, April 5th</u> 1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

Friday, April 6th 8:45 am Sonshine Gals 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

<u>Saturday, April 7th</u> 10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, April 8th

9 and 10:30 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Time 10 am Youth Choir rehearsal 10:30 am J.A.M. Time, Youth Group, Confirmation, Adult Ed.

Monday, April 9th 12 pm Boundaries Support group

Tuesday, April 10th 10:00 am Finance 5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, April 11th 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

<u>Thursday, April 12th</u> 5:30 pm Church & Ministry 6:30 pm Consistory

<u>Friday, April 13th</u> 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday, April 14th 9:00 am India Task Force meeting Continued...



Sunday, April 15th

9 and 10:30 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Time 10 am Youth Choir rehearsal 10:30 am J.A.M. Time, Youth Group, Confirmation, Adult Ed. 11:45 am Spring Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal 7 pm Choir rehearsal

<u>Wednesday, April 18th</u> 5pm – 7pm Circle Shoppe open 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Thursday, April 19th 6pm Wise Guys

Friday, April 20th 8:45 am Sonshine Gals 6 pm Date Night 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Al-Anon

<u>Saturday, April 21st</u> 10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

Sunday, April 22nd 9 and 10:30 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Time 10 am Youth Choir rehearsal 10:30 am J.A.M. Time, Youth Group, Confirmation, Adult Ed. <u>Monday, April 23rd</u> 1 pm Prayer Shawl group

<u>Tuesday, April 24th</u>

2 – 7 pm Circle of Friends Open House 5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal 7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, April 25th

6 pm Joyful Journey Inc. meeting 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Friday, April 27th 5:30 – 8:00 pm Talent Show Rehearsal 6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday, April 28th 9:00 am – 12noon Talent Show Rehearsal

Sunday, April 29th 9 and 10:30 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir to sing 10 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am Adult Ed, J.A.M. Time 4 pm Talent Show & Dinner



Monday, April 30th 6:15 pm Staff meeting



The SonShine Gals will meet on **Friday, April 6th and 20th at 8:45 am** to discuss "Here and Now" by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Newcomers are welcome! Please join us in the Friendship Room. Meetings are the first and third Monday of each month.

Call Jenny Landowski, 262-334-2886, Ext. 22, for information, or send email to <u>immanuelwbministries@gmail.com</u>.



The Wise Guys will hold their monthly dinner meeting on **Thursday, April 19th**. This is an opportunity for all men of Immanuel – single, married, young or old – to get together one night a month.

We will gather at 6 p.m. for a social time and dinner, followed by a short discussion led by Pastor Rich.

Please sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office so that we know how many to expect for the meal. Feel free to bring a friend!



It is not too early to sign up for summer church camp. <u>www.ucci.org</u> Contact Rachel Gumm if you want information about available scholarships. A





But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and selfcontrol. 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 and Applesauce**



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 Mary Jo Norgel or Jenny Landowski.





Altar Flowers

Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can sign up on the sheet 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 second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.



April flower donors are:

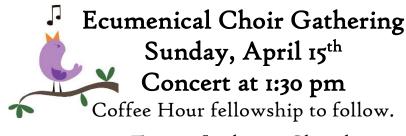
April 15th Jim & Nancy Degnitz in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

April 22nd

Maggie Seideman in celebration of Max Sommerfeld's' birthday.

April 29th

Al & Kathy Olsen in memory of Kathy's father, John H. McNamara.



Trinity Lutheran Church 140 N. 7th Avenue West Bend, WI

Theme: Music that inspires us to care for, support and lift up those in need. The Immanuel choir will be participating!

Immanuel UCC Financial Highlights

Local Mission Giving vs. Expenses (Year to Date 02/28/2018)

Year to date giving \$58,672.87 Year to date 62,404.40 expenses Deficit (3,731.53) Giving (not including endowment) met 94% of expenses Building Capital Fund Balance: \$11,693.48

Budget vs. Actual Analysis (Year to Date 02/28/2018)

Year to date actual	
expenses:	\$62 <i>,</i> 404.40
Year to date	66,144.06
budgeted expenses:	
Over(under) budget:	(3,739.66)

Church's Wider Giving Year to Date

<u>UZ/28/2018):</u>	
Benevolence	\$552
Food Pantry	125
OCWM General	662
OCWM-Strengthen the	185
Church	

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year-round.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. **Get started today!** Ask for an authorization form in the church office. Or visit <u>www.immanuelwestbend.org/</u>



Adult Education

With the exception of Easter Sunday, Adult Education will continue into April on Sundays at 10:30 am. The sessions will be in the Education Room and we will continue to explore and discuss the Scripture and Pastor Rich's message of that day. On April 8, we will also hear from three people about their experience in Kentucky and their reflections of exploring the life and writings of Thomas Merton.

Attention Children and Youth

April 1st will be a Family Worship Sunday. JAM Time, Confirmation, and Youth Group Activities will not be in session. We pray that you enjoy worshiping together as family at either the 9:00 or 10:30 service.

Child Care Available

We offer a staffed Child Care room for children 5 years and younger. Also available is a *Parent's* Room for those who want to participate in worship while staying with their overly restless children. Both are located upstairs overlooking the sanctuary. If you need assistance of any kind, please ask an usher.

Youth Choir April Schedule

The Youth Choir invites all children in K5 through 8th grade who can read to join their April rehearsals:

April 1st (Easter) NO rehearsal
April 8th and 15th rehearse from 10-10:30 in the choir room
April 22nd sing for the 9:00 service
April 29th rehearse from 10-10:30 in the choir room and perform in the Wacky
Tacky Talent show that afternoon.



Questions? Contact Terry Christie, <u>christieeric35@gmail.com</u>, or 262-626-2496

J.A.M. Time* 2017-2018 April 4-May 6 God Rocks!



What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Lesson Rotation Cuttin' and Struttin' – Creative Craft Kickin' Kitchen – Homemade Ice Cream...In A Bag Pleasin' Plots – Storytelling/Puppetry Movin' and Groovin'- Blinded by the Light Tag

~Visitors are always welcome!

~Please see our signs next to the patio doors for information on our current unit. ~Interested in our JAM Time program...Check out the JAM Time bulletin board for program information and volunteer opportunities. Questions? Please contact Rachel Gumm <u>excited4jam@gmail.com</u> 262-483-4408

 *Jesus and Me Time – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children age three through 6th grade.
 JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September – May from 10:30-11:30 in Fellowship Hall. 5 Great Dates

The 2nd of 5 Great Dates will be on **April 20**th. Join Jenny and Big Bob as they "break the ice" on engaging conversation...nothing too heavy, just a time to connect with your partner and others in the group. The discussion is meant for both newlyweds and seasoned couples alike; we'd love for you to join us. Be sure to sign up on the sheet outside Pastor Rich's office so we can plan accordingly. The remainder of the dates will be on the 3rd Friday of the month through July, We will meet in the Youth Room at 6pm for approximately 45 minutes before sending you off to do as you please for the rest of the night. Childcare will be provided from 6pm-9pm. You are welcome to bring friends! Any questions, contact Jenny Landowski immanuelwbministries@gmail.com or 262-334-2886 Hope you can join us!

Adopt a Church Garden

What joy it is to look outside and see the beautiful Spring flowers blossoming 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 immanuelwbministries@gmail.com

Tending the Flock



Please remember in your prayers those recovering from illness or injury and our friends who are shut-ins, as well as those grieving the loss of a loved one. To brighten up their day please think about visiting or dropping a card to one or more of them.

<u>Shut-ins:</u> Jim Borchert, Julie Endlich, Dorrie Alff, Elmer Heinrich, Millie Kreif, Marian Kachel, Ralph Baumgartner, Juliette Scherer, Carolyn Smucker, Judy Muelling, Lillian Utech, and August Utech.

Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury: Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Karen Grace Strobach, Danielle Schaeffer, Doris Falter, Norm Fedderly, Esther Kohler, Carolyn McCartney, Vera Kuckuk, Phyllis Blake, and Bev Walters.

<u>Serving in the military</u>: Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David; spencer Scheunemann; and Noah Moser.

<u>Continuing their education</u>: Natalie Thielke, Emma Landowski, Owen Gluck, Jacob Soener, Olivia Landowski, Jessica Meyers, Evan Patten, Carmen Vincent, Kaitlin Demmon, Hunter Demmon, Savannah Jenz, Chris Witt, Ana Komro, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

Births

Matt & Amy Mueller had a baby girl, Erin Elizabeth, on Thursday, March 15th.





The beautiful spring flowers gracing the sanctuary Easter morning are given by:

Bob & Sue Calhoun, in celebration of our Risen Savior!

Janet Armato, in memory of Grant & Rosalind Sandison;

Doug & Jean Stewart, in memory of Walter & Ione Nagel and Lawrence & Marjorie Stewart;

June Sommerfeld, in memory of Fanny & Kurt Sommerfeld and their house on the hill;

Marilyn & Paul Stier, in honor of our family;

Mona Anderson & Jim Morrison, in celebration of our families;

Lou & Julie Glassman, in memory of Keith Blake, Pete Blake, and Leon & Millie Glassman;

Curtis & Jeanne Forester, in memory of G.W. & Margery Forester and Walter & Lola Kletti;

The Landowski Family, in celebration of the gift of Joy that comes from our Risen Lord;

Karen Grace Strobach, in memory of my mom, Norene Lowers and my dad, Chester Strobach;

Wayne & Rosemary Seideman, in celebration of Easter Season, family & friends;

Irene Welzien, in honor of my long lost, newly found sister, Kathleen;

John & Jackie Kocourek, in memory of our daughter, Diane Hutchins;

Tracy & Ted Kihn & Family, in honor of John & Jackie Kocourek;

Norm Fedderly, in memory of Barbara Fedderly and Kerry Fedderly;

Bill & Penny Elliott, in memory of our parents, and our aunts, Arlette Hamann & Elinor Honigsberg;

Louise Aplin, in celebration of a blessed Easter;

Twyla Bath, in memory of loved ones;

The Soener Family, in celebration of our Risen Lord;

Jessica Mastenbrook, in celebration of life;

Kathy & Alan Olsen, in celebration of the Risen Christ! Hallelujah!

~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."

Wacky Gacky Galent Show

April 29th at 4:00pm

The Wacky Tacky Talent Show is a fundraiser put on by Joyful Journeys, Inc; proceeds from the Show and Italian Dinner following it will benefit the ministries it supports...

The Circle of Friends Shoppe and The India Ministry

Ways in Which You Can Help:

- **Participate** in the Show!! ©
- Sign up to bring Food Donations to help offset the Italian Dinner meal costs
- Video Tape the Show
- COME TO THE SHOW and bring your family and friends!! Admission is free! However, don't forget your loose change, bills, and even checks written to Joyful Journeys, Inc. for the "Blanket Breaks" throughout the show
- Buy a ticket to attend the Italian Dinner following the show

See Jenny Landowski for more information... 334-2886 or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com



A note from Novahu...

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ!

I thank the Immanuel church that you make the difference in the lives of the people. Since from its inception our target and aim is "seek and save the lost". Recently I met grandfather of Vamsi Krishna Prasad, who is our former graduate from 10th standard. It gave me more hope and our effort is not in vain.

The story goes this way. Vamsi Krishna Prasad belong to Madhavapatnam. He was admitted to Marshall High School in the beginning of the ministry. Perhaps admitted into 3rd standard. He was in the school. He was orphan, his mother was passed away due to cancer. His father run in debts. His father attempted to sell his house at some point of time, but he could not. While Vamsi Krishna Prasad is studying we saw a great talent in him that is a "dancer". We encouraged him and gave every opportunity to improve his talent. Due to recognition problem with our school at that time his father removed him at 7th Standard and admitted him 3 miles away in one of the government high school. He lost his interest in studies, and no opportunities for cultivate his dancing skills. He lost knowledge in English also. He failed 10th Standard. He thought his life is gone. He father did a great mistake that he removed him from Marshall High School. His father also admitted this fact many times with me. And asked me to guide him and make his life more meaning full. One fine day as I was going to the school I saw him on the road. I asked him what he was doing. He said, that he failed 10th standard. His life and his ambition is lost. No hope in his life. I said to him, do not worry, I will try helping you, will you come and rejoin Continued... in the school. He said alright. I paid special attention and appointed a teacher for him to help him with some other subjects, and we encouraged him to study and write the examination. Praise God, he passed the examination with grade "B". He was very happy and overwhelmed with happiness. Every time he show his gratitude. Only because of us JJM and Marshall High School he is, what he is now. Later he completed his ITI industrial Training got certificate and now he is doing private job. Now, they slowly clearing the debts. Not selling his property and living happily. Because of your encouragement and guidance, I'm having this good life. His grandfather is very much thankful for JJM and Marshall high School. He is a living witness for the "seek and save the lost".

Please continue to pray for this type of children.

I remember a story in Marks gospel chapter 5. Jesus allowed 2000 pigs to die for one single soul. A person is more important than the money for property. I thank Immanuel church that you do a great job. All the credit goes to Immanuel Church West Bend. You change the lives of our people.

I thank all the donors, sponsors, Friends, brothers and sisters. Pastor, everyone who involve in this great task.

May God bless. Yours in Christ, Novahu

** photos of Krishna with Jenny and Big Bob during previous trips to India







Thank you to King Pin Lanes and all who joined in the Bowling for India Party; a great time was had by all and we successfully brought in over **\$800** in support of Joyful Journeys India Ministry!











Aquarium Designation for February and March

Currently over \$3000 has been donated to the Valluri Trip Fund! We give thanks for those who have so generously financially supported our efforts thus far, as we strive to raise money to bring our missionaries from India to West Bend! But we still have a long way to go!! Please consider contributing by throwing into the aquarium your loose change, bills, or checks...every donation helps!

Checks can be made payable to Joyful Journeys. For more information, contact Jenny Landowski immanuelwbministries@gmail.com 262-334-2886 Namaste' ~ The India Task Force



Circle of Friends News

Bundles of Undies. Sacks of Socks Easter Baskets



Thank you to all who donated undies, socks and cash contributions to help restock our shelves at the Circle of Friends Shoppe; we appreciate your support as does the greater community.

Also, a special "thanks" to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge for donating a hefty bag full of socks! What a blessing that we can support each other's ministries and ultimately bless those in need!



Financial Assistance received in support of The Circle of Friends Shoppe

A special "thank you" goes out to the following individuals who volunteered their time to help set-up at the "Just Between Friends" event at the Washington County Fair Grounds... Louise Aplin, Penny Elliot, Jeanne Forester, Becky Kay, Jenny Landowski, Johanna Landowski, Sophia Landowski, Laurie McCann, Nicole Meer, Jan Nesladek, Al Nevala, Chris Potts. Thanks to their hard work and time commitment, a check for \$400.00 was issued to Joyful Journeys in support of the Circle of Friends Shoppe!!

Please pray for the following...



 ~ Relief from extreme heat in India
 ~ The 10th standard students currently taking exams
 ~ Those who serve through Joyful Journeys Ministries
 ~ Volunteers who are helping get the word out about our Circle of Friends Ministry
 ~ The needy families who seek help through the Circle of Friends Shoppe Are you looking for ways to serve? We have all been blessed with different talents and are called to use those gifts to glorify God. Whether it's making coffee or tending to property needs, or maybe joining one of the ministries here at Immanuel... If you are wondering how you can best serve, I'd love to help you figure that out. Feel free to stop in to chat about it or contact me at 334-2886 or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com In Joy, In Service, Jenny Landowski



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This month we thank the following people for their help in ministry as:

ACOLYTE: April 1 st	Molly Pieffle
April 8 th	Yoshi Pabon
April 15 th	Valerie Pabon
April 22 nd	Noah Kaye
April 29 th	Riley Tanner

GREETERS April 1 st	9:00 am	Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt
	10:30 am	Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller
April 8 th	9:00 am	Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,
		Carolyn McCartney
	10:30 am	Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters
April 15 th	9:00 am	Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love
	10:30 am	Tanner Family, Gustafson Family
April 22 nd	9:00 am	Esther Kohler, Judy Johnson,
		Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
	10:30 am	Rich & Bonnie Gerner
April 29 th	9:00 am E	David & Kathie Wolff, Luella Dekker,
	N	Marge Bergemann
	10:30 am	Barbara Stahnke, Russ & Mary Demmon

USHERS: April 1 st	9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld,
	Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis
	10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
April 8 th	9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Chuck & Sharon Linstrom
	10:30 am Dennis Roos
April 15 th	9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family
	10:30 am Gene Kreis
April 22 nd	9:00 am Landowski Family
	10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek
April 29 th	9:00 am Al Nevala, The Gluck family, Joe Halfman
	10:30 am Elaine Radzinski

READERS:

April 1 st	Owen Vincent
April 8 th	Cindy Komro
April 15 th	Tom Wilson
April 22 nd	Maggie Seideman
April 29 th	Rob Soener

COMMUNION SERVERS:

April 1 st	9:00 am Olivia Gluck, Chris Witt, Michal Gerard
	10:30 am Heather Tanner, Ed Muelling

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 1 st	Panera – Youth Group
April 8 th	
April 15 th	Alan & Kathy Olsen
April 22 nd	Handbell Ringers
April 29 th	Barb Stahnke & Liz Ratzburg

COFFEE MAKERS:

April 1 st	Youth Group
April 8 th	Jim and Anne Mari Peters
April 15 th	Mike Komro
April 22 nd	Joe & Tracy Halfman
April 29 th	Sophia Landowski

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

April 1 st	Adult Choir
April 8 th	Michal Gerard
April 15 th	Adult Choir
April 22 nd	Youth Choir
April 29 th	Bell Choir

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