



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

MARCH 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 immanuelwboffice@gmail.com.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday, March 25th:

9:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, March 29th:

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Good Friday, March 30th:

12:00 pm Worship Service

Easter, April 1st:

7:00 am Sunrise Service

8:00 am Continental –style breakfast

9:00 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

MARCH



Thursday, March 1st

1pm – 3pm Circle Shoppe Open

Friday, March 2nd

8:45 am Sunshine Gals

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday, March 3rd

10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

Sunday, March 4th

Third Sunday in Lent

Communion/Panera Pantry

9 and 10:30 am Worship

10:00 am Fellowship Time

10:00 am Youth Choir rehearsal

10:30 am JAM Time, Youth Group,

Confirmation, Adult Ed

Tuesday, March 6th

10:00 am Finance

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble

Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, March 7th

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Soup &

Fellowship in the Friendship room

6:30pm – 7pm Prayer & Reflection

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Thursday, March 8th

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

Friday, March 9th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday, March 10th

9:00 am India Task Force

Sunday, March 11th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing

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, March 12th

12 pm Boundaries support group

Tuesday, March 13th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble

7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, March 14th

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Soup &

Fellowship in the Friendship room

6:30pm – 7pm Prayer & Reflection

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Thursday, March 15th

6pm Wise Guys



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Friday, March 16th

8:45 am Sunshine Gals
6:30 pm NA
7 pm Al-Anon

Saturday, March 17th

10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

Sunday, March 18th

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Easter Flower Orders Due

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 Joyful Journey Meeting
12:00 pm Bowling Party

Tuesday, March 20th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal
7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, March 21st

5pm – 7pm Circle Shoppe open
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Soup & Fellowship in the Friendship room
6:30 pm – 7pm Prayer & Reflection
7pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Friday, March 23rd

6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm Al Anon

Sunday, March 25th



Family Worship for Youth
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
4:00 pm Movie Night

Monday, March 26th

1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, March 27th

5:45pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal
7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, March 28th

No Worship Tonight

Thursday, March 29th

7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30th

12noon Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 1st

**Easter Sunday
Family Worship Sunday**

7:00 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am Continental – style breakfast
9:00 am Worship Service
10:30 am Worship Service



Movie Night



You're invited to join us on **Sunday March 25th** at **4:00pm** to watch the movie **Silence**; this historical period drama film was released in December of 2016...

Two 17th-century Portuguese missionaries, Father Sebastian Rodrigues (Andrew Garfield) and Father Francisco Garupe (Adam Driver), embark on a perilous journey to Japan to find their missing mentor (Liam Neeson). While there, the two men minister to the Christian villagers who worship in secret. If caught by feudal lords or ruling samurai, they must renounce their faith or face a prolonged and agonizing death.

A light dinner will be provided for all who attend so please be sure to sign the sheet outside of Pastor Rich's office so we can plan accordingly.

A time for dialogue will follow the movie.

If you have any questions please contact
Jenny Landowski at

immanuelwbministries@gmail.com or 262-334-2886



SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals will meet on **Friday, March 2nd and 16th 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 immanuelwbministries@gmail.com.



Wise Wise Guys March Meeting

The Wise Guys will hold their monthly dinner meeting on **Thursday, March 15th**. 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!

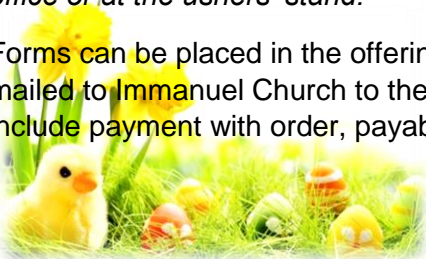
IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!

Easter Sunday is just around the corner! Every Easter Immanuel's chancel is filled with beautiful flowers as a symbol of the resurrection. You can remember a loved one, or honor a friend or relative, with a gift of a flowering spring plant.

Order forms are available at the “sign-up” table outside of Pastor Rich's office or at the ushers' stand.

Forms can be placed in the offering plate, church office mailbox #2, or mailed to Immanuel Church to the attention of Julie Glassman. Please include payment with order, payable to Immanuel UCC.

**Orders are due by
Sunday, March 18th**



"Soup and Solitude" for Lent



REMEMBER...you're welcome to join us for a cup of soup in the Friendship Room anytime between **5:30-6:30pm on Wednesday nights** during Lent. Homemade soups will be provided by members of Immanuel. If you are interested in providing bread to go along with it, there is a sign-up sheet outside Pastor Rich's office. In addition, prior to the service, we'd like to invite you to spend some quiet time of prayer and reflection in the sanctuary from 6:30 – 7:00pm.

During our time of worship together, Pastor Rich will continue leading us through his study of the book of Acts. We hope you can join us as we fill our bodies and souls during this season of Lent.

Thank you to the following people for providing soup...

Mona Anderson & Jim Morrison, Terry & Eric Christie, Sue & Bob Calhoun, Julie & Lou Glassman, Kreis Family, Pat & John Love, Kathy & Al Olsen, Raad Family, Ratzburg Family, and Kathy & Tom Thielke

Full Shelf Pantry – March is Paper Products!

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of March, we will be collecting:

Paper Products – Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex



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 celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one. The 2018 sign-up sheet is now 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 so the church can pay the flower bill on a timely basis. After the second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.

March flower donors are:

March 4

Austin Koehler in celebration of 2nd anniversary with Anna Komro.

March 11

Nancy Naab in memory of her husband, Walter Naab.

March 18

Alan & Kathy Olson in memory of Alan's father, Robert Olson.

March 25

Pat & John Love in celebration of Pat's 80th birthday.

Youth Choir March Schedule



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

The choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on March 4, 11, and 18. We will sing at the 9 a.m. service on March 25th. There will be no rehearsal on Easter Sunday, April 1st.

Questions? Contact Terrv Christie. christieeric35@gmail.com. or 262-626-2496.

Immanuel UCC Financial Highlights

Local Mission Giving vs. Expenses (Year to Date

1/31/2018)

Year to date giving	\$ 30,164.24
Year to date expenses	<u>33,834.41</u>
Deficit	<u>(3,670.17)</u>
Giving met 89% of expenses	
Building Capital Fund Balance: \$11,185.48	

Budget vs. Actual Analysis (Year to Date 1/31/2018)

Year to date actual expenses:	\$ 33,834.41
Year to date budgeted expenses:	37,019.54
Over(under) budget:	<u>(3,185.13)</u>

Church's Wider Giving Year to Date

(1/31/2018):

Benevolence	\$552
Food Pantry	125
OCWM General	662

The GOOD NEWS: the church was \$3,185 UNDER budgeted expenses for January! However, giving only met 89% of actual expenses. Please consider helping to “fill the budget gap” with a few extra dollars if you are able. Thanks for everyone’s prayerful consideration in support of the wonderful missions that Immanuel is in charge of! Remember, contributions toward the Local Mission, or Immanuel’s current expenses, help support basic expenses like heat, insurance, and snow removal, as well as paying the pastor and other staff and financing our Christian Education programs.

Charitable Giving through Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

For those of you that are over 70½ - and have an IRA – you’re subject to a Required Minimum Distribution each year from that IRA – commonly referred to as your RMD. It’s basically the IRS saying “*you have to start taking money out of your IRA so we can*

start collecting taxes on it.” These RMD amounts are treated as taxable income to you, and you get a 1099R from your account custodian each year for the previous year’s distribution.

However, thanks to a provision that was permanently passed into law a little more than a year ago you have the opportunity to turn your **taxable** required distribution into a **tax-free** distribution by what’s known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). For the IRA distribution to be considered tax-free, the distribution check must be made payable directly to the charity (for example, Immanuel). The check itself doesn’t have to be mailed directly to the church – you can have it mailed to your home and then you can deliver it personally. Or mail it yourself with a note – especially in the event you want those monies to be used for something specific here at Immanuel – like the building fund, JAM time, or youth group, etc.

It’s a great way to give to the church, and a great way to save on your taxes! And with the increased standard deduction amount that’s part of the new tax law starting in 2018, the ability to get additional tax savings by taking advantage of the QCD provision is HUGE for those of you 70½ and older. While the Finance Committee would like you to use this strategy for **gifting in addition** to what you already pledge to Immanuel, at the very least you should re-direct your future pledge dollars to come out of your RMD. That way you’ll be helping Immanuel and saving on taxes at the same time! And perhaps you can use those tax savings to pledge even more. Please direct further questions about this strategy to Treasurer Al Olsen or Financial Secretary Cindy Komro.



Adult Education

Sunday's at 10:30 am in the Adult Ed Room

All are welcome to join Adult Education as we continue to explore and discuss the Scripture and Pastor Rich's message of that day March 4, 11 and 25.

Join us on March 18th to hear stories from seminary student Emma Landowski's recent trip to Ghana. The two-week travel seminar focused on the History of Ghana, how it was colonized by the Europeans in the name of Christianity, and the lasting effects of oppression and liberation. Bring questions and come ready to discuss heavy and important topics.



Attention Confirmation and Youth Group

March 25th and April 1st will be Family Worship Sundays.
Confirmation, and Youth Group Activities
will not be in session.

We pray that you enjoy worshipping 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.

5 Great Dates

Are you looking for some quality time with your partner? Maybe it's time to reconnect? Or if you have kids, you possibly might just like an evening away. Regardless of your reasons, we invite you to join us for **5 Great Dates!**



Beginning **Friday March 23**, then continuing with the **3rd Friday of the month through July**, Pastor Rich, Jenny, and Mike Mattek will be hosting a time for couples to come together for devotion and a date. 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. Please sign up outside of Pastor Rich's office so we can plan accordingly.

Any questions, contact Jenny Landowski
immanuelwbministries@gmail.com or 262-334-2886

Hope you can join us!

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

J.A.M. Time* 2017-2018

Unit 6: March 4-18 "Lent" Peter's Denial

Rock Concert: Palm Sunday March 25

Family Worship Sunday – April 1



But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. 1 John 1:9

Lesson Rotation

Cuttin' and Struttin' – Forgiveness Box

Kickin' Kitchen – Rooster Cookies

Pleasin' Plots – An Easter Carol

Don't miss the fun...

JAM Time Rock Concert

Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

10:30-11:30 in Fellowship Hall

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:40 (NIV)



~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

excited4jam@gmail.com

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.

~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. "

Mark your Calendars for the
9th Annual
Wacky Tacky Talent Show
Sunday April 29th, 2018



Watch for slips to register your act and
sign-up sheet to donate food;
both will be located outside
Pastor Rich's Office later in the month

INDIA NEWS



Help us bring the Valluri Family to West Bend...



It's been 4 years since Novahu, Manjula, Karishma, and Shekinah Valluri have come for a visit so we'd like to bring them back this upcoming fall for us all to hear firsthand how our ministry has grown over the past 12 years from those whose daily lives revolve around it.

As many of you know, but some of you may not, Novahu and Manjula gave up their well-established jobs to begin this ministry partnership many years ago; for them, this meant foregoing financial security and putting their trust in the Lord that their needs would be provided for. Because they've agreed to a very modest salary for all the hard work they do, they don't have the means to buy their own plane tickets to come here. As faithful stewards of this ministry, we invite you to join us as we establish a trip fund as an expression of the love and appreciation we have for this family and for their hard work and commitment to living out the Gospel.

Currently we have reached a quarter of our goal! For updates check out the sign outside of Jenny's office.

Donations can be made out to Joyful Journeys and put in your regular giving envelope, specifying **Valluri Trip Fund**; or contact Jenny Landowski for more information.

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Namaste' ~ The India Task Force



Bowling Party

Do you have any "spare" time?
Come "strike" up some fun with us!
The India Task Force is hosting a
Bowling Party!
Sunday, March 18th
from Noon - 3:00 pm



Lunch will be served at church,
then we'll head to King Pin Bowling Alley.
\$10 per person includes lunch,
2 games, shoes & prizes!!
All ages welcome, no experience necessary.

Please pray for the following:

- ~ Novahu and Manjula as they lead this ministry in India
- ~ The hostel children that are no longer in the orphanage
 - ~ The children and staff at the Marshall School
 - ~ Those who give of their time in support of the Circle of Friends Shoppe
- ~ The needy families who seek help through the Circle of Friends Shoppe

Aquarium Designation for February and March

In the spring of every year, Novahu offers a Vacation Bible School for not only the children who attend the Marshall School in India, but for any of the kids from Madhavapatnam as well as neighboring villages. Below are Novahu's words as he reflected on how it went last year...

"I thank you so much for sponsoring VBS in the school. This is a blessed program. For this I hire three people who trained in this field. They teach new songs, moral lessons, conduct games and quiz and so on. Some visitors from local area came and appreciating this program. Some of the parents say that their children very disobedient and becoming naughty, but this VBS makes their children obedient to their parents, and they see a big change in the behavior of this child after attending this program. Praise the Lord."

Donations of change, cash and checks in support of this year's Vacation Bible School can be put into the Aquarium during February and March.



Circle of Friends News

Just Between Friends

Once again we have been given the opportunity to raise money for our Circle of Friends Shoppe and I'd like to invite you to lend a hand. The organization, "Just Between Friends" will be holding its Annual Spring Sale and they are looking for help in setting up at the Washington County Fair Grounds. Please see the below excerpt regarding their request...

*We are looking for 12 team members to help out at a rate of \$8.00/hr from **9am-1pm on Monday March 19th**. The duties for this shift would be to help unload and place out on floor, tubs of books, clothes, toys, shoes, and setting them up. All money earned by team members will benefit the Circle of Friends Ministry.*

Sign-up sheet is on the Joyful Journeys bulletin board by the parking lot door.

Bundles of Undies, Sacks of Socks Easter Baskets

Joyful Journeys Ministry is striving to Replenish some of our much-needed items at The Circle of Friends Shoppe.

Please consider helping us fill the "Bundles of Undies and Sacks of Socks" Easter Baskets with new footwear and underwear. (our greatest need is adult sizes)

Items will be collected through April 1st.

If you would prefer that we shop for you, monetary donations can be given to Jenny Landowski, (checks made out to Joyful Journeys).

Thank you for helping us care for our brothers and sisters within our community.

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.

Shut-ins: 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: Bill Emory, Fred Seefeldt, Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Karen Grace Strobach, Linda Thies, Audrey Schowalter, Danielle Schaeffer, Doris Falter, Jan Armato, Norm Fedderly, Esther Kohler and Carolyn McCartney.

Transitions: Marge Bergemann, waiting list for new housing.

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

Continuing their education: 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.

Deaths: Rosemary Rutz went home to be with her Lord on Monday, February 5, 2018. A funeral service in remembrance of Rosemary was held on February 9th at the Myrhum Patten Miller & Kietzer Funeral home, West Bend with Pastor Rich Vincent officiating.

Births: A baby boy was born to Jonathan and Megan on Monday, February 12th. He weighed 8 lbs 13 oz and is 22" long. His name is Emerson Stryder Zachow.

19 New Windows are in...

Thank you to Immanuel Church's Building Fund Supporters, in response to your generosity, we were able to replace 19 windows!! Here are some before and after pictures...

Before



After



Before



After



Ministry Mantras

Language for Cultivating Kingdom Culture

Currently your Immanuel Church Staff is doing a book study on **Ministry Mantras** by J.R. Briggs / Bob Hyatt. We'd like to share some of the insightful messages that we've gleaned from the book; after all, as our Journey Connection states, we are each considered Ministers of Immanuel and are all on a joyful journey – with Jesus – to disclose His presence in the world and His love for all people.

~ **Structure Must Always Submit to Spirit** – Structures are important, but not as important as what the Spirit wants to do in, among and through you. Make the milk—not the container—the priority in your church.

~ **Bet the Farm on Discipleship** – Discipleship is the “irreplaceable and lifelong task of becoming like Jesus by embodying His message. If the gospel is simply “say a prayer and you’re all set”, then there is no need for discipleship, but if the gospel is inviting people into the Way of Jesus to live into the values of the kingdom of God, then discipleship is absolutely essential to right living.

~ **How Matters** – Colossians 3:23: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

~ **Slay the Beast of Ambition Before It Slays You** – “It turns out that what you really think about Jesus is revealed by what you do after you find out that you don’t have to do anything.”

~ **Come As You Are, But Don’t Stay As You Are** - Make Room for Questions and Doubt, but Don’t Make a Value out of Not Knowing – A true missional community will be filled to the brim with people all over the place in their faith. Our job is to make room for them, their doubts and their questions, and appropriately challenge them to doubt their doubts and find the answers.

~ **In a Family, Presence Is More Important Than Attendance** – We need one another in the body of Christ. With presence as a higher value than attendance, the focus remains on growing hearts more than on growing numbers.

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~ **If You're Not Hurt, Get off the Bench!** – This may not be your season to serve. If you come here hurt, burned out and in need of healing, just rest. But at a certain point, it's important to see the church not as simply for yourselves, but for others and for a broken and hurting world; and to find your role in creating the kind of community that you – and hurt and broken people – need.

~ **This Community Will Be What You Make It** – No matter who you are, or what your gifts might be, you play a vital role and bear ultimate responsibility for what the church does or fails to do.

~ **Everything Is Formation** – Every choice we make, no matter how small or seemingly inconsequential, is actually another brick in our character formation, another piece of who we are becoming. Actions become habits; habits easily become character; character inevitably becomes destiny.

~ **Few Things Mess with Your Theology More Than Reading Your Bible** – Mark Twain said, “It ain't the parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it's the parts that I do understand” And oftentimes, that's what messes with me the most.

~ **Disagree Without Disengaging** – In the end, we believe that our best witness to the world is to be a community who can disagree in love and remain committed to one another – not because our political or social views bind us together, but because the expansive and reconciling love of Jesus is at work in all of us.

~ **Be Missionaries Cleverly Disguised as Good Neighbors** – When God's people are committed to God's mission for God's glory seven days a week, you've got a church full of missionaries.

~ **Be a Pipe, Not a Bucket** – Bucket people tend to hoard what God has poured into them, they play it safe, refuse to take risks, and keep it all to themselves. Pipe people give of themselves freely. They share their time, resources, passions, gifts and experiences with others regularly. Let's us cultivate a community of pipes and celebrate when we see pipes working as pipes should! *Continued...*

~ **Church Is Free, but It Ain't Cheap!** – While money isn't *the* driving concern of our community, it is part of the overall package of life together and even spiritual growth that we want to see for people as they take ownership of our church, which includes bills and obligations. Even beyond that, we believe that the gospel, in showing us clearly the generosity of God toward us, has the effect of making us into generous people.

~ **The Tomb Is Empty-the Pressure's Off** – Be encouraged that at the end of the day you are not called to do great things *for* Jesus; you are called to be faithful as you are *with* God. Therefore, when we are anxious, stressed, discouraged, overwhelmed or worried, may we remember that the pressure is off because of what happened on Easter morning.

Do not be afraid. The pressure is off. The tomb is empty. And for that, we can be glad.

We hope some, if not all, of these “mantras” will speak to you in a way that will help guide you on your personal faith journey, and strengthen us as a community as we strive to cultivate a “Kingdom Culture” here at Immanuel Church.



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

ACOLYTE: March 4th Valerie Pabon

March 11th Noah Kaye

March 18th Riley Tanner

March 25th Harley Pieffle

GREETERS **March 4th** 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt
10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller

March 11th 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,
Carolyn McCartney
10:30 am Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters

March 18th 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love
10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family

March 25th 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Judy Johnson,
Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

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USHERS: March 4th 9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld,
Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis
10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
March 11th 9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Chuck & Sharon Linstrom
10:30 am Dennis Roos
March 18th 9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family
10:30 am Gene Kreis
March 25th 9:00 am Landowski Family
10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

READERS:

March 4th Judy Stubbe
March 11th Ella Gustafson
March 18th Mike Schendel
March 25th Karen Grace Strobach

COMMUNION SERVERS: March 4th 9:00am Pat Love and Nan Myers
10:30am Dave and Lynn Hammen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 4th Panera
March 11th
March 18th Scott & Tama Gluck
March 25th Youth Choir

COFFEE MAKERS:

March 4th Bonnie Gerner
March 11th Jim and Anne Mari Peters
March 18th Mike Komro
March 25th Joe & Tracy Halfman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

March 4th Adult Choir
March 11th Bell Choir
March 18th Adult Choir
March 25th Youth Choir



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