



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

MAY 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.

Confirmation Sunday

Our 2018 confirmands will be
received as members on
May 20th at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Please join us
as we celebrate the confirmation of:

Brady Arndt
Abby Frederick
Kendra Kapanke
Harley Pieffle
Madison Schmitt
Joe Stier





Tuesday, May 1st

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble
rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, May 2nd

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Thursday, May 3rd

1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

Friday, May 4th

8:45 am Sunshine Gals
6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm AI Anon

Saturday, May 5th

10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, May 6th

Communion/Panera Pantry
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.

Tuesday, May 8th

10:00 am Finance
5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble
rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, May 9th

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Thursday, May 10th

5:30 pm Church & Ministry
6:30 pm Consistory

Friday, May 11th

6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm AI Anon

Saturday, May 12th

8:30 am India Task Force

Sunday, May 13th



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



Monday, May 14th

12 pm Boundaries Support group

Tuesday, May 15th

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, May 16th

5pm – 7pm Circle Shoppe open
6 pm Joyful Journey Inc. Meeting
7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Thursday, May 17th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday, May 18th

8:45 am Sunshine Gals
6 pm Date Night
6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday, May 19th

10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

Sunday, May 20th

Strengthen the Church

Confirmation Sunday



9 am Worship / Confirmation
10 am Fellowship Time
10 am Youth Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Worship
10:30 am Youth Group
End of year party

Wednesday, May 23rd

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

Friday, May 25th

6:30 pm NA
7 pm Al-Anon

Sunday, May 27th

9 and 10:30 am Worship
9 am Youth Choir Sings
9 am Baptism of Erin Elizabeth
10 am Fellowship Time

Monday, May 28th

1 pm Prayer Shawl group

Wednesday, May 30th

7pm Joy in the Journey Worship

SUMMER
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Sunday
Traditional Worship

10:30 am Sunday
Contemporary Worship

7:00 pm Wednesday
Joy in the Journey Worship



SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals meets on
**the first and third Friday of
each month at 8:45 am
in the Friendship Room**

Join us as we discuss
"Here and Now"
by **Henri J.M. Nouwen**

May 4 – Chapter 5
Disciplined Living

May 18 – Chapter 6
The Spiritual Life

Newcomers are welcome!

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



Wise Guys May Meeting

The Wise Guys will hold their
monthly dinner meeting on
Thursday, May 17th. 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!***



SPRING GRADUATES

We would like to recognize 2018 spring graduates in the June edition of the Journey Connection. To be included, please send the name of the graduate, school attended, graduation date and future plans to Julie Glassman at immanuelwboffice@gmail.com, or place a written copy in Mailbox #2. Those who graduated earlier in the 2017-2018 school year are also welcome to submit their information.



YOU ARE INVITED!!

**DO YOU HAVE A MUSICAL GIFT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE this SUMMER??**



From June 3rd through September 2nd, our Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and Handbell Ensemble take time off from offering their gift of music during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service to break for the summer; we certainly are blessed by their Ministry of Music throughout the rest of the year. During their absence, we would like to invite individuals to consider offering their sacred musical gifts.

You are encouraged to contact Marlene Wondergem at studio_543@yahoo.com, or leave a note in her mailbox, #64.

Youth Choir

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

The choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on **May 6th** and **May 20th**.

There will be no rehearsal on Mother's Day, May 13th.

We will sing at the 9 a.m. service on May 27th.

This will be our final performance until September.

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

It's Time for Spring Cleaning!

Full Shelf Pantry

So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

1 Peter 2:1-3

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of May we will be collecting cleaning supplies!



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? 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.



May flower donors are:

May 6th June Sommerfeld in celebration of the 12th birthday of my granddaughter, Faith, on May 7th.

May 13th Rich & Bonnie Gerner in memory of Bonnie's daughter, Dawn Lea Schloemer.

May 20th Jan Nesladek in celebration of Juliana's birthday and all of grandma's love.

Did You Move? Did your phone or email change?



If so, please help the church office by filling out and turning in an update form! Forms can be found on the ushers stand. After you fill out the form please place it in the Church Office Mailbox #2

Or

Email your changes to: immanuelwboffice@gmail.com

Strengthen the Church



Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church Offering.

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

In 2017, your support made possible:

- 12 awards totaling almost \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant program!
- The Ades Fellowship program launched its first class of 14 future church leaders!
- The addition of 24 new faith communities to the UCC!

This is in addition to the grant ministry happening in your local conference!

Envelopes for this special offering will be put on the ushers' stands on May 13th; the collection for the Strengthen the Church offering will be taken May 20th.

Thank You Immanuel Gardeners!!

Many thanks to the following folks who have offered to tend to Immanuel's gardens this summer...

Coutyard

Gene, Kelton and Aidan Kreis

Garden outside office windows

Jan Nesladek and Jackie Nieman

Two gardens on each side of office parking lot

Lynn and Dave Hammen

Garden on east side of church

Johanna Landowski and Mary Jo Norgel

Garden by west parking lot door

Amy and Madison Schmitt

Garden on north side of church

Sophia Landowski

Two small corner gardens by main entrances

Bruce and Kendra Kapanke

We certainly appreciate their green thumbs!!





5 Great Dates



Join Mike and Teri Mattek for the next
Great Date Night!

From Mercy to Merengue:
Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts & Ballroom Dancing

Discussion (6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room)

During the discussion portion of May's "Great Date" night, you will take an assessment on your "Spiritual Gifts" based on Romans 12:6-8, compare your gifts to those of your partner, and think about how you might (or already are) using these spiritual gifts in the service of others. Please be sure to bring your Smart Phone, as you will need it to take a survey.

At the break, those of you who would like to get away for a couple hours can head off to your destination. (Free child care will be provided at the church for those with children.)

Ballroom Dance Lesson (7:00-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall)

If you decide to stay at the church, you can join Mike and Teri as they teach a "Dance for the World" lesson on the Merengue. (The easiest ballroom dance there is!) We will use contemporary Christian music that has lyrics about serving others in the name of Jesus the King.

The entire evening is FREE of charge!

Be sure to sign up on the sheet outside Pastor Rich's office
so we can plan accordingly.

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!

Immanuel UCC Financial Highlights

Local Mission Giving vs. Expenses

(Year to Date 03/31/2018)

Year to date giving \$
84,741.51

Year to date expenses 95,836.56

Deficit (11,095.06)

Giving (not including endowment) met 88% of expenses

Building Capital Fund Balance: \$12,540.48

Budget vs. Actual Analysis (Year to Date 03/31/2018)

Year to date actual \$ 95,836.56

expenses:

Year to date budgeted 99,836.56

expenses:

Over(under) budget: (4,034.60)

Church's Wider Giving Year to Date

(03/31/2018):

Benevolence \$1,451

Circle of Friends 890

Easter Offering 215

Food Pantry 355

OCWM General 1,468

One Great Hour of Sharing 1,491



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

We will convene for Adult Education on Sundays **May 6** and **May 13 at 10:30 AM**. We will explore and discuss the Scripture and Pastor Rich's message for those days. Then we will be on Summer Break till September. We invite any suggestions you may have for our sessions in September.



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

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 Group

May 6th
10:30 Youth Group

May 13th
10:30 Youth Group will help
with
the JAM Time
"Celebration Sundae"

May 20th
10:30 End of Year Party

June 3rd
9:00 & 10:30 am Worship
Graduation Sunday

J.A.M. Time* 2017-2018

Celebration Sundae



**All JAM Time "Shine-Brites," Site Leaders,
Shepherds, and Helpers
are invited to Fellowship Hall
on Sunday, May 13th from 10:30-11:30.**

Please join us to review and celebrate!

**It has been a wonderful year
of growth for all our JAM Time Shine Brites!
Thank you for all your support!**

~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. "

One Person's Trash is another's Treasure

It's time to start thinking about preparing for the Rummage Sale!! If you are someone who enjoys sorting and organizing, then have we got the job for you... Consider joining our pre-rummage sale crew that helps go through donations in preparation for the big sale in August. If this sounds like a good fit for you as an avenue to serve and support Joyful Journeys India Ministry, then please contact Jenny for more information. immanuelwbministries@gmail.com Or 262-334-2886.



INDIA NEWS



A note from Novahu regarding VBS...

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ! I thank you very much for sponsoring VBS this year 2018. It is a very blessed program that leads children to Jesus! We have three days program first day 400 children came, and second day 450 children came. The last day of the academic year all the children will have big meal and then take 30 days of holiday.

This year the theme is Towards New Life, like goal setting. Our wish is someday many of the children should come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ!

There are Hindu teachers, Muslim teachers and Christian teachers. all of them are happy to participate in the VBS and learn the stories of Jesus. I'm happy about it.

I thank all the sponsors of this ministry, especially India Task Force, JJM INC and Immanuel Church for taking care of VBS. may the Lord Bless them all.

Manjula, teachers and students send their love to you all
Here I share a few pictures with you.

Thank you,
In Christ,
Novahu





Vacation



Bible



School



~Aquarium Designation For May~

India Property Maintenance

The students at the Marshall School in India have completed the 2016-2017 academic year and are currently out on summer break, therefore it's time to do the yearly maintenance on the buildings. Some of the jobs being done are applying pesticide treatments, plumbing acid cleaning, electric fan repairs and painting. Please consider putting your donations in the aquarium to help offset the costs of maintaining the properties that we have built in India.



Circle of Friends News

On Tuesday, April 24th an Open House was hosted at the Circle of Friends Shoppe with the main goal being to invite different organizations within Washington County to come see what our ministry is all about. A group of committed COF volunteers started meeting to develop a plan to get the word out; between these 15 members they personally visited or contacted over 75 different agencies, schools and churches! The initial interactions proved to be well worth our time as we shared what Immanuel's Joyful Journey Ministry was doing within our community. People were very excited to have this as an accessible resource for the people they serve. These personal connections within themselves certainly brought more awareness to our mission, and for those that followed up by attending our Open House, well they were truly amazed at what we had to offer! During our Open House, we were pleased to welcome in approximately 40 individuals from a variety of organizations! Great conversations were had, and new relationships were formed; but more importantly there is now a more significant number of people within Washington County who will be able to recommend The Circle of Friends Shoppe when trying to help meet the needs of those experiencing hardships!



A special "thank you" to our crew of women who made this all possible: Mary Demmon, Penny Elliott, Laura House, Becky Kay, KayC Koehler, Rita Layton, Sandy Luft, Laurie McCann, Nan Myers, Jan Nesladek, Mary Jo Norgel, Liz Ratzburg, Barb Seefeldt, and Kathie Wolff

I give thanks to our Lord for this ministry, for those who faithfully serve it, for those who generously support it, and for those who are recipients of its abundant grace!

In Joy, In Service ~ Jenny



Please pray for the following:



- ~ The Valluri Family
- ~The impact of Vacation Bible School in India
- ~The staff and students during summer break
- ~Those who serve through Joyful Journey Ministries
- ~The many organizations that refer people to the Circle of Friends Shoppe
- ~Families experiencing hardships within Washington County

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, Carolyn Smucker, Judy Muelling, Lillian Utech, and August Utech.

Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury: Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Danielle Schaeffer, Doris Falter, Norm Fedderly, Phyllis Blake, Keith Schmidt, Helen Larson, Vera Kuckuk, Carolyn McCartney, Peggy Kaye, Judy Krepsky, and Roy Rusch.

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: Juliette Scherer went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, April 5th, 2018. A service of Memory and Thanksgiving for Juliette was held on April 14th at Immanuel UCC, with Pastor Rich Vincent officiating.

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Maggie McCann, Jessica Dautermann

CONFIRMATION LEADER: Chris Arndt

WORSHIP TEAM LEADER: Jane Kosednar

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

ACOLYTE: May 6th Molly Pieffle
May 13th Yoshi Pabon
May 20th Harley Pieffle
May 27th Valerie Pabon

GREETERS May 6th 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt
10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller
May 13th 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,
Carolyn McCartney
10:30 am Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters
May 20th 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love
10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family
May 27th 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Judy Johnson,
Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

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USHERS: May 6th 9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld,
Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis
10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
May 13th 9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Chuck & Sharon Linstrom
10:30 am Dennis Roos
May 20th 9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family
10:30 am Gene Kreis
May 27th 9:00 am Landowski Family, Jim & Anne Mari Peters
10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

READERS:

May 6th Fred Seefeldt
May 13th Kiley Komro
May 20th Confirmation Sunday
May 27th Michal Gerard

COMMUNION SERVERS: May 6th 9:00am Curt & Jeanne Forester,
Michal Gerard, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Dennis & Cindy Roos
Jan Nesladek

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

May 6th Panera
May 13th
May 20th Confirmation Sunday
May 27th The House Family

COFFEE MAKERS:

May 6th Bonnie Gerner
May 13th Jim & Anne Mari Peters
May 20th Mike Komro
May 27th Joe & Tracy Halfman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

May 6th Adult Choir
May 13th Bell Choir
May 20th Adult Choir
May 27th Youth Choir



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SAVE THE DATE...

SAVE THE DATES

Confirmation
Sunday May 20th

T.O.A.D. EVENT
Monday June 25th

Kummage Sale
Saturday August 24th & 25th

Rally Day Sundae
Sunday Sept 9th

India Gala
Friday October 5th