

# Journey Connection

### October 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>.

### Join Us As We Celebrate Our India Ministry!

From October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be many different opportunities to spend time with the Valluri Family who are visiting from India and to learn more about what Joyful Journeys Ministries is all about.

For more details, please see article inside.



### Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Wednesday, October 3rd

5:30 pm Welcome Dinner 7:00 pm Celebration Worship 7 pm AA meeting

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

#### Friday, October 5th India Gala Tonight!



### Saturday, October 6th 10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

### Sunday, October 7th

Communion / Panera Sundav 9 and 10:30 am Worship 9 am H.S. Youth Group 10 am Fellowship Time 10 am Youth Choir rehearsal 10:30 am Confirmation, Adult Ed.

### Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

9 am Joyful Journey Task Force 12 pm Boundaries Support group

#### Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm Wise Guys

### Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

9 am Women's Tea 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

### Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

5pm – 7pm Circle Shoppe open 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, October 18th

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

### Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

### Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

1 pm Prayer Shawl group

### Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal 7 pm Choir rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

### Sunday, October 28th

9 and 10:30 am Worship 9 am Youth Choir Sing 9 am H.S. Youth Group 10 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am Confirmation, Adult Ed. J.A.M. Time - TBA





The SonShine Gals will meet on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am to discuss "Fearless" by Max Lucado.

Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less...can you imagine your life without fear?



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 Guys October Meeting

The Wise Guys will hold their monthly dinner meeting on **\*Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.** This is an opportunity for all men of Immanuel and friends – 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 program led by Pastor Rich and Novahu Valluri.

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!

\*Please note Wise Guys **date change** for <u>this month only</u> from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month.

### FULL SHELF PANTRY

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

# Cereal Products cereal, granola bars, oatmeal



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.

### **Child Care Available**

We offer a staffed Child Care room for children 5 years and younger (**8 years** and younger while JAM Time is on hiatus). 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.



# **Online access** to your church membership record (including giving history).

To access your records, follow these instructions...

Visit the church website

(www.immanuelwestbend.org)

and click on the Member Portal link, available in the top menu bar

- Click on "Haven't registered yet?"
- Enter your **FAMILY EMAIL** 
  - This may be different than anyone's individual email address
- Click on "Get email"
  - You will receive an email that gives a link for further instructions to setting up your account
  - PLEASE NOTE: This link will expire in a few hours, so complete the next step to create a new password right away
- Click on the provided link in the email you receive
  - This will take you to the Portal to complete your account set-up



### If you don't receive an email:

• Please call the Church Office at 262.334.2886 to verify that your membership record has an email listed in the Family Record.

### Once your account is set up on the Portal:

You will see that there are three tabs available:

- Portal:
  - Shows basic family information
  - Provides links to:
    - Your Profiles and Giving History (see below)
    - The Church Directory
      - The password is: Immanuel501
- Profiles:
  - Make changes to basic family information via links on this tab
  - NOTE: Your Confirmed Children <u>will not</u> show in your family profile They are listed as individual members

### • Giving History:

- View your giving history
  - Overview
  - Detail
  - Pledging
- NOTE that this giving history is ONLY for contributions made to Immanuel UCC. India contributions made directly to Joyful Journeys, Inc. will not be visible here.

To log off, click on the 🕑 button in the upper right corner.

Please contact Cindy Komro at <u>cindy@immanuelwestbend.org</u> with questions.

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# Do you have a church building key?

If you have a key for the church building that you are **no longer using**, please return it to the church office. We would like to

avoid the cost of having additional keys made because they are very expensive.



October flower donors are:

### October 7<sup>th</sup>

Bob & Sue Calhoun in celebration of their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### October 14:

Jan Nesladek in gratitude for the Valluri family sharing their love and faith.

### October 21st

Allen & Twyla Bath and Mike Schendel in celebration of Allen & Twyla's 7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### October 28:

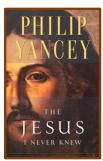
### Maggie Seideman in memory of Dennis Seideman on his birthday.

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.



### **Adult Education**

You are welcome to join us each Sunday at **10:30 am in the Adult Education Room** for our interactive sessions. Our current sessions are based upon the book and the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" with Philip



Yancey. If you have any questions, please contact class coordinator, Frank Miezio at 262-894-0775 or email: <u>fmiezio@sbcglobal.net</u>



Faith Link started meeting Sunday September 16 at 10:30 am in Pastor Rich's office due to the fiasco downstairs. I would like to

thank the kids for their patience as we continue to heal the physical church. This meeting place allows us a more intimate setting for our discussions as it is a smaller place. We will be looking forward to eventually returning to the confirmation room at a later date.

We opened our year two curriculum with talk sheets. I am able to look ahead at the readings and match them up with sheets that corresponds to the sermon and we can dive into it a little deeper.

Our activities for the year are volunteering at the gala for second year confirmands, and when things return to normal downstairs we will have a couple of movie nights and the everpopular lock in.

> If you have any questions, please contact Chris Arndt at <u>confirmationiucc@gmail.com</u>

Youth Choir October Schedule We're looking for new members!!



The Youth Choir will rehearse on October 7 and 14 from 10–10:30 am.

NO rehearsal on October 21 or 28.

They will **perform at the 9:00 service on October** 28 with a short rehearsal beforehand.

We're looking for new members. We are a fun singing group for kids from kindergarten through 8th grade. Come and give us a try!!

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



### **Boxed up with Love Ministry**

Immanuel's congregation includes many young adults who are transitioning on to their next phase of life, often times leaving them feeling disconnected from the church family they grew up with.

In an effort to keep them connected and show our caring support we are once again collecting items and financial contributions for our **"Boxed up with Love"** ministry. Different organizations within the church will be invited to contribute to these care packages as a whole, plus any individuals wanting to help fill the boxes are welcome to donate too.

Currently we are simply collecting the gift cards listed below (all available through SCRIP) and cash donations to help with shipping and additional shopping needs. If you put money in your envelope for this, please be sure to designate as such.

**Gifts cards (available** through SCRIP) Starbucks ~ \$10 Domino's Pizza ~\$10

Subway ~ \$10



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Landowski.



### Welcome new members to Immanuel United Church of Christ...

On Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> the following people joined our church family; please be sure to introduce yourself to them. Their pictures can be found on the bulletin board outside the main office.

Zina Cobb & Chassidy McBeath, Bob Davis & Rita Layton, Barb Eisenhardt, John & Jackie Kocourek, and Fay Rose

### INQUIRERS LUNCHEON

Have you been visiting Immanuel Church and wish to learn more about us? Are you interested in becoming a member?

### JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON AND FIND OUT MORE! SUNDAY, October 28<sup>th</sup> AT 11:45AM

We'll share "our story", mission, vision and values and have plenty of time for Questions & Answers. Childcare is provided, if desired. ③

> If interested in attending, please contact Jenny Landowski 262-334-2886 or <u>immanuelwbministries@gmail.com</u>

### Immanuel United Church of Christ Joy in the Journey Membership Covenant Following Jesus. Loving One Another. Serving West Bend & the World.

As one who has received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and accepts the Beliefs and Mission of Immanuel Church, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the church family. In doing so, I make the following Covenant with God and the other members of Immanuel Church:

### I will affirm the testimony of my church:

By worshipping faithfully By living a godly life By warmly welcoming visitors

### I will further the ministry of my church:

By being a student of the Scriptures By applying my spiritual gifts and talents By equipping myself to serve

#### I will share the responsibilities of my church:

By praying for its Mission By participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission By giving consistently, proportionally, and graciously

### I will uphold the unity of my church:

By acting in love toward other members By refusing to gossip about others By respecting the decisions of church leaders as they are led by Christ

#### I will support the people of my church:

By developing a servant's heart By praying for the needs of others By seeking to ease their burdens

## May our name, Immanuel, meaning God with us, be present in our worship, words, and deeds.

### ~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.

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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."



### The Valluri's are coming to Americal October 3<sup>rd</sup> — 15<sup>th</sup>



### Meet the Valluri Family!

Here are a few of the opportunities available for you to meet with the Valluri family and learn more about our ministry ...

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5:30 pm ~ Welcome Dinner at Immanuel (please sign-up) 7:00 pm ~ Welcome Worship Service

**Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 pm  $\sim$  Talk at Cedar Community

Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm ~ India Gala (Tickets required)

**Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am & 10:30am ~ Q&A with Pastor Rich during Worship

**Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm  $\sim$  Talk at West Bend Library

Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm ~ Worship Service

**Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm  $\sim$  Wise Guys (please sign-up)

Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am ~ Women's Gathering (please sign-up)

Saturday Octboer 13<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am ~ Informational Breakfast at Pilgrim UCC in Grafton

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am & 10:30am ~ Worship Service 11:30 am ~ Farewell Potluck luncheon (please sign-up)

Sign-up sheets are located outside of Pastor Rich's office with more details.

Namaste' ~The India Task Force

### Aquarium Designation for September & October

## **Christmas in India**

Each year at Christmas, Novahu hosts a celebration for the Marshall School children, families, and staff. This festivity truly brings Christ into the village of Madhavapatnam as they perform dances and skits honoring the birth of our Savior. Hindus and Christians alike will attend this gathering where the school children and staff receive a gift from us, and a simple meal is served. Although many are not familiar with who Jesus is; they embrace the unconditional love that is spread through this party glorifying His name.

All monies collected in the aquarium during the months of September and October will go towards the cost of this Christmas Celebration.



### 2018 INDIA GALA

### BUCKET RAFFLE

Profits from the Bucket Raffle support the India Gala, which is raising money for the completion of the Cutting and Tailoring Center ~ Landowgals Fashion Technology, in Madhavapatnam India.

Ticket Sales begin Sunday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00. Drawings will be held at the Gala on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- 1. Cabela's Bucket: \$300 Cabela's Gift Card
- 2. Poplar Inn: \$200
- 3. Amazon: \$125
- 4. Handstitched Packer Quilt 5'x6': priceless
- 5. **Local Dining**: Qdoba Mexican Grill, \$25; Texas Roadhouse, \$25; Applebee's, \$25; Panera, \$25; Pizza Ranch, \$25
- 6. **Cup of Joe:** Kwik Trip, \$25; Starbucks, \$25; Coffee Corner Bistro, \$20; Coffeeville, \$20; Dunn Bros. Coffee, \$20
- 7. **The Bare Necessities:** Sendik's, \$25; Meijer, \$25; Pick n' Save, \$25; Piggly Wiggly, \$25; Walmart, \$25

# Thank you to all who generously contributed to filling the "Buckets"...

Eric & Terry Christie, Kaitlin Demmon, Russ & Mary Demmon, Scott & Tama Gluck, Laura House, Jane Kosednar, Johanna Landowski, Big Bob & Jenny Landowski, Laurie McCann, Jan Nesladek, Mary Jo Norgel, Glenn & Elaine Radzinski, Mike & Chris Soener, Celestine Vincent and The Poplar Inn.

### **Circle of Friends News**



Once again, we were blessed beyond belief by the outpouring show of support from the shoppers at Walmart; in addition to the items listed below, we also collected **\$427.57** in cash donations!!

571 pair of socks, 404 pair of underwear, 16 children's winter coats, 49 pair of children's pants, 40 children's shirts, 1 man's shirt, 1 pair girls swim shoe, 1 set of children's gloves, 23 bath towels, 22 hand towels, 130 washcloths, 15 dish cloths and towels, 1 blanket, 6 sheet sets, 12 throws, 5 coffee makers, 5 toasters, 1 toaster oven, 1 set of silverware, 3 notebooks, 3 folders, and 16 pencils.

### Praise God for the generosity of the people in our community!

A special thank you to the following people who helped set-up, hand out fliers, empty the bus, and sort on the bus and at the shoppe...

Louise Aplin, Jan Armato, The Kaye-Pieffle Family, Oma Koehler, Jo & Sophie Landowski, Rita Layton, Jan Nesladek, Mary Jo Norgel, Teri Sieglaff & Kathryn Hartley, Glenn & Elaine Radzinski, Elise Susnik, and Adam & Rich Vincent





As "Trick or Treat" approaches and the thoughts of sweet treats and chewy candy fills the minds of many, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize that many of the families that come through the Circle of Friends Shoppe are in need of **toothbrushes and toothpaste**.

Please consider dropping off one or more of these items in the "Trick or Treat" bags hanging on the doors of Immanuel Staff Members.

If you have any questions, please see Jenny Landowski.

In Our Thoughts

Please pray for the following ...

- ~ Safe travels for the Valluri Family as they travel to America...
- ~ The India Task Force as they prepare for the Valluri's visit...
- ~ All who donated at our Fill the Bus Event at Walmart...
- ~ Open our hearts and our minds to the needs of others...
- ~ COF volunteers.

### 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, Phyllis Blake, Vera Kuckuk, Dorrie Alff, Elmer Heinrich, Millie Kreif, Marian Kachel, Ralph Baumgartner, Carolyn Smucker, Judy Muelling, Lillian Utech, Doris Falter, and August Utech.

**<u>Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury:</u>** Judy Stubbe, Maggie Seideman, Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, Helen Larson, Roy Rusch, and Jeremy Walter.

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

<u>Continuing their education</u>: Emma Landowski, Johanna Landowski, Ella Gustafson, Julia Stier, Jacob Soener, Olivia Landowski, Evan Patten, Carmen Vincent, Hunter Demmon, Savannah Jenz, Chris Witt, Ana Komro, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

**Deaths: Julienne "Julie" V. Endlich** went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. A visitation in memory of Julie was held on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Myrhum Patten Miller & Kietzer Funeral Home with burial following at Washington County Memorial Park. Pastor Rich was the officiant.



An audio (mp3) copy of Sunday's sermon will be available a few days after presented at: <u>http://www.immanuelwestbend.org</u>

#### IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### **GREETERS:**

October 7	9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt
	10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller
October 14	9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,
	Carolyn McCartney
	10:30 am Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters
October 21	9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love
	10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family
October 28	9:00 am Esther Kohler, Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
	10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

#### USHERS:

October 7 9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis 10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell October 14 9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Chuck & Sharon Linstrom 10:30 am Dennis Roos October 21 9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family 10:30 am Gene Kreis October 28 9:00 am Landowski Family 10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

#### READERS:

October 7Scott GluckOctober 14Maggie SeidemanOctober 21Cindy KomroOctober 28Tom Wilson

#### **COMMUNION SERVERS:**

October 7 9:00am Novahu Valluri, Karishma Valluri, and Michal Gerard 10:30am Novahu Valluri, Karishma Valluri

#### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

October 7 Panera

October 14 The House Family

October 21 Allen & Twyla Bath and Mike Schendel

October 28 The Goodie Gals

#### **COFFEE MAKERS:**

October 7 Bonnie Gerner

October 14 Jim & Anne Marie Peters

October 21 Mike Komro

October 28 Joe & Tracy Halfman

#### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

October 7 Immanuel Choir

October 14 Immanuel Handbell Ensemble

October 21 Immanuel Choir

October 28 Youth Choir

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