



Journey Connection

JANUARY 2019

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.

Start the New Year off with a

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE...

Prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts and talents to support Immanuel Church and its various Ministries in 2019! Here are some areas to serve, just to name a few...

Visit shut-ins, read Scripture, join the Property Crew, Shepherd the J.A.M. Time Shine Brides, join the India Task Force, help with Coffee Hour, sing in the Choir, serve Communion, work at the Circle of Friends Shoppe, prep food with the Goodie Gals, adopt a garden, learn how to work in the Sound Booth, knit with the Prayer Shawl Ladies, commit to praying for Immanuel.

Join us as we strive to be and make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world.

Contact Jenny to find your fit!
immanuelwbministries@gmail.com

January

Tuesday, January 1st

New Year's Day

Office Closed



Tuesday, January 8th

10:00 am Finance

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble
Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, January 2nd

No Worship tonight

Wednesday, January 9th

7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship

7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 3rd

1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

Thursday, January 10th

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

Friday, January 4th

8:45 am Sonshine Gals

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Friday, January 11th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday, January 5th

10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, January 13th

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9 am H.S. Youth Group

10 am Fellowship Time

10 am Youth Choir rehearsal

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
Confirmation, Adult Ed.

Sunday, January 6th

Communion /Panera Sunday

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9 am H.S. Youth Group

10 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
Confirmation, Adult Ed.

11:30 am Un-Deck the Halls

Monday, January 14th

12 pm Boundaries Support group

Tuesday, January 15th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal
7 pm Choir rehearsal
7 pm Confirmation Movie Night

Wednesday, January 16th

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

Thursday, January 17th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday, January 18th

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

Saturday, January 19th

9:00 am India Task Force
10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

Sunday, January 20th

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

Monday, January 21st

6:15 pm Staff meeting

Tuesday, January 22nd

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal
7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, January 23rd

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

Friday, January 25th

6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm Al Anon

Sunday, January 27th

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

Monday, January 28th

1 pm Prayer Shawl group



Mark your calendars!

Please plan on sticking around after the 10:30 service on **Sunday January 6th** to help take Christmas Decorations down. Many hands make less work, and if enough people help it can be done within an hour.

Please see Mary Demmon or Barb Seefeldt if you have any questions.

SonShine Gals



January

The SonShine Gals will meet on **Friday, January 4th and 18th at 8:45 am** to discuss “Fearless” by Max Lucado.

Newcomers are welcome!

Please join us in the Friendship Room. Meetings are the first and third Friday of each month.

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

Wise Guys



January Dinner

The Wise Guys will hold their monthly dinner meeting on **Thursday, January 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!

Child Care Available

On Sunday morning, 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.

Blessings From Immanuel's Consistory

**Serving our church family with
joyful hearts in the New Year!**



Elders:

Rob Sheehy (President)
Jan Nesladek (Vice President),
Doug Stewart

Deacons:

Mary Demmon, Dave Hammen, Scott Gluck, Jane Kosednar
Alan Olsen (Treasurer), Elaine Radzinski, Liz Ratzburg (Secretary)

Pastor Rich Vincent

Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries, Jenny Landowski

Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert

Blessings abound thanks to the recent Christmas Benefit Concert! All enjoyed a welcoming Social Gathering prior to the performance thanks to our Goodie Gals and Consistory members. Then the audience was entertained by a concert like non-other here at Immanuel thanks to the countless performers who shared their talents in support of our Basement Restoration Fund. The evening brought in just over **\$3,000** thanks to the generosity of those who attended.

Again, we give thanks for our name says it all...

Immanuel ~ God with us, in all we do!



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Benefit Concert





Full Shelf Pantry

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
~ Romans 12:13

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of January we will be collecting **soup!**

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.

Do you like cooking soup??

We will be looking for individuals to prepare soup for our "**Soup and Solitude**" gatherings beginning in March on Wednesday nights; if this sounds like something you'd be interested in helping with or would like more information, please contact...

Jenny Landowski immanuelwbministries@gmail.com or 334-2886



Consider Your Space

As the snow and season falls upon us, we ask you to please consider your **parking space**. If your physical condition allows you to securely walk across the parking lot, then we ask you to kindly park further back, leaving all the parking spaces in the small parking lot, as well as the first row of spaces closest to the back entrance available for those who might find a trek across a slippery parking lot a bit more challenging.

Thank you for your assistance and be safe!

Christmas Decorations

Some of the church's Christmas decorations need replacing. A group from Consistory will be working together to get after season deals so we'll be ready for next year. If you are interested in contributing \$\$ to help cover costs, donations can be put in your envelope with the notation "Christmas Decorations".



Thank you for considering this.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is posted outside of Pastor Rich's office. Please fill out an order form and return it with a check for \$30.00 to the church office. After the second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.



January flower donors are:

January 6th –

Mike Schendel in celebration of his 45th birthday on January 7th.

January 27th –

Chuck & Peggy Kaye in celebration of their first Wedding Anniversary on January 27th.

Youth Choir

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

The choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on **January 13th and 20th** (there will be NO rehearsal on the 6th!).

We will sing at the 9am worship service on January 27th.

Questions?

Contact Terry Christie, christieeric35@gmail.com, or 262-224-2603

Adult Education

Adult Education will resume meeting at 10:30 in the Education Room on **Sunday, January 6, 2019.**

We will be continuing the series "Living the Questions" with eight more sessions on this study to foster spiritual growth in Christ and His Community. All are welcome!

Frank Miezio, Facilitator

Confirmation Events

Movie Night
Tuesday, January 15th at 7pm



Saturday, February 16th at 7pm

J.A.M. Time* 2018-2019
Fruits of the Spirit ~ January 6-27



“When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.”

Galatians 5: 22-23a

We are back into the full swing of JAM Time programming! We encourage you to stop downstairs to see the children “in action” as they participate in the activities listed below. It is a joy and blessing just to observe their enthusiasm and love for learning! God is good!

Cuttin’ & Struttin’: Make scratch ‘n’ sniff Fruit of the Spirit painting

Kickin’ Kitchen: Make Fruit of the Spirit pizza

Movin’ & Groovin’: Fruits of the Spirit Team Building Games

Pleasin’ Plots : Fruit of the Spirit Skit

~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 volunteer opportunities.

Questions? Please contact Rachel Gumm at 334-2886 ext. 28
excited4jam@gmail.com or 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.**

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

Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury: Paul Stier, Howard Kusler, Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, Helen Larson, Roy Rusch, Jeremy Walter, Mona Anderson, DeDe Emory, Helen Keey, Rosemary Seideman, Jean Stone and Fay Rose.

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

Continuing their education: 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:

Mildred J. Kreif, age 96, passed away on December 1st at Fond du Lac County Harbor Haven. A Funeral Service was held on December 6th at Immanuel UCC with the committal service at Washington County Memorial Park. Rev. Rich Vincent officiated.

David Bastian, age 81, passed away on December 12th. A memorial service will be held on Sat. Jan. 5th at 1pm at Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home in West Bend.

Sermons



An audio (mp3) copy of Sunday's sermon will be available a few days after presented at:

<http://www.immanuelwestbend.org>

~Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

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

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

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

Circle of Friends News



Joyful Journeys Ministry would like to thank everyone who has helped the Circle of Friends Shoppe be such a success...

~those who spend countless hours
sorting through donations

~volunteers who give of their time working at the shoppe

~leaders who keep it all organized

~generous givers who contributed to the S.H.U.M.S. Tree
and bought requested items for the Giving Tree

~Immanuel Church's financial support
within this ministry

In 2018, The Circle of Friends Shoppe served
over 150 families which totaled 500+ individuals!

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!



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THANK YOU!!!

INDIA NEWS



This past year, Novahu served as the President of the Samalkot Mandal Pastors Association. During his term, he made many great connections with other pastors within this area, as well as spread the word about what Joyful Journeys is doing in India. What a blessing both Novahu and Manjula are as they faithfully serve our Lord by serving others!

Dear sister Jenny!

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

I thank God for year 2018. It is such a blessing to me. This year I was the President of Samalkot Mandal Pastors Association. Under this banner we have conducted 3 days gospel meetings and one day Christmas program. More than 5000 people are blessed. Christians and non-Christians also attended to this meeting. I have invited two of my friends to share the word of God. It was such a blessing to all Samalkot Mandal (14 villages people and pastors). I thank God for that. On December 1st, there was a new election and new committee has formed and my term of president-ship completed. The meetings were great success. Every day the meetings were conducted up to 11 p.m. at night. It was 3 a.m. in the night before we to go to bed. Such a heavy work. But I'm good in health. In this meeting, me and my friend released an audio CD, I wrote 4 songs and composed with Indian tunes. Soon I upload to YouTube, you can hear the songs.

Here I send few pictures to you.

Thank you for all your prayers and cooperation.

Manjula, Karishma and Shekinah send their love to you all.

Thank you,

In Christ,

Novahu



Samalkot Mandal Pastors Association



Spirit of Christmas goes beyond the village of Madhavapatnam

As followers of Christ, we are called to be his hands and feet in the world; read how Joyful Journeys Ministry is not only working through us to serve those who we support in India, but how they are then moving it forward to others...

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

Here in our place there is big cyclone called PheThai, it touched Kakinada. I thank God we are on safe zone. There was major damage in our area especially for the farmers. But all our friends JJM family is on safe side. Please continue to pray for the victims. There is no electricity power since two days in our area and no internet connection. All our church members thought and decided to go out and see the effects of the cyclone in the affected area and pray for their situation. Also we thought to go to one of the villages for evangelism and to distribute Christian literature and spirit of Christmas. I thank you for all your prayers.

I thank you also for the Christmas gifts. We will distribute with your love at Christmas and I will send pictures to you.

Thank you for everything that you do for us.

In Christ,

Novahu



walking through Village



Village Ministry



Village Ministry



Sheds & houses



Sheds & houses



Praying for this boy



Singing



*Distributing
Christian Literature*



Offering blessings on the gifts

AQUARIUM DESIGNATION FOR

JANUARY

PILLOWS AND BLANKETS

FOR THE

HOSTEL CHILDREN

Currently the Joyful Journeys Hostel is “home” to **30 orphans!** These children are grateful that their basic needs are provided for, as well as the gift of an education and the bountiful love that they receive. In addition to that, it is our hope to provide each of the children with a **new pillow and blanket** in the new year to go along with the mattresses that will be purchased by the money raised by our J.A.M. Time children. All monies collected in the aquarium during the months of December and January will help purchase these items.



Prayer Requests



Please pray for the following:

- ~Joyful Journeys in India as they celebrate Christmas in Madhavapatnam...
- ~The House Pastors as they bring the word of God into the villages...
- ~The Valluri Family
- ~The needy families within our community
- ~Blessings of the S.H.U.M.S Tree and Giving Tree
- ~Blessings to all who receive the blankets collected for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge



Benevolence Fund

Benevolence: an act of kindness or an inclination to be kind.

Within our church family and our community there are often individuals who need a little extra help to get them through unexpected financial difficulties. Immanuel's Benevolence Fund, under the discretion of Pastor Rich and Jenny, is yet another way our congregation seeks to shine the light of God's love in the world. Contributions can be made to this account by marking it on your weekly giving envelope or through the monthly Communion envelope.

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this special fund.



EYEGASSES NEEDED!

CHANGING LIVES, ONE PAIR AT A TIME



Throughout the year, Wisconsin Lions and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses.

Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, **you can donate them at Immanuel! Just place them in the box located outside of the church office and a Lions volunteer will pick them up.** Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. **Children's glasses are especially needed.**





The Gate of the Year

*And I said to the man
who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread
safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and
put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than a
light and safer than a known way."*

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957), England

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WORSHIP TEAM LEADER: Mark Uecker

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

ACOLYTE:

January 6 Riley Tanner

January 13, 20, 27 Ushers

GREETERS:

January 6 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt

10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller

January 13 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,

Carolyn McCartney

10:30 am Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters

January 20 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love

10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family

January 27 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

USHERS:

- January 6** 9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld,
Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis
10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
- January 13** 9:00 am Scott and Tama Gluck, John & Jackie Kocourek
10:30 am Dennis Roos
- January 20** 9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family
10:30 am Gene Kreis
- January 27** 9:00 am Barb Eisenhardt, Karen Lewis,
Carolyn McCartney, Joan Stenstrup
10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

READERS:

- January 6** Tracy Halfman
- January 13** Ella Gustafson
- January 20** Russ Demmon
- January 27** Michal Gerard

COMMUNION SERVERS:

- January 6** 9:00am Michal Gerard, Rachel Gumm, Kiley Komro,
Kaitlin Demmon
10:30am Mike & Teri Mattek, Penny Elliott

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

- January 6** Panera
- January 13**
- January 20** Immanuel Staff
- January 27** Penny Elliott

COFFEE MAKERS:

- January 6** Bonnie & Rich Gerner
- January 13** Jim & Anne Marie Peters
- January 20** Mike Komro
- January 27** Joe & Tracy Halfman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- January 6** Michal Gerard
- January 13** Handbell Ensemble
- January 20** Choir
- January 27** Youth Choir



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