



Joy in the Journey

# Journey Connection

**FEBRUARY 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](mailto:immanuelwboffice@gmail.com).



IMMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT...  
TO BE AND TO MAKE  
SPIRIT-FILLED FOLLOWERS  
OF CHRIST WHO SHINE THE LIGHT  
OF GOD'S LOVE  
TO THE WORLD.

# February



## Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

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

## Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

## Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Communion /Panera Sunday*

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.  
**10:00-10:30 and 11:30-11:45 am -  
Youth Souper Bowl**

## Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

## Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA  
7:00 pm AI Anon

## Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

10am – 12 pm Circle Shoppe Open

## Sunday, February 10<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 J.A.M. Time,  
Confirmation, Adult Ed.  
4 – 6pm Party/ Fundraiser at  
The Norbert

## Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

12 pm Boundaries Support group

## Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Finance  
5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

## Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

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

## Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Valentines Day!**  
5:30 pm Church & Ministry  
6:30 pm Consistory



**Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am Sonshine Gals  
6:30 pm NA  
7:00 pm Al Anon

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

9am India Task Force  
10am – 12 pm Circle Shoppe Open  
6pm – 9pm Youth Group  
Babysitting Event  
7 pm Confirmation Lock-in

**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal  
7 pm Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

6pm Wise Guys

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

9 and 10:30 am Worship  
9 am H.S. Youth Group  
9:00 am Youth Choir to sing  
10 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,  
Confirmation, Adult Ed.

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

1 pm Prayer Shawl group

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal  
7 pm Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Wacky Tacky  
Talent Show**  
Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation**  
Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

**T.O.A.D. EVENT**  
Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Kummage Sale**  
Sat. August, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Rally Day Sundae**  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

**India Gala**  
Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

# *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.



## **FEBRUARY FLOWER DONORS ARE:**

**February 10** - Val Borresen in celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**February 17** - Karen Zachow in honor of Emerson Zachow's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and Madilyn Zachow's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# *Youth Choir*

The Youth Choir invites all children in K5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade who can read to join their February rehearsals.

The choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. **We will sing at the 9am Worship Service on February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Questions?

Contact Terry Christie, [christieeric35@gmail.com](mailto:christieeric35@gmail.com), or 262-224-2603.

## Adult Education

**Sundays at 10:30 AM in the Education Room**

**On February 3**, our Church Treasurer, Al Olsen, will be presenting information on recent changes in tax laws. Knowledge of these changes may help you as well as afford you the opportunity to help others.

The information presented is a strategy beneficial to those retirees at or near age 70 with IRA'S that are subject to the Required Minimum Distributions from their IRA's. However, all are invited as you may know someone that might also benefit from this information.

After Al's presentation, if there is time, we will be discussing the connection between our spiritual health and money matters. All are welcome!

**On February 10, 17, and 24**, we will continue our discussion series "Saving Jesus" by the Living the Questions Group.

*Frank Miezio-Facilitator*



**In February...**

We will meet weekly, except for February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after the Lock-in. We will cover that week's lesson during the lock-in.

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**LOCKED  IN**

# Youth Group Events

## Souper Bowl

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Stop at the **Youth Group's** table as you leave worship and take home a tasty treat of homemade soup!



**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Parents! Would you like to have a night out the weekend after Valentines day?

The Youth Group will be offering their babysitting services from **6pm – 9pm on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you plan to bring your children, please register on the sign-up sheet on the table outside of Pastor Rich's office.

Babysitting is **free of charge**; however, the Youth will be taking a free will offering to go towards their Mission Trip this summer.

# J.A.M. Time\* 2018~2019

## Fruits of the Spirit ~ February 3-24



*And a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my beloved Son,  
and I am fully pleased with Him."*

**Matthew 3:17**

**Cuttin' & Struttin': Christian Symbols**

**Kickin' Kitchen: "Bugs for Lunch"**

**Movin' & Groovin': Sensory Skills**

**Pleasin' Plots : Storytelling**

~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

334-2886 ext. 28

[excited4jam@gmail.com](mailto:excited4jam@gmail.com)

262-483-4408

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

# FEBRUARY IS PASTA AND RICE MONTH!

If you offer your own food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. - Isaiah 58:10

In support of **West Bend's Full Shelf Food Pantry** throughout the month of February, we will be collecting **PASTA AND RICE PRODUCTS**. 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.







## SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals will meet on **Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:immanuelwbministries@gmail.com).



## Wise Guys February Dinner

The Wise Guys will hold their monthly dinner meeting on **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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!***

## Childcare Available

We offer a staffed Childcare 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.

## Rummage Sale Items...

As we continue to restore our lower level, **please DO NOT bring in items for the rummage sale**. Currently, we do not have the room to store them. Watch for a notice in the Journey Connection for when we will be ready to accept donations for the rummage sale.

We are still accepting clothing for the Circle of Friends Shoppe.

## 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](mailto:immanuelwbministries@gmail.com) or 334-2886



## Shut-in Visitation

Currently within our church family we have members who are no longer able to attend worship but would like to remain connected to Immanuel through regular home visits, reading the Journey Connection and prayer. If you feel a calling to participate in a ministry that would reach out to these church members, please be in touch with me. Also, if you know of a member that would benefit from a visit, we would like to know that as well.

*Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*

Jenny Landowski 334-2886 or [immanuelwbministries@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelwbministries@gmail.com)

## Preplan Your Funeral Service

The death of a loved one is rarely an easy time for the family, and certainly planning a funeral that will honor the deceased and comfort the living can be an added stress during this period of grieving. If your desire is to have a say in your Memorial Service and ease the burden on those you've left behind, then you may want to consider filling out a Planned Funeral Information Sheet that can be kept on file here at Immanuel Church. This is strictly a form that covers questions regarding your wishes upon your passing in regard to a Memorial Service; it is not a legal document, nor is it any type of prepaid funeral planning package.

If you would like a form you will find them located in a pouch on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Rich's office.

Filled out forms can be put in Jenny Landowski's mailbox #4, and any questions can be directed to her as well.

# Party at The Norbert Restaurant

- Downtown West Bend -  
Sunday, February 10th  
4:00 – 6:00pm



Live music featuring  
Fred Luft and Friends

Appetizers provided by The Norbert  
\*\*beverages are available for purchase\*\*

\*\*Cost is \$15 per person ~

Tickets must be purchased prior to event  
Please see Barb Seefeldt, Mary Demmon or Jenny Landowski  
for tickets & details.

This event is hosted by Joyful Journeys,  
Proceeds benefit Immanuel's India Ministry.

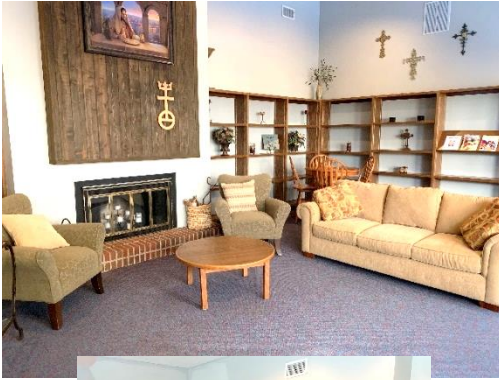


Did you know... If you present your church  
bulletin **any** Sunday at Texas Roadhouse - West  
Bend, **10%** of your table's food purchase will  
be **donated back to your church.**

You enjoy lunch, Immanuel appreciates the donation! ☺

# Thank You Cedar Community!

A special thank you to Cedar Community for passing along their lounge furniture to us for our Friendship Room, what a blessing to have ours upgraded. And, thank you to the painting crew for helping give the room a facelift!!



# 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, 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:** Lynn Hammen, Judy Krepsky, Mary Jo Norgel, Paul Stier, Lora Buck, Howard Kusler, Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, 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, Ana Komro, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

## **Deaths:**

**Doris (Dorrie) Alff** was called home to be with the Lord on January 25<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held this spring.

**Helen Larsen** peacefully entered God's kingdom on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service will be held at Immanuel Church on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Pastor Rich Vincent will officiate.

*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

Do you ever have **KOHL'S Cash** and you don't know what to use it for?? Consider sharing it with the Circle of Friends Shoppe!! You can either shop yourself to purchase needed items for the Shoppe, or we'd be happy to do the shopping for you.



See Jan Nesladek or Jenny Landowski for more info or to pass your cash along.

### Needed items at the COF Shoppe...

Blankets, full & queen size sheets,  
bath & hand towels, boys & girls pants

## Prayer Requests



- ~ 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
- ~ The new women enrolled in the Cutting and Tailoring Centers
- ~ The needy families who seek help through the Circle of Friends Shoppe
- ~ The recipients of Mr. Bob's blankets during the sub-zero temperatures

# INDIA NEWS

## 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 very much for sponsoring VBS this year 2018. It is very blessed program that leads children to Jesus we have three days program first day 400 children came and second day 450 children came. 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 each one of the Immanuel church members for their support to the VBS. I hope this seed of the word of God may produce some fruit in the days to come.*

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.



# Thank you for Christmas Gifts...

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

Happy Christmas! We have celebrated Christmas on 24th night, it was very big event. With your kind support, JJM family received the Christmas gifts. Here I send few pictures. We have great celebration and all the children and staff are very happy with gifts. We have also distributed outfits to the village helpers, house pastors and JJM family members. They are very happy. They had good Christmas lunch. We also received the box filled with your Christmas greetings and pictures. All the children were happy with the cards. We started making a wall of JJM supporters at our school like we see you have with the children at Immanuel Church. We are encouraged by all your faces and love.

Manjula, Karishma and Shekinah and all the hostel children, school children and teachers send their love to you all.

thank you,  
In Christ,  
Novahu







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**WORSHIP TEAM LEADER:** Mark Uecker

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

## ACOLYTE:

**February 3** Riley Tanner

**February 10, 17, 24** Ushers

## GREETERS:

**February 3** 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt

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

**February 10** 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,  
Carolyn McCartney

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

**February 17** 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love

10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family

**February 24** 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

**USHERS:**

- February 3** 9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld,  
Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis  
10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
- February 10** 9:00 am Scott & Tama Gluck, John & Jackie Kocourek  
10:30 am Dennis Roos
- February 17** 9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family  
10:30 am Gene Kreis
- February 24** 9:00 am Barb Eisenhardt, Karen Lewis,  
Carolyn McCartney, Joan Stenstrup  
10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

**READERS:**

- February 3** Rosemary Seideman
- February 10** Rob Soener
- February 17** KC Laycock
- February 24** John Buck

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

- February 3** 9:00am Michal Gerard, Pat Love, Nan Myers  
10:30am Liz & Jason Ratzburg

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

- February 3** Panera
- February 10** Val Borresen
- February 17** Kathie & Dave Wolff
- February 24** Adult Choir

**COFFEE MAKERS:**

- February 3** Bonnie Gerner
- February 10** Jim & Anne Marie Peters
- February 17** Mike Komro
- February 24** Joe & Tracy Halfman

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

- February 3** Adult Choir
- February 10** Handbell Ensemble
- February 17** Adult Choir
- February 24** Youth Choir