

Journey Connection

MAY 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 <u>immanuelwboffice@gmail.com</u>.





Wednesday, May 1st

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

Thursday, May 2nd 1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

Friday, May 3rd 8:45 am Sonshine Gals 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

<u>Saturday, May 4th</u> 10am–12noon Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, May 5th 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.

Tuesday, May 7th 5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble 6:45 pm Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm End of Year Party for Handbell/Choir members <u>Wednesday, May 8th</u> 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

<u>Thursday, May 9th</u> 5:30 pm Church & Ministry 6:30 pm Consistory

Friday, May 10th 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

<u>Saturday, May 11th</u> 8:30 am India Task Force

Sunday, May 12th Mother's Day 9 and 10:30 am Worship 9 am H.S. Youth Group 10 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am J.A.M. Time ~

Celebration Sundae 10:30 am Confirmation, Adult Ed.

Monday, May 13th 11:00 am Doris Alff Memorial Service

Wednesday, May 15th

5pm – 7pm Circle Shoppe open 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall Thursday, May 16th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday, May 17th 8:45 am Sonshine Gals 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon

<u>Saturday, May 18th</u> 10am – 12 pm Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, May 19th

Confirmation Sunday



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

Wednesday, May 22nd

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

Friday, May 24th 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Al-Anon

Sunday, May 26th 9 and 10:30 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir to sing 10 am Fellowship Time

Monday, May 27th 1 pm Prayer Shawl group

Wednesday, May 27th 7 pm Joy in the Journey Worship 7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall Friday, May 31st 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Al-Anon

SAVE THE DATES

Graduation Sunday Sunday, June 2nd

T.O.A.D. EVENT Monday, June 24th

Rummage Sale Fri., August 23rd & 24th

Rally Day Sundae Sunday, September 8th

India Gala Friday, October 4th



9:00 am Sunday Traditional Worship

10:30 am Sunday Contemporary Worship

7:00 pm Wednesday Joy in the Journey Worship



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 5th and 19th**. No rehearsal on Mother's Day, may 12th. We will sing for the final time this school year at the 9am Worship Service on May 26th.

Questions? Contact Terry Christie, <u>christieeric35@gmail.com</u>, or 262-224-2603.



The SonShine Gals will next meet on **Friday**, **May** 3rd at 8:45 am to discuss "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian" by Martin Thielen.

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.



The next dinner will be held on **Thursday, May 16th.** 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!



Adult Education Sundays at 10:30 am in the Adult Ed Room

On May 5, Mike Mattek will be leading our study on development of Christianity in New England. The topic will be The Enlightenment and The Rise of Unitarianism.

On May 12 we will be digging deep into the Scripture of the day.

On May 19, Mike Mattek will continue our study of the New England Primer. The topic will be Romanticism and The Rise of Transcendentalism.

In June and July, we will be planning for the 2019 Autumn Sessions. Please contact Frank Miezio or John Kocourek personally, by phone, or email with any thoughts you may have.



J.A.M. Time* 2018-2019 Final Unit: Road to Emmaus ~ May 5th Celebration Sundae ~ May 12th



All JAM Time "Shine-Brites," Site Leaders, Shepherds, and Helpers are invited to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 12th 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 <u>excited4jam@gmail.com</u>_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.

SPRING GRADUATES



We would like to recognize 2019 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 2018-2019 school year are also welcome to submit their information.

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. \sim 1 Peter2:1-3

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.

Thank You Immanuel Gardeners!!

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

> **Courtyard** 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 Bob Davis and Rita Layton

Garden on north side of church Sophia Landowski and Kailyn Komro

Garden by west parking lot door Your name here??? Volunteer/s needed.

Two small corner gardens by main entrances Your name here??? Volunteer/s needed.

We certainly appreciate their green thumbs!!

As you can see, there are still a couple of gardens that need tending; if you'd like to commit to caring for them over the summer please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com



Interested in joining Immanuel Church?

Have you been visiting Immanuel Church and wish to learn more about us?

Are you interested in becoming a member?

Pastor Rich and Jenny would welcome the opportunity to share "our story", mission, vision and values, as well as a time for us to get to know you better.

> If interested, please contact Jenny Landowski 262-334-2886 or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com

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.

MAY FLOWER DONORS ARE:

May 5: Teri & Mike Mattek, in celebration of my son, David Olson and four years of sobriety.

May12: Richard and Bonnie Gerner

May 26: Bill & Penny Elliott, in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary on May 25th.

companion Visitation Ministry



Immanuel's church family is made up from a variety of people in all walks of life, and all at different stages of their journey. Because we recognize that there comes a point for many when attending church is a challenge, we are working on building up our visitation ministry that has been operating with a handful of faithful people for the past several years. Our goal is to ensure that all our "shut-ins" who wish to receive monthly visits by fellow Immanuel Church Members will have that opportunity.

Our "Companion Visitation Ministry" has paired up an individual with a specific "shut-in" who they will connect with once a month to deliver a Journey Connection and so much more. We are truly grateful to all who serve in this capacity.

Below is a list of the shut-ins who wished to be paired up with a Companion, if you know of someone we may have missed, please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com.

Marion Kachel - (Judy Krepsky) Jerry Kuckuk – (Fay Rose) Jim Borchert- (Johanna Landowski) Bill Altschwager - (Gary McCrillis) Doris Hawkins - (Becky Kay) Julie Pulda – (Becky Kay) Vera Kuckuk - (Anne Marie Peters) Doris Falter – (Rosemarie Kearns) Garnet Schneider – (Rosemarie Kearns) Marge Bergemann – (Johanna Landowski) August and Lillian Utech – (Jan Nesladek)

A special "thank you" to our Visiting Companions who are Shining the Light of God's Love to the World!



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> Mort Zulick, Bill Altschwager, Julie Pulda, Garnet Schneider, Shirley Dow, Jim Borchert, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, Marian Kachel, Judy Muelling, Lillian Utech, Doris Falter, Vera Kuckuk and August & Lillian Utech.

Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury: Sharon Linstrom, Karen Lewis, Joan Stenstrup, Carolyn McCartney, Gloria Sheehy, Lynn Hammen, Judy Krepsky, Lora Buck, Bob Calhoun, Bill Tybring, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, Roy Rusch, Jeremy Walter, DeDe Emory, and Fay Rose.

<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, Ana Komro, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

<u>**Transitions</u>**: GiGi Thompson is moving to Madison, Wisconsin in order to live closer to her daughter-in-law.</u>

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.



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

RESTORATION CELEBRATION

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!! What a wonderful opportunity we had to congregate in the refurbished Fellowship Hall and celebrate...we have so much to be grateful for! Recognizing everyone's contributions of time, talents, financial assistance and prayers was at the heart of the gathering, as well as being reminded by Pastor Rich the importance of trusting that ALL WILL BE WELL. A special "thank you" to all who helped with set-up, take-down and food prep...the meal was delicious, and the atmosphere was joyful!! Immanuel...God is truly with us!!





Since the Celebration, the snow melted, and the rain's came...with that the unthinkable happened...once again the basement flooded. Although the clean-up went smooth since there was no carpet to deal with and helpful church members ready to work, it still poses the question "why did this happen again". Our trusty Property Guys are looking into this and will report as soon as we get some answers. In the meantime, please continue to pray for guidance, wisdom and patience as we try to get to the bottom of this, but most of all remember to keep the faith...we are Immanuel, God is with us!!

~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."

Wacky Gacky Galent Show



A standing ovation to all who helped make this year's event a success...

All who participated in the show including acts, stage crew and tech support, all who attended the show and generously gave to the blanket brigade, everyone who donated food items, those who helped in the kitchen and with set-up/clean-up duties, everyone who attended the Italian Dinner; West Bend Cinema for providing popcorn, and West Bend Little Caesars for providing the breadsticks!!!!







Italian Dinner and "to go" sales brought in \$988
The Blanket Break monies totaled \$606.10
Popcorn and Water sales came to \$77
for a GRAND TOTAL of \$1671.10...

Yippee, Yahoo, Way to Go!!!! On behalf of Joyful Journeys, Inc. we thank you for your support.



\$15 for a large pan and \$8 for a small pan.

If interested, please contact Mary Demmon at 262-483-2921.





































Who'll Stop the Rain

As long as I remember The rain's been comin' down Clouds of mystery pourin' Confusion on the ground The first time missed the big hall The next time all was soaked And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain

We thought that it was over Then to our dismay A third time it did happen Hundred year flood came our way Good men through the basement Tryin' to find the leak And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain

I sat upon my bucket Seekin' shelter from the storm Caught up in the geyser I watched a river form People came a knockin' Bringing fans and mops galore And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain Heard the parishioners prayin' Bringin' squeegee's for the floor The church kept comin' together Respond to emails, just one more Pullin' up the carpet Filling dumpsters at the door And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain?

Our family came together We got us a new floor Walls were freshly painted Celebration, time to adore Then eight months to the day It happened once again And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain?

Now still the rain keeps pourin' Fallin' on my ears And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain?

And I wonder, still I wonder Who'll stop the rain



INDIA NEWS



Thank you to all who helped draw attention to our India Ministry during our "April Awareness" promotion; may the seeds that were planted in the hearts of all who heard, grow, be fruitful and multiply! Some interesting facts for you in regard to pledges brought in during "April Awareness": 7 new sponsors came from our Immanuel Church Family, 12 new sponsors were from outside our congregation, and 6 were current sponsors who took on an additional child to sponsor...this means 25 more students now have a sponsor! Thank you to all who made a commitment to financially support this ministry, and all who took the time to let others know about the amazing things Joyful Journeys is doing in India; together we will make a positive change in the world!

Now as for the BIG WINNER of our drawing... Eric and Terry Christie won the \$500 Visa Gift Card for sponsoring another child, then graciously gifted it back to the India Ministry! Joining us in our commitment to empowering the underprivileged of Madhavapatnam isn't limited to our student sponsorship program, and certainly not only during the month of April; if you ever want to know more about this ministry and how you can support it, contact:

Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or <u>immanuelwbministries@gmail.com</u>, visit our web-site at <u>https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/</u>, or talk to a member of the India Task Force; we'd love for you to join us on this journey!

HISTORY OF MARSHALL SCHOOL



First school house in 2005 began with 5 students



Outgrowing our space by 2007



After several additions, Marshall School in 2017 educating 450 students!



New school completed in 2008

"CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL IN INDIA" A letter from Novahu



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

I thank you very much for supporting children education. Especially Vacation Bible School, better known here as Children's Festival. This is our priority. The theme of the Festival is Proverbs 22: 6, *Train up a child in the*

way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. I believe many of the great people today were once "Sunday School children". In the history of Christianity, prayer movements and missionaries came out by attending these types of meetings. I believe one day there will be great leaders who attended our Children's Festival!

There are four hundred of our children, and nearby other children attending. We provide them lunch and break time snacks and drinks. All our Marshall School teachers helped with distributing food and other activities within Children's Festival. Most of the parents send their children to this program, because



throughout Children's Festival the emphasis is mostly on moral education; for example, the importance of obedience, the importance of obeying the elders, and honoring father and mother and so on. All the children are very happy to attend this program; they say that they have been waiting for this program throughout the year! I thank you once again for supporting Children's Festival, it is yet another blessing from Immanuel Church to the people of Madhavapatnam!

Manjula, school teachers and children send their love to you all.

Thank you, Your brother in Christ, Novahu







Aquarium Designation for April and May India Property Maintenance

The students at the Marshall School in India are nearing the end of the 2018-2019 academic year and will soon be out on summer break, therefore it's time to do the yearly maintenance on the buildings. Some of the jobs that have already started are installing new pipes within the sewer system and other general repairs. 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

Bundles of Undies, Sacks of Socks Easter Baskets

Thank you to all who donated undies and socks to help restock our shelves at the Circle of Friends Shoppe; we appreciate your support as does the greater community. Also, a special "thanks" to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge for donating a box full of socks!

What a blessing that we can support each other's ministries and ultimately bless those in need!



Bountiful Blankets

A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to the **Women of the Moose** from the West Bend Lodge, who designated one of their community projects to support our Circle of Friends Shoppe. The combined efforts of many caring ladies produced an astonishing amount of fleece blankets, all varying in size, and generously donated to us to be distributed to needy families who visit our COF Shoppe. During the month of January, approx. 20 blankets were dropped off at Immanuel, then in April we received 77 more when Jenny Landowski and Sandy Luft attended one of their meetings to give a presentation on the history of the Shoppe and how it is impacting our community.

We are incredibly grateful that our ministry that serves our community, is also being supported by different organizations within the area...together we are making a difference!!









Prayer Requests

- Novahu and Manjula as they lead Joyful Journeys Ministries in India
- The staff at Marshall School as the school year ends
- The students of Marshall School while they are on summer break
- The graduating students from Marshall School
- The Scavengers in the village of Madhavapatnam
- Thanksgiving for Undies and Socks
- The Women of the Moose and their donation of blankets
- All who serve the Circle of Friends Ministry



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

May 5 Noah Kaye May 12, 19, 26 Ushers

GREETERS:

May 5	9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt
	10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen, Steve & Karen Miller
May 12	9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,
	Carolyn McCartney
	10:30 am Jason & Liz Ratzburg, Jim & Anne Mari Peters
May 19	9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love
	10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family
May 26	9:00 am Esther Kohler, Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
	10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

USHERS:

May 5	9:00 am Rich Gerner, Max Sommerfeld,
	Maggie Seideman, Gary McCrillis
	10:30 am Ben Russell
May 12	9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier
	Brian & Judy Harris
	10:30 am Dennis Roos
May 19	9:00 am Curt & Jeanne Forester, Soener family
	10:30 am Gene Kreis
May 26	9:00 am Joe & Tracy Halfman,
	Sophie Landowski, Robert Landowski
	10:30 am Mike Mattek

READERS:

- May 5 Jan Armato
- May 12 Mike Bath
- May 19 Ana Komro
- May 26 Fred Seefeldt

COMMUNION SERVERS:

May 59:00amMichal Gerard, Rachel Gumm, Frank & KC Laycock10:30amJan Nesladek, Becky Kay, Bob Davis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

- May 5 Panera
- May 12 Jess & Nate Valdes
- May 19 Confirmation
- May 26 Jim & Anne Mari Peters

COFFEE MAKERS:

- May 5 Bonnie Gerner
- May 12 Jim & Anne Marie Peters
- May 19 Mike Komro
- May 26 Joe & Tracy Halfman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- May 5 Immanuel Choir
- May 12 Handbell Ensemble
- May 19 Immanuel Choir
- May 26 Youth Choir