



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

JANUARY 2020

Mission Statement of Immanuel Church

To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world.

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 2020!

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

Wednesday, January 1st

New Year's Day
Office Closed
No Worship tonight



Thursday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Friday, January 3rd

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

Saturday, January 4th

10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, January 5th

Communion /Panera Sunday

9 and 10:30 am Worship
9 am H.S. Shine
10 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,
Confirmation, Adult Ed.
10:30 am Un-Deck the Halls

Tuesday, January 7th

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

Wednesday, January 8th

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

Thursday, January 9th

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

Friday, January 10th

6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm AI Anon

Sunday, January 12th

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

Monday, January 13th

12 pm Boundaries Support group

Tuesday, January 14th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble
7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, January 15th

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

Thursday, January 16th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday, January 17th

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

Saturday, January 18th

Travelers leave for India
10am – 12pm Circle Shoppe open

Sunday, January 19th

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

Tuesday, January 21st

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble
7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, January 22nd

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

Friday, January 24th

6:30 pm NA
7:00 pm Al Anon

Sunday, January 26th

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

Monday, January 27th

1 pm Prayer Shawl group

Friday, January 31st

Travelers return from India



Mark your calendars!

Please plan on sticking around after the 10:30 service on **Sunday January 5th** 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.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is always looking for new singers!! Please consider joining our fabulous group!

The Youth Choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on **January 12th and 19th. We will sing at the 9:00 service on January 26th.**

All kids between kindergarten and 8th grade are welcome!

Questions?

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



SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals will next meet on **Friday, January 3rd and 17th at 8:45 am** to discuss “Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis.

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

The next dinner will be held on **Thursday, January 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!***



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!



Emma Landowski's Senior Service at Eden Theological Seminary



“Outside My Window” By S. Jewell S. McGhee

As our Member in Discernment, Emma Landowski, approaches her final semester of Seminary, one of her requirements was to prepare a Special Worship Service. Below are YouTube links that you can use to view the service she arranged in its entirety. There is also a link through our Immanuel Website. Please continue to keep Emma in your prayers as she follows her Call to Ministry.

Part I <https://youtu.be/QSnkRtAml9s>

Part II <https://youtu.be/pXcLn0igibY>



Congratulations Mike Mattek!

On December 13th, Mike Mattek participated in the graduation ceremonies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) in Deerfield, Illinois, where he received a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies. Mike plans to use the knowledge and skills gained from his studies when he facilitates sessions for the Adult Education class here at Immanuel or fills in to preach when Rich is on vacation.

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.

This month our flowers have been donated by:

January 5th: June Sommerfeld in memory of her husband,
Mark Sommerfeld and Mother-in-law,
Fanny Sommerfeld.

January 26th: DeDe Emory in celebration of Bill Emory's
85th birthday.



Prayer Shawl Ministries

The Prayer Shawl Ministries ladies have been busy keeping others warm. We have done scarves for Immanuel students away at college, as well as knitted a number of hats 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.



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: Mort Zulick, Bill Altschwager, Julie Pulda, Garnet Schneider, Shirley Dow, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, Marian Kachel, Judy Muelling, Doris Falter, Norm Fedderly and Vera Kuckuk.

Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury: Jamie Baker, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, Roy Rusch and Jeremy Walter.

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

Continuing their education: Emily Frederick, Rebecca Kempfer-Witt, Lexi McCrillis, Simon Uecker, Owen Vincent, Ella Gustafson, Julia Stier, Evan Patten, Carmen Vincent, Ana Komro, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

Member in Discernment: Emma Landowski



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.



Sunday Morning Adult Study

Adult Education will resume meeting at **10:30 am** in the Education Room on **Sunday, January 5, 2020**

We will begin our Winter/Spring sessions by looking into the early Church. In January, Mike Mattek will lead the sessions (presentation and discussion) on the Early Post-Apostolic Period in the Church, from approximately 70 A.D. to 530 A.D.

In February we will begin a series on GRACE by Max Lucado.

March will usher in the season of Lent. A series by Amy Jill Levine will bring to us some perspectives on the events of the First Holy Week.

Following Easter, we will continue and complete the season with the series on GRACE by Max Lucado.

ALL are Welcome!

John Kocourek and Frank Miezio, Facilitators

December Youth Events!!

We started the month with a Christmas Party! Before the festivities, we talked about what Christmas means to us and how we can shine our light throughout this holiday season. We then played ***Pin the Nose on Rudolph***, ***Wrap the Chaperones Like a Christmas Present***, and had a ***Snowman Relay Race***. You can tell by the smiles in the pictures that a good time was had by all!





Upcoming in January!

January 11th

Movie Night at Immanuel Church.

Looking ahead...

February 1st ~ Soup making day

February 2nd ~ Souper Bowl Sunday

February 15th ~ Babysitting Night at Immanuel Church.

J.A.M. Time*

Unit 4: Jesus' Temptations

January 5-26

"God's spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world." 1 John 4:4



After Jesus was baptized, He knew He must carry out God's plan. He set out into the wilderness to spend time praying. Satan tempted Jesus several times, but Jesus resisted. The message we hear is that even through the toughest times, we must never lose our faith and trust in God. Our activities are to help the children understand this concept.

Cuttin' & Struttin': Temptation Garden

Kickin' Kitchen: Chocolate Anyone?

Movin' & Groovin': "Let's Make a Deal"

Pleasin' Plots : Role Playing and Problem Solving Temptation

~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.

***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.

**Questions? Please contact Rachel Gumm 334-2886 ext.28.
excited4jam@gmail.com or 262-483-4408.**

Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert

Blessings abound thanks to the recent Christmas Benefit Concert! The evening began with a welcoming Social Gathering prior to the performance thanks to our Goodie Gals and Consistory members. Then the audience was entertained thanks to the countless performers who shared their talents in support of Immanuel Church. The evening brought in just over **\$1,310.93** 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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~ Joyful Journeys, Inc. * ~
An outreach ministry founded and operated
by members of Immanuel Church.

INDIA NEWS

Immanuel's Team of India Travelers Leave this Month!



The 2020 team of India Travelers is wrapping up preparations for their upcoming trip; they leave on January 18th and return on January 31st. Over the past several months they have been obtaining passports and visas, getting special immunizations and medications, organizing items they will be taking, such as clothing, sweet treats, activities to do with

the children and family gifts, but mostly preparing their heads and hearts for the upcoming trip. As this dedicated and passionate group of individuals embark on their journey, we ask you to be committed to praying for them as they travel and shine the light of God's love to the village of Madhavapatnam, This is our group by name: **Jenny, Bob, Emma, Johanna, & Sophia Landowski, Kaitlin Demmon, Jordan Petrin, Al Nevala, Jan Armato, Joan Dobberstein, and Olivia Gluck** We also invite you to join them by following the Landow's India Adventure, a blog that has been ongoing since the Landowski family's first trip in 2011. You can access the blog at <http://landowsindiaadventure.blogspot.com/> to view posts from previous trips, as well as to have a window into their day to day activities throughout their stay this time around.

As this group is truly Immanuel's representatives of this ministry while in India, there will be a special blessing offered to them on Sunday, January 12th at both services.

Thank you for your support within this ministry and for our travelers!

Namaste' ~ The India Task Force

Christmas Celebration in India

A special "thank you" from Novahu...

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We wish you a blessed Christmas.

Last night we have conducted Christmas Eve, we have invited village leaders and political leader, students and families. We have had a wonderful worship and celebration. We have good sharing of the Gospel. Children performed dances and parents participated in program. Everything went on well.

I thank you very much for all your support for Christmas and for all your gifts, some of the presents were distributed on the stage and others were handed out at the school. Oldies, all teachers and non-teaching staff, vocational teachers, hostel children, students, panchayat workers (scavengers), and House Pastor received their gifts. All were very grateful for gifts and enjoyed the celebration. Once again, I thank Immanuel church for their contributions.

We wish happy Christmas to Joyful Journeys Board Members, Immanuel Church Members and India Task Force for all your support and help.

Manjula, Karishma, Shekinah, all hostel children, and JJM family in India send their love and Christmas greetings to you all. We are waiting with great excitement for the traveler's arrival in the new year.

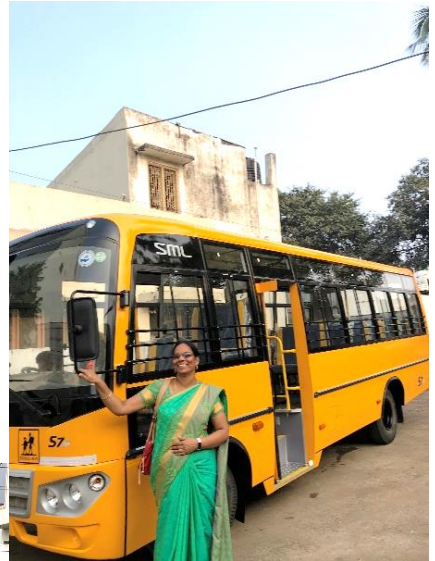
Thank you,
Your brother in Christ,

Novahu



New School Bus for Marshall School in India

Often times the Lord provides in ways we never thought imaginable...**last month we received a donation from a “friend” of Immanuel in the amount of \$30,000** in order to purchase a much needed new school bus for Joyful Journeys Marshall School in India; what an unexpected gift!! Throughout the year we give thanks for all who generously support our India Ministry by way of monthly pledges and special charitable contributions...PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!



Washcloths for India



*Blessed be the tie that binds,
colorful yarn into precious washcloths!*

Over the past couple years, Esther (Oma) Kohler, and Carolyn McCartney have been busy, with impressive dedication, making washcloths for the travelers to take to India on their upcoming trip. Their suitcases will be filled with love as they pack 600 washcloths from Oma and 150+ from Carolyn!! Funds have also been set aside to provide a bar of soap to accompany some of the cloths.

450 Students, plus teachers, staff, oldsters, and family members (just to name a few), will each receive one of these treasured gifts! We give thanks for their devotion to this ministry and for using their talents to bless our friends in India!



Christmas Cookie Walk ~ Thank you!!

Well a whole lot of sugar mixed with a whole lot of love, made a whole lot of dough!! Thanks to Immanuel's bakers and friends, the first Joyful Journeys Christmas Cookie Walk was a great success; through a combined effort of kindness and sweets we raised **\$1,218** for our India Ministry!! With the rave reviews that came from happy shoppers, you can be sure that we will do this again next year!



Party at The Norbert Restaurant

- Downtown West Bend -
Sunday, February 9th
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 and
will be on sale beginning January 12th.**

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

AQUARIUM DESIGNATION FOR JANUARY

HOT WATER HEATERS FOR HOSTEL CHILDREN



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

I thank you for all your prayers and support to Joyful Journeys Ministry Hostel. This time of year, we have rains and very cold here, so we would like to request two greasers (hot water heaters), one for boys and one for girls. 25-liter geyser cost with installation \$217/two geysers cost \$434.

Please pray for this as that would be a great help and comfort.

Hostel children send their love and hugs to you all.

Thank you,
Your Brother in Christ,
Novahu

Circle of Friends News

Thank you, Prayer Shawl Ladies!

A special shout out of thanks to our Prayer Shawl Ladies who supplied Mr. Bob with hand-knit hats for his friends on the streets of Milwaukee. Your kindness will certainly keep heads and hearts warm during the winter season!



Blankets and Towels for Mr. Bob

On December 21st, members of Immanuel's Youth Group along with some parents, had the opportunity to join Mr. Bob at Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee, where he serves the homeless community every Saturday morning. We handed out the blankets that were generously donated by members of Immanuel along with long underwear, to Mr. Bob's friends. It was not only an amazing chance to shine the light of God's love to the world, but also an eye-opening experience for all who came along. After we were done, we returned to church for lunch and a time for discussing the mornings events with Mr. Bob; it was an ideal opportunity to reflect on what we witnessed and the importance of helping those in need. A big "thank

you" to everyone who brought in their gently used blankets and towels; the blankets were all handed out that day and the towels will be distributed to individuals who use Mr. Bob's Shower Truck.



Mr. Bob's 
"Under the Bridge"

The Circle of Friends Shoppe

Thanks YOU!

The overwhelming generosity of both Immanuel members and friends once again surrounded the Giving Tree and filled the Mitten Tree!! We give thanks to all who supported our efforts to replenish much needed items at the Circle of Friends Shoppe this Christmas.

May you be
blessed for being
a blessing to
others!!



Prayer Requests



Please pray for the following:

- ~Safety and blessings for our India Travelers ...
- ~Gratitude for our new school bus...
- ~Generosity of donations for Christmas Celebration in India...
- ~Appreciation for all our knitters and crocheters
- ~Thankfulness for gifts under the Giving Tree and Mittens...
- ~Bounty of Blankets and Towels for Mr. Bob...
- ~Blessings for the givers and receivers...

*** Joyful Journeys, Inc.** **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."

Carry Christ into the New Year!



“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:34-35

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

ACOLYTE:

January 5 Riley Tanner

January 12 Noah Kaye

January 19 Johanna Halfman

January 26 Zachary Tanner

GREETERS:

January 5 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt

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

January 12 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,
Carolyn McCartney

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

January 19 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love

10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family

January 26 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Nancy Naab,

Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner, Zina Cobb, Chassidy McBeath

USHERS:

January 5 9:00 am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman,
Rich Gerner, Gary McCrillis
10:30 am Ben Russell
January 12 9:00 am Curtis & Jeanne Forester, Brian & Judy Harris
10:30 am Dennis Roos
January 19 9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Soener family
10:30 am Gene Kreis
January 26 9:00 am The Halfman family, Gary McCrillis
10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

READERS:

January 5 Jeanne Forester
January 12 Frank Laycock
January 19 Teri Mattek
January 26 Fred Seefeldt

COMMUNION SERVERS:

January 5 9:00 am Michal Gerard, Russ & Mary Demmon
10:30 am Nader & Brenda Raad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

January 5 Panera
January 12
January 19 Church Staff
January 26

COFFEE MAKERS:

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

January 5 Michal Gerard
January 12 Claire Gustafson
January 19 Immanuel Choir
January 26 Youth Choir

Sermons



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

<http://www.immanuelwestbend.org>