

Journey Connection

FEBRUARY 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.

LENTEN DINNERS

Lent begins February 26th

Please join us for a Baked Potato Bar, provided by the Goodie Gals, in the Friendship Room from **5:30pm-6:45pm**. Sign-up sheet is outside Pastor Rich's office. **Ash Wednesday Worship Service begins in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm**.





On Wednesday nights during Lent, members of Immanuel will provide homemade soup which will be served in the Friendship Room between 5:30-6:30pm beginning on March 4th through April 1st.

A time for quiet **reflection and prayer** in the Sanctuary will follow between 6:30-7:00, prior to Wednesday Night Services.



Saturday, February 1st

10am – 12noon Circle Shoppe Open

Sunday, February 2nd

Communion /Panera Sunday Souperbowl Sunday! 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.

Tuesday, February 4th

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

Wednesday, February 5th

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

Thursday, February 6th

1-3pm Circle Shoppe Open

Friday, February 7th

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

Saturday, February 8th

8:30 am India Task Force mtg.

Sunday, February 9th

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.
4 pm – 6pm Party at the Norbert

Monday, February 10th

12 pm Boundaries Support group

Tuesday, February 11th

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

Wednesday, February 12th

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

Thursday, February 13th

5:30 pm Church & Ministry6:30 pm Consistory

Friday, February 14th

Happy Valentines Day! 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Al Anon



Saturday, February 15th

10am – 12 pm Circle Shoppe Open 6pm – 9pm Parents Night Out

Sunday, February 16th

India Sunday

9 and 10:30 am Worship9 am H.S. Shine10 am Fellowship Time10 am Youth Choir rehearsal10:30 am J.A.M. Time,Confirmation, Adult Ed.

Tuesday, February 18th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal 7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, February 19th

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

Thursday, February 20th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday, February 21st

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

Sunday, February 23rd

9 and 10:30 am Worship9 am H.S. Shine9:00 am Youth Choir to sing10 am Fellowship Time10:30 am J.A.M. Time,Confirmation, Adult Ed.

Monday, February 24th

1 pm Prayer Shawl group

Tuesday, February 25th

5:45 pm Handbell Ensemble rehearsal 7 pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, February 26th

Ash Wednesday

5:30 pm Baked Potato Bar
7 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7 pm AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 28th

6:30 pm NA 7 pm Al-Anon

Saturday, February 29th



SAVE THE DATES

Wacky Tacky
Talent Show
Sunday, April 26

Confirmation
Sunday, May 17

Rally Day Sundae Sunday, September 13

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is under way for the school year. We are always looking for more members. Please consider giving it a try!

The Youth Choir will rehearse in the choir room between services, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on February 9th and 16th. We will sing at the 9:00 service on February 23rd with a short rehearsal beforehand. 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, February 7**th and 21st 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, February 20th. 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!



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, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, Marian Kachel, Judy Muelling, Doris Falter, Norm Fedderly and Vera Kuckuk.

<u>Recovering from illness, surgery, or injury:</u> Judy Muelling, Mike Bath, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly, Roy Rusch and Jeremy Walter.

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

<u>Continuing their education</u>: 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

Coffee hour hosts needed!

There are many dates still available in 2020! Please sign-up on the sheet outside of the church office if you would like to help with this fellowship ministry.



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 at: immanuelwbministries@gmail.com or 262-334-2886.



Saturday, February 15th

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 15**th. If you plan to bring your children, please register on the sign-up sheet on the table outside of Pastor Rich's office.

Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 2nd



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



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.



Adult Education meets **Sunday mornings at 10:30 am** in the Education Room.

In February join us for the following discussion sessions on GRACE by Max Lucado.

February 2 – The Grace Shaped Life

February 9 – Jesus Stooped Low to Take our Place

February 16 – You Can Rest Now

February 23 – Accepting the Gift of Wet Feet

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



February Youth Events!!

February 1st

Soup making day 9am until all the soup is made.

February 2nd

Souper Bowl/Panera Bread Sunday 7:30am until after church to clean up

February 15th



Upcoming Events in March!

March 1st 8th 15th 22nd
Shine will be helping in J.A.M Time

March 14th-15th Lock-in at church



J.A.M. Time* Prodigal Son ~ February 2-23



"He was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:24h

Cuttin' & Struttin': Story Rubbings
Kickin' Kitchen: Party Planning
Movin' & Groovin': Life Size Board Game
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 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.



Online access to YOUR church membership record (including giving history). AND online access to the Church Directory!

To access your records, follow these instructions...

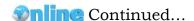
Visit the church website at www.immanuelwestbend.org

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

- Click on "Haven't registered yet?"
- Enter your Family email address
 - Your family will be under one address, most likely the under the email given by the "head" of your family.
- 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:

1. Portal:

- Shows basic family information
- Provides links to:
 - Your Profiles and Giving History (see below)
 - The Church Directory (click on "Visit Immanuel United Church of Christ's Directory" then enter the password Immanuel501).

2. Profiles:

- Make changes to basic family information via links on this tab
- NOTE: Your Confirmed Children will not show in your family profile - They are listed as individual members

3. Giving History:

- View your giving history
 - Overview
 - Detail
 - Pledging

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

Please contact Cindy Komro at cindy@immanuelwestbend.org with questions.



Did you know that Immanuel United Church of Christ accepts electronic donations? You can make one-time donations or set up monthly donations of your pledge. If you'd like more details, visit our web site at www.immanuelwestbend.org, or contact Financial Secretary Cindy Komro by calling 262-334-2886, or email cindy@immanuelwestbend.org

FEBRUARY IS PASTA & 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

(payable to Immanuel) can be put in your giving envelope with notation designated to Food Pantry.

Questions? Please see Jenny Landowski.

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 given by:

February 2nd: Mona Anderson in honor of Jim, my father and my family and Friends.

February 9th: June Sommerfeld in honor of my wise and wonderful daughter, Jill.

February 16th: Tom & Wendy Wilson in celebration of our 22nd wedding anniversary.

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 regarding 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.



INQUIRERS LUNCHEON



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

Are you interested in becoming a member?

We would love to share "our story", mission, vision and values as well as get to know you better!

If interested in setting up a time to meet with us, please contact Jenny Landowski 262-334-2886 or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com



Are You Interested in Operation Christmas Child?

"Evening of Awareness, Recognition and Future Direction" February 17, from 6:30 – 8pm in Hartford

It was over 25 years ago that Immanuel Church member, Jackie Nieman, was introduced to Operation Christmas Child. That year she encouraged families of Sunday School children to fill boxes. Since that Time, Immanuel has typically filled around 50 "Shoeboxes of Love" each year.

Jackie is ready to pass the reins onto someone else who finds this program as valuable as she does. If you are interested in learning more about the program, there is an "Evening of Awareness, Recognition and Future Direction" on Monday, February 17, from 6:30 – 8pm in Hartford. A light meal will be served; therefore reservations are required. Jackie would be happy to attend with anyone interested in going. Please, let her know by calling her at 262-483-6186 by February 10, so she can put in reservations.



~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."

INDIA NEWS

Our group of India Travelers arrived safely and upon arrival at the JJM Hostel, they were welcomed by family members as well as the teachers and orphans. They sure know how to do hospitality!!



Along with our family in India, our group worshiped, sang, prayed, taught, read, laughed, prepared meals, enjoyed meals, attended many events and visited. Activities were nonstop!









Our group has returned! You can see more of the travels of Jenny, Bob, Emma, Johanna, & Sophia Landowski, Kaitlin Demmon, Jordan Petrin, Al Nevala, Jan Armato, Joan Dobberstein, and Olivia Gluck by

checking out the Landow's India Adventure Blog at: http://landowsindiaadventure.blogspot.com/

Party at The Norbert Restaurant

Downtown West Bend -Sunday, February 9th4:00 - 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 February and March

"Children's Festival in India"

In the spring of every year, Novahu offers a Vacation Bible School (also known as Children's Festival) for the students of Marshall School as well as other kids in the village of Madhavapatnam. This is one of a handful of times throughout the calendar year that he has the opportunity to share the teachings of Jesus with the children; clearly within his letter below it confirms the value of this program.



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 be attending 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

In order to run this 3-day event we need to raise \$900; please prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts.

Prayers are always welcome! Donations of change, cash and checks in support of this year's Children's Festival can be put into the Aquarium during February and March.





Please pray for the following:

- ~ Our India Travelers as they return to life back home
- ~ 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 all the towels collected as they enjoy Mr. Bob's Shower Truck

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

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

ACOLYTE:

February 2 Chassidy McBeath February 16 Johanna Halfman

February 9 Riley Tanner February 23 Noah Kaye

GREETERS:

February 2 9:00 am Halfman Family, Fred & Barb Seefeldt

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

February 9 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld,

Carolyn McCartney

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

February 16 9:00 am Brian & Judy Harris, John & Pat Love

10:30 am Tanner Family, Gustafson Family

February 23 9:00 am Esther Kohler, Nancy Naab,

Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

10:30 am Rich & Bonnie Gerner

USHERS:

February 2 9:00 am Curtis & Jeanne Forester,

Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner,

10:30 am Ben Russell

February 9 9:00 am Paul & Marilyn Stier, Brian & Judy Harris

10:30 am Dennis Roos

February 16 9:00 am Gary McCrillis, Max Sommerfeld, Soener family

10:30 am Gene Kreis

February 23 9:00 am The Halfman family, Gary McCrillis

10:30 am Mike & Teri Mattek

READERS:

February 2 Jan Armato

February 9 Doug Stewart

February 16 India Travelers Sunday

February 23 Jackie Nieman

COMMUNION SERVERS:

February 2 9:00 am Michal Gerard, Jan Nesladek and Johanna Landowski

10:30 am Sophia Landowski and Kaitlin Demmon

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

February 2 Panera

February 9

February 16

February 23 Adult Choir

COFFEE MAKERS:

February 2 Bonnie Gerner

February 9 Jim & Anne Marie Peters

February 16 Mike Komro

February 23 Joe & Tracy Halfman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

February 2 Immanuel Choir

February 9 Immanuel Handbell Ensemble

February 16 Immanuel Choir

February 23 Youth Choir



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