

# Journey Connection

#### Modified Journey Connection #3 MAY 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.

#### YES...WELCOME TO IMMANUEL CHURCH, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE CURRENTLY NOT GATHERING!

We at Immanuel are on a **joyful journey** – with Jesus...regardless of the current situation, – to disclose His presence in the world...especially during this challenging time, - and His love for all people...whether they are acting irrationally or not. With humility, we invite **everyone** to join us - of course respectfully keeping your distance, **regardless** of their relationship with Jesus, and even if they doubt His reality; together we will get through this COVID-19 pandemic! And, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of race, culture, age, sexual orientation, family status, or the brokenness of their lives. Yes, even the closet hoarders are welcome! On this journey there are no judgments – just Jesus. Whoever you are, **you are welcome** to join us in Spirit!

If you desire a calming conversation during this time of hysteria or could use a peaceful prayer while wrestling with isolation, please contact Pastor Rich or Jenny Landowski at **262-334-2886.** You could also leave us an email message at pastor2112@gmail.com or immanuelwbministries@gmail.com; we would welcome a time to connect with you!



# A word from Jenny ...

Dear Immanuel Church Family,

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It's hard to believe this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> "modified" Journey Connection and that it's been over 2 months since we have gathered together as a congregation; oh, how I miss all of you! I pray you are doing well!

Although we haven't been operating as usual around here, there still is quite a bit going on at Immanuel and within our church family; please take the time to read through this Journey Connection so that you can be kept abreast of what's all happening. You will be amazed at how our "church" is not only surviving, but thriving during this difficult time!

Keep Shining Brite and Shining Far Immanuel...God is with us!!

In Joy, In Service,

Jenny



## A note from

## Pastor Rich. .



I am happy to share some good news on the cancer front. The results of my bloodwork on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> showed my white cell counts to be relatively stable, which means I'm clear until my next bloodwork in July. This is great news! The longer I can delay a bone marrow transfer, the better. I'm feeling very good, only experiencing occasional fatigue. Thank you for your continued support, concern, and prayers. As always, they mean a lot to me!

As we move into the future, we are hoping to receive guidance from our Wisconsin UCC General Conference in regard to resuming physical gatherings. As of now, the latest recommendations we have can be found in the most recent letter sent from Franz which immediately follows my update. We are hoping to receive more guidance as we move forward and we will keep you abreast of any new plans. Please pray for our Conference and our Church's wisdom in this. We – like everyone else – are doing are best in a difficult situation. And God's grace, love, and mercy remain steadfast, no matter the circumstances! So rest assured, we will get through this!

Your Grateful and Hopeful Pastor,





## A Penny for his thoughts...

While everyone else has been cleaning out their clothes closets, Pastor Rich has been cleaning out his bookshelves!

Now that he has discovered his love of reading on a Kindle, he no longer wants to hold on to his books. You are invited to stop in and peruse his collection, if you find something that catches your eye, take it...it's yours! His desire is to have any freewill donations that



would be generated from this be given to the Joyful Journeys House Pastor Ministry.

A couple things Pastor Rich would like you to know about his books...

~They are not Harlequin Romance Novels! 😊

~When you see highlighted text, it doesn't always mean he is in support of what it says, it could equally mean he that he disagreed with it.

~No Judgements! 😉



Stop by Immanuel Church during office hours Monday-Thursday to browse through the books. Feel free to call before you come to make sure we're open.

All are welcome! All books must go!! He's not putting them back on his shelves.

Checks can be made out to Joyful Journeys, memo: House Pastors



### **Rev. Franz Rigert, Conference Minister**

Dear friends and colleagues,

As you well know, yesterday the Wisconsin Supreme court issued a decision striking down the Governor's safer-at-home order, thus lifting restrictions on businesses and public gatherings. The court did not challenge the wisdom or medical prudence of the Badger Bounce Back plan. The "lifting of restrictions" ruling came as a response to a legal challenge arguing that the Executive branch of our state government does not have unilateral authority to mandate the safer-at-home order. Additionally, the Court urged our state legislature to work with the Department of Health Services to avoid the potential chaos and health devastation of a reckless and uncontrolled reopening.

In consultation with the Wisconsin Council of Churches (read WCC Wednesday evening press release) and in solidarity with our denominational partners across the state, we continue to recommend that UCC congregations not resume in-person worship or other activities in our church buildings until the public health gating requirements are met, as set forth in the Badger Bounce Back plan. (See online at:

https://files.constantcontact.com/4fc4c9cb001/72652207-77aa-4783-ad5d-3de6de0fe9db.pdf) Yesterday new cases were up again, and we have not yet met the criteria for moving into phase 1 of the plan. Phase 2 would allow for gatherings of up to 50 people with social distancing and health precaution protocols in place. This will likely take several more weeks. I encourage you to continue to provide online worship services and to prepare for the eventual easing back in a hybrid fashion (incorporating both in-person and online gatherings). Sisters and brothers, I plead with you – please resist any inclination to make this a partisan issue. We are already fighting the most devasting pandemic of our lifetimes; we cannot afford to fight with each other. We all empathize with the economic struggles that shuttered businesses are encountering. At the same time, this is about the safety and well-being of our beloved people, many of whom are particularly vulnerable due to age or pre-existing conditions. While our state has been hit hard, we are making progress precisely because the safer-at-home policy has been in place.

This is not the first time God's people have been asked to "stay the course" through a difficult stretch. Our biblical ancestors endured slavery in Egypt, 40 years of desert meandering, captivity in Babylon, and persecution in proclaiming the risen Christ. Yet they patiently and painstakingly stayed the course. Throughout history, when humanity has faced our biggest challenges, we have set aside our individual desires and prioritized the collective needs of our society. This will not las forever, and we will make it through to the other side!

Our highest calling is to love one another. We may not always agree, but we dare not fail to love each other, for God's sake and for the sake of our future. Let us continue to spiritually surround all who grieve, those who suffer the effects of covid-19, the many valiant front line workers and all who feel the pain of isolation, stress and economic fragility.

I invite you to lean on our Conference Staff for support. We send heartfelt prayers and love to you, and know that this is a tough chapter. God bless you and keep you, and know that we care deeply.

Franz

## **Thoughts from our Church Treasurer**

Dear Immanuel Family:

We may not be able to meet just yet, but we are certainly present, and it shows. Giving for our church is up through the end of April compared to where we were last year! This is nothing short of amazing with all things considered. Through the end of April, we are meeting 95% of our budgeted expenses. Below is a passage that I feel is good reflection for our current circumstances.

#### 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (New International Version) The Collection for the Lord's People

8 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trail, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. <sup>5</sup> And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

I can't even begin to express how grateful I am to be part of a church that excels at the grace of giving. In these times of trail our congregation has continued to pour out their love, dedication, and support to see that we continue to shine the light of God's love to the world.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our mission!

Sincerely, Liz Ratzburg – Church Treasurer

## A word from our President...

Status of the Spring Congregational Meeting

Immanuel UCC's constitution states two semi-annual meetings should be held in the second and fourth quarter of the year. The spring congregational meeting has been planned for the end of April. However, with the outbreak of the Corona Virus and the "Safer at Home" order it was postponed to insure the health and safety of our members. The advice of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC is to hold no meetings of up to 50 people until phase 2 of the Badger Bounce Back Plan is met and the proper social distancing and health precaution protocols are in place. Once a plan has been devised which meets these criteria and has been approved by Consistory; the spring congregational meeting will be scheduled and held in a manner which insures the health and safety of those who wish to attend. In the meantime, with your support and prayers Immanuel continues to strive to meet the needs of its members.

Doug Stewart, President

## Praise God from whom no more water flows...



Well, at least not into our basement!! That's right, since the repairs were made to the drainpipe that had been punctured by a Spectrum cable, there hasn't been any water in the church basement...even after substantial rainfall over the past couple weeks. We can all jump for joy with Dave Hammen as we rejoice in this good news!!

Now that we are confident our water issues have been rectified and that the source of

the problem was not based on the structure of our building, our Property Committee and Finance Team are working on reopening the case with our insurance company. We will keep you posted as new information is received.

## Thank you!!





A heartfelt "thank you" to the anonymous donor who generously gifted Immanuel Church a new lawnmower! Sophie certainly appreciates it as she maintains our grass!

We are also grateful to those who have jumped back into maintaining the gardens at Immanuel! The beauty is truly enjoyed by those who are walking around our community!





## **Welcome New Members!**

The following individuals had expressed an interest in joining Immanuel Church, and through the powers that be, have now officially become members. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Mary Ellen and Jordan; please join us in welcoming them into our church family!

#### Mary Ellen Dodge

Mary Ellen found her way into our church a couple years ago while helping her good friend Mary Jo Norgel sort clothes for our Circle of Friends Shoppe; she has been a faithful servant within that ministry ever since! Mary Ellen also discovered, once she started attending Worship Services at Immanuel, how many additional people she already knew here. In other words, she's already part of our family! Mary Ellen is a retired L.D. Teacher and School Counselor, now in her free time she enjoys quilting, basket weaving, golf and spectating sports.

> Mary Ellen Dodge 1528 Ridgewood Dr. West Bend, WI 53095



#### Jordan Petrin

Jordan began attending Immanuel Church with his girlfriend, Kaitlin Demmon, who he now proudly calls his wife! Jordan quickly joined Kaitlin in her passion for our India Ministry and accompanied a group of travelers this past January on a Mission Trip to Madhavapatnam, where he built relationships with members of our Joyful Journeys Team in that village. Give Jordan a few minutes and he'd love to tell you about his experience there! Besides all that, he enjoys sports, working out, running, gaming, and his dog!



Jordan Petrin 1030 Lincoln Dr. W West Bend, WI 53095

### May we present to you Kaitlin and Jordan Petrin



Kaitlin Demmon and Jordan Petrin were married on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Church. Join us in congratulating this happy couple as they begin their new life together in Christ.

> Mr. and Mrs. Petrin 1030 Lincoln Dr. W West Bend, WI 53095

### **Congratulations Confirmands!**

On Sunday, May 17, our 2020 Confirmands were officially "virtually" Confirmed. This batch of Youth has spent significant time over the past 2 years, under the leadership of Chris Arndt, studying the scriptures, discussing questions of faith, and nurturing their journey with Jesus. The group was given a list of questions that they were to prayerfully consider, then asked to send in a written statement to one of them; below you will find their response. Since we weren't able to gather as a congregation for Confirmation Sunday and celebrate with them, we have included their mailing addresses in case you'd like to send them a greeting. Please join us in welcoming these youth into our church family.



I plan to use my faith and what I learned in confirmation to guide me through college, my career, and the rest of my life.

Chase Mastenbrook 4610 Hwy 33 W. Apt. B West Bend, WI 53095



It was really important for me to get Confirmed because I wanted to expand my knowledge of Jesus and God. There are many lessons and stories God tells us in the Bible that I still need to hear and learn from. That is one of my many

reasons why I should get Confirmed. My journey and path with God has been life changing and meaningful. He helped me realize many life situations and that no one is perfect.

Thank you, Gregory Morales Torres 1716 N. Main Street West Bend, WI 53090



I want to get confirmed because I want to know my Father, Aba, more than I do today. Many others taught me His ways. I would like to share my experience with friends, family, and others who also went through, or are going through a rough patch, that God is there every step of the

way. You can put your trust and faith into His hands knowing it is safe. To be completely honest, I did not believe there really was a God or angels. I thought it was luck or fate, but people here in this church brought me closer to him and I really do believe now. My family has gone through a lot these past couple of years, but you all have helped more than can be expected. You all brought God into my family's lives, and I want to show my gratitude and appreciation. I want to show and tell others what I learned. I know my journey has just begun, and I know I have a long way to go, but I want to learn and hear the other stories in the Bible that I don't know yet.

That's why I want to get Confirmed.

Love, Valerie Pabon 1716 N. Main Street West Bend, WI 53090



Tyler Wolff 245 Blackberry Dr. Waldo, WI 53093

To me, getting Confirmed means when your parents give you the trust in their eyes to become an adult in the church's eyes. It becomes your responsibility to follow the Lord.



My God moment was a whole week. This past week my rabbit was in labor and we had just gone to go get food, but when we got home my gut was telling me to go check on Daisy, which is my rabbit. I didn't think anything of this because I had been super excited and nervous this

whole week. When Noah and I had gone to check on her for the night we had found that she had passed away. My first thought was are the babies still inside or did she give birth? My mom had saw movement in the nesting box and yes, she had given birth to three little bunnies! We had to feed the babies right away because we didn't know if she had fed them their first feeding which has lots of colostrum in it which gives the babies the nutrients they need. It turned out that they had been fed by Daisy before she had passed. God has definitely been testing me this whole time seeing if I could do this and be strong enough. I do believe that he also is testing me for the career path that I want to do which is working in OB/GYN. This whole week I have relied on God to help get me through and be strong enough to keep these babies alive. We are on day three and they are doing amazing, they are very squirmy and squeaky. I couldn't be more grateful to have these little babies in my life right now.

Molly Pieffle 1932 Woodlawn Ave. West Bend, WI 53090

Amendment...By the time this was ready for printing, Molly's 3 bunnies all died.



For me when it comes to being a part of Immanuel's church family it means being surrounded by the people who I love. My family. Being a part of this amazing family is having even more people around me who understand me and who will always look out for me. People who understand

me, make me laugh, and overall just make me *happy*. I want to fully be a part of this family. I know I always have been a part of this amazing family since the day I was baptized but being confirmed is the next step into this family. I know everyone in this family will always have my back and will always be there for me. This is what it means to be part of this amazing family.

Love, Chloe R. Sheehy 3421 Northwoods Rd. Port Washington, WI 53074

### **Confirmation Leader ~ Chris Arndt**

We would like to offer a special "thank you" to Chris Arndt, who has led our Confirmation program for the past 4 years. We are grateful for his dedication and commitment to the Youth of Immanuel Church. Through the years, he not only taught his students about walking with Jesus, he led by example. We have been very blessed to have him in this role and are grateful for is commitment. Please join us in wishing Chris well as he moves on to other ways in serve to our Lord.



Chris Arndt 1456 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street West Bend, WI 53090



Join us in recognizing graduates from our Immanuel's Church Family; we wish them God's Grace and Mercy as they move on to their next chapter. Blessings to all!

### <u>Ana Komro</u>

227 Langdon #302 Madison, WI 53711



I am graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with an English, B.A., with an Emphasis on Creative Writing. I will continue to live in Madison until December and intend on getting an editing internship over the summer. While I pursue a career in editing, I will also continue revising my novel, which I wrote for my senior thesis project. Alec Komro

6375 Pleasant Hill Drive West Bend, WI 53095



I graduated from my homeschooling years at Wissen Academy. I'm planning on going to UWM at Washington County for 2 years and then transferring. Not sure what I'm going for yet.

### <u>Emma Landowski</u>

3826 A Shenandoah Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110



On May 15<sup>th</sup>, I will be graduating from Eden Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. After graduation, I plan to continue working at St. Louis University Hospital as a PRN chaplain. I was happy to find out that my year-long Clinical Pastoral Education Residency Program, that begins this fall, will also be out of that same hospital. It is exciting to see new doors opening that I never would have imagined...God is good!



## <u>Carmen Vincent</u>

1509 Chapel Drive Unit 783 Valparaiso, IN 46383



On May 15th, I'll be graduating a year early from Valparaiso University with a degree in Digital Media and a minor in Cinema & Media Studies. I'm currently finishing up a documentary supported by grants that should be entering the film festival circuit this fall, and I hope to secure a job at a production company as a video editor, assistant director, or whatever role I can fill to

learn more about my craft. These are uncertain times, especially in the job market, but I have faith things will work out.

### **Chris Witt**

5705 N Ames Terrace Glendale, WI 53209



I am graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree is in Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies with a focus on Advertising and Public Relations. Future plans: To work in the Digital Content and Social Media department...somewhere. Fingers crossed it is an agency in Milwaukee, but I am also looking at places in Madison, Chicago, and Green Bay/Appleton.

# **Immanuel's Helping Hands**

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2* 

Do you need assistance with shopping or running errands? Are you feeling alone and in need of someone to talk to? Could you use some financial aid? Are you out of toilet paper?

We've got people and resources ready to help you!!

You don't need to struggle through this time alone, we're a phone call away.

Whether you can help or in need of help, please contact Jenny at <u>immanuelwbministries@gmail.com</u> or call 262-334-2886

SCRIP cards are available for purchase if you would like to use those to assist someone who is experiencing financial hardships. Contact Jenny for details.

## 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.



## Present Tense

It was spring, but it was summer I wanted, The warm days, and the great outdoors. It was summer, but it was fall I wanted, The colorful leaves, and the cool, dry air. It was fall, but it was winter I wanted, The beautiful snow, and the joy of the holiday season. It was winter, but it was spring I wanted, The warmth and the blossoming of nature. I was a child, but it was adulthood I wanted, The freedom and respect. I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted, To be mature, and sophisticated. I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted, The youth and the free spirit. I was retired, but it was middle-age I wanted, The presence of mind without limitations. My life was over, and I never got what I wanted.

By Jason Lehman (written at age 14)





A special "thank you" to our J.A.M. Time families who helped decorate May Baskets and to Immanuel's May Fairies for delivering them! Another opportunity to shine the light of God's love!

















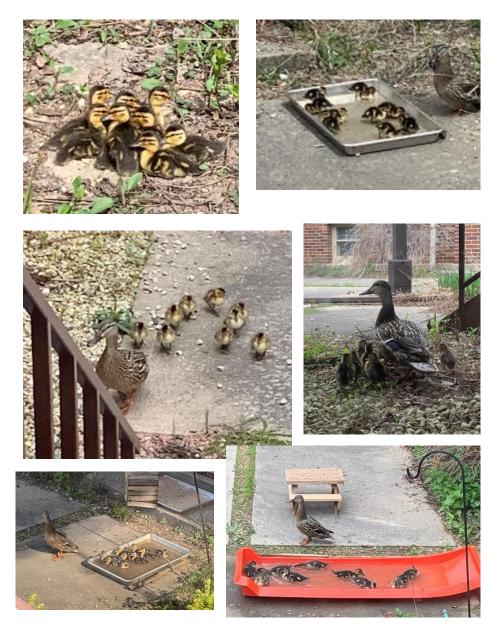




## COURTNEY B. GRACE AND FAMILY

Our momma duck, Courtney B. Grace, would like to introduce you to her 9 little ducklings...Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

They were born on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>; all are thriving and enjoying the security of our courtyard.



## J.A.M. Time Family Resources...

Taking daily walks has been a blessing to many of us the past few months. Getting a bit of exercise, breathing fresh air, and actually seeing neighbors at a distance invigorates the spirit. May this Prayer Walk bring peace and comfort to you and your family.

After taking a walk, I encourage you to get out a Bible and read Psalm 121 together as a family. Then use the Bible to complete the Bible Scavenger Hunt.

Miss you all!

**Rachel Gumm** 

# BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT

Use your Bible to fill in all of these blanks.

The last book of the Bible
The book after Daniel
The first book of the New Testament
The first word in the Bible
The last word in the Bible
The first book named for a woman
The 20th book of the Bible
The 2nd book named for a woman
The book before Jonah
The last book of the Old Testament
The book of the Bible with the shortest title
The 2nd book of the Old Testament



Go for a walk as a family and use this quide to pray as you find each item



Bird - Thank God for promising to always be with us.



Bug - Ask God to heal those who are sick.



Red Flower - Ask God to protect those in the medical field.



Evergreen - Ask God to give leaders wisdom.



Nut/Seed - Ask God to take care of your family and friends.



Fallen leaf - Ask God to take care of your neighbors.



Butterfly - Ask God to use the church to share His love.



Yellow flower - Ask God to bring revival through this time.

### ~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**

## Not quite ready...

As many businesses are beginning to open up in our area, we are choosing to be patient for a little bit longer before we reinstate regular hours at the **Circle of Friends Shoppe**. People who have immediate needs are being tended to on an individual basis, but under the circumstances we're not ready for it to be fully open. Please keep our Joyful Journey Board Members in your prayers as they try to discern what is best for both our volunteers and those who utilize our shoppe.

This also means that we are not quite ready yet to start accepting clothing donations, so please do not bring such items to church. Thank you.

## **Hygiene Packets**



Do you have travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste and lotion laying around that you don't know what to do with? We'll gladly take them off your hands!! We are working on assembling Hygiene Packets for Mr. Bob to handout to the homeless community down in Milwaukee and need your help. His main source for acquiring these items and the avenue for

packaging them has been temporarily closed due to the Coronavirus, and they are starting to run low on these provisions. Unused items can be dropped off at Immanuel Church, or if you'd like to make a monetary contribution, please make checks payable to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Contact Jenny if you have any questions or would like to get more information on how you can help.

## Mask Makers, Mask Makers, made 10,000 masks!



That's right...to date 10,000 masks have been assembled by Immanuel Church members and friends!!

It's absolutely incredible to think of what we have accomplished!! Mr. Bob has not only personally handed out many of these masks to his friends "under the bridge", he has also shared them with the

Milwaukee Fire Department and "Friends of State Street" in Madison; all giving them to individuals who are in need of this now basic necessity. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped thus far!!

### But wait!! There's more!!

We just received another shipment of masks that need to be put together. If this looks like a project that you, or someone you know, would like to work on as a way to serve from your home, please let Jenny know and you can join our team of "Mask Makers"!



Check out this link if you want to see the specifics for putting them together. <u>https://www.rebelconverting.com/</u>

Thanks for prayerfully considering this!

# INDIA NEWS

### Joyful Journeys India ~ COVID-19 Relief Fund ~

Thus far, the Joyful Journeys India ~ COVID-19 Relief Fund has supplied countless individuals and families with needed items such as food, hygiene products and masks as they battle the effects of the Coronavirus in and around the village of Madhavapatnam. The Joyful Journeys India Task Force is incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from our church family and friends during this pandemic; the generosity of many has helped the underprivileged people of this area survive during this difficult time!

Now, just like in America, things are beginning to open up, and people are looking ahead for safe ways to begin working and carrying on with day to day life. Typically, schools in India begin in June, however under the circumstances it will most likely be closer to July. The Marshall School, like schools here, will need to implement a whole new set of policies, as well as make changes within the classrooms, in order for us to safely have our students return. We will be looking to the JJI~CRF to help facilitate some of those measures to keep everyone safe as we continue to provide an education to the children within this impoverished community.

Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers as we consider the details of moving forward.

Donations are certainly welcomed; checks can be made out to Joyful Journeys, memo: JJI~CRF, or you can visit our Joyful Journeys Website to donate online. <u>https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/</u>

If you would like any more information on how you can help, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email <u>director@immanuelwestbend.org</u> or by phone 262-334-2886.

God bless you! Namaste' ~Jenny

A word from Novahu...

Dear Immanuel Church Family!

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

Today we have distributed provisions to widows, oldies and poorest of the poor families. I thank each one of you for supporting the families who do not have work, no money and facing lots of problems. This time we have good local political leaders to join in our charity work. They are so moved with what Joyful Journeys is doing during this difficult time. The head official told me he gives thanks for coronavirus because now he finally understands what Joyful Journeys Ministry is really about, giving support and help to the needy in our community. He said he will never look at JJM the same again. So, I also invited the government officers to join in this work too.

Our campus doctor, my sister and others also joined in our efforts. We have visited many communities that are very happy to see us and receive the provisions and vegetables.

Here I send some pictures because words cannot always show the gratitude of what is being done in Madhavapatnam through Joyful Journey Ministry. Thank you for all your support through our 15 years together in serving the people of India, and now even greater with the Coronavirus. The love of Jesus is truly being spread through our village because of Immanuel West Bend and friends.

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

Thank you, Your brother in Christ, Novahu









# 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:

Pastor Rich, Teri Mattek, Robert Landowski, Bruce Kapanke, Norm Fedderly.

#### Serving in the military:

Jackson Raad, Spencer Scheunemann, 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, Kiley Komro and Austin Koehler.

#### Member in Discernment:

Emma Landowski



### Remembering those who passed away since last May

James Borchert Robert Calhoun Davie Schleif August Utech Lillian Utech June 14 August 28 October 11 November 16 October 6



Please make the following changes...

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Julie Glassman; Office Administrator office@immanuelwestbend.org

Cindy Komro; Financial Secretary finance@immanuelwestbend.org

Rachel Gumm; Children's Ministry excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

Johanna Landowski; Youth Activities Leader youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org

Chris Witt; Youth Leader – <u>shine@immanuelwestbend.org</u>

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