



Joy in the Journey

# Journey Connection

January 2022

## 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. Richs Vincent [pastor@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelwestbend.org) or Jenny Landowski [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) or leave a message at the church office (262) 334-2886



## A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

In the church calendar, Epiphany always follows the seasons of Advent and Christmas. After waiting patiently for the Christ to arrive during Advent we celebrated Christ's arrival during Christmas. Now, during the season of Epiphany we reflect upon the significance of Christ's coming and what that means for us and for the world.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word *Epifania* which means radiance or shining. Having experienced the first movement of God's face shining upon us in Christ through the eyes of the infant in the manger, we now seek to dwell in this sacred light by returning the divine gaze with our eyes of faith. Our hope is that as we behold God's face in Christ Jesus, we will be transformed into the divine image by the power of God's Spirit at work within and around us (cf. 2 Corinthians 3:18).

The bottom line is this: If we want to know who God is for us and for the world, we simply need to look to the life and work of Jesus Christ, who reveals to us God's heart. This is our joyful task this season of Epiphany. My prayer is that you will experience anew God's grace, love, and peace as we journey together in the light of God through this new year.

Grace and peace,  
Rich



# Property Update...

On the Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December I received a call from the technician that works for Otis. He inspects our elevator every six months. He told me that there was at least 2-1/2 feet of water in the pit. The sump pump had failed. I contacted Albiero Plumbing and had them coordinate with Otis Elevator to set a date to replace the pump. According to Albiero that pump was at least 15 years old. Repair was accomplished on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Otis had to be there for liability purposes, they don't allow anyone but their technicians to do the steps necessary to secure the car in the up position so the repair could be done. We do not know how long the pump was out. The last time the pit was inspected was in April.

Our only concern is the power cable that is attached to the bottom of the elevator. It is not waterproof, and we do not know how long it was exposed or submersed in the water. If it fails it will not pose a safety hazard. It will just render the elevator out of service.

I have asked for an estimate to replace the cable but at this time I have not received anything.

We are going to check with our insurance company Church Mutual to find out if we could recover any of the bills generated from this repair, once the deductible is met. We also will find out if the replacement of the power cable would be covered also. That cable was exposed to water more than once during our water issues.

## A Note From our Choir Director...

A hymn for the New Year (To the tune of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)  
"Long ago, you sent a Savior To our world in deep despair. In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear. Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim: Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!"

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Our choirs will be meeting on Tuesday evenings: Bell Choir starts at 5:45 pm, Adult Choir starts at 7:00 pm. Please consider joining us!!

Warm, wintery wishes to you as we welcome this new year 2022:  
may grace and peace be ever present with us all.

~ Beverly

# Gratitude from our Pastoral Assistant...

Dear Immanuel Church Family and Friends,

As I reflect back on 2021, and all that we've been through, there is one thing that overshadows everything...YOUR GENEROSITY!!! My heart continually explodes with amazement in response to what this congregation does all in the name of LOVE! Throughout the year, whenever there has been a need, you have stepped up to the plate; whether it's been the gift of your time and service, or your financial support and resources, your kindness has been radiant!! Specifically during the holidays, your contributions were greatly appreciated; I'd like to highlight a few...we offered two meaningful Christmas Services both in person and virtually thanks to the many who participated upfront or behind the scenes, we were able to assist several families who were struggling with hardships through our Benevolence/Family in Need Fund, we restocked the Circle of Friends Shoppe with much needed items that were placed under the S.H.U.M.S. & Giving Trees, we provided Christmas gifts to an incredible amount of individuals within Joyful Journeys Ministries in India thanks to monetary donations received, we gave an unbelievable amount of food to the West Bend Pantry through our Reversed Advent Boxes, we shared blankets that were collected for the homeless community in Milwaukee through Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, and we brought smiles to children around the world through Christmas Shoe Box donations...Praise the Lord for working in and through us, for we are Immanuel ~ God with us! I look forward to see what 2022 holds for us as we live out our Mission Statement, "To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world!

Blessings to you all! ❤️

In Joy, In Service,  
~Jenny





# Full Shelf Pantry

And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit.

You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:29

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 Jenny or Johanna Landowski

## SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals is currently  
doing a book study on

“The Women of the Bible”

By Shannon Bream

Regular gatherings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays of the month at 10:00am.

If you have any questions,  
please contact Jenny Landowski

# J.A.M. Time\* 2021-2022

Journey with Jesus

Unit 4: The Good Samaritan

January 9<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>



*Do for others as you would like them to do for you.*

Luke 6:31

Cuttin' and Struttin' – Pencil Holder

Kickin' Kitchen – First Aid Kits

Pleasin' Plots – The Good Spatula Puppet Show

Thank you to all of the Advent/Jesus site leaders, shepherds and volunteers; this program wouldn't be possible without you! A hearty congratulations to all the Shine Brites and Youth for putting on such a wonderful Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve, you all did fantastic and should be proud of yourselves!



~Interested in our JAM Time program...Check out the JAM Time bulletin board for program information and volunteer opportunities.

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif

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\*Jesus and Me Time – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children age three through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September – May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k classroom.

# Confirmation



Happy New Year!

Confirmation is going well. The Confirmands continue to amaze me in how eager they are to learn more about their faith. We are continuing to work through the DVD/Book guide on different topics in the Bible, our Creed, getting to know Jesus and so much more.

**We will not be meeting for Confirmation on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Blessings,

Johanna

(262) 334-2886

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## YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all who helped with Enchantment in the Park! It was another successful year and fun was had by all who helped that night!





## Save the Dates!

**Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Movie and Pizza with Pastor Rich** - We will be renting one of the theaters within the West Bend Cinema to watch a movie with Pastor Rich, then head to church to chat about it over pizza and pop. Movie begins at 3:00pm.

**Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Soup Assembly** - We will be meeting in the church kitchen from 9:00am to noon to prepare soup for "Souper Bowl Sunday".

**Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**"Souper Bowl Sunday"** - Volunteers will be needed to sell the soup following each of the services.

**Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Baby/Kid Sitting Night** - We will be hosting a childcare night for families in our church. Plan to be here from 5:30 - 9:15pm.

Any questions feel free to contact me.

Johanna,

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# ~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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the S.H.U.M.S. & Giving Tree; from handknit scarves and fuzzy socks that adorned the trees, to blankets and toasters piled up below the tree, EVERYTHING will be appreciated by those who benefit from The Circle of Friends Shoppe!



# INDIA NEWS



Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ!  
First of all happy Christmas and happy New Year!

I thank you so much for all that you do for Joyful Journeys Ministry in India. Thank you for the gifts to all our school children, all the 320 children received a gift. All the teaching staff and non-teaching staff, drivers, workers, village scavengers, house pastors, and oldies have received their gifts. Everyone was so happy!

There were more than 600 parents who attended the celebration of Christmas on 24<sup>th</sup> night. I have invited local leaders and a man from Tenali another district, who is Christian writer and Christian magician, through magic he shares the word of God with the children. It was so effective. Afterwards, there are 20 songs with dances and one Christmas skit and one John the Baptist skit is presented by the Marshall school children. The program began around 5.30 in the evening and ended up 12.30 in the night. So long. But most of the parents remain seated to watch all the program.

All the parents and children are distributed the Christmas cake. It was a nice program. I thank each one of you for presenting good gifts to our staff members, children, hostel children, village scavengers and oldies, and house pastors, tailoring teachers and so on. All Joyful Journeys Ministry Family send you love.

I also thank you for the contribution that you paid to my house painting. It is very beautifully painted after a long time. Karishma and Shekinah were with us for the Christmas program. Right after the program they left for their college.

I also want to thank each one of you for remembering us in your prayers. Manjula and I got Dengue and Typhoid Fever, but by the grace of God we recovered from our sickness. I thank you for all your prayers especially during our time of sickness.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebration! Manjula, Karishma and Shekinah send their love to you all.

Love,

Your brother in Christ,

Novahu









# JANUARY

## **Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup>**

COF Shoppe CLOSED

## **Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9 and 10:30 am Worship

Family Worship Sunday –

No SHINE

No J.A.M. Time

No Confirmation

## **Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

## **Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>**

Citizen Advocates 5-7

Bell Choir 5:45pm

Adult Choir 7pm

## **Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup>**

3pm PEO Book Club

7 pm AA meeting

## **Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

COF Shoppe 1pm – 3pm

## **Friday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

## **Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>**

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9am Shine

10 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,

& Confirmation

## **Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Boundaries 1pm

## **Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Citizen Advocates 5-7

Bell Choir 5:45pm

Adult Choir 7pm

## **Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

## **Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

10am Sonshine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

## **Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

## **Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

COF Shoppe 10am–noon

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

9 and 10:30 am Worship  
9am Shine  
10 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,  
**No Confirmation**

**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Citizen Advocates 5-7  
Bell Choir 5:45pm  
Adult Choir 7pm  
PEO 7pm

**Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

COF Shoppe 5-7pm  
7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 pm NA  
7:00 pm Al Anon

**Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3pm Youth Movie & Pizza  
with Pastor Rich



**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9 and 10:30 am Worship  
9am Shine  
10 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,  
& Confirmation

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Citizen Advocates 5-7  
Bell Choir 5:45pm  
Adult Choir 7pm

**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

10am Sonshine Gals

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA  
7:00 pm Al Anon

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

9 and 10:30 am Worship  
9am Shine  
10 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,  
& Confirmation

**Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

# *Altar Flowers*



Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one. The **sign-up sheet** is posted outside of Pastor Rich's office.

Please **fill out an order form** and return it with a check for \$30.00 to the church office. After the second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.

*This month our flowers have been donated by:*

*January 2nd:*

*January 9<sup>th</sup>:* June Sommerfeld

in memory of her mother-in-law Fanny Sommerfeld

*January 16<sup>th</sup>:* Scott & Tama Gluck in celebration of Owen and Jackie Gluck's Wedding on January 15<sup>th</sup>

*January 23<sup>rd</sup>:*

*January 30<sup>th</sup>:* Mick & Chris Soener in loving memory of Chris's mom, Phyllis Danforth.

# *Tending the Flock*



Please keep our Immanuel Church Family in your thoughts and prayers, specifically those listed below. Contact the church office if you are in need of pastoral care, or would like to be added to the prayer requests.

## **Shut-ins:**

Bill Altschwager, Julie Pulda, Garnet Schneider, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, Marian Kachel, Judy Muelling and Carolyn Gibson.

## **Health Concerns:**

Pastor Rich, Bruce Kapanke, Doug Stewart, Gary Barber, Jessica Rose, Carol King, Roy Rusch, Sue Calhoun, Karen Lewis, and Helen Keey.

## **Those who are suffering from depression and/or addiction**

## **Serving in the military:**

Jackson Raad, Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David.

## **Continuing their education:**

Rebecca Kempfer-Witt, Lexi McCrillis, Simon Uecker, Quinn Vincent, Julia Stier, Elise Patten, Evan Patten, Adam Vincent, Austin Schmitt, Claire Gustafson, Even Mastenbrook, Julia Raad, and Kelton Kreis.

## **Death:**

**Marion Kachel** was called home to be with the Lord on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Her Family had a private service.



# Thank you for serving & letting your light shine this month!

## **GREETERS:**

- January 2 9:00 am Jim & Anne Mari Peters  
10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- January 9 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld  
10:30 am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
- January 16 9:00 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE  
10:30 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE
- January 23 9:00 am Nancy Naab, Barb Styduhar, Esther Kohler  
10:30 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE
- January 30 9:00am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE  
10:30 am Tom & Becky Kay

## **USHERS:**

- Head Usher: Gary McCrillis
- January 2 9:00 am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner  
10:30 am Kreis Family
- January 9 9:00 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE  
10:30 am Elaine Radzinski
- January 16 9:00 am Mike & Chris Soener, Rob Soener  
10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
- January 23 9:00 am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman  
10:30 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE
- January 30 9:00am Al Nevala WE STILL NEED SOMEONE  
10:30am Russ & Mary Demmon

## **READERS:**

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|------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| January 2  | 9am Joe Halfman  | 10:30 Laurie McCann     |
| January 9  | 9am John Buck    | 10:30 Elaine Radzinski  |
| January 16 | 9am Jackie Neman | 10:30 Judy Krepsky      |
| January 23 | 9am Jan Nesladek | 10:30 Big Bob Landowski |
| January 30 | 9am Tama Gluck   | 10:30 Chris Witt        |

## **COFFEE MAKERS:**

- January 2 Bonnie Gerner
- January 9 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
- January 16 Tracy & Joe Halfman
- January 23 Mary Demmon
- January 30 WE STILL NEED SOMEONE

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

- January 2 Michael Gerard
- January 9 Larry Wheelock (guest organist)
- January 16 Gene Traas (guest organist)
- January 23 Larry Wheelock (guest organist)
- January 30 Ed Muelling

## Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

Website – <https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/>

Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelUCCWestBend>

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**DEACONS:** Tracy Halfman, Becky Kay – Secretary, Gary McCrillis,

Mitchell Schleif, Amy Schmitt

**Finance Committee:** Cindy Komro - Financial Secretary, Dave Hammen -  
Treasurer, Bill Myers, Doug Stewart

## Immanuel's Team



# Birthdays for January

Judy Jarris 1<sup>st</sup>  
Kendra Kapanke 4<sup>th</sup>  
Teri Mattek 4<sup>th</sup>  
Julie Feit 6<sup>th</sup>  
Frank Laycock 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Bath 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tama Gluck 15<sup>th</sup>  
Susan Kist 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sophie Landowski 15<sup>th</sup>  
Ashley Russell 17<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Grace Strobach 17<sup>th</sup>  
Martha Bornson 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah Mitchell 18<sup>th</sup>  
Jean Stewart 18<sup>th</sup>  
Jackie Kocourek 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Elise Patten 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Liz Ratzburg 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Luis Pabon 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Ellison Player 24<sup>th</sup>  
Heather Tanner 24<sup>th</sup>  
Zina Cobb 27<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Emory 27<sup>th</sup>  
Aidan Kreis 28<sup>th</sup>  
Julie Glassman 29<sup>th</sup>  
Kathie Wolff 30<sup>th</sup>

