



Journey Connection

July/August 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 or Jenny Landowski director@immanuelwestbend.org or leave a message at the church office (262) 334-2886



How good
and pleasant it is
when God's people live
together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

A WORD, OR TWO FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

Heading into summer, no one could have foreseen the numerous challenges and losses we would face as a community. Our shared grief is heavy, yet our shared solidarity in standing together in support and care has proven to be a beautiful display of unity in the midst of deep sadness. Since we are currently going through the Psalms I can't help but think of Psalm 133:1 – "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

As we carry on throughout the Summer, I look forward to sharing more psalms with you. I certainly hope that you are making an effort to pray through the psalms yourself. Yes, it will have difficult moments that challenge you, but it will also bring beautiful and wondrous surprises to expand your prayer life and language.

I am particularly looking forward to sharing from Psalm 15 with you on July 31. It has fascinated me lately as I consider the eulogies I have given for such outstanding people of faith. I certainly hope you'll make an effort to join us for this.

Well, that's it for now. Though our challenges at times are great, our community stands strong and united. Pray for us as we pray for you. And may God be glorified, magnified, and reflected in all we do.

*Grace and peace,
Rich*

Thoughts from our Pastoral Assistant/Director of Ministries...

Beloved Immanuel Church Family,

There are no words that will adequately express my family's thankfulness for the outpouring of support that we received following the passing of our cherished Big Bob. Truly God's love shone through in each act of kindness that was expressed...for helping throw an amazing celebration of his life with the uplifting "Parking Lot Party, all the generous donations to our family and Joyful Journeys for the mini bus, for allowing Johanna, Sophia, and me time away from our church responsibilities to catch our breath, for each hug acknowledging that you share our loss, and most of all for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. It brings us great comfort being a part of this faith community...we are lifted by your love.

In Grief, In Hope, In Gratitude,
~Jenny

On behalf of our President...

As kids we might have groaned when our parents encouraged us to write thank you notes for gifts, and as parents many of us have probably heard those groans from our kids too. Gratitude doesn't always come naturally. It's something we need to learn. As believers, it can be a game changer for our faith. So, in the dog days of summer, I offer...a thank you note.

I want to thank you on behalf of myself, and all of us on Consistory, for the blessing that it is to serve such an amazing church family here at Immanuel. The last couple months have been a time of perhaps unparalleled loss in our body of believers. Three true pillars of our faith community have left us for our Lord's kingdom. Big Bob, John Love, and Carolyn Gibson each left their own legacy that will never be forgotten. Our sorrow is real. But even more real is the amazing faith, resiliency, and joy in the midst of that sorrow that makes Immanuel a truly special place.

A flooded basement. A pandemic that forces us all to fire up YouTube every week to hear Pastor Rich. The loss of dear brothers and sisters, each who in their own way made our church what it is. No matter the obstacle, this family of faith carries on. Immanuel is a place that I am so grateful to be a part of, and even more grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as President of Consistory over the course of the last few years.

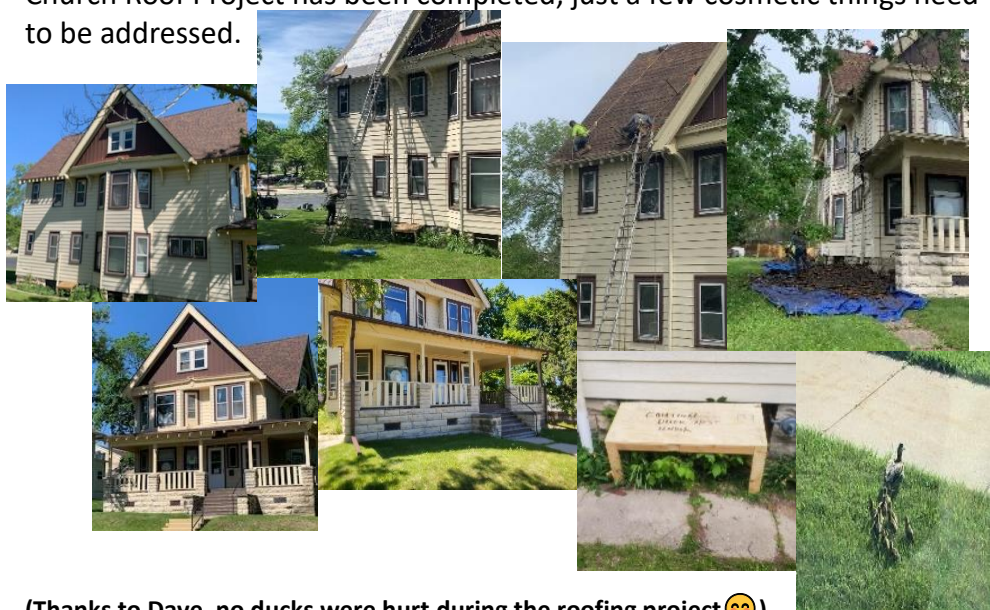
So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for your love, your support, your joy, your sorrow, and your fellowship on this lifelong journey of faith. I am blessed, and I am grateful.

Blessings,
Rob Sheehy
President - Consistory



Property Update...

Church Roof Project has been completed, just a few cosmetic things need to be addressed.



(Thanks to Dave, no ducks were hurt during the roofing project 😊)

The refurbished railings have been installed on the northeast steps. Thank you, Mark Koehler, for your welding magic and for Glenn Radzinski for his painting skills.



Peace of Mind package has been conducted on all our air conditioners. All things checked out but the A/C unit for the childcare will be monitored.

Thermostat in sanctuary that was malfunctioning, and it has been replaced.

Elevator repair has been completed and inspected and it is back in service.



The work that was to be done on restoring heat to the radiator in the narthex is on hold. The heat exchanger in the boiler has failed and unfortunately it is no longer under warranty, so we are waiting on an estimate for replacement of the heat exchanger or the Boiler. (Update: estimates have been received and will be talked about at the next finance meeting. The finance committee will then make the recommendation to consistory on what to do moving forward.)

Property Team

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS MAINTAIN IMMANUEL CHURCH'S OUTDOOR PROPERTY.



Full Shelf Pantry

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10

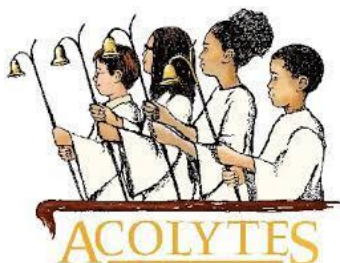
In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of July/August, we will be collecting
**Canned Pasta Meals – SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Beefaroni...
Peanut Butter and Jelly**



12 count egg cartons are needed on a monthly basis

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



Acolyte Guild

To all young folks third grade and up:

Would you like to serve Immanuel in a special way? Please consider becoming an acolyte.

When an acolyte lights the altar candles, it reminds us that Jesus brought light into our world. Carrying that light out at the end of the service reminds us of we also should carry Christ's light into the world.

If you're interested, please contact either of the following by August 20:

Michal Gerard - michal630@yahoo.com

Or The church office - office@immanuelwestbend.org

If we have enough interest, training will be on a Sunday after JAM Time in the latter part of September.



Youth Car Wash & Brat Fry



Saturday, July 30th 9am to 1:00pm

Mark your calendars- the youth are bringing back the Car Wash and Brat Fry. This will be taking place on Saturday, July 30th from 9am to 1:00pm in the Immanuel parking lot. A free-will offering will be accepted for each car washed.

Brat Fry prices will be provided that day.

SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals are continuing their summer series entitled **The Women of Today Speak**, following their recent book study on **The Women of the Bible Speak**. The guest speakers thus far have been not only very informative, but truly have shown how God is working in and through them as they use their different gifts and talents to love and serve others. If you are interested in joining the SonShine Gals for one or more of these sessions, please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-26-886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org for more information.

The Women of Today Speak

July 14 - Sayuri Kist-Okazaki/Ordained Pastor in Japan

July 28 - Mary Simon / Elevate

August 11 - Laurie McCann/Nami

August 25 - Lori Prescott/Family Promise



J.A.M. Time* 2022-2023

God Rocks!

2022



Family Bible Readings and Discussion

Whether it's a pizza-and-movie Friday, game night or outside play on a long evening, families find things they enjoy doing together. Let's place intentional focus on God's word. These scripture passages and questions are meant to be "meeting places," allowing the family to interact with one another and the Word.

Jesus and the Children

Mark 10: 13-16

"Let the children come to me...it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

If you could spend one afternoon with Jesus, what would you like to do?

Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:3

"And God saw that it was good."

-Genesis 1:21

Of all the creatures God made, what is the most interesting? Why?

Stars in the Sky

Genesis 12; 15:1-6; Genesis 21

"Look toward the heavens and count the stars...so shall your descendants be." Genesis 15:5

What is the most wonderful gift you have received? Given?

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif

Excited4JAM@Immanuelwestbend.org

262-338-2886 ext. 104

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***Jesus and Me Time** – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children aged three through 6th grade. JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room downstairs.

YOUTH GROUP

We kicked off the summer with a fun night of eating pizza and playing games!



Save The Dates! *SUMMER activities & VolunTEER Schedule.*

Saturday July 30th ~

Car wash / Brat Fry 8:30am—2pm



Monday August 8th ~

Campfire party at the
Landowski 6pm—8:30pm



Monday August 22nd ~

Selfie Scavenger Hunt 6pm—8:30pm



**ScAVenGER
Hunt!**

More information will be sent about each event as dates get closer.

**If you have any questions, or interested in helping
feel free to contacted Johanna at church
(262) 334-2886**

youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org

~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



The 2022-23 Marshall School year is beginning

Within the Indian culture, school enrollment is a lengthy process; because of traditional customs, families have almost a 2-month window in which to register their children. Obviously, this is very different from what we are used to here in America, however over the years we have learned to wait patiently during this process as we look forward with great anticipation to see the returning faces of our beloved students and welcome in newcomers. For our sponsors, we know that you too are eager to see if your child has returned and to receive an updated photo, please know we will connect with you as soon as possible.

So as the students begin to flow back into the classrooms and the teachers prepare their lessons, we invite you to pray with us... May God grant all staff members wisdom, patience and love as they work towards another successful year, empowering the children of Madhavapatnam through education and encouragement to be all they can be!

Joyful Journeys website
<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>

If you have any questions, contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or
director@immanuelwestbend.org



BACK
TO
SCHOOL



JULY

Sunday July 24th

9 and 10:30 am Worship

Monday July 25th

Tuesday July 26th

Citizen Advocates 5-7

5:30pm DV & SA Educational Group

Wednesday July 27th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday July 28th

10am Sonshine Gals

Friday July 29th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday July 30th

Car Wash & Brat Fry 9am-1:30pm



Sunday July 31st

9 and 10:30 am Worship



Monday August 1st

Tuesday August 2nd

Wednesday August 3rd

3pm PEO Book Club

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday August 4th

COF Shoppe 1pm – 3pm

India Task Force 6:30pm

Friday August 5th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday August 6th

COF Shoppe 10am–noon

Sunday August 7th

9 and 10:30 am Worship

Monday August 8th

Boundaries 1pm

Youth Group Campfire

6pm-8:30pm



Tuesday August 9th

Wednesday August 10th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday August 11th

10am Sonshine Gals

Friday August 12th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday August 13th

Sunday August 14th

9 and 10:30 am Worship

Monday August 15th

Tuesday August 16th

7pm PEO

Wednesday August 17th

COF Shoppe 5pm-7pm

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday August 18th

Friday August 19th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday August 20th

COF Shoppe 10am-noon

Sunday August 21st

9 and 10:30 am Worship

Monday August 22nd

Youth Group Selfie Scavenger

Hunt 6pm—8:30pm



Tuesday August 23rd

Wednesday August 24th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday August 25th

10am Sonshine Gals

Friday August 26th

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm Al Anon

Saturday August 27th

Sunday August 28th

9 and 10:30 am Worship

Monday August 29th

Tuesday August 30th

Wednesday August 31st

7 pm AA meeting



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:

July 17th: Curtis & Jeanne Forester in celebration of Curtis & Jeanne's 50th Wedding Anniversary (Married at Immanuel on July 15th, 1972)

July 24th: Bath Family in celebration of Allen's 72nd birthday

July 31st: June Sommerfeld in celebration of her son Jack's birthday on July 22nd

August 7th: Chris & Jennifer Arndt in celebration of their 3rd year wedding Anniversary

August 14th: Karen Grace Strobach in memory of her mom's birthday, Norene Lowers

August 21st: Julie & Lou Glassman in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary on August 22nd

August 28th: Doug & Jean Stewart in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary which was on August 13th.

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.

Yellow Roses:

Carol King, Sue Calhoun, Karen Lewis, Helen Keey, Bill Altschwager, Julie Pulda, Garnet Schneider, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, and Judy Muelling.

Health Concerns:

Karen Zachow Judy Muelling, Pastor Rich, Bruce Kapanke, Gary Barber, Jessica Rose.

Those of us 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, Kelton Kreis, and Alec Komro

Family Loss

Jane Kosednar ~ *Father Frank Kosednar*

Jim and Anne Mari Peters ~ *sister Nancy Hanrahan*

Jenny Landowski, Emma, Nick, Johanna, Olivia, Paul, & Sophie

~ *Loving Husband, Father and Drandpa*

Pat Love and Family ~ *Loving Husband, Father and Grandpa*

Gibson Family ~ *Loving Mother and Grandmother*

Deaths

Robert Landowski (Big Bob) 6/25/2022

John Love 6/30/2022

Carolyn Gibson 7/5/2022

THANK YOU FOR SERVING & LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN JULY!

GREETERS:

July 3	9:00 am Jim & Anne Mari Peters 10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen
July 10	9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld 10:30 am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
July 17	9:00 am <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u> 10:30 am <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
July 24	9:00 am Nancy Naab, Barb Styduhar, Esther Kohler 10:30 am Elaine Radzinski
July 31	9:00am Russ & Mary Demmon 10:30 am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS:

	Head Usher: Gary McCrillis
July 3	9:00 am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner 10:30 am Kreis Family
July 10	9:00 am Michael Bath 10:30 am Elaine Radzinski
July 17	9:00 am Mike & Chris Soener, Rob Soener 10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
July 24	9:00 am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman 10:30 am <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
July 31	9:00am Al Nevala <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u> 10:30am <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

READERS:

July 3	9am Dave Hammen	10:30 Kent Scheuerell
July 10	9am Twyla Bath	10:30 Jan Nesladek
July 17	9am Jeanne Forester	10:30 Halfman
July 24	9am Laycock	10:30 Doug Stewart
July 31	9am Jackie Nieman	10:30 Jane Kosednar

COFFEE MAKERS:

July 3	Bonnie Gerner
July 10	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
July 17	Tracy & Joe Halfman
July 24	Mary Demmon
July 31	<u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

July 3	Kris Zulick
July 10	Larry Wheelock
July 17	Ana and Cindy Komro
July 24	Michal Gerard and Larry Wheeler
July 31	Beverly Mark

THANK YOU FOR SERVING & LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN AUGUST!

GREETERS:

August 7 9:00 am Jim & Anne Mari Peters
 10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen
August 14 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld
 10:30 am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
August 21 **9:00 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE**
 10:30 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE
August 28 9:00 am Nancy Naab, Barb Styduhar, Esther Kohler
 10:30 am Elaine Radzinski

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 10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
August 28 9:00 am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
 10:30 am WE STILL NEED SOMEONE

READERS:

August 7	9am Tama Gluck	10:30 Elaine Radzinski
August 14	9am Rosemary Seideman	10:30 Rachel Gumm
August 21	9am Katlin Petrin	10:30
August 28	9am Pat Love	10:30 Chris Witt

COFFEE MAKERS:

August 7	Bonnie Gerner
August 14	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
August 21	Tracy & Joe Halfman
August 28	Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

***Note From Beverly;** *My thankfulness to all the musicians of Immanuel Church who have blessed us with their talents this summer.*

August 7	Instant Choir!!
August 14	preservice - The EcuMen service: Larry Wheeler
August 21	Marlene Wondergem and Beverly Mark
August 28	Beverly Mark

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>

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Terry Christie (christieeric35@gmail.com)

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CHILDCARE SUPERVISORS: Emily Frederick, Eliana Halfman & Madison Schmitt.

ELDERS: Rob Sheehy – President, Jan Nesladek,
Elaine Radzinski, Amy Schmitt– Vice-President

DEACONS: Tracy Halfman, Becky Kay – Secretary, Gary McCrillis,
Mitchell Schleif, Christopher Arndt, and Karen Zachow -Treasurer.

Finance Committee: Karen Zachow - Financial Secretary,
Dave Hammen, Bill Myers, Doug Stewart

Immanuel's Team



BIRTHDAYS FOR

JULY

Spencer Scheunemann 1st
Rob Sheehy 1st
Abby Frederick 3rd
Lynn Hammen 3rd
Kiley Komro 8th
Jessie Mastenbrook 9th
Joan Stenstrup 9th
Quinn Vincent 9th
Brett Bartoszewicz 10th
Chris Pots 14th
Shaun Tanner 14th
Brittany Player 16th
Rachel Barger 18th
Laura House 18th
Ben Russell 19th
Evelynn Lutter 20th
Reed Depies Johnson 21st
Bill Elliott 22nd
Karen Miller 23rd
Kaitlin Petrin 26th
Glenn Radzinski 26th
Allen Bath 28th
Bruce Roell 29th

AUGUST

Zuriel Pabon 2nd
Jane Danielson 3rd
Austin Koehler 3rd
Chris Witt 4th
Mike Soener 6th
Rachel Gumm 7th
Tom Wilson 8th
Tyler Wolff 9th
Eric Christie 10th
Debbie Nelson 10th
Jason Ratzburg 10th
Ed Krepsky 12th
Dennis Roos 15th
Eliana Halfman 16th
Gauge House 16th
Judy Muelling 16th
Twyla Bath 17th
Chuck Gustafson 17th
KC Laycock 17th
Gene Kreis 18th
Jordan Petrin 19th
Scott Rusch 19th
Austin Schmitt 21st
Amy Mueller 24th
Elaine Radzinski 26th
Judy Krepsky 29th
Cole Mueller 31st

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Offering Altar

The Offering Altar is located in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. On it you will find the Giving Church; monetary donations can be slipped in through the slit on top. There is also information about Immanuel Church and its ministries along with additional contribution envelopes. If you are a visitor and would like us to contact you, please fill out the information form and drop it in the Giving Church and be sure to help yourself to a welcome packet. Also available on the Offering Altar are Prayer Request forms; prayers dropped into the Giving Church will be shared with the SonShine Gals during communal prayer time. If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org