



# Journey Connection

December 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. Rich 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

## Christmas Worship at Immanuel Church

**Saturday, December 24th**

**Christmas Eve**

~1 combined service~

5:30pm Family Nativity Pageant and  
Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols

**Sunday, December 25th**

**Christmas Day**

~No Worship Service~

May the Peace of Christ be with you

**Sunday, January 1st**

**New Years Day**

9:00am Worship only

Pajama Sunday

Remember, if you are unable to attend services in person, you can virtually worship with us live on Facebook or watch it recorded on Immanuel's YouTube channel.



# A WORD, OR TWO FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

The most obvious change in my life over the past few weeks has been the loss of any ability to plan for the future with confidence. As you all know, I'm not necessarily a "planner" by nature, but in the past I could afford to live like this because of the deep rhythms that shaped my life: Each week was mostly like the week before and allowed for consistent routines to provide stability and structure for my life.

But all this has changed. It's impossible at this point to know what the coming week will look like because my health is so unpredictable. For example: One day I'm going in for chemo, only to realize my body can't handle it and I need a platelet transfusion. Then the platelet transfusion wipes me out more than the chemo ever did. (Examples could be multiplied, but I don't want to bore you with the details.)

In the midst of this constant instability, I can go from feeling confident, strong, and hopeful to feeling absolutely overwhelmed, useless, and hopeless in the space of moments. At times, I feel like I'm letting everyone down. At other times, I rest in the care and prayers of those who love me. Throughout all of this, the Psalms in particular have been my friend. The deep emotions expressed in the Psalms – the tragic sense of loss, the urgent need for hope, the constant call for trust – have brought me peace and consolation in the midst of chaos.

As always, I am grateful for your love and support, your kindness and your prayers, your cards and your encouraging words. All of these give me great joy and I hope to continue to receive these beautiful gifts. But right now, what I need the most from each and everyone of you is your faithful presence as a covenant community of Christ. Nothing would encourage me more than to know the church continues strong in faithful worship of God and loving service to one another and our community and beyond.

Put simply: If you're asking yourself how you can best love, support, and help me during this unstable, unpredictable time in my life, the answer is simple: Be a stable, faithful presence in the faith community of Immanuel UCC.

I often tell people who are struggling with faith that it is ok to struggle and that I will "have faith for them" until they are able to offer it themselves. So now I'm asking you: While I'm unable to be physically present or show up at all, will you be a "faithful presence" for me? While my life continues to be characterized by instability and structure, will you hold onto stability and structure for me?

And, of course, in the end, I'm not really asking for my own sake, but for the sake of Christ, for whom we do all things. Our call is to "faithful presence" to one another. In other words, our call is to "show up". This, quite simply, is what it means to be a church, a faith community, the body of Christ.

Grace and peace,  
Rich

**Thank You**  
*for your prayers and support*

## Words from our President...

As a kid going to Catholic grade school for a few years, I learned to view the Advent wreath up by the altar every Sunday as my own special countdown clock. Each candle lit meant one less week of school left before the blissful string of days known as Christmas vacation. When the pink one was finally lit (I think the Catholics do it a bit differently than we do, lighting that one last instead of third) I knew my suffering through timed math tests and history homework was almost over. (Well, at least for 10 days or so.)

Here at Immanuel, the Advent wreath is up there again. Though I'm no longer counting down weeks of school (ok, it's work now) it's still a strong reminder that time marches quickly in December and there's often a lot still to be done. Recently we passed a budget, as both myself and others have shared with all of you, we have work to do to get back to firm financial footing at Immanuel. We've been re-gathered for almost a year and a half now, and most of our pre-Covid ministries and activities are up and going as they'd been before the pandemic. With that, along with some heavy expenses for boiler and elevator repairs, the cost of Immanuel being Immanuel are back at equal or even higher than pre-Covid levels as well.

There's little doubt that as we celebrate God's most precious gift of Jesus, most of us, myself included, will be happy to turn the calendar to 2023. It's no secret that 2022 was a year of great challenge for our church family, and our current financial crunch continues to be one. But as we journey through Advent, a season of hope and expectation, let us also journey on in faith, that just as He has so many times before, God will see us through our present challenges.

This holiday season, may we all look to our Lord for faith, and guidance, trusting that he will fill each of our minds with His wisdom and clarity of purpose, each of our hearts with His love for both Him and each other, and our souls with His peace, knowing that all is in His mighty hands.

God bless all of you this Christmas season.

Blessings,

Rob Sheehy President - Consistory



# Thoughts from Immanuel's Financial Secretary...

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

It's December and Advent, the season of reflection and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. May you find hope, peace, joy, and the love of God during this season and always.

If you have any questions regarding Immanuel finances or would like to discuss your giving, please note my regular office hours are on Tuesdays from 9am-3pm. You can also reach me via my email, [finance@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:finance@immanuelwestbend.org) or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886. I would welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

In case you didn't already know, both Immanuel United Church of Christ and Joyful Journeys, Inc. have the capability to receive online donations. You can set-up payment via ACH from your checking account or use a credit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit card there is a small fee which the service provider reduces the amount we receive. Instructions are below:

**Online Services:** *[immanuelwestbend.org](http://immanuelwestbend.org) or [joyfuljourneys-inc.org](http://joyfuljourneys-inc.org)*

## **To set up regular or individual electronic donations**

for **IMMANUEL**, visit *[immanuelwestbend.org](http://immanuelwestbend.org)*

- Click on Donate Online to get to the secure Vanco payment site

## **To set up regular or individual electronic donations**

for **JOYFUL JOURNEYS**, visit *[joyfuljourneys-inc.org](http://joyfuljourneys-inc.org)*

- Click on "DONATE", then scroll down to "Click Here to Donate Securely Through Vanco"

**To view your contributions**, visit *[immanuelwestbend.org](http://immanuelwestbend.org)*

- Click on Member Portal drop down
- Log in with your FAMILY email and password (may differ from a family member's individual password)
- Once in the Member Portal, choose the Giving History tab
- Select the Detail tab to see a list of your donations



## A Note From our Choir Director...

*Silent Night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Love came down to offer new life  
Freedom from oppression and strife  
Breathe in heavenly peace - breathe in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night  
Hearts are full of peace and light  
Rest assured, our savior has come  
Revealed to us God three in one  
Creator, Christ and Spirit - Creator, Christ and Spirit.*

*Silent night, holy night  
Broken world, hope for right  
Born to us the Price of Peace  
Purest love will never cease  
Shine on through me - Shine on through me.*

Happy December and Merry Christmas, Immanuel Family.  
I hope you will enjoy these alternate lyrics to the very familiar tune of "Silent Night". I wish I could give credit to their author, but I seem to have lost that information. Take time to sing them through - perhaps together with loved ones and perhaps as a Christmas meditation for yourself.  
This is a season of beautiful music - it can be found all around us, and it can be found here at Immanuel Church.

Coming up this month we have:  
Christmas Benefit Concert: December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-Concert Social: 6:00 pm Concert: 7:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Lessons, Carols and Pageant: December 24th, 5:30pm  
Come join us and celebrate in the beauty of this sacred season!

Choir practices are under way and there is always room for more to join!  
Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of Immanuel's choirs.

Here's our schedule on Tuesday evenings:

5:00 pm Handbell Ensemble  
6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble  
6:30 pm Adult Choir



Blessings and peace,

~ Beverly Mark

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# Full Shelf Pantry

“Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:37&40

In support of West Bend’s Full Shelf Pantry, throughout the month of December, we encourage you to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar.

Each day add the designated item to a box/bag and give thanks for your bounty. Anytime between now and Christmas, bring all the items into church and we will deliver them to the West Bend Full Shelf Pantry to help keep our community fed throughout the winter.

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



December 1 – box of cereal

December 2 – peanut butter

December 3 – jar of jelly

December 4 – boxed potatoes

December 5 – macaroni and cheese

December 6 – canned fruit

December 7 – box of granola bars

December 8 – canned tuna

December 9 – dessert mix

December 10 – jar of applesauce

December 11 – box of tissue

December 12 – bottle of salad dressing

December 13 – jar of salsa

December 14 – box of crackers

December 15 – package of rice

December 16 – package of oatmeal

December 17 – package of pasta

December 18 – spaghetti sauce

December 19 – can of soup

December 20 – a hygiene product

December 21 – a canned vegetable

December 22 – package of toilet paper

December 23 – can of baked beans

December 24 – package of cookies



# SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals will be sharing in a special Advent Devotion  
on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

We will resume our bi-monthly meetings after the first of the year  
as we begin a new study on

When “Spiritual But Not Religious” Is Not Enough  
Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church  
by Lillian Daniel

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us,  
please contact Jenny Landowski



## **DID YOU KNOW???**



Instead of ordering simply through Amazon, please consider ordering through **AmazonSmile**; it is a simple and automatic way for you to support **Joyful Journeys Inc** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/> you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. All you need to do on your first visit to AmazonSmile is select **Joyful Journeys Inc.** as your charitable organization and they will remember your selection; after that, a donation will be made to **Joyful Journeys Inc.** with every one of your eligible purchases. Thank you for considering this! 😊



## **Consider your space...**

As the snow and icy season falls upon us, we ask you to please consider your parking space.

If your physical condition allows you to securely walk across the parking lot, then we ask you to kindly park further back, leaving all the parking spaces in the small parking lot, as well as the first row of spaces closest to the back entrance available for those who might find a trek across a slippery parking lot a bit more challenging.

Thank you for your assistance and be safe! 😊






# CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

DECEMBER 4TH  
10AM-NOON  
IMMANUEL'S  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
COOKIES WILL SELL  
FOR \$7 PER POUND.

SPONSORED BY  
JOYFUL JOURNEYS  
THE INDIA TASK FORCE

If baking isn't your thing, or you'd simply like to supplement your own Christmas treats, you certainly won't want to miss the India Task Force Christmas Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 4th! Join us in the Fellowship Hall between 10:00am-noon to purchase Christmas Goodies to take home or relax and sip Hot Chocolate; Coffee Hour treats will be available downstairs as well. Cookies will sell for \$7 per pound. Cash and checks will be accepted.





CELEBRATE THE SONGS OF  
THE SEASON WITH US!

*Immanuel  
Church's*

# Christmas Benefit Concert

501 Walnut Street, West Bend  
Saturday, December 10th, 2022  
6:00pm Social ~ Drinks & Refreshments  
6:45pm Pre-Concert Music  
7:00pm Concert Begins

FREEWILL DONATIONS SUPPORT  
IMMANUEL'S BUILDING FUND

# J.A.M. Time\* 2022-2023

## Unit 3: Advent/Angels



December 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Cuttin' and Struttin' – Pinecone Angels  
Kickin' Kitchen – Cookie Mix  
Pleasin' Plots – *The Littlest Angel*

A tremendous THANK YOU to all of our Thanksgiving volunteers, to Johanna Landowski and the Confirmation group and to the Flaherty family for donating and prepping all the supplies for our bird feeders! Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Camp Sunday fundraiser where you'll have the chance to purchase one of our AWESOME camp inspired crafts and help a family from Immanuel attend a UCCI camp!



## UP NEXT

December 24	Nativity/Christmas Eve Service
December 25	NO Worship Services
January 1	Family Worship – NO JAM Time**
January 8 – 22	Jesus Calls the Disciples
January 30	Camp Sunday!

Want to join in on all the fun, or just see what the BIG deal is all about downstairs? Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Mitch Schleif for more information. Come join the fun!

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at  
[Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org](mailto:Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org)  
262-334-2886 ext. 104  
414-491-5057

\*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 room downstairs.

## *Nativity/Christmas Eve Service*

**Preparation is under way for our annual Christmas Eve service. It may look a little different this year than in years past, but nevertheless, it will be a meaningful worship service. Please let Johanna Landowski or Mitch Schleif know if you plan on having your child participate in this year’s pageant, please let us know by December 11<sup>th</sup>.**



Johanna Landowski [office@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:office@immanuelwestbend.org)  
Mitch Schleif [Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org)

# Confirmation

The Confirmation class had the privilege in helping the J.A.M Time Kids in the month of November creating camping and outdoor related Crafts. In the month of December, we will be talking about different ways we can let our light shine this holiday season.

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year:  
December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – there will be Confirmation  
**December 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – NO CONFIRMATION**



# SHINE

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO SHINE**

SHINE is the name of the high school youth ministry here at Immanuel. We meet during first service downstairs until 10/1015. Anyone is welcome to sit in on our meetings, but we are geared towards high schoolers to 1 year post high school. Friends and guests are welcome as well.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the information below.

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# YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone who helped at Enchantment in the park!  
Fun was had by all and we were able to raise \$300 for Joyful Journeys  
India Christmas fund!



## Save the Dates

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. This event is from 6:45am-10:15am. The church is collecting blankets again for Mr. Bob's and we will have the opportunity to take them down and hand them out.

Johanna,  
(262) 334-2886  
[youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto: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



## Christmas in India

**Reminder...** If you'd like to contribute to our Christmas Celebration in Madhavapatnam,  
here's how you can do that...

Our plan is to give a gift to all who are a part of Joyful Journeys in India.

Please consider making a monetary donation to help cover costs...

\$5 ~ Student Gifts

\$25 ~ Hostel Child, Teacher, Cooks, House Pastors, Oldsters, Scavengers, Drivers,  
and Childcare Provider Gifts

Donations can be sent or dropped off at  
Immanuel Church by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please make checks payable to Joyful Journeys and  
designate for Christmas Gifts.

Online donations can be made through our secure website:

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/how-you-can-help/>

Together, we can shine the Christmas Light of God's love in Madhavapatnam!

## Circle of Friends

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As individuals and families, young and old, continue to face increasing hardships in our area, we can give thanks that by the Grace of God, Immanuel's Circle of Friends Shoppe continues to be a solid resource in our community. In

**November, we served 65 individuals from 19 families.** Just so you have something to compare that to, last year in November we served 40 individuals from 14 families. Thank you for your continued support within this ministry.

# S.H.U.M.S TREE

What is a S.H.U.M.S. Tree?

It's a tree that grows Scarves, Hats, Underwear, Mittens, and Socks!  
We will be collecting these items for the families that come through the Circle of Friends Shoppe this winter season and invite you to help us fill the tree.  
Currently our greatest need is for underwear, mittens, and socks. 😊

## Christmas Giving Tree

We will once again have our Christmas Giving Tree up in support of our Circle of Friends Shoppe and invite you to use the list below if you are interested in shopping for a donation. Items can be brought in beginning Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.



Toasters

Coffee pots

Children's boots

Children's snowpants

Blankets twin, full, queen

Sheets full, queen and king

Boys athletic pants size 3-18

Girls stretchy pants size 3-12

Men's and women's ankle socks

Boys winter coats size 4,6,12,14

Girls winter coats size 3-7, & 10

Girls long sleeve t-shirts size 3-14

Girls short sleeve t-shirts size 3-14

Men's boxer shorts, medium, and large

Boys long sleeve t-shirts size 3-6, 10-18

Boys short sleeve t-shirts size 3-6, 10-18

Bath Towels





# Blankets for Mr. Bob



*Mr. Bob's*   
*"Under the Bridge"*

In support of the relationship, we have with Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry, we will be collecting gently used blankets during November and December to give to Mr. Bob as he serves his friends in need within the Milwaukee area. Our Youth will have the opportunity to personally hand some of these items out on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> as they join Mr. Bob during his weekly visit to the park. What a blessing it is that our Circle of Friends Ministry and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge have been able to support one another over the past couple years as we seek to help those who are wrestling with various struggles in life.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Jenny Landowski at [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org)  
or Johanna Landowski at [youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org)

If you would like to offer financial support, please make checks payable to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, or earmark cash donations as such.





# The Christmas Fund

For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Over the past 18 months, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church increased dramatically. Many of our clergy continue to bear the consequences of lost or decreased income. These difficult times make the need for the Christmas Fund more urgent than ever.

As an alternative to envelopes, you may donate directly and securely at [www.christmasfund.org](http://www.christmasfund.org).

# December

## Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>

1pm – 3pm COF Shoppe

## Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

## Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

10am–noon COF Shoppe

## Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Advent

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9am Shine

10am-Noon Christmas

Cookie Walk

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



## Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>

## Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>

5pm–7pm Citizen Advocates

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

## Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>

7 pm AA meeting

## Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>

10am SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

## Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

## Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>

6:45am–10am MR. Bobs under the  
Bridge Youth Group

7am–1pm NA Breakfast with Santa

8:30am–12:30pm Citizen Advocates

6pm Christmas Benefit Concert

## Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>

Third Sunday of Advent

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9am Shine

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



## Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>

12pm Boundaries

## Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>

5pm–7pm Citizen Advocates

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

5:30 pm PEO

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

7:15 Worship Team Practice

**Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Landowski/Riegel Rehearsal

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

**Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

10am–noon COF Shoppe

Landowski/Riegel Wedding

**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9am Shine

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

NO Confirmation



**Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

5pm–7pm Citizen Advocates

5:00pm All Choir Christmas Eve

Rehearsal

**Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>**

5pm–7pm COF Shoppe

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10am Sunshine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

**Friday December 23<sup>d</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

**Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 Family Nativity Pageant and

Candlelight Festival of

Lessons and Carols

**Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**NO Worship**



**Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed**

**Tuesday December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office hours 9am-Noon**

**Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office hours 9am-Noon**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office hours 9am-Noon**

**Friday December 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

**Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>**



**Are Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm**

# *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:*

*December 4<sup>th</sup>:* Mitch and Jennifer Schleif in celebration of their 11<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*December 11<sup>th</sup>:* Kathy & Al Olsen in memory of Carmen Olsen, Al's Mother

*December 18<sup>th</sup>:* Barb Styduhar in celebration of all her family members that have a birthday in December





*THANK YOU TO  
ALL WHO SHARED POINSETTIAS  
WITH US CHRISTMAS EVE!*



*Given by* Louise Aplin Wishing all a Blessed Christmas  
*Given by* Pat Sommer in memory of mom and dad Ruben  
*Given by* Doug & Jean Stewart in memory of Lawrence & Marjorie Stewart, Walter & Ione Nagel  
*Given by* Ed & Judy Krepsky in honor of Val Borresen  
*Given by* Pat Love in memory of John Love  
*Given by* June Sommerfeld in celebration of our Savior Jesus Christ and in memory on Mark and Fanny Sommerfeld  
*Given by* Nancy Naab in memory of Walter Naab  
*Given by* Jinna, Tom & Jamieson Lusty & Brett Bartoszewicz in memory of Dale & Jeff Thompson, Terri Tybring, Bert & Ginny Bertelsen & in Honor of Gigi Thompson  
*Given by* Curtis & Jeanne Forester in celebration of the blessings of the season  
*Given by* Mona & Jim in honor of Immanuel Church  
*Given by* Georgia Kletti in memory of Art Kletti  
*Given by* Mary Ellen Dodge in memory of Mary & Fred Frouenfelder  
*Given by* Lou & Julie Glassman in memory of Keith & Phyllis Blake, Pete Blake, and Leon & Millie Glassman  
*Given by* Susan Crysdale Kist in memory of Susannah Kist  
*Given by* Gary & Kimberly Lisanby-Barber in celebration of all the Immanuel Staff & our family  
*Given by* Paul & Marilyn Stier in celebration of the Holiday season  
*Given by* Jenny Landowski in memory of Big Bob and in gratitude for the kindness and love of our Immanuel Church family



# *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:**

Bill Altschwager, Gary Barber, Sue Calhoun, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Karen Lewis, Judy Muelling, Garnet Schneider, and Joan Stenstrup.

## **Health Concerns:**

Darleen Baerenwald, BreAnne & Autumn Gahan, Bruce Kapanke, Helen Keey, Jessica Rose, Fred Seefeldt, Jean Stewart, Jeremy Walter, Tom Wilson, Dave Wolff, and Pastor Rich.

## **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:**

Abby Frederick, Claire Gustafson, Kendra Kapanke, Alec Komro, Kailyn Komro, Kelton Kreis, Even Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Elise Patten, Evan Patten, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, Adam Vincent, Quinn Vincent, and Rebecca Kempfer-Witt.

### **Four Way Covenant Pastor:**

Rev. Jim Schleif

### **Pastors who will be filing in when Pastor Rich is gone:**

Rev. Steve Hecky, Rev. John Helt, Pastoral Assistant Jenny Landowski and Rev. Jim Schleif



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING & LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE THIS MONTH!

## **GREETERS:**

- December 4            9:00 am Jim & Anne Mari Peters  
                              10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- December 11         9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld  
                              10:30 am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
- December 18         9:00 am *WE STILL NEED SOMEONE*  
                              10:30 am *WE STILL NEED SOMEONE*

## **USHERS:**      Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- December 4            9:00 am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner  
                              10:30 am Kreis Family
- December 11         9:00 am Michael Bath  
                              10:30 am Elaine Radzinski
- December 18         9:00 am Mike & Chris Soener  
                              10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell

## **READERS:**

- December 4            9am Twyla Bath                            10:30 Doug Stewart
- December 11         9am John Buck                             10:30 Kevin Martin
- December 18         9am Kent Scheuerell                     10:30 Laurie McCann

## **COFFEE MAKERS:**

- December 4            Bonnie Gerner
- December 11         Jim & Anne Mari Peters
- December 18         Tracy & Joe Halfman

## **Communion Servers:**

- 9:00 – Mitch & Jennifer Schleif
- 10:30 – Dan & Rachel Barger Gerard

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

- December 4            Ladies Ensemble
- December 11         Ecumen & Larry Wheelock
- December 18         Beverly Mark

## **Fellowship Hour:**

- December 4         Judy Krepsky
- December 11         Consistory
- December 18         *WE STILL NEED SOMEONE*

## 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, Christopher Arndt, and Karen Zachow -Treasurer.

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

## *Immanuel's Team*





# BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Peggy Kaye 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Chassidy McBeath 4<sup>th</sup>  
Marissa Mastenbrook 7<sup>th</sup>  
Jessica Valdes 7<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia Riegel 9<sup>th</sup>  
Penny Elliott 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sue Calhoun 11<sup>th</sup>  
Noah Kaye 11<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Patten 12<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie Walter 12<sup>th</sup>  
Claire Gustafson 13<sup>th</sup>  
Jinna Lusty 13<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry Kuckuk 15<sup>th</sup>  
Esther (Oma) Kohler 16<sup>th</sup>  
John Kocourek 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chuck Kaye 19<sup>th</sup>  
Barbara Styduhar 19<sup>th</sup>  
Eben Susnik 19<sup>th</sup>  
Brady Arndt 20<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Barber 21<sup>st</sup>  
Al Nevala 21<sup>st</sup>  
Natalie Thielke 21<sup>st</sup>  
Jeff Walter 25<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Naab 26<sup>th</sup>  
Marty Borresen 27<sup>th</sup>  
Graham Flaherty 27<sup>th</sup>  
Blaine Tofte 27<sup>th</sup>  
Kathryn Hartley 29<sup>th</sup>  
Jane Kosednar 29<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia Valdes 29<sup>th</sup>





## Offering Alter

The Offering Alter 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 Alter 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

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# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED DECORATE THE CHURCH!

