



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

November 2023

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

Thanksgiving Worship Service

As God's people, we are called to give thanks *in* all things.
Join us as we gather with grateful hearts,
counting our blessings and praising our Lord.

Wednesday, November 22nd
6:00pm

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

I'm writing this as the first snow of the year is descending upon us and it reminds me of the challenges and struggles of this time last year.

This time last year I was receiving a seemingly endless barrage of chemo treatments combined with blood transfusions in order to treat my bone cancer. It was about this time last year that my energy finally sputtered out and I had to give up ministering. It was also about this time last year that I got leukemia. The goal had been to have the transplant before I got leukemia, but in spite of all the careful planning and continuous monitoring, I came down with it anyway.

The bleakness of the snow reminds me of where my mind was at during this time. I had no guarantee that my life as I knew it would continue. The transplant procedure had an element of risk and even if successful, I was told that I'd never feel worse (and the doctors were right).

Having hit bottom, I rejoice today in the fact that I continue to grow daily in strength and stamina. I had no guarantee of more life and faced a risky possibility that my future would be dire. And now, nearly 10 months after the procedure, I look back over some very hard times, but also give thanks for many wonderful moments that I've been allowed to experience because life continues for me.

My goal in life is to increasingly grow in faith, hope, and love, learning every day what it means to follow Christ. That goal continues today because of the faithful work of health care professionals, the faithful prayers of God's people, and the faithful love of so many friends and family who have shown support and care throughout these past months.

I want you all to know how deeply grateful I am for you and your presence in my life. Without you my life would be less full. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and the celebration of the Advent of our Lord, I am grateful to be able to be present and participate in your lives. Indeed, at this point, "thanks" hardly communicates my gratitude, but it's the best word I can find to express my heart.

May God be present for you during the coming bleak winter months, and may our presence together provoke us to faith, hope, love, and good works that build up others and shine the light of God's love into the world.

Grace and peace,
Rich

On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

November is upon us. Our Fall Congregational meeting is just around the corner. Please be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, November 5. Our meeting will begin shortly after the second service.

By the time you are reading this, you should have received Pastor Rich's stewardship letter. In this letter is a bright pink 2024 commitment statement. I invite you to prayerfully consider each part of this statement. As I read through each of the promises that make up an invested member of Immanuel, I am thankful to be able to pray, worship, share, serve, grow, and shine with each and every one of you. How will you be an invested member of Immanuel in 2024? Please take time to think about this question. Will you try something new, maybe something out of your comfort zone? Believe me, a few years back I would have never imagined that I would be president of consistory, yet here I am. Quite honestly, I still cannot really believe it, and it still makes me a bit nervous. However, I felt a nudge that maybe it was my time to give it a try. Are you feeling a nudge? If so, I hope you will listen. You never know where it will lead you...most likely it will help you to be a spirit-filled follower of Christ who shines the light of God's love to the world!



Blessings,
Amy

Property Update...

We addressed a few issues this month:

We replaced a malfunctioning timer that controls our small parking lot lights and a faulty motion detecting light switch in the basement by the men's bathroom.

Jim Peters took care of our kitchen dishwasher issue prior to our India Gala event.

The Gala cleanup crew definitely appreciated that.

Otis Elevator did the annual inspection and only had one minor issue and it was repaired the same day.

The State of WI representative for inspecting elevators also came in the same week and completed and signed off on the inspection of our elevator.

This is done yearly.

We installed an anti-tipping strap on our small refrigerator in the Friendship room.

The Property Team

Financial Secretary...

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

Happy November!

You should have received the Stewardship letter by Pastor Rich and a Pledge Card/Commitment Statement for 2024 which includes a place to indicate the areas where you are interested in sharing your talents. Please return your completed card by Sunday, November 5th to church via mail or drop it in the Giving Church. We will consecrate our commitments during worship services on Sunday, November 5th. Also on 5th, we will have the Fall Congregational Business Meeting to vote on the 2024 Budget after the second worship service. Additional Commitment Cards are available in the Narthex by the Giving Church.

Blessings,
Karen

Immanuel UCC 2023 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$431,868

Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel's local ministries mission of:

- providing meaningful life changing worship
- nurturing persons in their faith journey
- witnessing to our faith in service beyond ourselves

Just a reminder, when writing checks to Immanuel and Joyful Journeys please write two separate checks as this makes it easier to account for what is designated for Immanuel and what is for Joyful Journeys. Also, you can make on-line donations separately to Immanuel and Joyful Journeys via each of their websites as noted below under the **Online Giving topic**.

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 or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886. I welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

September 2023 Monthly Finance Report

	Month	YTD
Total Income	\$24,562.59	\$291,876.27
Total Expenses	<u>\$32,767.28</u>	<u>\$316,541.79</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ -8,204.69 Deficit	\$ -24,665.52 Deficit

Online Giving

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 of about 3.1% which the service provider reduces the amount we receive. Instructions are below:

Online Services: immanuelwestbend.org or joyfuljourneys-inc.org

To set up regular or individual electronic donations for IMMANUEL, visit 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

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

To view your contributions, visit 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

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



A NOTE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR...

November by Elizabeth Stoddard

*Much have I spoken of the faded leaf;
Long have I listened to the wailing wind,
And watched it ploughing through the heavy clouds;
For autumn charms my melancholy mind.
When autumn comes, the poets sing a dirge:
The year must perish; all the flowers are dead;
The sheaves are gathered; and the mottled quail
Runs in the stubble, but the lark has fled!
Still, autumn ushers in the Christmas cheer,
The holly-berries and the ivy-tree:
They weave a chaplet for the Old Year's heir;
These waiting mourners do not sing for me!
I find sweet peace in depths of autumn woods,
Where grow the ragged ferns and roughened moss;
The naked, silent trees have taught me this,—
The loss of beauty is not always loss!*

November is here! We are in the midst of autumn, and the holidays will be upon us quickly bringing with them some of the most beautiful music we know. It's never too late to join Immanuel's choirs - even if just for a season! Or perhaps you have a solo piece of music you'd like to share ... music is an integral part of worship! Please consider joining in - you are always welcome.

Here's what's happening:

5:00pm – 5:45pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00pm – 6:30pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm – 7:15pm Adult Choir

Peace to you,

Beverly Mark

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bevbeemark@gmail.com



JAM Time* 2023-2024

November



CALLING ALL CAMPERS... And Glampers!!!

Thank You, LORD!

As the leaves are turning and temps are dropping here in Wisconsin, most people would think that camping is done for the year. But here at Immanuel, the Shine Brites will be busy prepping supplies for our annual UCCI fundraiser! Last year went amazing and we raised over \$2,000! This money allowed Immanuel to help a family attend a Family Camp at Moon Beach, a family attend a Family Camp at Daychola Center, and a youth attend a Youth Camp at Daychola Center!

As our way of giving back and showing thanks, during the month of November both Confirmation and Shine will be leading the Shine Brites in preparing some amazing crafts. Along with the craft items, we'll also have some delicious camp themed treats for sale at our upcoming Camp Sunday Fundraiser. All proceeds will go into the UCCI Camp Scholarship fund, those funds will then be available to assist any child/youth of Immanuel to attend a UCCI camp. So, if you were impressed with last year, this year will not disappoint!

Thank you so much to all of our Esther Site Leaders, Shepherds, and volunteers for giving your time and sharing your love of God with the Shine Brites! That Pleasin' Plots Melodrama was anything BUT mellow!

UP NEXT

December 3 – 17

December 24

December 31

January 7 – 21

January 28

Advent: Shepherds

A.M.: Family Worship – NO JAM Time

P.M.: Nativity Pageant

Family Worship – NO JAM Time**

Fruits of The Spirit

Camp Sunday!

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at

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 6th grade. JAM Time meets at 10:30 a.m. from September to May, downstairs in the 4k/5k room.

******In our fast-paced society there are a decreasing number of activities that a family does together with all members present. Such basic rituals as eating a meal together can be a rare event. With intent, we are providing Family Worship opportunities throughout the year for those who wish to attend the 9:00 or 10:30 service as a family.

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 ASAP.

Johanna Landowski office@immanuelwestbend.org

Mitch Schleif Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

Youth Group
End of the year Event

Save the Date

 **Friday November 24th**
4:30pm-9:15pm
~ Enchantment in the Park

 **Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge**
Saturday December 23rd
6:45am-10:15am
~Mr. Bob's under the bridge

See you there!

If you are interested in helping with Chaperoning youth activities, feel free to contact me at church. Johanna Landowski
youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org

Confirmation

Confirmation has been going well. The past couple of weeks we have been digging into what the Bible means to us, and spending time with Manjula, and Shekinah. In the month of November, we will be helping the J.A.M Time Kids create amazing crafts that will be sold at a later date to help raise money for camp scholarships.

Johanna Landowski

Church (262) 334-2886 Cell (262) 353-2739

confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org



Open to anyone in grades 9-12 who's interested in laughter, forming supportive friendships, and exploring how on earth having a faith-filled life might look. We meet from 10:30-11:30 on Sunday mornings in the room with all the couches at the bottom of the stairs by the elevator. We welcome visitors and new friends!

Did you know there are some pretty cool camps for high schoolers in the UCC camp system? And that high school students are still eligible for camp scholarships to help offset the cost? If you didn't know before, you do now!

In November, Shine will be helping the JAM Time kids and Confirmands make fundraiser items for the camp scholarship fund. We'll meet in the youth room each Sunday to start our time together, and then join the rest of the group in Fellowship Hall for our projects.

Schedule:

Nov. 5th- Camp Scholarship Fundraiser

Nov. 12th- Camp Scholarship Fundraiser

Nov. 19th- Camp Scholarship Fundraiser

Nov. 26th- No Shine (Thanksgiving weekend)

Questions? Ask Elise!

Shine@immanuelwestbend.org

262-343-1149

Youth Group...

Thank you to our wonderful chaperones for being such convincing suspects and victims in this Real-Life Clue Game. I know you all have been waiting to find out who, what, where and to whom.

Well here you go!

WHO



WHAT



WHERE

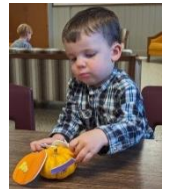


WHOM



F.I.T. Family Fall Fest

We had 7 Families join us for our F.I.T. Family Fall Fest afternoon at church. Games were played, crafts were made, and stories were read.



Keep an eye out for more F.I.T. Events!
Questions about this group Contact
Jennifer or Liz.



Jennifer Schleif 414-248-9353

jsbschleif@gmail.com

Liz Ratzburg 262-483-6183

eratz217@gmail.com

Dear Potential Enchantment in the Park Volunteers

During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
A yearly fun tradition

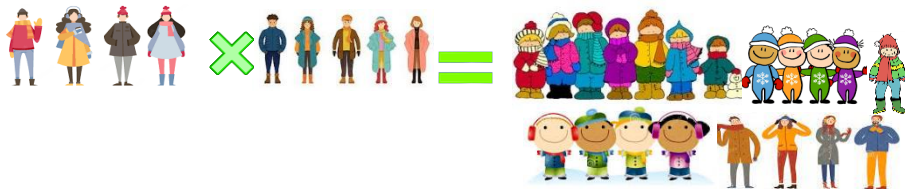


During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
2 buns for sloppy joes



During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
 $3 \times 100 = \$300$ for Joyful Journeys India

During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
 $4 \times 5 = 20$ willing people to help



During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
5 hours of volunteering

During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
6 lovely people by the horses



During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
7 amazing welcome greeters

During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
8 money and canned good collectors



During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
9 cups of hot chocolate ☺



During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
10 songs played repeatedly



During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
11-minute brakes

During Enchantment 2023
Immanuel's Team experienced this:
12 days to reply if you can help ☺

We will be volunteering on
November 24th opening night from 4pm – 9pm.
If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact me at
church and I would be happy to answer any of your questions or
add you to my list for helping!

~Johanna

Office@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886

Bucket Raffle for Immanuel's General Expenses

In an effort to generate funds for the different "Operating Expenses" that come with keeping our church home and its ministries up and running, Immanuel's Consistory is hosting a "Bucket Raffle"!

Members of our various church groups have financially contributed to put together "buckets" that represent some of these yearly costs. Your purchase, to take a chance at winning, directly supports Immanuel's General Fund!

Tickets can be bought starting on Sunday, November 5th, Drawing will take place at Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert on Saturday, December 9th

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5



Snow Removal sponsored by the **Wise Guys**
\$100 Gift Card - Sunburst Ski Hill

General Maintenance sponsored by our **Property Group**
\$100 Gift Card - Home Depot



Utilities sponsored by your **Consistory**
\$100 Gift Card – Kwik Trip



Music sponsored by members of the **Choir, Bells, and Worship Team**
\$100 Gift Card - The Bend



Hospitality sponsored by our **Goodie Gang**
\$100 in Gift Cards – Local Coffee Shops



Christian Ed sponsored by leaders of **JAM Time, Confirmation, & Shine**
\$100 Gift Card - Hobby Lobby



Technical Support sponsored by our techies in the **Sound Booth & Office**
\$100 Gift Card - West Bend Cinema



Outdoor Property sponsored by the **SonShine Gals**
\$100 Gift Card - Paradise Gardens Nursery



**COME, CELEBRATE
SONGS OF THE SEASON
WITH US!**

**Christmas
Benefit
Concert**

501 Walnut Street,
West bend

Saturday, December 9th, 2023

6:00pm Social ~ Drinks & Refreshments

6:45pm Pre-Concert Music

7:00pm Concert Begins

**FREEWILL DONATIONS SUPPORT
IMMANUEL'S GENERAL FUND**

SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals is an eclectic group of women who share a common thread of growing together in faith and love through books studies, video discussions and prayer.

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00am-11:30am.

No SonShine Gals on November 23rd. Happy Thanksgiving!

The current book we are studying is

The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society by Henri J.M. Nouwen

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

Wise Guys October Meeting

Hey fellas! Wise Guys is our men's ministry that meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. You are invited to attend this social time including dinner and a short discussion. The sign-up sheet for **November 16th** is located on the bulletin board outside the main offices. Consider checking it out, and while you're at it, bring a friend!



Deck the Halls!



Mark your calendars for Sunday November 26th to help trim our church with Christmas decorations. There will be some things that can be put up following the 9:00am service, then we'll put the tree up in the sanctuary following the 2nd Worship Service. A light snack will be provided for all who stick around to help. Please sign up on the sheet outside the main office if you plan on lending a hand.



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! 😊



RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS (formally known as SCRIP)

Shop early for Christmas Gifts!!

Raise Right Gift Card sales benefit our Joyful Journeys Ministries; members of the India Task Force will have cards on hand on Sunday mornings; you can find them seated at the table across from the church mailboxes. They can also take your special orders; forms can be found in mailbox # 79. Completed forms with payment made out to Joyful Journeys can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or brought into the main office Monday thru Thursday between 9am-3pm.

Orders this month will be called in on **Monday, November 27th**.



Sport your Support

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Immanuel T-shirt and wore it in order to "Sport your Support"; we are grateful for your dedication to our church!

Congratulations to Kathy Thielke and Eric Christie who won the Gift Card drawing for Shining the Light of God's Love in our community!



Full Shelf Pantry

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of November, we will be collecting **Baking Items – flour, sugar, spices; Cake and Bar/Brownie Mixes**



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

Attention Bakers!!

The India Task Force is hosting a

“Christmas Cookie Walk”

Sunday, December 3rd,

and we are looking for donations of Christmas Cookies to sell.

We ask that you plan to provide a minimum of 4-6 dozen of each kind of cookie that you are donating.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the main office if you can contribute some tasty morsels!



FEAST WITH FRIENDS....

It's time to sign up for Feast with Friends 2024!
Feast with Friends is a fun and casual way to get together and
socialize with others in our church family.
All are welcome and encouraged to sign up.

Here is how it works:

- Sign up on the Feast with Friends sign-up sheet on the table outside of the main office.
You can sign up as a single, with a friend, as a couple, or as a family.
- We will then create a schedule where you are placed in a group each quarter. The first name(s) in each group will be the host. You will only host once in the calendar year.
- The host will contact others in their group to agree on a date to get together and coordinate what others can bring to the meal.
 - It's a great way to meet and get to know others in our church family in a casual setting.
 - Some ideas for a fun gathering are to meet at a restaurant (Dutch treat); have a taco bar or baked potato bar where everyone brings a topping; make your favorite casserole and others bring sides; have a Sunday brunch.
- The focus is all about meeting and socializing with others in our church family.

So please sign up for Feast with Friends! We will then compile the groups and schedule starting in January 2024.

If you have any questions,
please contact Tama Gluck or Jenny Landowski.

Thanks, and happy feasting!

Tama Gluck

tsgluck@yahoo.com

262-808-6528





Join hands with us 🤝 Give generously 🙏 Ignite the torch of legacy 🕯️
For the campfires of our past, for the youth of our future, for the enduring strength of our shared history, and for making United Church Camps Inc. (UCCI) a steadfast haven that echoes with the laughter of generations yet to come.

Rooted in a legacy of over six decades, Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley have a long history of providing meaningful camp events, retreats, and Sabbath at sacred places set apart for rest and renewal. In these places, we slow down enough to appreciate nature, to listen to one another, and to hear the Creator reminding us that we are loved unconditionally.

Within UCCI, the challenge to meet these needs and enhance our offerings depends on your support. Participation alone cannot sustain any of our three sites. Your generosity will enable us to maintain these sacred spaces, offer scholarships, keep participation fees reasonable, and expand our outreach initiatives.

Ignite Generosity will provide funds to ensure that we achieve our development goal for 2023 and start 2024 in a strong position. We have a clear goal: **to raise \$175,000 by December 31** and to build our long-term development efforts to raise enough to sustain this ministry.

Ignite Generosity is more than a call to action—it is the opportunity to ignite the spirit of giving within this community. I implore you to reflect on what matters most to you and consider how UCCI fits into that. A sustaining gift empowers UCCI to realize its greatest potential in bringing new programs and experiences to these sacred places. You can help advance our mission in a way that best reflects your passion and connection to Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley.

Moreover, your generosity serves as an inspiration to others. As Native American elder and author Stephen Charleston wisely put it, ***'In Native tradition, you mark your special moments not by what you may receive, but by what you have to give. However small or simple, you give. Generosity is a key. It unlocks the soul.'*** Together, we can unlock the transformative power of generosity.

Achieving our year-end goal of \$175,000 is possible! Reaching this goal will advance several initiatives to improve our sites, provide a more accessible experience for our guests, and make visible progress in our justice initiatives.

Here are some examples:

- 6-passenger ATV for Moon Beach (planned)
- Waterfront updates at Daycholah Center (in progress: improved swim raft and swim markers, new boat lift, mooring buoys, and purchased a used pontoon boat)
- Completed deferred maintenance at all three sites (heating, cooling, water systems, and more)
- Effigy mound preservation plan and signage at Daycholah Center (in progress)
- Renovations to the apartment rental space at Cedar Valley (completed)

Thank you for considering our plea for support.

Your generosity can help ignite the spirit of giving and make a lasting impact on our campers' lives. With your help, we can continue to foster personal growth, community, and spiritual understanding for generations to come. Please keep our team, the UCCI Board of Directors, and our mission in your prayers.

With blessings and peace,
Jim

Rev. James Schleif
Executive Director
United Church Camps Inc.



~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 2023 India Gala raised just over \$17,500.

Praise the Lord for its success!!

We give thanks for the generosity of so many of Immanuel's family and friends, who gave of their time, talents, treasures, and financial contributions in order to raise money for our ministry in India. With the profits from the Gala, we will be continuing the good works being done through Joyful Journeys in the village of Madhavapatnam.

Your support is changing lives and the world for the better!

Much appreciation to all who played a part in this;
may you be blessed as you have been a blessing to others!!

A special shout out to the local businesses who helped make this event a success...

Business Contributors to the 2023 Gala

Advanced Auto Parts, Auto Safety Center, Barton House, Bergmann's Appliance-Slinger, Bieri's Cheese, Bits and Pieces Floral, BLONDIEPOP, Casa Tequilla, Chili's, Chocolate Factory, Coffee Corner Bistro, Countryside Gardens, Cut it Out Cookie Company, Dairy Queen, Eaton's Pizza, El Pig's Butt, Firehouse Subs, Fire Ridge Golf Course, Garden Guest House, George Webb, Good Luck Lumber, Great Outdoors, Hillside Aquaponics, Hobby Knights, The Hub, Jel Nails, Jumbo's Frozen Custard, La Cabana, Main Street Café, Maurices, Mavis Tire Supply, McDonald's, Michaleno's Pizzeria, Milwaukee Rep, The Norbert/Orville, Now & Then, Olde Cedar Inn, Omicron, Papa Murphy's, Pedal Moraine Cycle & Fitness, Piggly Wiggly-Kewaskum, RH Auto Spa, Riverside Brewery, Russ Darrow, Savoring Thyme, Saw Mill, Scrub A Dub, Sherman Williams, Silver Lake Country Inn, Sports Clips, Stella Lou Creations, Stingers Golf & Recreation, Tennis Ace Hardware, Topsy Nails & Spa, Toppers Pizza, Vault Pet Supplies, WAPI BRICKS, West Bend Axe & Escape, West Bend Cinema

Giving Thanks for the Valluri's visit...

Our gratitude is profound when we reflect back to the radical hospitality that was showered on Novahu, Manjula, and Shekinah Valluri during their visit to West Bend; the joy they expressed feeling was nothing short of God's love shining in our world! To everyone who greeted them with a smile, opened their home to them, attended a gathering, spent time talking to them, joined with them in Worship, offered a warm embrace, and prayed for their well-being throughout their travels, we say "thank you"!!

Our hope is that the fire for this mission, that was lit, or reignited, during this visit, will continue on with a blaze so that embers may fly and spark new support enabling the flame to keep burning bright!

Our prayer is for God to bless the fruits of our labor, multiply the support offered, and continue to guide us with wisdom and discernment as we carry on with this mission.

From our hearts to yours...

Namaste',

Your India Task Force,

Kaitlin Demmon, Mary Demmon, Joan Dobberstein, Julie Feit, Julie Glassman, Olivia Gluck, Esther Kohler, Jenny Landowski, Johanna Landowski, Sophia Landowski, John McCann, Laurie McCann, Jan Nesladek, Alan Nevala, Amy Schmitt, and Barb Seefeldt



Christmas in India

Christmas is right around the corner, and preparations are in the works for all the different ways we celebrate the joyous event recognizing Jesus' birth. One of those ways is bringing the Spirit of the Christ Child into the village of Madhavapatnam. Our hope 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 ~ Teacher, Cooks, House Pastors, Oldsters, Scavengers, Drivers, and Childcare Provider Gifts

Donations can be sent or dropped off at Immanuel Church by December 3rd. 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

Trick or Treat for Circle of Friends Shoppe

Thank you!!

During the month of October, we invited you to fill our "Trick or Treat" bags with toothpaste and toothbrushes for the Circle of Friends Shoppe; We are truly grateful to everyone who donated these hygiene products to help us restock our shelves; thank you for your kindness!



WOW!!! What a month! In October, the Circle of Friends Shoppe served 109 individuals from 38 families! These are the highest numbers on record! Last year we served 54 individuals from 18 families. What does this mean?!? The *need* is great, and we *need* your help!!! Consider spreading the word and sharing our Christmas Wish List with your friends and family...or better yet, get a printout to hang up at your place of employment and invite others to offer assistance to those in need within our community. (Printouts can be obtained in Immanuel's Main Office). Items can be dropped off beginning November 19th through December 24th.

Shopping not your thing?? You can give donations through our website <https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/> or give checks payable to Joyful Journeys, and we'll gladly shop for you! Please be sure to designate COF Giving Tree.



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 23rd 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
or Johanna Landowski at 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.



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:

Val Borresen, Ken Buchmeier, Sue Calhoun, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Karen Lewis, Judy Muelling, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Myrna Buchmeier, Terry Christie, Bruce Kapanke, Peggy Kaye, Ed Muelling, Jessica Rose, Fred Seefeldt, June Sommerfeld, Julia Raad, Tom Wilson, Lynn Vegafria, and Pastor Rich.

Those of us who are suffering from depression and/or addiction:

Serving in the military:

Jackson Raad and his wife Carlyn Raad, Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David.

Continuing their education:

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

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Prayer Requests

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~Philippians 4:6

If you have a special prayer that you would like lifted up on your behalf, feel free to fill out one of the Prayer Request forms located on the Offering Alter and deposit it into the Giving Church or email it to Jenny at

director@immanuelwestbend.org.

The SonShine Gals will respectfully include your joys and concerns within their prayers.





Wednesday November 1st

2:30pm PEO Book Club

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 2nd

1pm – 3pm COF Shoppe

Friday November 3rd

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 4th

8:30am Youth Group

Fall Cleanup

10am–noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday

November 5th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

Confirmation, & Shine

11:45am Fall Congregational Meeting

Monday November 6th

Tuesday November 7th

1pm Staff meeting

3:15pm Finance Meeting

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 8th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 9th

10am SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

Friday November 10th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 11th

Sunday November 12th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

Confirmation, & Shine

Monday November 13th

11am Circle Kettle Moraine

Homeschooling

1pm Boundaries

6pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday November 14th

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 15th

5pm-7pm COF Shoppe

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 16th

5pm India Task Force

6pm Wise Guys

Friday November 17th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 18th

10am–noon COF Shoppe

Sunday November 19th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

Monday November 20th

Tuesday November 21st

1pm Staff meeting

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

7pm PEO

Wednesday November 22nd

6pm Thanksgiving Service

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 23rd

Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving 

Friday November 24th

4:30pm-9:15pm Immanuel

helping at Enchantment
in the Park

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 25th

Family Worship,

Sunday November 26th

9am and 10:30am Worship

10am Christmas decorating

NO J.A.M. Time,

Confirmation & Shine

Monday November 27th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday November 28th

5:00pm Handbell Ensemble

6:00 pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 29th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday November 30th



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:

November 5th:

June Sommerfeld

In Memory of Her Husband Mark Sommerfeld and their 69th wedding anniversary that would have been on Oct. 19th

November 12th:

June Sommerfeld

In celebration of Thanksgiving & all the good people at Immanuel Church, especially Max Sommerfeld & Maggie Seideman

November 19th:

Bath Family

in memory of all our Family & Friends

November 26th:

Karen Zachow

in memory of her parents William & Lorraine Mueller

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Sylvester Stern 1st
Petter Michell 2nd
Sara Arndt 6th
Jeanne Forester 6th
Brenda Raad 7th
Lucas Russell 8th
Mary Demmon 9th
Patrick Ratzburg 11th
Burton Schleif 14th
Rowan Susnik 14th
Charlene Swanson 14th
Doris Hawkins 15th
Bradley Mitchell 16th
Carolyn McCartney 21st
Brian Harris 22nd
Teri Sieglaff 22nd
Robert Walter 22nd
Valerie Kapanke 23rd
Wilmer Dorzok 24th
Howard Kusler 26th
Tracy Halfman 27th
Karen Lewis 27th
Dan Lutter 28th
Jim Peters 28th
Karen Zachow 28th
Russ Demmon 29th
Mary Ellen Doge 30th
Aiden Mitchell 30th





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

GREETERS:

- November 5 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- November 12 9:00am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
- November 19 9:00am Darleen Baerenwald, Georgia Kletti
10:30am Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- November 26 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- November 5 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- November 12 9:00am Michael Bath
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- November 19 9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- November 26 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

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| Nov. 5 | 9am Michal Gerard | 10:30 Kevin Martin |
| Nov. 12 | 9am Judy Krepsky | 10:30 Chris Witt |
| Nov. 19 | 9am KC Laycock | 10:30 Kent Scheuerell |
| Nov. 26 | 9am Kris Zulick | 10:30 Rachel Gumm |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- Nov. 5 Bonnie Gerner
- Nov. 12 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
- Nov. 19 *WE STILL NEED SOMEONE*
- Nov. 26 Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Nov. 5 Adult Choir

Nov. 12 Larry Wheelock

Nov. 19 Handbell Ensemble

Nov. 26 Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

Nov. 5 Handbell Ensemble

Nov. 12 Consistory

Nov. 19 [WE STILL NEED SOMEONE](#)Nov. 26 [WE STILL NEED SOMEONE](#)**Communion Servers:** Nov. 5

9:00 – Patricia Love & Gary McCrillis

10:30 – Julie Feit & Chris Witt

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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Amy Schmitt – President, Jan Nesladek – Vice-President

Elaine Radzinski, and Mitchell Schleif

CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Christopher Arndt, Tracy Halfman, Becky Kay – Secretary, Gary McCrillis,

Ben Russell – Treasurer, and Charlene Swanson

Finance Committee: Karen Zachow - Financial Secretary,
Ben Russell – Treasurer, Julie Feit, Tama Gluck, Dave Hammen, Doug Stewart

Immanuel's Team



POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve by ordering a Poinsettia plant? Your plant may be brought home after the late service Christmas Eve. The cost per plant is \$14.00. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office, or church office mailbox #2, by **Thursday November 16th**. Please include your payment with the order; checks should be payable to Immanuel Church.

If you have questions, please call Johanna at (262) 334-2886.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – DUE BY NOVEMBER 16TH

_____ RED poinsettia plant/s X \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ WHITE poinsettia plant/s X \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ MARBLE (cream & pink) plant/s X \$14.00 = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

In honor / memory/ celebration (circle one) of:

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