



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

June 2024

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

MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!

HEY IMMANUEL SHINE BRITES!

JOIN US FOR SUMMER J.A.M!
GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH
AGES 3-6TH GRADE &
7TH -12TH GRADE
SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH, JULY 21ST & AUG 18TH
10:30AM-11:30AM
DON'T MISS THE FUN!!



A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Summer is upon us and we've shifted in our Church Calendar to "Ordinary Time". This year, for our Summer Series we will study the book of James.

James is an interesting book because of how it's often relegated to a secondary status in the Christian canon. It was one of the last books to be accepted into the New Testament and has had its share of detractors. There are many reasons for this: James only mentions Christ twice in the book. It is difficult to find a coherent message uniting the book, for it seems to jump from one subject to another. And most noteworthy for Protestants, James has a high view of Torah and advocates that we are not "justified by faith alone" but that we are "justified by works" (2:24). It's for this reason that the Reformer Martin Luther called James' Letter "an epistle of straw" concluding that "it has nothing of the nature of the gospel about it."

But James is an important book and filled with practical wisdom for daily living. Though James moves quickly from subject to subject, there is an overarching theme that arises if we pay attention. James is writing to struggling poor (and perhaps displaced) believers who are easy fodder for abuse by the rich and powerful who withhold their wages and drag them to court. James calls his suffering community to endure this test of faith by maintaining integrity, living wisely, and refusing to strike back with the same evil means that are being used against them. His call is that God's people would prevail in good works that manifest their faith so that they may know "true religion", that is, "to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world" (1:27).

Put simply: James is completely applicable to our lives and our times. His warnings against hate speech (3:1-12) and the division caused by wealth and privilege (2:1-7, 5:1-6) are timely in our divisive world fueled by economic disparity. His call to faithfully and prayerfully endure hardship with integrity, compassion, and wisdom is just as relevant today as it was in the past.

In preparation for our Summer Series, I invite you to read through this entire book in one setting. Look for themes that develop and overlap. Pay attention to the counsel James gives, for even though he only twice mentions Christ by name, he makes constant allusions to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Though summer can be a time of slacking off, I invite you to join me in this important study. It is my prayer that this series will nurture faith, hope, and love in our community.

Grace and peace,
Rich

Meet Your Consistory

Once a month, a committed group of 10 elected members, known as our Consistory, join Pastor Rich and Jenny to discuss the “happenings” within Immanuel Church. These individuals are responsible for making decisions and leading our church in the direction our Mission Statement is calling us... “To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God’s love to the world”. It is our joy to take this opportunity to introduce them to you. Please join us in showing our gratitude for their faithful service by thanking them for their devotion.

President ~ Amy Schmitt - My name is Amy Schmitt. I have been a member of Immanuel UCC for 20 years. In addition to serving on Consistory, I am involved in India Task Force, SonShine Gals, JAM Time, Youth Group chaperone, Communion Server, and various other volunteer opportunities, such as Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. My two children, Austin and Madison, were baptized and confirmed at Immanuel. I just finished my 30th year of teaching in the Hartford School District, at Lincoln Elementary. Most of those years, I have taught 3rd graders. I enjoy hiking, working out, listening to live music, especially country music, and just being with my family and friends. Interesting fact - I currently teach in the same classroom that I was in as a third grader. My life has come full circle. I look forward to continuing to help lead our congregation, as president, while always remembering our mission statement - To be and make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God’s love to the world.



Vice President ~ Christopher Arndt – After being a member of St. John’s UCC in Slinger for many years, I became a member of Immanuel Church in 2009. Currently I serve on Immanuel’s Consistory, I was recently elected as Vice president after I had expressed my interest. Prior to that I was the Confirmation Leader for 3.5 years, and before that I was a Shepherd for J.A.M. Time. During the dark days of flooding in the church basement, I helped out with clean up. I also enjoy being one of Immanuel’s Wise Guys, I have taken on the role of cook. I am happily



married to my wife, Jennifer, of nearly 5 years. We each have 2 boys, mine are Brenden and Brady Arndt, and hers are Nathan and Shawn Fettig. I currently am disabled with a significant right knee injury. I recently started fishing, and enjoy watching baseball, football, and basketball...you can usually find me at some kind of sports game! I love spending time with my wife and traveling. I was asked last Summer to Volunteer my time as a baseball coach so that occupies a lot of my time for spring and summer.

Treasurer ~ Charlene Swanson Hello! I'm Charlene Swanson, and have been a member of Immanuel for 5 years now and will have served a full year on the Consistory in June. My husband, Stuart, is also a member of Immanuel. We have two children, Indiana (6) and Aurora (2). We are originally from the Chicagoland area but love living here in West Bend. Over the years here at Immanuel, we have participated in the Christmas Pageant in 2022, and have enjoyed providing Fellowship Time Treats, and continued supporting Immanuel's budget along with Joyful Journeys India Ministry. I have been working at Kohl's Corporate for 13 years. For the last 7 years I have been a Testing/Quality Assurance Analyst, specializing in the soft home/hardlines area. Summer is my favorite season here in Wisconsin, as we love to go boating and plan multiple camping trips with the kids and friends. I'm blessed to help serve our church as Treasurer this year and I'm excited to continue to help and support our church family. God Bless ❤️



Secretary ~ Carol Argabright Hi, my name is Carol Argabright. I have been a member of Immanuel for about a year. I am so happy to have found this church. I grew up in Cedarburg but have lived in West Bend for many years now. I am a Customer Service Manager for Airgas and I work out of our Germantown office. I really like the people I work with and our customers. I don't have any children but I do have two nieces that I love very much. I was just in Cleveland for my older niece's graduation from high school. I enjoy visiting art museums, traveling, camping, reading, puzzles and watching movies.

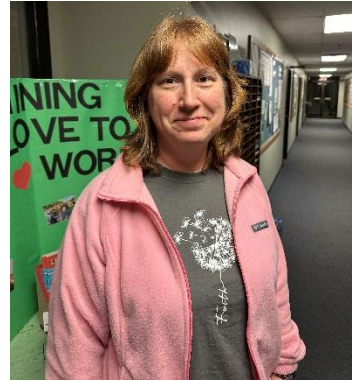


Best,
Carol

Property Representative ~ Ben Russell – I began attending Immanuel after I met Ashley Thull in 2015; we were married here in the fall of 2016. God certainly works in amazing ways, and in doing so has brought us to our Immanuel Church family where we have met such loving people. I have been an usher for a few years now, and more recently began devoting time and resources to helping out with Youth Activities, being on Consistory, and Property Committee. I'm blessed to be on this earth with many family members and friends! My wife Ashley and I have 2 boys, Rhett (5) and Lucas (2.5), who always keep us on our toes. Having the boys be loved and taught by others from our Immanuel family is something special, so thank you all for being such a great congregation! I enjoy hunting and can't help myself from fishing anytime I'm near water.



Elder ~ Tracy Halfman – Hi, my name is Tracy Halfman. My husband Joe and I have been members of Immanuel for about 9 years. Our 2 teenage children have attended JAM Time, were confirmed, work upstairs in childcare, and are active in youth group. My family and I always love helping out wherever we can here at Immanuel. I enjoy being a member of Consistory and just became an Elder. Our family lives in Hartford. We have lived there for about 11 years. I teach Kindergarten at Rossman School in Hartford. I have spent all 21 years of my career at Rossman in Kindergarten, with the exception of trying out First grade for a year. The people of Immanuel have always been so inviting and encouraging! We love our friends at Immanuel and call this church our family.



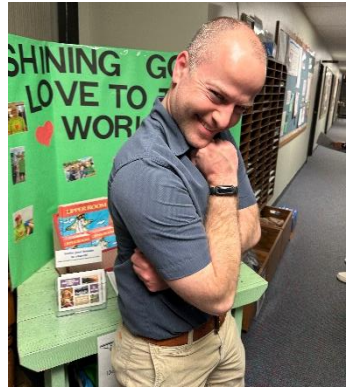
Elder ~ Mitch Schleif - HI! I'm Mitch Schleif and together with my wife Jennifer, we became members at Immanuel around 2013/2014. We have four children, Burton (11), Hazel (8), Evie (6), and Davie Sue, our angel baby. I've served as a Deacon, and I'm currently an Elder here at Immanuel. In addition to that, I am the Director of Children's Ministries, overseeing Immanuel's J.A.M. Time (Jesus And Me Time) program. My family and I also try to keep the weeds under control in the courtyard and have helped with greeting



and serving communion. When not at Immanuel, I'm a stay-at-home dad who homeschool's our three kids. In my free time, I enjoy snowboarding, volleyball, camping, hiking, gardening, movies, music, and more!

Deacon ~ Bradley Mitchell - My wife Sarah and I, along with our two boys, Aiden (11) and Kellen (8), joined IUCC about 6 years ago, looking more particularly for a church family that would provide our boys a supportive community to grow in. However, I quickly found the opportunity to share my musical energies via the Worship Team, and have enjoyed getting to know the church through many different musical opportunities over the years.

I work at MPTC as a recruiter, helping all ages explore what an education can do to help them further their life goals. And when I'm not enjoying whatever instruments happen to find their way into my hands, I like to cook, bike, and think of lame jokes to annoy my family 😊.



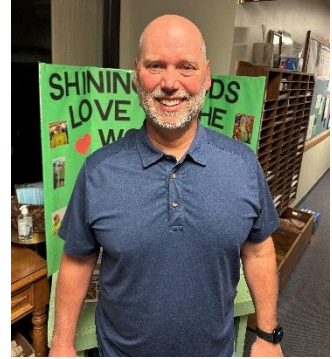
Deacon ~ Kent Scheuerell - As a new member of Immanuel's consistory, I want to thank the congregation for the trust they are showing me. I was married for 52 years to a wonderful lady who sadly now has passed as a result of Alzheimer's. I have four grown children, three sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Also have two others that call me grandpa out of love. I grew up in Sun Prairie, WI. and attended parochial schools from first grade until graduating from Loras College. I also have a master's degree from UW-Platteville. After college I taught history and speech classes for two years in Highland, WI, and then 38 years sixth grade at the Platteville Middle School. I was active in directing plays and leading outdoor education campfires. I also taught evening G.E.D. classes. I grew up in a family of amateur radio operators and have coached youth athletic teams. My family has always been active in church activities. In my past I participated in the same activities as I am doing here like teaching youth religion, reading, ushering, and being on church council. After losing my spouse, I am very fortunate to once again be in love with another wonderful woman Mary Jo Norgel. She was in my classes the first two years that I taught at Highland High School. We had not seen each other for over fifty years. We had so much fun at her class reunion. I had been their class advisor. Not only have our families been supportive, but the



Immanuel community as well. The more I attended services with Jo and read about the UCC church beliefs and doctrines the more I realized that my personal faith and conscience coincide with The United Church of Christ. Your congregation reaches out to others in need and follows their statement of not being judgmental and that God is all merciful. I am proud to be able to support such statements as a member of the consistory.

Deacon ~ Mike Soener - Hard to believe my wife Chris and I have been members of Immanuel since 2002! In that time I have been involved with the Property Committee, Jam Time, Ushering and Greeting. I have also enjoyed participating in Feast with Friends over the years, supporting our India Ministry, and volunteering for other projects along the way. Chris and I are blessed with two sons, Rob and Jacob, who are both married. Rob and wife Jess blessed us with our first grandchild, Levi, who is now 2. I recently retired after a 36 year career in chemical distribution sales and management for Barton Solvents (Barsol) based out of Des Moines Iowa with a location here in West Bend. Sports have always been a passion of mine and I follow the Brewers, Packers, Bucks and... sorry the Hawkeye's, although I have developed a soft spot for the Badgers! Exercise is important to me and I enjoy getting out for a Walk, Biking, Swimming or playing golf when the opportunity presents itself. I always have a book on the nightstand typically of historical nature and love to listen to a variety of music. In retirement I look forward to spending more time with Chris, traveling, visiting friends and family, enjoying my grandson.



pray
for our
LEADERS

[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.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SUNDAY, JULY 21st; Noon – 4pm at Barton Park

ANNUAL IMMANUEL
JULY JAM

Hosted by Immanuel's Consistory

A church picnic for **EVERYONE**, yes, **YOU ARE INVITED!!!**
And, bring your family and friends too!!!

Details will follow, but for now just know this...

Annual ~ it's going to be so much fun, we're going to want to do this every year!!

Immanuel ~ it's for Shine Brites young, old and everyone in between!

July ~ It's that time of year for playful picnics in the park!

JAM ~ Jesus And Me + church family = PARTY!



The Church and Ministry Team of the Southeast
Association of the
Wisconsin Conference - United Church of Christ and
the congregation of
St. Pauls United Church of Christ, Menomonee Falls
Invite all members and friends of the
Southeast Association Churches to the
Installation of Rev. Emma Sancomb, BCC



Sunday, June 23rd, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by
St. Pauls United Church of Christ
N89W16856 Appleton Ave
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
(262)251-5160

**This installation will be in-person as well as streamed on
our Facebook page.**

[Click Here.](#)

Clergy are invited to robe and wear red or rainbow stoles.

Reception will follow service.

*An offering will be received for the
Wisconsin Conference Member in Discernment Scholarship
Fund.*

[Gifts may be made online here.](#)

Welcome New Members



Myrna Buchmeier – Myrna has been attending Immanuel Church for many years and is finally making it “official”. Myrna is a retired Paralegal from Steven’s Law Office. She has enjoyed helping out with sorting for the Circle of Friends Shoppe in the past. She also enjoys Face Timing with her daughters, reading, making jigsaw puzzles, baking, playing Scrabble, Spider Solitaire and Computer Games.

Joyce Bultman – Joyce recently moved from Connecticut to this area where her 2 sons live. She is a retired ESL Teacher, and also served as a Sergeant in the US Army. Joyce enjoys reading, playing cards, going for walks, doing chair yoga, and participating in military/veterans’ groups. She speaks German, Japanese, and some Spanish. Joyce looks forward to exploring different ways to serve here at Immanuel.



Laura Herrick – Laura has been attending Immanuel for a while now with her mom, Georgia Kletti. She is a Civil Engineer working for the Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission. In Laura’s freetime, she enjoys sailing and downhill skiing with her husband Matt. Laura is interested in helping out at our Circle of Friends Shoppe and serving in various ways on Sunday mornings.

Eileen TenPas – Eileen previously attended Hope Community Reformed Church and has been a part of our church community for several years now, attending with friends. She retired from the Medical Records department at Froedtert West Bend. Eileen has been one of Immanuel’s SonShine Gals for several years and looks forward to participating in other group activities here. She enjoys reading, traveling, and attending athletic events.





Lynn Vegafria – Lynn also previously attended Hope Reformed Church and has been attending regularly with her friend Susan Kist. Lynn is a retired Hospice nurse who has strong connections in the medical field as she is the daughter of Dr. James Albrecht, founder of the Albrecht Free Clinic, and wife to the late Dr. Jesse Vegafria. Lynn is an active member of Immanuel's SonShine Gals and looks forward to becoming more involved in other things here at Immanuel. Lynn enjoys quilting, sewing, knitting, and crocheting.

Elizabeth Carlson – Elizabeth, a longtime friend of the Landowgals, grew up attending Holy Angels and has recently been joining us in worship, here at Immanuel, with her fiancé Tommy. Elizabeth has her Bachelor's in Biology and a Masters in Nursing; she currently works for Froedtert as an Operating Room Nurse. Elizabeth looks forward to getting involved here at Immanuel as she makes this her new church home. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys golfing, skiing, kayaking, gardening, traveling and of course spending time with her fiancé Tommy and their "fur babies" Maple and Jinx.

Tommy Losch – Tommy has been attending Immanuel with his fiancé Elizabeth. They are planning their wedding for September of 2025. Tommy has his Bachelors degree in Recreational Management and currently works at Camp Hometown Heros as the Camp Director. Johanna has already started pulling Tommy and Elizabeth in to help with Youth Activities. Tommy enjoys watching football, playing basketball, spending time with family and friends, specifically Elizabeth, and spoiling their two dogs Maple and Jinx.



Financial Secretary...

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

Immanuel UCC 2024 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$449,768

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

As you can see below, Immanuel's finances for April helped to reduce the year-to-date deficit, however, we continue to have a cash flow problem. We no longer have any reserved funds and have started to dip into our "restricted funds" (these funds are used for designated projects). Please consider this as you continue to support Immanuel's local ministries.

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, ***immanuelwestbend.org or joyfuljourneys-inc.org***.

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.

Blessings,
Karen

Immanuel Finance Report April 2024

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$40,088.09	\$135,738.59
Total Expenses	<u>\$32,644.62</u>	<u>\$144,059.90</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ 7,443.47	(\$ 8,321.31) Deficit

Note: Giving met 123% of expenses Giving met 94% of expenses

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



Just a small property update...

Painting is moving right along. Just a few areas that need some attention but it will get done shortly. The stained glass window nearest to our sound booth in the rear of the church has some peeling plaster. We do not know why this is happening but we are investigating to what is causing this issue.

Property Team

A Note From our Choir Director...

And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow Let it be
(Let it Be / Lennon & McCartney)

Many of us are familiar with the music of The Beatles and the quote above from their song "Let It Be". Perhaps you've grown up with their music, or maybe you're finding and exploring their music now! Is there a particular time period or genre of

Beatles you gravitate towards? How about Beatles Handbells !?

Check out Immanuel's Handbell Ensemble sharing a lighthearted Beatles medley:

https://youtu.be/IZx_n3m2NtM?si=1BhBoFjxVdwMFL

Immanuel's choirs are taking a well deserved summer break and will regroup at the end of the summer. If you're interested in singing or ringing with us in 2024 / 2025 please let me know. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and keep you on the "choir radar"!

Beverly Mark bevbeemark@gmail.com 920-242-7318

J.A.M. Time* 2023-2024

The Treasure Of God's Word

June, 2024



We had an amazing year in J.A.M. Time these past nine months exploring the Treasure Of God's Word! Some highlights include: learning about brave women like Esther, the fruits of the spirit, Jesus' baptism, and making bird houses, camp lanterns, soap, bath bombs, and faith bead keychains to raise funds for Immanuel's camp scholarship!

We also exceeded our offering goal for our India Mission to benefit the kids at the Marshall School! We needed to raise \$450 to provide 10 desks and benches and we had a final total of \$590.00 which covered the cost of 12 sets of benches and desks that the students use in their classrooms! Thank you for your generosity and support in this very important mission.

Please enjoy some pictures of our fun times and keep an eye out for info about our three Summer J.A.M. sessions!
Have a great summer!



There are still spots open for summer camp at Moon Beach and Daychola Center! Sign up today at: www.ucci.org!
Contact Mitch Schleif for information about Immanuel's youth scholarships.



Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif
Excited4JAM@Immanuelwestbend.org
262-338-2886 ext. 104
414-491-5057

***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.

Families Interacting Together

Attention Immanuel Families,
Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, June 9th!

Come and join us for some "F.I.T." time at Ridge Run Park

We will be meeting at the park using the east entrance (University Drive)
after second service until families have had enough fun.

Bring your own lunch and any yard games you might have for some fun interaction time! There is playground equipment, hiking, and
don't forget towels or extra clothes in case the kids want to explore the creek again.

We hope to see you there!
Any questions please reach out to:

Jennifer Schleif 414-248-9353 jsbschleif@gmail.com
or Liz Ratzburg 262-483-6183 eratz217@gmail.com



Summer SHINE

SHINE is a gathering of high school students on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. All are welcome, no matter where they are on their faith journey!

Shine is taking a break from our usual meetings every Sunday, but don't fret! We'll still be meeting once a month to talk, eat, and play some amazing games! We'll get to spend some time with the friends we've made over the last year, and it's a great, no-commitment-implied way to test the waters if you haven't been a regular attendee in the past. It's also a great time to bring a friend without fear that they'll have missed important information covered the previous Sunday.

See you there?

Summer Shine Dates:

June 9th, July 21st, August 18th

Questions? Thoughts?

Talk with Elise! (262)343-1149 or shine@immanuelwestbend.org



The poster is a vibrant, colorful invitation for Summer SHINE activities. It features a light gray background with various decorative elements including swirls, dots, and icons. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the main title 'SUMMER ACTIVITIES' in large, bold, multi-colored letters. The activities are listed in three sections, each with a date, time, and description. The first section is for Sunday, June 30th, from 11:45AM to 2:45PM, featuring a lunch and selfie scavenger hunt. The second section is for Wednesday, July 24th, from 5:30pm to 8pm, featuring a picnic dinner and outdoor games. The third section is for Saturday, August 17th, from 6:30am to 1pm, featuring a J.A.M. Time and Youth Group Brat Fry. The poster also includes a '7-12 GRADE' badge in the top right corner and a contact information section at the bottom.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
IMMANUEL'S
YOUTH GROUP**

**7-12
GRADE**

**SUMMER
ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY JUNE 30TH
11:45AM - 2:45PM**

LUNCH AND SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Wednesday July 24th
5:30pm-8pm**

Picnic dinner & out door games

**Saturday August 17th
6:30am-1pm**

J.A.M. Time and Youth Group Brat Fry

Please let Johanna know if you can come at
youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org or (262) 353-2739

Full Shelf Pantry

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches"

Matthew 13:31-32

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of June, we will be collecting
Condiments and Salad Dressing



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

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. We have been enjoying the book "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom, and will look forward to watching the movie, based on the book, at our June 13th gathering.

The next study will be on another book by Mitch Albom, "The Stranger in the Lifeboat".

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

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

RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS (formally known as SCRIP)

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. **Special orders this month will be called in on Monday, June 10th.**



RaiseRight™

CONGRATULATIONS IMMANUEL GRADUATES!

Abby Frederick – Abby graduated from Moraine Park Technical College with her Associates in Early Childhood Education. She will be attending Concordia in the fall to get her Bachelor's in Early Childhood and Special Education.



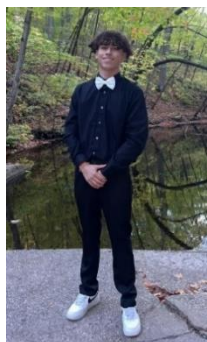
Kailyn Komro – Kailyn graduated from Moraine Park Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology.



Chase Mastenbrook – Chase graduated from West Bend East High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin Madison. He plans on going for Pre-med.



Gregory Morales-Torres – Gregory graduated mid-semester from West Bend West High School. He is currently working at Metalcraft of Mayville as a robotic welder. His plan for fall is to either continue on with welding or shift to the auto industry.



Valerie Pabon – Valerie graduated from West Bend East High School mid-semester. She is currently working at Cedar Community and is making plans to attend Moraine Park Technical College for their CNA program.



Elise Patten – Elise graduated Cum Laude from Marquette with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History, with Minors in French and Classics; she will be continuing her education at Marquette for her Master's in History.



Evan Patten – Evan graduated from UW Whitewater with a Master's in School Counseling; he will be continuing his education at UW Whitewater for his second Master's, in Clinical Mental Health.



Molly Pieffle – Molly graduated from West Bend High School. She will be attending the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology in September.



Julia Raad – Julia graduated from Carroll University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, she will immediately begin her Master's program at Carroll for Occupational Therapy.

Chloe Sheehy – Chloe graduated from Ozaukee High School. She plans to attend Moraine Park to study Early Childhood Education.





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, Sue Calhoun, Helen Keey, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Luella Dekker, Ellery Flaherty, Bruce Kapanke, Bill Myers, Larry Wheelock, and Dave Wolff.

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, Chase Mastenbrook, Even Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Elise Patten, Evan Patten, Valerie Pabon, Madison Schmitt, Chloe Sheehy, Gregory Morales-Torres, Adam Vincent, and Rebecca Kempfer-Witt.

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Special Prayer Request

Jatziel Pabon, his father Luis, and other members of his family as they deal with tragic circumstances.

Family Loss

The Landowski Family – Aunt/Great Aunt Kathleen Antoni and Aunt/Great Aunt Donna Mrozinski

Lynn Vegafria – Brother Peter Albrecht

The Vincent Family – Mother Elizabeth Vincent

~Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

An outreach ministry founded and operated
by members of Immanuel Church.

OUR MISSION: *to establish and or operate programs and facilities that will assist impoverished and needy people whose lives are challenged by current life circumstances, by helping to provide for their immediate basic needs and to bring them hope and promise for a brighter future.*

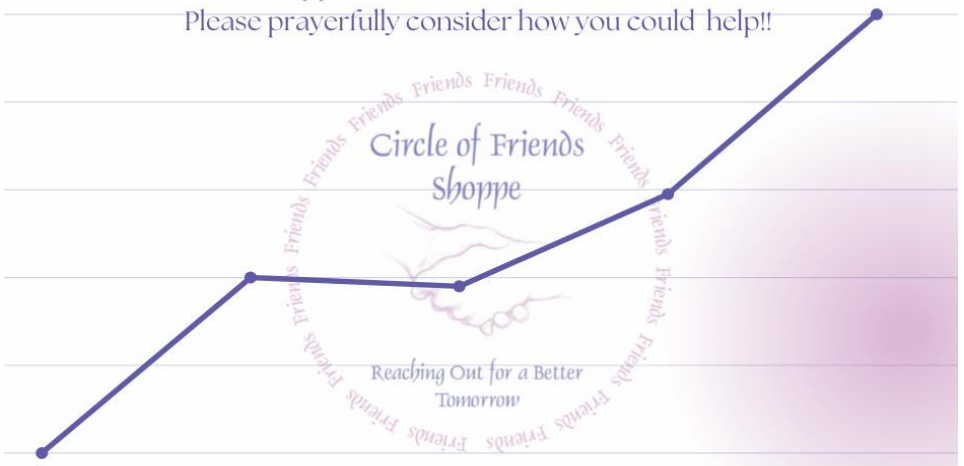
Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Circle of Friends

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS SHOPPE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The amount of people being served at the COF Shoppe continues to go up,
as do the clothing donations that are coming in;
therefore, we are looking for additional individuals who could join our team
of sorters and Shoppe volunteers to assist with the work overload.

Please prayerfully consider how you could help!!



If you would like more details on what these 2 jobs entail, please don't hesitate
to contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org ;
this could be your area to SHINE!

INDIA



CONGRATULATIONS MARSHALL SCHOOL GRADUATES 2024

Thank you to everyone who has made the commitment to sponsor a child's education at the Marshall School in Madhavapatnam India; your \$20 per month donation is not only an investment in their future, it is also uplifting the community as a whole. Together we are making a difference!

If you would like to learn more about our Student Sponsorship Program, please contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

Marshall School Graduates and their sponsor/s

Akshaya Monana Sri Pampana – Sue Calhoun
Chandra Durga Kumar Chitrada – Ester “Oma” Kohler
Chowhan Sandesh Vaddi – Thea Liebelt
Dhanya Sri Vaddi – Laurie McCann
Jahnnavi Karri – Joan Dobberstein
Janswanth Kola – Nancy Grode
Naga Durga Pulugu – Barb Styduhar
Nagendra Babu Kamadi – Johanna Landowski
Nagarjuna Pila – Steve and Julie Feit
Rukmini Rangala – Barb Styduhar
Sameera Gudise – Kathy Ellenbecker
Sana Sayyed – Jenny Landowski
Sanjana Devi Chollangi – Ana Komro
Sathya Sri Kundala – Lora Buck
Satya Kumari Vengala – Teri Milligan
Subba Lakshmi Machargiri – Ester “Oma” Kohler
Syam Venkatesh Battila – Kyle and Jenny Rausch
Tulasi Devi Narala – Marlene Wondergem
Usha Devi Sanapalli – Steve and Julie Feit
Vidya Sri Mahendravada – Jodi Keller
Vinayakudu Dowluri – Seth Holter
Vinoothna Kotikalapudi – John and Carol Trimble



Additional Expenses in the month of June

- **Professional Tax \$100**
- **Directors Yearly Medical Insurance \$200**

If you would like to cover, or contribute to one of these items,
you can do so by cash/check made out to Joyful Journeys or
pay online through our secure website

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>

Thank you for prayerfully considering this.



Saturday June 1st

10am–noon COF Shoppe

Sunday June 2nd Communion

9am and 10:30 am Worship



Monday June 3rd

Tuesday June 4th

1pm Staff meeting

Wednesday June 5th

2:30pm PEO Book Club

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday June 6th

1pm – 3pm COF Shoppe

5pm India Task Force

Friday June 7th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday June 8th

Sunday June 9th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30 Summer J.A.M

12pm F.I.T. Ridge Run Park

Monday June 10th

12pm Boundaries

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday June 11th

Wednesday June 12th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday June 13th

10am SonShine Gals

3:45pm JJ Inc. meeting

Friday June 14th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday June 15th

10am–noon COF Shoppe

Sunday June 16th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

Monday June 17th

Tuesday June 18th

7pm PEO

Wednesday June 19th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday June 20th

Friday June 21st

6:30 pm NA

Saturday June 22nd

Sunday June 23rd

9am and 10:30 am Worship

Monday June 24th

Tuesday June 25th

Wednesday June 26th

7 pm AA meeting

Thursday June 27th

10am SonShine Gals

Friday June 28th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday June 29th

Sunday June 30th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

11:45am-2:45pm Youth Group

Lunch & Selfie Scavenger Hunt



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:

June 2nd: Karen Grace Strobach

in honor of Louise Aplin for giving her rides home & All the help she does for our church!

June 9th: Jinna Lusty

in celebration of the birthdays of Jamieson (May) and Brett (July).

June 16th: Eric Christie

in honor of my courageous wife Terry on her birthday.

June 23rd: Glenn & Elaine Radzinski

In celebration of our 9th wedding anniversary on June 6 & in remembrance of Angela who passed away 23 years ago on June 22nd.

June 30th: In celebration of June Sommerfeld's Birthday

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE!

Louise Aplin 1st

Nan Myers 1st

Sam Gerard 2nd

Nora Gerard 3rd

Dave Wolff 3rd

Wayne Seideman 7th

DeDe Emory 8th

Brady Player 10th

Eric Arndt 12th

Johanna Halfman 12th

Brenden Arndt 13th

Mike Komro 15th

Marilyn Stier 15th

Terry Christie 16th

Rosemary Seideman 16th

Indy Swanson 16th

Ryan Depies Johnson 18th

Ella Gustafson 18th

Jackie Nieman 18th

Kathy Thielke 18th

Johanna Landowski 19th

Al Olsen 19th

Christine Tackes 21st

Carol King 23rd

Riley Tanner 25th

Kailyn Komro 28th

June Sommerfeld 28th

Michal Gerard 30th

Olivia Gluck 30th

Wendy Wilson 30th



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

GREETERS:

June 2	9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer 10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
June 9	9:00am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld 10:30am Barb Seefeldt
June 16	9:00am Darleen Baerenwald, Georgia Kletti 10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
June 23	9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler 10:30am Julie Glassman
June 30	9:00am Dan, Rachel, Sam, & Nora Gerard 10:30am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

June 2	9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner 10:30am Gene Kreis
June 9	9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm 10:30am Elaine Radzinski
June 16	9:00am Mike Soener, Pat Love 10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
June 23	9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman 10:30am Joe Halfman
June 30	9:00am Al Nevala, Jackie Nieman 10:30am Jennifer Schleif

READERS:

June 2	9am Jackie Nieman	10:30 Laurie McCann
June 9	9am John Buck	10:30 Peter Michell
June 16	9am Patricia Love	10:30 Kent Scheuerell
June 23	9am Scott Gluck	10:30 Karen Grace Strobach
June 30	9am Rosemary Seideman	10:30 Chris Witt

COFFEE MAKERS:

June 2	Bonnie Gerner
June 9	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
June 16	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
June 23	Mary Demmon
June 30	<u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

Fellowship Hour:

June 2	Jinna Lusty
June 9	F.I.T
June 16	<u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
June 23	<u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
June 30	<u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

June 2	Keith Schmidt
June 9	Terry and Eric Christie
June 16	Anita Rappe & Beverly Mark
June 23	Larry Wheelock
June 30	Cindy Komro

Communion Servers: June 2

9:00	– John & Lora Buck
10:30	– Kevin & Candi Martin

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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CHILDCARE: Tobias Halfman

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Amy Schmitt – President, Christopher Arndt-Vice-President, Tracy Halfman, and Mitchell Schleif

CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Charlene Swanson – Treasurer, Carol Argabright- Secretary,

Ben Russell – Property, Bradly Mitchell, Kent Scheuerell, and Mike Soener

Finance Committee: Karen Zachow - Financial Secretary,

Charlene Swanson – Treasurer, Julie Feit, Tama Gluck, Dave Hammen,
Doug Stewart, and Ben Russell

Immanuel's Team

