



# Journey Connection

July 2025

## 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



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

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

How do you know when a story is great? You know a story is great when you want to experience it again. When a story has a satisfying ending, returning to the beginning allows you to gain new insights on the unfolding story. This is especially true if the story has a surprising twist at the end that completely shifts how you perceive all that came before.

This is certainly true of the “greatest story ever told” which certainly contains one of the greatest twists in its climax. Though Christ is crucified, God raises him in glory, allowing the ascended Christ to give the promised Spirit to fill the earth, in order that, ultimately “God may be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28). Though we await the fullness of this promise, we are called to contribute to this flourishing of love and life through our faithful service.

With this knowledge of the end in mind, we return to the opening chapters of the sacred story in Genesis in order to gain new insights of what is unfolding from the beginning. That is our task for the next few weeks as we reflect on the significance of the early chapters of the Hebrew Bible’s opening book.

These chapters are full of insights on the goodness of creation, the significance of what it means to be “image-bearers” of God, the importance of ecological and environmental stewardship, the value of work, the need for rest, the importance of social community (“it is not good for the man to be alone”), as well as the challenges of temptation, and the consequences of unrighteous behavior. And that’s just the first three chapters!

Over the next few weeks I look forward to revisiting the beginning of God’s sacred story and considering its foundational significance, as well as teasing out where it all leads (since we are approaching it from an awareness of the end of the story).

I hope you’ll join us these first few weeks of “Ordinary Time” as we grow together, grounded in the promise of God’s love for us and the world, and committed to living out our identity as God’s image-bearers, stewarding our lives and the world around us that God’s good creation may flourish as God intends.

Grace and peace,  
Rich



# On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

My July edition was supposed to be filled with the many adventures that we had while in India. Well...as you all know, that trip needed to be cancelled. So instead I'll tell you a little about what I was looking forward to doing on the trip.

First, I really looked forward to experiencing a school day at Marshall Public School and being able to compare that to my school day in Hartford. While I'm sure there are many differences, I think that there also would be similarities. Another experience that I was looking forward to was taking some of the kids to the ocean. And, really just being immersed in another culture for two weeks - people, food, clothing, celebrations. I hope that someday I can share my India experience with you, but for now all I have is my hopes and dreams of what this trip would have been like. I hold hope that I will one day get to make the trip and experience all the wonderful things that this ministry is doing in the village of Madhavapatnam. Please continue to keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers. Also, might I give you a nudge to consider sponsoring a student. Take a moment to check out the India wall, is there a face that calls out to you?

Finally, as I was wrestling with all the emotions of this trip from deciding to go, to planning, to packing, and then flights being delayed and delayed again, and then the final decision to cancel, I decided to look to the bible for guidance. Here's what spoke to me.

Philippians 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.

Psalms 42:11 Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my Savior and my God.

Psalms 55:22 Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

Blessings,  
Amy





**YOU DON'T  
WANT TO  
MISS THIS!**

**You won't want to miss this!**

**SUNDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup>; Noon - 4pm**

**at Ridge Run Park - West Entrance**

**ANNUAL IMMANUEL JULY JAM**

**A church picnic for EVERYONE,**

**yes, YOU ARE INVITED!!!**

**And, bring your family and friends too!!!**

Grilled items and beverages will be provided, so we kindly ask that you sign up either on the sheet outside the main office or call church at 262-334-2886 so that we can plan accordingly with numbers. Also, if you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to pass that would be appreciated.

**Special  
events!**

# FUNDRAISING TO HELP...



## RAISE THE ROOF

Since our **"Raise the Roof"** campaign began in May, we've collected **\$11,339.85** out of the **\$48,000** needed for this project!!

Yes, that's right...within just 2 months time, we've almost reached the quarter way mark!!

This is absolutely incredible!!!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far; your commitment to caring for "our" church home is sincerely appreciated!!!

Haven't had a chance to help yet??

Donations can be given to Immanuel Church, designated to **"Property – Roof Fund"**, please prayerfully consider how you can support this project.

GIVE FROM YOUR HEART



Keep an eye on the "Raise the Roof" poster, located by the Giving Church for regular updates.

1 Shingle = \$100.

# Financial Secretary...

**Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."**

May was a bit of an expensive month for Immanuel. The office had subscription renewals, and a new copier installed. Our WE Energies bill was also high for the month of May. WE Energies has also contacted finance on ways to save on energy costs. This is a working progress now.

Blessings,  
Charlene

**Immanuel UCC 2025 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

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 online 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: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 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 welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

## Immanuel May 2025 Finance Report

May 2025	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$24,498.91	\$182,542.06
Total Expenses	<u>\$34,339.51</u>	<u>\$184,669.57</u>
Income vs Expenses	<b>-\$9,840.60</b>	<b>-\$2,127.51</b>

Cash Available for Church Operations May 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending on Month 5/30/25      \$ 28,737.61

## Online Giving

In case you did not 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/debit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit/debit card there is a small fee of about 3.4-3.8% which the service provider reduces the amount we receive.

## 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. For those interested in donating online, for your convenience, access our secure giving page on our website through the QR Code below.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org)

Scan  
Me!



# Property update...

Just a few items were addressed this past month.

Air conditioners were installed in the windows at the Circle of Friends shop for the summer months.

Emergency exit lights had new backup batteries installed that were identified during the Wbfd annual inspection.



We are starting to address the items that we held off on for the summertime frame. Cleanup is underway.



We did have some tree damage in May, which in turn we lost one of our parking lot lights. We will work with WE Energies to hopefully get it replaced.

It was brought to our attention on Sunday the 22nd that the Friendship and Adult Ed rooms were extremely warm. The Air Conditioning units were still off from last fall. The unit was turned on as well as the unit for the hallway. When I stopped down on the 23rd the hallway unit was not working. A call was placed to Kettle Moraine Heating and A/C, and they sent out a technician the next day and we found out that the air handler was not functioning properly. He repaired the unit and everything is working as it should.

On another note, on Monday the 23rd, Tracy Halfman who was filling in for Johanna was just getting ready to leave for the day when she was nearly attacked by a bat. Being that the self-proclaimed Batman (a.k.a. Pastor Rich) was not there she sent up the Bat Signal and the real Batman (a.k.a. Mitch S.) and Robin (a.k.a. Burton S.) came to Tracy's rescue. They somehow managed to show the rogue bat to the door.

Property Team



# A Note From our Choir Director...

## Handbell Workshop

July 26th, 10:00am

Come out and join us on Saturday,  
July 26th at 10:00am  
for a Handbell Workshop at Immanuel Church.

This workshop is for ANYONE:

beginner, returning ringer and current ringers! The morning of ringing fellowship is designed to give anyone interested a chance to learn about handbells and ring a simple piece of music together without committing to Immanuel Handbell Ensemble's seasonal schedule.

Learn about ringing handbells and have fun!!

Interested? On Sundays June 29th and July 20th, we will have an informational display table set up outside the Friendship Room. You can take a look at the handbells and choir chimes and also see what handbell music looks like! Members of Immanuel's Handbell Ensemble will be there to answer questions and chat before and after each service.

AND you can sign up for our workshop!!

Questions? Or maybe you KNOW you want to sign up right away!?!

Contact me: Beverly Mark / [bevbeemark@gmail.com](mailto:bevbeemark@gmail.com) / 920-242-7318



Mark  
your  
Calendars!

# HEY IMMANUEL SHINE BRITES!



JOIN US FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!  
GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH  
AGES 3 - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
SUNDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> & AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>  
10:30AM-11:30AM  
DON'T MISS THE FUN!!

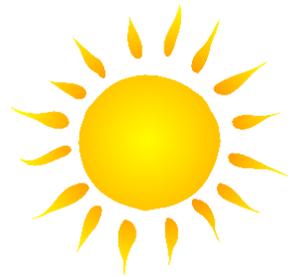
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## SUMMER SHINE India Edition

It's time to regroup for a mid-summer session of SHINE!  
On July 27th, we'll be gathering together for games and an  
exploration of our church's India Ministry (and the ways  
YOUR light can shine God's love into some  
pretty distant places).

Sunday, July 27th  
10:30-11:30 a.m.



*Shine is faith and fellowship building program for high school students. You don't need to register  
or commit- just come downstairs to the church basement and find the room at the bottom of the  
stairs that has all the couches.*

*P.S.- There are snacks. Always.*

Questions? Comments? Talk to Elise!  
(262) 343-1149 or [shine@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:shine@immanuelwestbend.org)



# J.A.M. Time\* Summer, 2025

*“To be and to make Spirit-filled followers  
of Christ who shine the  
light of God’s love to the world.”*

If you read the above statement and said to yourself “that sounds familiar.”  
It’s because it’s the Mission Statement of Immanuel UCC!  
This summer we’re focusing on different ways we can shine the light of God’s  
love at home/Immanuel (June), around the world (July),  
and in our broader community (August).

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> will be our next Summer JAM session, and the focus will be on  
how we shine the light of God’s love around the world, specifically in India!  
We’ll also be hearing from previous India Traveler’s as they talk with us about  
their trips to the village of Madhavapatnam and the Marshall School!

Thank you to everyone who donated Beanie Babies in June for the hostel  
children in India. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

There are still spots open for church camps at Moon Beach  
and Daychola Center!

Camps run year-round so sign up today at: [www.ucci.org!](http://www.ucci.org!)

Contact Mitch Schleif for information about  
available youth scholarships!



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

\***Jesus and Me Time** – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for  
children aged 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.

# CORE

We had an amazing start to our Summer CORE gatherings as we welcomed the new youth, who recently moved up from J.A.M. Time, into our group!

Our focus was on **what it means to serve at home**. Through thoughtful discussion and shared stories, we explored how small acts of kindness, responsibility, and love can be powerful ways to live out our faith and values every day. We're excited for what's ahead and can't wait to grow together in service, friendship, and faith this summer!

## Mark Your Calendars!

Our next CORE gathering will be on **July 27th**, and we'll be diving into the theme of **serving around the world, specifically India**. Get ready to explore how we can make a global impact—right from where we are!



*CORE is part of Immanuel's youth ministries that serves kids in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The foundation of CORE is reflective of it's name...exploring the core concepts of our beliefs and traditions, expanding on what it means to embrace Christianity and how it differentiates from other religions, and digging deeper into who we are at Immanuel UCC and how we can put our faith into action. They meet from 10:30-11:30am in the classroom off the west hallway in the lower level of church.*

CORE Leader Johanna Landowski  
confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org  
Church 262-334-2886 Cell 262-353-2739

# ☀️ F.I.T. Fun at Ridge Run Park! 🌳 💧

What a fantastic day we had at Ridge Run Park! The F.I.T. crew came together for a day full of laughter, connection, and outdoor fun. From sharing a delicious lunch to splashing around in the water, every moment was filled with joy and community spirit. Whether it was playing games, exploring the park, or just soaking up the sunshine, we made memories that will last a lifetime. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special!

Here's to more adventures, more smiles, and more F.I.T. fun! ❤️



**Keep an eye out for more  
F.I.T events!**

# YOUTH GROUP!

Our youth and chaperones had an amazing time exploring the church grounds during our **Selfie Scavenger Hunt!** With clues in hand and phones at the ready, teams raced to find creative spots, snap selfies, and complete fun challenges—all while learning more about our church and each other.

### Highlights of the Day:

- ✔ Laughter-filled teamwork and bonding
- ✔ Creative and silly selfies at every stop

### Special Thanks To:

- 👥 Our wonderful chaperones for guiding and encouraging the youth
- 📷 Everyone who participated with such great energy and spirit

Want to see the fun? Check out more of our photos on the wall in the Church Hallway by all the offices.

Let's keep the spirit alive—more youth events coming soon!



# IMMAMUEL'S YOUTH GROUP SUMMER ACTIVITIES!!

## JULY

7-12  
GRADE



**Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm-8pm

Picnic dinner & out door games

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am-11:30am

Summer Fun



## AUGUST



**Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:30am-1pm

Youth & JAM Cookout

**Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am-11:30am

Summer Fun



# SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE



Immanuel offers childcare for children ages 3yrs and under on Sunday mornings, during both 9:00 and 10:30am Worship. Our Nursery is located above the Narthex and can be accessed by the stairway at the end of the hall. During the summer months, children aged 4 through 6th grade are invited to worship with their families; activity bags are located next to the Ushers Stand if needed. If you have questions or need directions, an Usher would be happy to assist you.

## Raise Right Gift Cards

Let us help make your shopping, budgeting, dining out, and gift giving easier... **Gift Cards** for Local Grocers, Gas Stations, Clothing Stores, Online Shopping, Restaurants, and more are available through **Raise Right Gift Cards**. A variety of cards are on hand for immediate purchase, and hundreds of different cards can be ordered on a monthly basis. Raise Right gives us a % of each sale, which benefits our Joyful Journeys Ministries, both India and the COF Shoppe. A member of the India Task Force will have cards available 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, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## Benevolence Fund

**Benevolence: an act of kindness or an inclination to be kind.**

Within our church family and our community there are often individuals who need a little extra help to get them through unexpected financial difficulties. Immanuel's Benevolence Fund, under the discretion of Pastor Rich and Jenny, is yet another way our congregation seeks to shine the light of God's love in the world. Contributions can be made to this account by marking it on your weekly giving envelope or through the monthly Communion envelope. Online donations can be made through our website

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

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this special fund.

**Soul Sacks...meeting a basic need of the homeless within our community.**

A can of Pasta, Soup, or Chili

8oz bottle of water

Granola Bar

Plastic Spoon

**Soul Sack**

Sweet or Savory Snack

Fruit/Applesauce Cup

Piece of Candy

**A WHOLE LOT OF LOVE**

**Filling a sack, helps keep the hungry full. 🍷**

**Want to support our efforts? Donations of food or \$ to Immanuel's Benevolence Fund are always appreciated.**

**Soul Sacks are available in the Soul Box located outside of Immanuel Church.**

# Full Shelf Pantry

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

Deuteronomy 8:10

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



**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 various book and spiritual studies, video discussions and prayer.

Throughout the summer months, we will be using the Wired Word program, which offers a diverse assortment of lessons;

feel free to join us for our discussions,

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00am-11:30am.

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

## Wise Guys

Wise Guys will be pausing our monthly gatherings June-August.

Enjoy your summer, see you in September!



# “Sharing Today’s Word”

## Immanuel UCC Adult Discussion Group

Our Adult Discussion Group will be pausing their Sunday morning chats throughout the summer; “Sharing Today’s Word” will resume in September.

### **Big News from the Courtyard!**

Guess what? Our fabulous feathered friend, **Patty O’ Grace**, is now a proud momma to **EIGHT** adorable ducklings! They made their grand entrance on **Saturday, June 14th**, and have been waddling their way into our hearts ever since.

We had *so many* great name suggestions that we couldn’t decide... so we did what any fun-loving flock would do—we pulled names out of a hat!  

Meet the dream team:

**Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Rachel, Ruth, Naomie, and Esther**



These little fluffballs have already been on some big adventures:

- **The Great Leaf Chase**  (spoiler: the leaf won)
- **First Splash Day**  in the sled—lots of flapping, not much floating
- And of course, **Nap Time in the Sun**, a daily favorite  

They’re all thriving, exploring the courtyard, and keeping Patty on her webbed toes. It’s been a joy watching this little crew grow and fluff up!

Stay tuned for more duckling updates, cute pics, and maybe even a few splashy surprises.  



# ~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

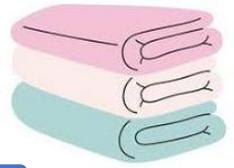
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Someone's load will be lighter,  
thanks to the generosity of many!

Thank you to all who donated backpacks in support of our  
Circle of Friends Shoppe, Immanuel's Soul Box,  
and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge,  
many will reap the benefits of your kindness.



**CURRENT "NEEDED" ITEMS AT  
THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**



Men's T-Shirts - All sizes  
Boy's T-Shirts sizes 10 thru 18  
Boy's Athletic Pants sizes 10 thru 18  
Girl's Shirts sizes 10 thru 14  
Girl's Stretchy Pants sizes 10 thru 14

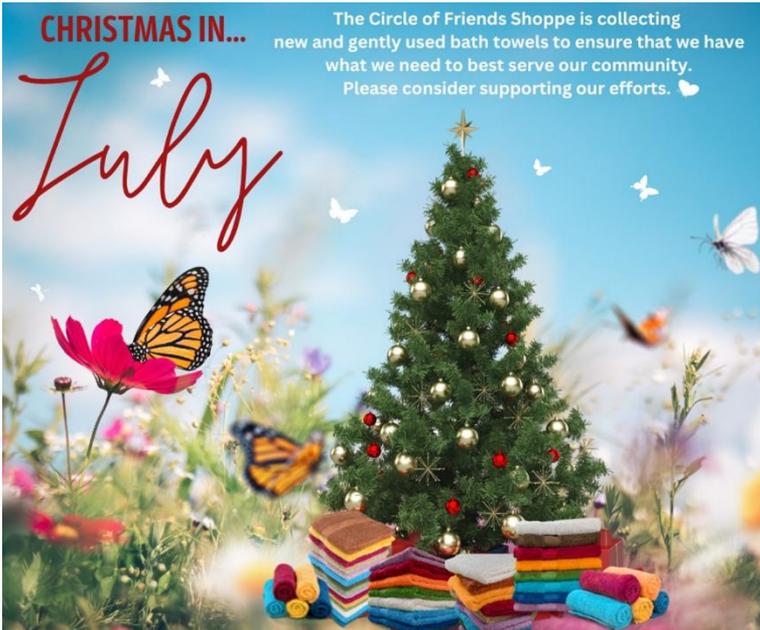
Sheets - Queen  
Blankets - Twin, Full and Queen

Toasters  
Coffee Pots

**CHRISTMAS IN...**

*July*

The Circle of Friends Shoppe is collecting new and gently used bath towels to ensure that we have what we need to best serve our community. Please consider supporting our efforts. 🦋



If you would like more information about the Circle of Friends Shoppe, or to donate online, visit our website at [joyfuljourneys-inc.org](http://joyfuljourneys-inc.org).

If you would like to know more about how you can help within this ministry, please don't hesitate to contact Jenny at

262-334-2886 or [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org)

# INDIA



## Update on Immanuel's 2025 India Trip

It is with a heavy heart that I share the disappointing news that our India trip has been cancelled. Please visit my blog if you are interested in more details.

<https://landowsindiaadventure.blogspot.com/>

Prayers for all the travelers would be appreciated while we process this devastating change of plans.

Namaste'

~Jenny

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We are excited to announce the newest member to our Joyful Journeys family in India!

Congratulations to Shekinah Valluri and her husband Naveen Kumar who welcomed a boy into the world on June 16th; mom and baby are both doing fine!

Prayers for Shekinah, Naveen and baby Yodha as they begin this next chapter of live.



# Letter from Novahu

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! With heavy hearts I learned about your much anticipated travel to India was cancelled due to ongoing conflict between Israel and Iraq. Your safety is very important for both ends not only for the personal, family safety, but also for the organization's future development. The decision has deeply disappointed everyone, even though we understand the reason.

All those who are a part of Joyful Journeys Ministry and the Marshall School were filled with expectation and excitement, knowing the value of your visit to India for cooperation, collaboration and spiritual fellowship and learning experience, but were saddened with the news of your cancellation of travel.

We had been practicing songs, preparing posters, preparing school with painting, air conditioning, with wall pictures, paints and stationary stuff, and sports material, etc. are purchased. Travel van cancelled, food cancelled, continental cooks and other arrangements are cancelled.

But we thank you very much for allowing us to continue to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JJM and Big Bob Memorial Day. And I thank you for the new projector for the school so I can show the video you prepared for us. Now, only thing that we miss you.

On Celebration Day the whole day was drizzling. In spite of this rain, parents, children, Local Leaders, Village Secretary, Administrative Officers, Village President, House Pastors have come to our program. We prayed and remembered, Big Bob, Terri and Bill, Fred, and others who made a contribution for the development of our society Joyful Journey in India.

All of them have heard your short and sweet message, one way they disappointed for your travel, and on other way they have thanked God for an escape from the possible dangerous situation.

I spoke to them of the immense gratitude and joy that we have for the past 20 years. It is God's faithfulness in the life and mission of Joyful Journey Ministries, and all the advocates connected to this organization that have built it to what it is today.

I told them that 20 years ago, the vision began as a spark, rooted in faith, born from a deep love for people. Sister Terri used to say, "Passion" for Indian people and carried forward by a handful of hearts burned with compassion and hope. A humble outreach has grown as guiding light of transformation, touching lives, shaping futures and weaving a legacy of grace in every step of the journey.

Joyful Journey is in fact feeding the hungry, empowering the struggling women, lifting up the poor students in their lives through education, in this way Joyful Journey and Immanuel Church West Bend became the hands and feet of Jesus.

What a joy to see the growth of Marshall School. With chalk in hand and purpose in heart, our teachers have not only taught lessons but also shaped character. The school became a sanctuary of learning, of growth and dignity for children who might otherwise have been forgotten.

In celebration of our school, Manjula has formed Acronym for MARSHALL to describe our students...

**M** - MORAL

**A** - ADVENTUROUS

**R** - RESPONSIBLE

**S** - SPECULATIVE

**H** - HONEST

**A** - AMAZING

**L** - LEADERS

**L** - LEGENDS

We (Manjula, Karishma, Shekinah and I) have hearts full of gratitude and reflect happily on the relationship between JJM and Immanuel Church West Bend. We think it is a story of shared faith and mutual upliftment for the Kingdom of God. From the earliest days of this journey, we have seen God's grace at work through the hands and hearts of remarkable pioneers that believed in this journey, the names are too many to list.

**Immanuel Church, you did not just support JJM India, you built a relationship grounded in Christ's love.** Because of your commitment, our children have been educated, lives have been transformed, prayers have been answered, the Gospel has been shared in the village...together we have become co-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

There were 300 students and 100 local leaders who participated in our celebration! Thanks to your generosity, we provided food to all of them. We couldn't accommodate the parents of our school children due to the rain as our program was conducted in the mini auditorium instead of outside. I promised the parents that I will provide food to them next time.

Manjula, Karishma, Shekinah Jennifer Noya, and baby Yodha send their love to you all

Your brother

Novahu

# Happy Anniversary, Joyful Journeys India Ministry!

The year 2025 marks the **20th anniversary of Joyful Journeys India Mission**...as we continue to highlight a different facet of the ministry each month, we draw your attention to our **Clean Drinking Water** program.

The hope of the India Task Force is for you to prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts in **shining the light of God's love to the world!**

For more information, or to find out how you can help make a difference, please contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org)

## JOYFUL JOURNEYS INDIA MINISTRY ~ 20TH ANNIVERSARY! LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME!

2005



2025



Clean drinking water is something that many of us take for granted since all we need to do is turn on the faucet, however in remote villages in India having clean water is a precious commodity. In 2005, water would need to be pumped from the local well, then boiled for drinking. Through the support of a Rotary connection in Kakinada, a filtration system was constructed in the Marshall School in 2014 called **Lora's Living Water**. It offers purified water to our students, as well as people in the village. Individuals can buy a bucket for \$1, once you have a bucket, the water itself is free!

Joyful Journeys, working with others for the good of the community!

**A financial donation, in any amount, designated to Lora's Living Water, helps maintain the filtration system to assure clean water can continue to be provided in the village of Madhavapatnam.**

**For more information or to donate - <https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>**

## Additional Expenses in the month of July...

- School Minibus Insurance \$415
- Website Renewal \$125
- Office Equipment Maintenance \$184

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

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

# Patio Party at The Orville Restaurant

- south end of Immanuel's parking lot -

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 6:00pm

Live music

Appetizers provided by The Orville

\*\*beverages are available for purchase\*\*

\*\*Cost is \$25 per person; tickets must be purchased prior to the event and will be on sale beginning July 20<sup>th</sup>.

This Event is hosted by Joyful Journeys,  
proceeds benefit Immanuel's India Ministry.





**Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

2:30pm PEO  
7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Office Open 9-Noon**

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe  
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA



**Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>**

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

**Communion Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

9am and 10:30 am Worship



**Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

10am SonShine Gals  
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

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

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

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

9am and 10:30 am Worship

**Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>**

12pm Boundaries  
4:15pm Citizen Advocates

**Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>**

5pm-8pm West Bend  
Youth Farmers Market  
in our parking lot

**Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>**

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe  
5:30pm-8pm Youth Group  
Picnic Dinner & Outdoor Games  
7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

**Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>**

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

**Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>**

9am and 10:30 am Worship

**12pm – 4pm**

**ANNUAL IMMANUEL JULY JAM**

**Ridge Run Park – West Entrance**

1pm Indivisible West Bend

**Monday July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1pm Staff meeting

**Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup>**

10am SonShine Gals

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

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

10am Handbell Workshop

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>**

9am and 10:30 am Worship

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

CORE, & SHINE

**Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>**

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous



**Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm**  
**July 3<sup>rd</sup> office will be open 9am-Noon**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Youth & J.A.M. Time Cookout**

Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Patio Party at the Orville**

Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Rally SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**INDIA GALA**

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





## *Altar Flowers*

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

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

*This month our flowers have been donated by:*

*July 6<sup>th</sup>: Mary Jo Norgel*

In memory of John & Michael Norgel

*July 13<sup>th</sup>: Carol Argabright*

In memory of her mom, Barbra Argabright

*July 20<sup>th</sup>: June Sommerfeld*

In memory of her husband, Mark Sommerfeld

*July 27<sup>th</sup>: Bath Family*

In celebration of Allen Bath's 75th birthday



# Birthdays for July

Spencer Scheunemann 1<sup>st</sup>

Rob Sheehy 1<sup>st</sup>

Abby Frederick 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lynn Hammen 3<sup>rd</sup>

Waylon Arndt 8<sup>th</sup>

Kiley Komro 8<sup>th</sup>

Jessie Mastenbrook 9<sup>th</sup>

Joan Stenstrup 9<sup>th</sup>

Quinn Vincent 9<sup>th</sup>

Brett Bartoszewicz 10<sup>th</sup>

Kathleen Diels 14<sup>th</sup>

Chris Potts 14<sup>th</sup>

Shaun Tanner 14<sup>th</sup>

Brittany Player 16<sup>th</sup>

Rachel Barger 18<sup>th</sup>

Laura House 18<sup>th</sup>

Ben Russell 19<sup>th</sup>

Evelynn Lutter 20<sup>th</sup>

Reed Depies Johnson 21<sup>st</sup>

William Elliott 22<sup>nd</sup>

Karen Miller 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kaitlin Demmon 26<sup>th</sup>

Glenn Radzinski 26<sup>th</sup>

Allen Bath 28<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Roell 29<sup>th</sup>





# 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:**

Ronald and Kathleen Diels, DeDe Emory, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

## **Health Concerns:**

Mona Anderson, Terry Christie, Jessica Frederick, Dave Hammen, Bruce Kapanke, Susan Kist, Jim Morrison, Nan Myers, Dave Wolff, and Marlene Wondergem.

## **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, Kendra Kapanke, Chase Mastenbrook, Evan Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, Chloe Sheehy, 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.

### **Deaths**

Bill Tybring 6-1-2025

Helen Keey 6-7-2025

### **Family Loss**

Jinna Lusty, Brett & Jamieson – Stepfather, Grandpa Bill Tybring

## **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](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org).

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



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

## **GREETERS:**

- July 6 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer  
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- July 13 9:00am Max Sommerfeld  
10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
- July 20 9:00am Carol Argabright STILL NEED SOMEONE  
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
- July 27 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler  
10:30am Julie Glassman

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

- July 6 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner  
10:30am Gene Kreis
- July 13 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm  
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- July 20 9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love  
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- July 27 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman  
10:30am Joe Halfman

## **READERS:**

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|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| July 6  | 9am Dave Hammen     | 10:30am Kevin Martin  |
| July 13 | 9am Jeanne Forester | 10:30am Tracy Halfman |
| July 20 | 9am Scott Gluck     | 10:30am Pete Michell  |
| July 27 | 9am Kaitlin Demmon  | 10:30am Julie Feit    |

## **COFFEE MAKERS:**

- July 6 Bonnie Gerner  
July 13 Jim & Anne Mari Peters  
July 20 Eric Christie  
July 27 Mary Demmon

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

- July 6 Beverly Mark  
July 13 Larry Wheelock /  
Cindy, Ana & Kiley Komro  
July 20 Beverly Mark  
July 27 Larry Wheelock

## **Fellowship Hour:**

- July 6 Mary Jo Norgel  
July 13 Circle of Friends  
July 20 STILL NEED SOMEONE  
July 27 Bath Family

## **Communion Servers: July 6**

- 9:00 – Frank & KC Laycock  
Floater – Jan Nesladek  
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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### CONSISTORY ELDERS:

Amy Schmitt – President, Christopher Arndt-Vice-President,  
Carol Argabright- Secretary, and Mitchell Schleif

### CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Charlene Swanson- Financial Secretary, Ben Russell – Treasurer,  
Mike Soener – Property, Joe Halfman, Bradley Mitchell, and Kent Scheuerell

### Finance Committee:

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

*Immanuel's Team*

