



Journey Connection

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

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE THE Church Directory BUT...WE'RE KEEPING IT SIMPLE!

We will be taking digital photos and uploading them to our church computer system. Directories will be accessible through your member portal or hard copies will be available, at a later date, for a minimal cost.

When: Sunday August 3, 10, and 17

Time: 10am - noon (no appointment necessary)

Where: Adult Ed Room

** If you are a member and not able to have your picture taken during any of these times, please contact Johanna at 262-334-2886 to make other arrangements.



A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ

The last few weeks have been challenging for me physically. For two of the last three weeks I've struggled with sickness, dry throat, and general fatigue. This fatigue has left me bedridden for days at a time. Feeling that this may be more than general sickness, I contacted my doctor at Grace clinic.

Yesterday (I'm writing this on July 31), my doctor performed some fresh bloodwork and we've discovered some concerning numbers related to my liver. And today, I'm scheduled for an Ultrasound of my liver to consider what treatment should be pursued.

The good news is that I start a 2-week vacation on August 4, 2025. My hope is that this will allow me ample opportunity to rest, recuperate, and get a better handle on what's going on in my body. Chaplain Esteve Roledad from Cedar Community will provide pulpit supply on August 10th and Reverend Jakob Kröner from Peace UCC in Kewaskum will do the same on August 17th.

Lord willing, I will be here this Sunday, August 3, to conclude our look at Genesis 1-3 (as we consider the unintended consequences of one moral failing) and to share in Communion with you.

As always, thank you for your support, your prayers, and your faithful presence.

Grace and peace,
Rich



On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Hope this finds you all enjoying the beautiful summer months. A big thank you to all who were able to attend the Immanuel July Jam! What a wonderful gathering this continues to be. Thank you to all the Consistory members who worked so hard to put together this event!

While August is not truly the end of summer, it sure feels like it as preparations for the return to a new school year and Immanuel youth ministries begin. Seeing the displays change from 4th of July to school supplies is a sure sign that summer is coming to a close. However, might I suggest that you join me in choosing to “live in the moment”. Working to focus on the present and fully experience it, rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. Join me in working to be aware of your surroundings and appreciating the here and now.

One can find many examples of this in the bible, which I’m sure you are familiar with. The idea is definitely not new, but I find reminders are necessary, as it is all too easy to dwell and worry.

Matthew 6:34 “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Psalms 118:24 “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Blessings,
Amy



2nd Annual Immanuel July JAM

A huge "shout out" to our Consistory for once again hosting an
AWESOME CHURCH PICNIC!!!

The change in venue to Ridge Run Park didn't disappoint as we gathered for delicious food, joyful fellowship, and fun games, all while the sun kept the clouds away! So grateful for everyone who joined us, your presence helped make it a perfect day!



FUNDRAISING TO HELP...



RAISE THE ROOF

Our **"Raise the Roof"** campaign is three months in, and to date, we've collected

\$14,709.85 out of the **\$48,000**

needed for this project!!

Yahooo!!! Yippee!!! Yowzaa!!!

We don't want to **"shingle"** anyone out, so we'll just say 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...

Psalm 56:12: "I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You."

Greetings Immanuel Church Family! June was another expensive month. We had to make a large payment to our insurance company this month and had some IT expenses since our two-year contract was renewed for security maintenance. We were however, under budget for office expenses.

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

Immanuel Finance Report June 2025

June 2025	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$22,739.66	\$202,787.82
Total Expenses	<u>\$37,756.62</u>	<u>\$210,997.71</u>
Income vs Expenses	(\$15,016.96) Deficit	(\$8,209.89) Deficit

Cash Available for Church Operations June 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending on Month 6/30/25 \$ 20,144.20

Online Giving

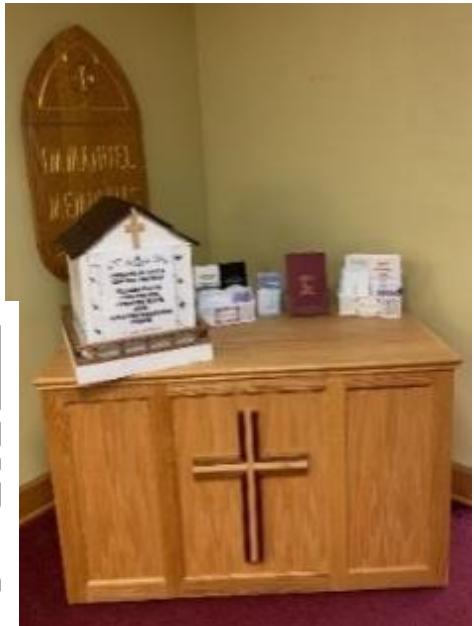
In case you did not already know, both Immanuel United Church of Christ and Joyful Journeys, Inc. have the capability to receive online donations. You can set up payment via ACH from your checking account or use a credit/debit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit/debit card there is a small fee of about 3.4-3.8% which the service provider reduces the amount we receive.

Offering Altar

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

**Scan
Me!**



2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY, SEP. 7TH

RALLY SUNDAY AND PICNIC

FRIDAY, OCT. 10TH

JOYFUL JOURNEYS INDIA GALA

SUNDAY, DEC 7TH

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

**BE SURE TO MARK
YOUR CALENDARS!**

Property update...

Otis Elevator was here to do their annual maintenance; no issues were noted.

Kettle Moraine Heating and A/C completed the portion of our Peace of Mind package that was servicing all of our condensers (A/C units) and there were no issues noted. Our furnaces and boilers will be serviced later this year, that will complete the agreement with KMH for this calendar year.

Our property team was able to get rid of a lot of junk furniture that was cluttering up our stage in the fellowship hall, along with some junk items that were in our storage garage.

Our snow removal company sold their business due to retirement, so we did receive a quote from the company that took over Scott's Landscaping, the company is Brant's Lawn Care. We also did contact Extra Mile Snow Removal, and they are sending us a quote also.

We met with Quinton Bendickxon from Arch Electric due to a request from the consistory to look into Solar Panels for future consideration to help offset energy costs. Quinton will be providing us with some options along with possible financial grants to help offset the future installation of these solar panels.

Property Team

A Note From our Choir Director...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side,

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

These are the lyrics to our Summer Choir song, "Draw the Circle Wide", written by Gordon Light and Mark A. Miller. These words invite all to show up in our world, shining God's love and grace to all creation. This is an invitation to you ! Come our and sing it with others in our Immanuel Church family on Sunday, August 17th in our 9:00am service, Ministry of Music. Copies of the song are available in the church office, and I will glad send you a practice recording on request. We will rehearse together before worship on August 17th at 8:00am.

Immanuel's choir rehearsals will be starting soon - please consider joining in: perhaps for the whole year (September through May), perhaps for just a season, perhaps for Christmas Eve or Holy Week. All groups rehearse on Tuesday evenings. You are always welcome!

Handbell Ensemble:

First rehearsal: Tuesday, August 26

Time: 5:00pm

First Ministry of Music: Sunday, September 21

Ladies Ensemble:

First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 2

Time: 6:00pm

First Ministry of Music: Sunday, October 12

Adult Choir:

First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 2

Time: 6:30pm

First Ministry of Music: Sunday, October 5



Questions? Contact me via email, bevbeemark@gmail.com or call or text 920-242-7318.

Blessings,
Beverly Mark

WHITECHAPEL HANDBELLS

IMMANUEL CHURCH

The Whitechapel Foundry was established in 1570, and since then, thousands of bells have been sent to almost every country in the world. In addition to casting English Handbells, the foundry is also famous for its tower bells. Here is a very abbreviated list of some you may recognize:

Great Tom of St. Paul's Cathedral, London 1716

Christ Church, Philadelphia PA 1744

Liberty Bell, Philadelphia 1752

St. Michael's Church, Charleston SC 1764

Big Ben of Westminster in London 1853

Westminster Abbey 1919

Washington Cathedral, Washington DC 1963. Ring of 10 peal bells

A bell is tuned to five partial tones, spanning two octaves. The "strike" note, which is heard on the impact of the clapper and the "hum" note, which swells up afterwards, are the two most evident to our ears. The other tones are the minor third, the fifth and the octave above the strike note. The hum note should be one octave below the strike note. As well as being in tune with itself, each bell must be in tune with the others in the "ring", or set, so that the ring functions as a single musical instrument. The bell is cast as near as possible to the required note and the final tuning is done by removing metal from inside, by a large vertical lathe. When tuning handbells, the margin of error is so small that even the polishing needed to give the bells their beautiful finish must also be allowed for.

Immanuel's handbells are a ring (or set) of 49 bells: they are four full octaves. The largest bell is low C, two octaves below middle C. It weighs just over 10 pounds and is over 11 inches in diameter. The smallest bell is high C, 2 octaves above middle C, weighs approximately 7 ounces and is about 2 inches in diameter. The bells are made of brass and have no protective finish. Care must be taken in handling them, and they are thoroughly polished and inspected each year by members of Immanuel's Handbell Ensemble.

In May of 1970, Immanuel Church placed its first order for handbells with the Whitechapel Foundry. This order was for 25 handbells, two octaves : “middle C” (C4) to “high C” (C6). The cost for the bells at that time was \$596.00. The current price of this two octave set today is \$17,235.00! This order of bells was not received at Immanuel Church until February of 1972. The Whitechapel Foundry had expected to fulfill the order within 12 months, but a 1971 dockers strike in the United States closed all shipping delaying the order almost a full year.

In March of 1973, Immanuel Church requested the expansion the existing set with the addition of 6 larger, lower bells. Price for these bells was \$206, with expected delivery in 10 months. Due to the generosity of its congregation, Immanuel Church was able to request that 3 more bells to be added to this order further expanding the set. However, Whitechapel Foundry advised that the addition of these bells would delay the shipment an additional 8 months, and Immanuel Church decided to forgo these additional bells and return to the original order of 6 bells. Whitechapel Foundry experienced severe delays in fulfilling this order and by July of 1975 informed Immanuel Church of the anticipated fulfillment date of the following September of 1975. At this point, Immanuel Church changed the order from 6 bells to 20 bells, bringing the set to “low C” (C3) to “high G#” (G#6). These bells were received in October of 1975.

A final order was placed in August 1997 for 4 more bells to complete the set to what it is now: 4 full octaves ranging from “low C” (C3) to “high C” (C7).

It is a pleasure to ring Immanuel’s Whitechapel Handbells, and it is our prayer that they continue to bless the worship of Immanuel’s congregation for years to come.





HEY IMMANUEL SHINE BRITES!



JOIN US FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!

GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

AGES 3 – 12TH GRADE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

10:30AM–11:30AM

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!

If you have any questions contact

Mitch Schleif at 414-491-5057 or excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

Jo Landowski at (262) 353-2739 or confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org

Elise Susnik at (262) 343-1149 or shine@immanuelwestbend.org



August Summer SHINE

Sunday, August 17th

10:30-11:30

Continuing our summer service theme, we'll be exploring yet another way our church helps shine God's love in this world- and this time, we're going local! Join us as we join JAM Time and CORE to explore our Soul Sacks and Circle of Friends ministries. If you've ever wanted to peek behind the curtain and even tour the shoppe, this is your day!



Shine is a 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.

Questions? Comments? Talk to Elise!

(262) 343-1149 or shine@immanuelwestbend.org

JAM Time* News

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:1

The purpose of Immanuel Church's Children's Ministry is: To work with families to share the amazing story of the Christian faith in such a way that children fall in love with Jesus.

We need YOU to help make this happen!



Please prayerfully consider how you can bless the children of Immanuel with one hour of your time per week.

Do you have children aged 3 – 6th grade?

Do you love being around kids and having a great time?

Have you ever looked at the J.A.M. Time bulletin board and thought
“WOW!”

That looks like a lot of fun!”

Or have you heard Immanuel's Shine Brites talking about how much fun they had baking, making crafts, storytelling, playing games or learning a song and wondered “Hey! How do I get in on all this fun?”

Well now's your chance! Mark your calendars for a brief informational meeting to learn more about our J.A.M. Time program and volunteer opportunities.

WHEN: Sunday, August 17th at 11:40 a.m.

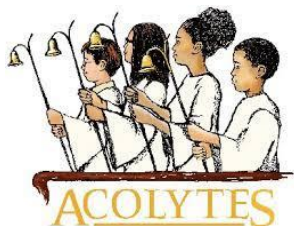
WHERE: Lounge off of Fellowship Hall in Lower Level

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif
Excited4JAM@Immanuelwestbend.org
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.

Acolyte Guild

To all young folks third grade and up: Would you like to serve Immanuel in a special way? Please consider becoming an acolyte! Throughout the year, these children provide worship leadership by lighting and extinguishing candles at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, as well as candle lighting during Advent, on Christmas Eve, and on Maundy Thursday.



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

If you'd like to join the Acolyte Guild, or just want to see what it's all about, please contact either of the following:

Mitch Schleif: Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org

The church office: office@immanuelwestbend.org

If there is enough interest, training will take place on a Sunday after J.A.M. Time in the latter part of September.

CORE

Join us for our final Summer CORE gathering on Sunday August 17th to talk about how we **serve in our community**.

Our first two gatherings were a big hit! We have talked about **what it means to serve at home, and serving around the world, specifically India**. Through thoughtful discussion, we explored how small acts of kindness, responsibility, and love can be powerful ways to live out our faith and values every day.

CORE is part of Immanuel's youth ministries that serves kids in 7th & 8th 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

YOUTH GROUP!

Another great youth group event. The weather was not in our favor, so we moved the picnic and games to inside. We had fun playing Grandma's Footsteps and everyone's favorite, Hide and Seek.

Thank you to our wonderful chaperones for helping and our amazing youth for participating!



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IMMAMUEL'S YOUTH GROUP SUMMER ACTIVITIES!!

AUGUST

**7-12
GRADE**



Saturday August 9th

7am-1pm

Youth & JAM Cookout

This is a family event!

Sunday August 17th

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.

J.A.M. Time & Youth Cookout

AUGUST 9TH
IN IMMANUEL'S
GRASS AREA OFF WALNUT.
9AM-1PM



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, August 11th.**

A better way to help... Immanuel's Benevolence Fund

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

Within 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 by helping others.

If offering financial assistance, in these circumstances, is something you would like to do, **please refrain from handing out cash to individuals,** but instead consider giving through the church.

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/>

If you have any questions, or concerns, please discuss with Jenny or Pastor Rich.

Your kindness is appreciated!



Full Shelf Pantry

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb (or jelly), sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of August, we will be collecting
Peanut Butter and Jelly



12 count egg cartons are needed on a monthly basis

Items can be placed in the bins outside the main office, or cash/checks (payable to Immanuel) can be put in your giving envelope with notation designated to Food Pantry.

Any questions see Jenny or Johanna Landowski

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 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10:00am-11:30am.

On August 28th, we will welcome special guest, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, as she shares about the mission work she and her husband Abraham do in Japan.

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.



News from the Courtyard!



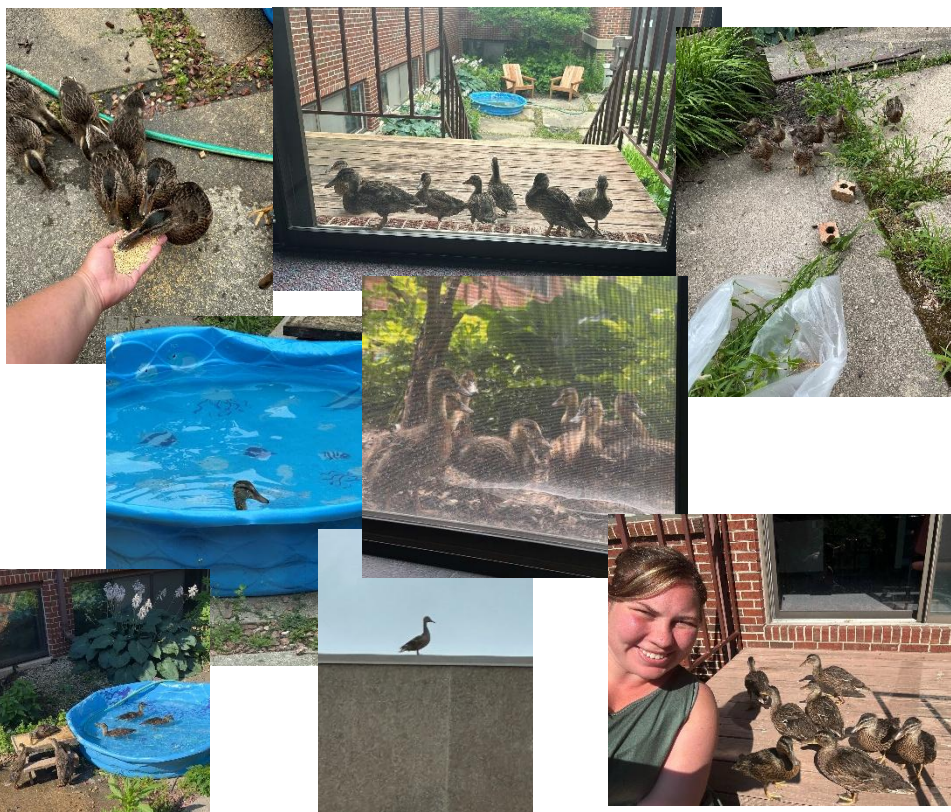
Our fabulous, feathered friends,
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Rachel, Ruth, Naomie, and Esther,
are no longer little fluffballs, they are growing into young strong-willed ducklings.

They continue to have big adventures:

- They are now eating out of our hands
- Splash Day 💧 in the pool—lots of water games are being played
- They have ventured up onto the deck in the courtyard to greet people on Sunday mornings
 - They are helpful when it comes to weeding their home
 - They also like to greet people from the window in the basement
- And as all siblings do, they like to pick on each other all while learning how to love one another

While Patty O' Grace is now watching over them from a far, Momma Jo is taking care from within. They continue to bring joy to all who stop to say "Hi"!

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."



Update on Immanuel's India Trip



After much discussion with Novahu and Manjula stemming around the recently cancelled India Trip and prayerful consideration on how to move forward from that, a decision has been made.

Some of the members who were intending on taking part in the 2025 trip are in the beginning stages of planning for a trip in late January, 2026. We ask for your prayers as we start back in square one, with great anticipation of seeing this trip through.

Understanding that there's not a lot of time to prepare, nevertheless we are extending an invitation for you to join us. If traveling to India to see the good works being done on behalf of Joyful Journeys Ministry is something you've ever considered, feel free to contact Jenny director@immanuelwestbend.org for more information.

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 **Oma's Oldsters** 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

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

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2025



Life in India can be very challenging for the older population, more so in smaller villages where poverty is prevalent. Many of these seasoned members of the community lack nutritious food, proper healthcare, basic hygiene products and adequate clothing. Upon learning of these struggles, a passionate Joyful Journeys supporter initiated a special fund that would offer assistance for these essential needs. **"Oma's Oldsters"** currently provides loving and dignified support to 25 individuals

\$15 a month helps cover general expenses for a struggling senior in India.

Any contribution to Oma's Oldsters, will help maintain this program!

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

Additional Expenses in the month of August...

- Security Fencing by Marshall School \$237
- Battery and Electrical Inverter \$317
- Teacher-Parent Program \$335

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/>

Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

Patio Party at The Orville Restaurant

Sunday, August 17th

4:00 – 6:00pm

Appetizers provided by The Orville

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

Live music featuring
Fred Luft

Cost is \$25 per person

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



Marshall School 2025-26

Academic Year up and running!

Within the Indian culture, school enrollment is a lengthy process; because of traditional customs, families have almost a 2-month window in which to register their children. Obviously, this is very different from what we are used to here in America, however over the years we have learned to wait patiently during this process as we look forward with great anticipation to see the returning faces of our beloved students and welcome in newcomers. For our sponsors, we know that you too are eager to see if your child has returned and to receive their latest photo; as we begin the process of updating the India Wall, stay tuned, we'll be in touch! 😊 For those of you interested in becoming a sponsor, we ask for your patience as well as we get things organized for the new school year.

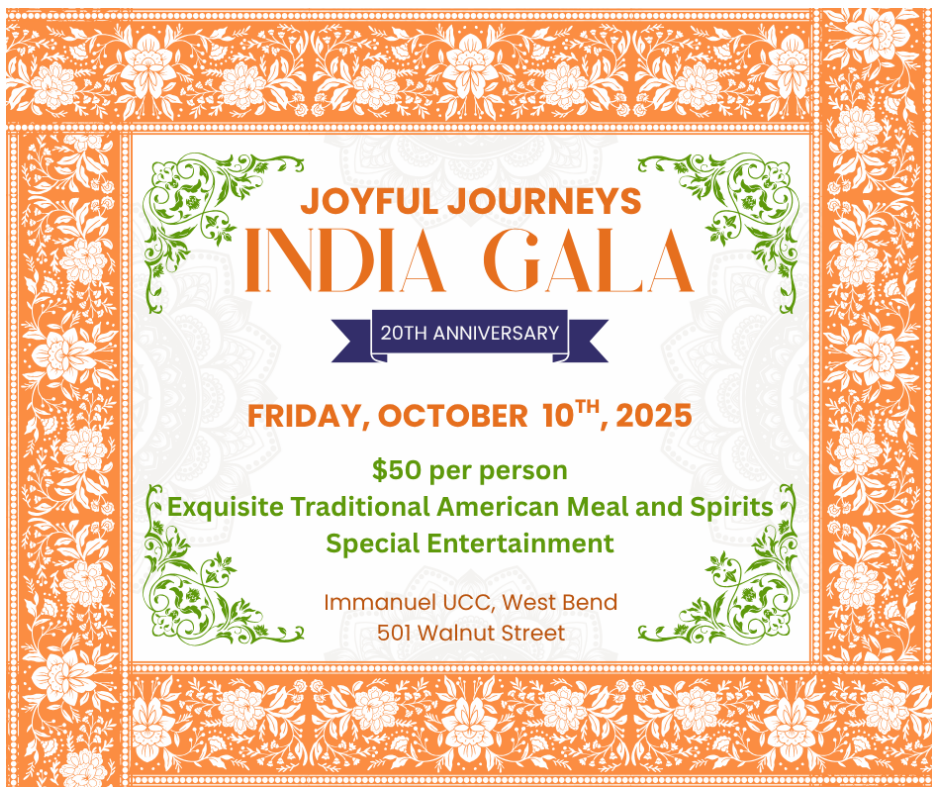
Now together, as the students begin to flow back into the classrooms and the teachers prepare their lessons, pray with us... God bless Joyful Journeys in India so that the good works that began 20 years ago may continue to be fruitful. Grant wisdom in decision making to those who oversee this ministry, both here and abroad. Embolden the Marshall School staff with patience and love as they shepherd the students through another school year. And help each child to receive, like a sponge, the knowledge and possibilities being offered to them so they can be all they can be! Amen.

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

If you have any questions, contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or
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Silent Auction Items Needed

Our Silent Auction Committee has already been working hard acquiring items and gift certificates from local businesses for our upcoming India Gala Silent Auction, **but we need your help to ensure the success of the event!**

Please consider the following:

- ~ Donations of Handcrafted items, specialty meals, gift certificates, ____ of the month, jewelry, and “techy stuff” are just a few suggestions.
- ~ Please use donation slips outside of the main office to accompany auction items.
- ~ Please be aware that **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.**
- ~ All items must be received by Wednesday, September 17th.

If you have any questions, need suggestions, or want more information, please contact Mary Demmon (262)483-2921, Laurie McCann (414)416-7184, or Barb Seefeldt (262)853-5628, our awesome Silent Auction Committee members, and they'd be happy to assist you.

Circle of Friends

CHRISTMAS IN JULY...IT'S A WRAP!

We are incredibly grateful for everyone who supported our Christmas in July Towel Drive for the Circle of Friends Shoppe; in addition to individuals who contributed, we also received a large donation from **Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge** as they shared their bounty!

May God continue to bless this ministry as a source of support to those in need within our community.

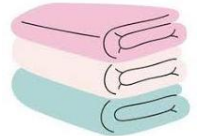
If you would like more information about the Circle of Friends Shoppe, or to donate online, visit our website at joyfuljourneys-inc.org.

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



CURRENT "NEEDED" ITEMS AT THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Men's T-Shirts - All sizes
Men's Athletic Pants - Small
Boy's T-Shirts sizes 10 thru 18
Boy's Athletic Pants sizes 4,5,6,10 thru 18
Girl's Shirts sizes 3,10 thru 14
Girl's Stretchy Pants sizes 10 thru 14

Sheets - Queen
Blankets - Twin, Full and Queen

Toasters
Coffee Pots





Friday August 1st

6:30 pm NA

Saturday August 2nd

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday August 3rd

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:00am -Noon Church Pictures



Monday August 4th

Tuesday August 5th

Wednesday August 6th

2:30pm PEO

Thursday August 7th

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe

5pm India Task Force

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday August 8th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday August 9th

9am – 1pm Youth & J.A.M. Time

Cookout

10am–Noon COF Shoppe



Sunday August 10th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:00am -Noon Church Pictures



Monday August 11th

12pm Boundaries

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday August 12th

Wednesday August 13th

11am JJI Meeting

Thursday August 14th

10am SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday August 15th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday August 16th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday August 17th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:00am -Noon Church Pictures
10:30 am Summer J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE
1pm Indivisible West Bend
4pm-6pm Patio Party
at the Orville



Monday August 18th

Tuesday August 19th

6:30pm PEO

Wednesday August 20th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

Thursday August 21st

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday August 22nd

6:30 pm NA

Saturday August 23rd

Sunday August 24th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

Monday August 25th

Tuesday August 26th

5pm Bell Choir

Wednesday August 27th

Thursday August 28th

10am SonShine Gals
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday August 29th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday August 30th

Sunday August 31st

9am and 10:30 am Worship



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Rally SUNDAE

Sunday, September 7th

INDIA GALA

Friday, October 10th
20th Anniversary

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, December 7th





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:

August 3rd: Chris & Jennifer Arndt

In celebration of our 6th wedding anniversary

August 10th: Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

In celebration on Nana & Papa's 64th Anniversary

August 17th: Beverly Mark

In gratitude for all the musicians of Immanuel Church

August 24th: Doug & Jean Stewart

In celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

August 31st: Mike & Chris Soeners

In honor of our parents Jack & Betty Soener,
and Clarke & Phyllis Danforth

Birthdays for August

Zuriel Pabon 2nd

Austin Koehler 3rd

Jerico Thull 3rd

Thomas Kreif 4th

Chris Witt 4th

Mike Soener 6th

Rachel Gumm 7th

Tom Wilson 8th

Tyler Wolff 9th

Eric Christie 10th

Debbie Nelson 10th

Jason Ratzburg 10th

Ed Krepsky 12th

Dennis Roos 15th

Tobias Halfman 16th

Gaige House 16th

Judy Muelling 16th

Twyla Bath 17th

Chuck Gustafson 17th

KC Laycock 17th

Gene Kreis 18th

Scott Rusch 19th

Austin Schmitt 21st

Amy Mueller 24th

Elaine Radzinski 26th

Judy Krepsky 29th

John McCann 30th

Cole Mueller 31st

Kylee Prah 31st





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, Doris Hawkins, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Mona Anderson, Darleen Baerenwald, Terry Christie, Jessica Frederick, Dave Hammen, Bruce Kapanke, Susan Kist, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Irene Welzien, 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, Kendra Kapanke, Chase Mastenbrook, Evan Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, and Adam Vincent.

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.



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

GREETERS:

August 3	9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer 10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
August 10	9:00am Max Sommerfeld 10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
August 17	9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock 10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, Mary jo Norgel, Kent Scheuerell
August 24	9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler 10:30am Julie Glassman
August 31	9:00am Dan, Rachel, Sam, & Nora Gerard 10:30am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

August 3	9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner 10:30am Gene Kreis
August 10	9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm 10:30am Elaine Radzinski
August 17	9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love 10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
August 24	9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman 10:30am Joe Halfman
August 31	9:00am Al Nevala, Jackie Nieman 10:30am Jennifer Schleif

READERS:

August 3	9am Kent Scheuerell	10:30am Doug Stewart
August 10	9am Tama Gluck	10:30am Chris Witt
August 17	9am Russ Demmon	10:30am Riley Tanner
August 24	9am Jackie Nieman	10:30am Kari Lutter
August 31	9am Michael Bath	10:30am Rachel Gumm

COFFEE MAKERS:

August 3	Bonnie Gerner
August 10	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
August 17	Eric Christie
August 24	Mary Demmon
August 31	<u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

Fellowship Hour:

August 3	F.I.T.
August 10	Radzinski
August 17	Bath Family
August 24	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
August 31	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

August 3	EcuMen Tour & Ed Muelling
August 10	Cindy Komro & Larry Wheelock
August 17	Summer Choir
August 24	Larry Wheelock
August 31	Marlene Wondergem & Beverly Mark

Communion Servers: August 3

9:00	– Al Vredeveld & Pat Sommer
	Floater – Rachel
10:30	– Dennis & Cindy Roos

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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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

