



Journey Connection

September 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

RALLY SUNDAES
IMMANUEL CHURCH

SUN | **7** | 2025
SEPT

9:00am - Worship Service
10:30am - Worship Service
J.A.M. Time (Children's Ministry)
CORE (7th & 8th grade Ministry)
SHINE (High School Ministry)
11:30am - Parking Lot Party

YOU are invited; friends are welcome!

501 WALNUT STREET
WEST BEND
262-334-2886



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If you plan to worship with us, come with an open heart...

**If you plan to have your kids participate in any of our
Youth Ministries,**

please fill out a registration form... online access:

<https://forms.office.com/r/u3K2TZngr8>

**If you plan to stay for the Parking Lot Party,
kindly sign up on the sheet outside the Main Office so
we can plan accordingly for food.**

**You can also contact Johanna,
and she'll add your name to the list.**

office@immanuelwestbend.org 262-3342886

Thoughts from our Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries

Dear Immanuel Church family and friends,

Once again, I look to Ecclesiastes 3 as we enter a new **season** here at Immanuel... Certainly, after a **time** of individuals being **scattered** due to vacations and summer activities, we've joyfully entered a **time to gather** as Rally Day approaches with the start-up of all our various adult and youth ministries again. We hope you will join us as we **embrace** this **time to build up** our community of Spirit-filled followers of Christ!

Sadly though, we have also entered another **season**...one to **mourn** as Pastor Rich's cancer returned. He was admitted into the hospital on August 1st for a **time to kill**, through intense chemo treatments, the tumor that had formed in him. He is now home for a **time to heal**, as his body continues to fight. As I write this, the doctors are optimistic, and say the odds are in his favor, but it will take **time**...

So, during this **season** at Immanuel when we find ourselves in a **time of weeping** for our beloved Pastor Rich, let us not forget that it is also a **time to remain hopeful** as we are called to shine the light of God's love to the world. After all...no matter what **season** we are in, or what **time** it is, we are **Immanuel...God is with us!**

And now is a **time to give thanks**... Thank you to Rev. Emma Sancomb, Chaplain Esteve Redolad, Rev. Jakob Kroener, and Rev. Abraham Kist-Okazaki for leading us in Worship, thus far, during Pastor Rich's absence. May God bless each of them for being a blessing to us!

Peace and Love,
~Jenny



*For everything there is a season, and a
time for every purpose under heaven.*
ECCLESIASTES 3:1

On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

September brings new beginnings, such as the start of adult and youth ministries. Rally Sunday, September 7th, marks the kickoff of many ministries at Immanuel. Hopefully you will be able to join us for lunch and fellowship after the second service.

I would also like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while Pastor Rich works through his current health challenges. We have been very fortunate to have wonderful clergy providing pulpit supply in his absence. Thank you to each of these individuals. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

Last but certainly not least... A big thank you to Jenny and the rest of the staff for continuing to keep things at Immanuel running smoothly, as always. Your work does not go unnoticed!

Blessings,
Amy

FUNDRAISING TO HELP...

RAISE THE ROOF

Our **"Raise the Roof"** campaign is three months in, and to date, we've collected **\$15,269.85** out of the **\$48,000** needed for this project!!

This means we're a third of the way there!!

Continued thanks 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.

The poster features a central graphic of a roof with a cross on top, supported by five colorful hands (purple, orange, yellow, blue, and red). The background is light blue with confetti and starburst graphics. The bottom section is yellow with a pink heart and a dollar sign graphic.

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!**

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE THE **Church Directory**

BUT...WE'RE KEEPING IT SIMPLE!

We are 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.

If you are a member or friend of Immanuel and were not able to have your picture taken during the previously scheduled times, please contact Johanna at 262-334-2886 to make other arrangements.



Financial Secretary...

2 Corinthians 9:6 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

Our building expenses were slightly above budget since we had Kettle Moraine do a peace of mind package on our property to make sure our systems are all working properly. Utilities were under budget which helped with building expenses. Mid-year contribution statements will be sent out in the next few weeks.

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 email, finance@immanuelwestbend.org or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886 x105. I welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

Immanuel Finance Report July 2025

July 2025	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$33,778.32	\$235,701.14
Total Expenses	<u>\$33,769.77</u>	<u>\$244,767.48</u>
Income vs Expenses	(\$991.45) Deficit	(\$9,066.34) Deficit

Cash Available for Church Operations July 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending on Month 7/30/25 \$ 17,901.59

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!**



Property update...

We are still waiting on a bid from Extra Mile Snow Removal due to our current contractor retiring.

We have received the estimate on the probability of solar panels installation and our property rep will be presenting the estimates to consistory at the August meeting.

We did have some minor water issues in a few rooms downstairs in the old portion of the building. Other than vacuuming up the water there was no damage to those rooms or property. We feel that with the extreme amount of water received over the last few days that cascaded down the alley and from the downspout that runs off right on the west side of the building we figured that is where the water found its way into the building. The downspout and the extension have been rerouted.

We had a wet ceiling tile in the hallway near the west entrance. We figured that it might have been from the air handler located in the attic directly above that leak. We were not able to find the issue.



Property Team

"Thoughts from your Consistory"

As we've been discussing the ongoing cost and preparation to have the church's roof replaced, the Consistory has also been exploring the potential for solar panels being installed, which could lead to significant (although longer term) cost savings. While Consistory is only exploring this for now, we'll gladly take the congregation's thoughts on this possibility.



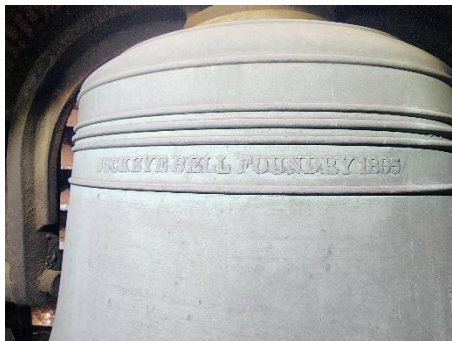
A Note From our Choir Director...

*Ring out, glad bells! Arouse our hearts,
Shame our indifference and our strife;
Call us again to leave behind All that impedes our spirit's life –
And with your wide and son'rous mouths
Inspire our mouths to sing anew
The praise of Him who reigns above,
The righteous One, the Just, the True.*

I was recently asked about the history of Immanuel's tower bell - the one we hear tolling before our 9:00am Sunday worship service. Since I have no information on the tower bell and began to inquire. I was referred to our church historian, Lynn Hammen. Quick as a flash, Dave Hammen and Glenn Radzinski climbed up into the tower, all the way to the bell. Thanks guys!!!



Here is what they found:

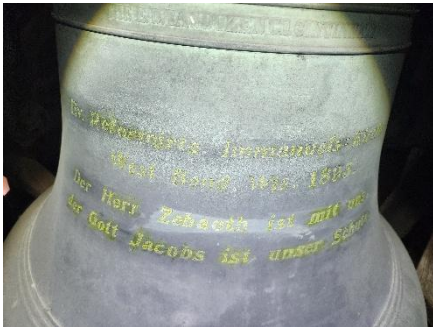


The Foundry:

The E.W. Vanduzen Co. was a bell foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio, known for its production of bells, particularly church bells and chimes. It was a successor to the Buckeye Bell Foundry and operated under the name E.W. Vanduzen Co. from 1894 to 1950. The foundry was known for its high-quality bells and innovative bell mounting techniques.

Here's a more detailed look at the company:

- **Successor to Buckeye Bell Foundry:** The E.W. Vanduzen Co. acquired and moved the Buckeye Bell Foundry in 1865, continuing its legacy of bell making.
- **Partnership and Incorporation:** Initially, E.W. Vanduzen and C.T. Tift formed a partnership, which later became Vanduzen & Tift Company after Tift's death. In 1894, Vanduzen bought out his partner, and the company became The E.W. Vanduzen Co., Inc.
- **Bell Production:** The foundry produced a wide range of bells, including those for churches, trains, and other applications. They were known for using high-quality materials and innovative designs.
- **Notable Achievements:** One of their most notable bells was a 35,000 lb bell cast in 1869, though it was said to have broken windows with its first toll. They also developed a unique bell mounting system that improved musical quality.
- **Closure:** The foundry officially closed in 1950, having been forced to close for WWII in 1939, but never reopening.



This is what is engraved on the backside of our church bell:

Ev. Reformirte Immanuelns Kirche
West Bend, Wis. 1895
Der Herr Zebaoth ist mi uns,
der Gott Jacobs ist unser Schutz

Translated it reads:

Ev. Reformed Immanuelns Church
West Bend Wis. 1895
The "Herr Zebaoth" is with us
The God Jacobs is our protection

"Herr Zebaoth" is a German phrase used in religious contexts, combining the German word "Herr" (meaning "Mr." or "Lord") with "Zebaoth" (a Biblical term for "Lord of Armies" or "God of hosts"). It's our church, "Immanuel! God With Us". Listen for our tower bell on Sunday morning, and may it's gentle toll remind us that we are never alone: Immanuel, God With Us. Amen!

It's September and Immanuel Church's choirs gather once again to explore and share music for worship.

Here's our rehearsal schedule:

Handbell Ensemble:

Tuesday afternoons 5:00 - 5:45 First rehearsal: August 26th

Ladies Ensemble:

Tuesday evenings 6:00 First rehearsal: September 2nd

Adult Choir:

Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 7:15

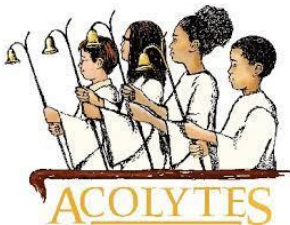
First rehearsal: September 2nd

It's never too late to let me know if you'd like to join us for our 2025 - 2026 season. Can't commit to a full rehearsal schedule? Join a choir (or two) for our Christmas Benefit Concert, Christmas Eve or Holy Week and Easter services. I'm available to answer any questions you have!

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

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.

J.A.M. Time* 2025-2026

“Hooked on Jesus”

Unit 1: Ruth & Naomi



*I will go wherever you go and live wherever you live.
Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.*

Ruth 1:16

September 7 – RALLY SUNDAY!

Join us as we welcome back returning and new Shine Brites alike to kick off another great year with crafts, music, treats, and FUN!

WANTED! Empty and rinsed wine bottles for our November project. Bottles can be given to Mr. S on Sunday's or dropped off in the main office.

September 14 – 28

Cuttin' & Struttin – Friendship Bracelets
Kickin' Kitchen – Friendship Biscuits
Movin' & Groovin' – Obstacle Course

Coming Up Next!

October: Jonah

November: UCCI Thanksgiving Outreach

Please remember to complete your child's Youth Ministries Registration ASAP! Contact Mitch for a link or scan the QR code on the registration flyer located on the JAM Time bulletin board.

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

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at
Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org
414-491-5057

*Jesus and Me Time – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children age three through 6th grade. JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room downstairs.

CORE

I can't believe another year of CORE is upon us. I am excited to say we have 7 new youth starting this year, and 3 returning youth. We will be kicking things off on Rally Day September 7th! Please keep each one of them in your prayers as they continue on their Faith Journey.

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



Welcome back at we begin a new year together on Rally Day, September 7th! We'll spend our first day together with some fun and games and catching up before heading over to our church-wide celebration. The following Sunday we'll start exploring our theme for this year:



CONNECTIONS.

A little different format than the New York Times game, our year together will also look at the way connections (obscure and obvious) make us who we are. We'll talk about how to connect with God, how to connect with others, and how to connect with ourselves in the middle of all the different influences (and influencers) that pressure us every day.

September Schedule:

September 7th- Rally Day

September 14th

September 21st

September 28th- Combined with CORE, meet in the SHINE room

SHINE is a faith and fellowship building group that meets together on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 during the school year. It's open to all high school students, and there's no need to sign up in advance- just stop down in the room in the church basement nearest the elevator. If you miss the sign at the top of the door, you can also identify us by the number of couches and the crunching of snacks.

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Comments? Ask Elise!

shine@immanuelwestbend.org 262.343.1149

J.A.M. Time & Youth Group Cookout!

Thank you to all who came out to support our J.A.M. Time & Youth Cookout whether it was on that Saturday to come enjoy some food and music or Sunday to take lunch home after church! We greatly appreciate your support!



**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.

Children aged 4 through 6th grade are welcome to visit or enroll in J.A.M. Time (Jesus & Me Time), which takes place in the lower level during the 10:30am Worship Service. If you have questions or need direction, an Usher would be happy to assist you.



YOUTH FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2025

SEP
SUN
7

Serve Ice Cream For Rally Day

Noon - 1:30pm
Adult Ed Room



**Dinner
GAMES**

SEP
SAT
20

Dinner & Games

5pm - 8pm
Church Basement

OCT
SAT
25

Fall Cleanup

8:30am-Noon
Meet at Church



OCT
SUN
26

Trunk or Treat

11:45am - until the fun is done
Church Parking Lot

NOV
SAT
8

Fall Fest

5pm -8pm
Church Basement

**Frohes
Fest**



NOV
FRI
28

Enchantment in the Park

4:30 - 9:15pm
800 N Main St, West Bend, WI 53090

DEC
SAT
20

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

6:45am - 10am
Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee



If you have any questions, want to participate, or help
with these events feel free to contact

Johanna Landowski
at youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org
Church 262-334-2886
Cell 262-353-2739

A better way to help...

Immanuel's Benevolence Fund

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

Immanuel's Benevolence Fund, under the discretion of Pastor Rich and Jenny, offers assistance to individuals within our church community and beyond, who need a little extra help getting through unexpected financial difficulties. One specific way Benevolence Funds are used is to purchase items for filling food bags to stock our Soul Box.

Did you know... **On average, we distribute 150 Soul Sacks per month!**

That's a lot of hungry people being fed, thanks to your generosity!!

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.

Your kindness is appreciated!

Peace be with you ~ John 20:19

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

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit.

You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:29

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry throughout the month of September, we will be collecting

Canned Vegetables



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

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, September 8th.**

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.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th 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

Hey fellas! Wise Guys is our men's ministry that meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. You are invited to attend this social time including dinner and a short discussion. The sign-up sheet for **September 18th** is located on the bulletin board outside the main offices. Consider checking it out, and while you're at it, bring a friend



“Sharing Today's Word” Immanuel UCC Adult Discussion Group

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14TH...

We are excited to invite any individuals, beyond high school age, to check out our Adult Discussion Group, “Sharing Today's Word”.

This group will meet on Sundays at 10:30am to discuss the sermon from that morning; they will gather in the space connected to the Friendship Room where Fellowship Time treats are served.

Wondering what to expect?? First off, your attendance can be as consistent or sporadic as you'd like it to be, as each gathering will be based off that day's message. This group does not have to come to a consensus. We can educate each other by sharing our opinions, ideas, and interpretations. By questioning and discussions, we will strive to develop and strengthen our faith. Hopefully, we will be able to help each other to not just listen effectively to the pastor's word but also make his message part of our lives.

If you have any questions,
feel free to contact Kent at kscheuerell@gmail.com



Do you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry and add a special purpose to your hobby. In addition to Prayer Shawls, they've made sweaters for the children in India, hat's for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, scarves for our Boxed up with Love ministry, and Prayer Squares for new members. This group meets on the 4th Monday of each month during September – May and invites you to join them.

For more information,
contact Rosemary Seideman at roseway12@charter.net.



Mr. Bob's



Under the Bridge

Don't forget we're always collecting donations for making hygiene packets. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion can be brought to Immanuel Church and dropped in the designated bin.



News from the Courtyard!

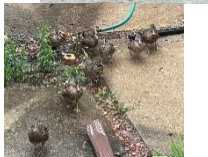


Our fabulous, feathered friends can fly!!!!

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Rachel, Ruth, Naomie, and Esther, are no longer youthlings, they have grown into strong-willed ducks.

Big adventures **continue** as all 8 have now taken flight and flown the coop!! Although, they are no longer residing in our courtyard, keep an eye out for the occasional "duck crossing" in the parking lot! 😊

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Rachel, Ruth, Naomie, and Esther, say "thank you" to everyone who stopped by to say hi and all who helped care for them as they grew into the ducks they are today! ❤️





Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Support for Neighbors in Need can be put in the designated envelopes outside the main office or included with your regular offering, noted under UCC Missions. You can also securely give through our website, designating it to Our Church's Wider Mission: <https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/> or directly through the UCC website: <https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>

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."



Additional Expenses in the month of September...

- 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 pay online through our secure website

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

Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

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 **House Pastor** 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!



Joyful Journeys Mobile Bible School equips and trains individuals who desire to learn and grow through the teachings in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Upon completion of the program, and with regular monthly support, these men and women serve as House Pastors in the remote villages they reside in, spreading the "Good News" to those who wish to hear it. The impoverished communities they serve in, generally speaking, are unable to support them financially.

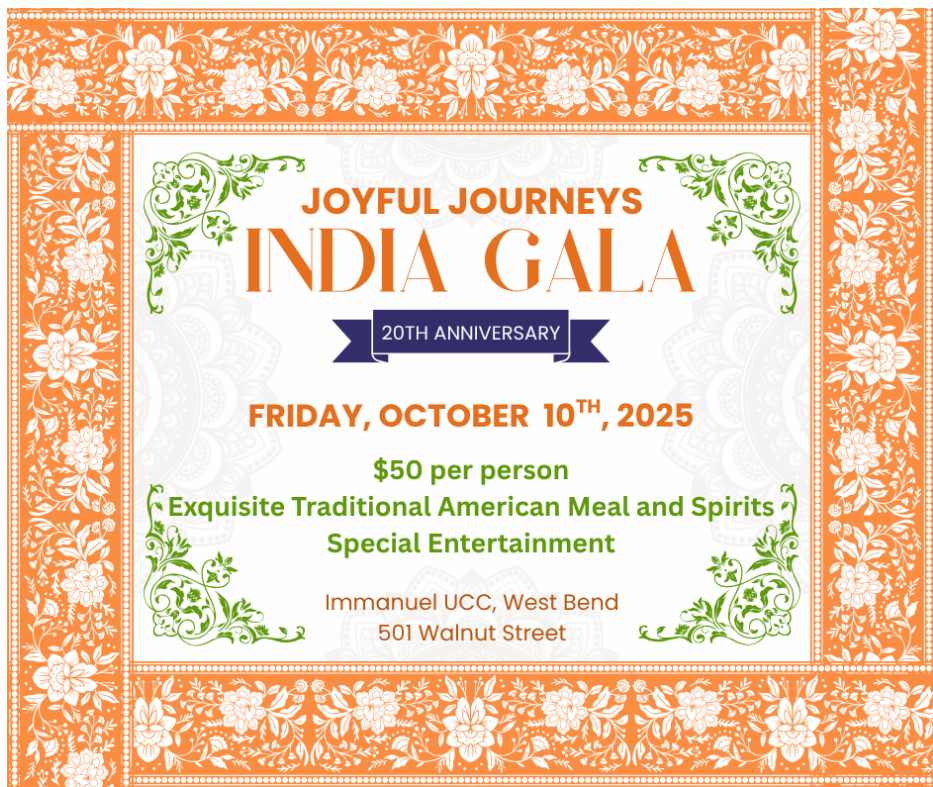
Joyful Journeys House Pastor program provides a small stipend to these individuals so they can care for the basic needs of their families as they tend to the spiritual needs of their community.

\$35 per month offers House Pastors the support they need so they can continue their work of spreading the Gospel in remote villages in India.

Any contributions to JJ House Pastors Ministry, help maintain this program!

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





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.

Sponsor a schoolchild in India

\$25 per month / \$300 per year

That is all it costs to change one child's life!! Yes, **\$25 a month**, the same amount it would cost to treat you and a friend to a Pumpkin Spice Latte and a Chocolate Croissant. Yes, **\$25 a month**, roughly the same price you would pay for a Fish Fry and a beer at most local restaurants. Yes, **\$25 a month**, the cost of a movie ticket, popcorn and a beverage. Yes, for **\$25 a month** you could provide an education, uniform, books, and school supplies to a child in the Marshall School in Madhavapatnam India.

For the past 20 years Immanuel Church's Joyful Journey India Ministry has been impacting the lives of hundreds of children in the remote village of Madhavapatnam by providing an education through our very own Marshall School. Many of the children who attend this school would normally not have the opportunity to receive an education due to poverty and other restrictions. By offering these youngsters free enrollment in our school we are helping to empower not only their future, but the future of this village.

Scriptures tell us in **Hebrews 6:10** ***God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.***

Please prayerfully consider supporting this mission
by committing to a monthly pledge.

Keep your eye on the India Wall as we update it with new school pictures for the year; and choose a child (or two) to be the face of this ministry to you. If you have any questions or are interested in how you can support, please contact Johanna Landowski at 262-334-2886 or office@immanuelwestbend.org



Circle of Friends

Summer was off to a busy start at the Circle of Friends Shoppe! Combined numbers for June and July are as follows...we served 104 individuals from 40 families. For a comparison, in 2024 we served 76 individuals from 31 families.

Praise God for how this ministry serves within our community!

REMEMBER...Donations of new and gently used clothing can be dropped off at church to help keep our Shoppe stocked as we serve children who are heading back to school, babies who grow in leaps and bounds, and adults, youth and kids alike as we approach the changing seasons.

ALSO...Bedding, towels, and kitchen ware that is in good condition are also appreciated items!

DROP OFF...Immanuel's office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm; donations can be brought in during those times.

THANK YOU...Your continued support within this ministry is changing the lives of people in Washington County, as it enables us to offer a dignified place to shop, at no cost to individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardships...we couldn't do it without you!!!

For more information, or to find out how you can help, contact Jenny Landowski 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



Birthdays for September!

Barb Eisenhardt 1st
Sara Flaherty 3rd
Kimberly Lisanby-Barber 3rd
Mitch Schleif 4th
Molly Pieffle 6th
Sebastian Tanner 6th
Jeff Potts 7th
Myrna Buchmeier 8th
Luella Dekker 8th
Tracy Schnick 9th
Patricia Goschey 11th
Chloe Sheehy 11th
Charles Roemer 12th
Thomas Newkirk 13th
Jackson Raad 13th
Lavonda Johnson 14th
Bruce Kapanke 16th
Nancy Jensen 17th
Jim Degnitz 18th
Jenny Landowski 18th
Julie Schowalter 18th
Kari Lutter 19th
Carol Argabright 20th
Savannah Demmon 21st
Ed Muelling 21st
Marie Papez 21st
Rebecca Kempfer-Witt 22nd
Ray Wondergem 22nd
Tommy Losch 23rd
Ken French 24th
Chase Mastenbrook 24th
Doug Stewart 24th
Micheal Peterson 27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





SEPTEMBER

Monday September 1st

Office Closed

Tuesday September 2nd

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 3rd

2:30pm PEO

Thursday September 4th

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe

5pm India Task Force

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday September 5th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday September 6th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion/Rally Sundaes

Sunday September 7th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
& SHINE

11:45am Parking Lot Party

Monday September 8th

12pm Boundaries

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday September 9th

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 10th

11am JJI Meeting

Thursday September 11th

10am SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday September 12th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday September 13th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday September 14th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word

Monday September 15th

Tuesday September 16th

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 17th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

Thursday September 18th

Friday September 19th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday September 20th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

5pm – 8pm Youth Group Game
& Dinner Night

Sunday September 21st

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word
1pm Indivisible West Bend

Monday September 22nd

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday September 23rd

5pm Bell Choir
6pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 24th

Thursday September 25th

10am SonShine Gals

Friday September 26th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday September 27th

Sunday September 28th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word

Monday September 29th

Tuesday September 30th

5pm Bell Choir
6pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



INDIA GALA

Friday, October 10th
20th Anniversary

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, December 7th

FALL CONGRATONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 9th





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:

September 7th: Kylee, Emma & Nancy Jensen

In celebration of God's glorious autumn colors

September 14th: Matt & Kim Handeland

In celebration of our 15th wedding anniversary

September 21st: Julie Feit

In honor of Steve's and my 43rd wedding anniversary, and the blessing of autumn after such a hot summer.

September 28th: Immanuel Church

In celebration of Jenny's 10-year anniversary here at Immanuel. We appreciate everything she does for this church and our community.



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, Bruce Kapanke, Susan Kist, Carol Merrifield, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Irene Welzien, Dave Wolff, and Pastor Rich.

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

Serving in the military:

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

Continuing their education:

Brett Bartoszewicz, Abby Frederick, Kathryn Hartley, Kendra Kapanke, Chase Mastenbrook, Evan Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, and Adam Vincent.

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Hospice Care

Mona Anderson

Family Loss

Jennifer and Mitch Schleif (family) – Grandpa Gordy

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:

- September 7 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- September 14 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
- September 21 9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, **WE STILL NEED SOMEONE**
- September 28 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

- September 7 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- September 14 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- September 21 9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- September 28 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

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| September 7 | 9am Evelyn Lutter | 10:30am Kevin Martin |
| September 14 | 9am John Buck | 10:30am Laurie McCann |
| September 21 | 9am Patricia Love | 10:30am Pete Michell |
| September 28 | 9am Kris Zulick | 10:30am Jan Nesladek |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- September 7 Bonnie Gerner
- September 14 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
- September 21 Eric Christie
- September 28 Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- September 7 Emilie Neiman-Witt
- September 14 Larry Wheelock
- September 21 Handbell Ensemble
- September 28 Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

- September 7 Rally Sunday
- September 14 **STILL NEED SOMEONE**
- September 21 Karri & Pete Michell
- September 28 Children's Ministries

Communion Servers: September 7

- 9:00 – Patricia Love & Riley Tanner
- Floater – Sophia
- 10:30 – Elaine Radzinski & Ed Muelling

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

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

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

Immanuel's Team

