



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

November 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

IMMANUEL CHURCH
PRESENTS...

Songs of the Season! A Christmas Benefit Concert

501 WALNUT STREET
WEST BEND

Sunday, December 7th, 2025
6:00pm Pre-Concert Social ~
Music & Refreshments
7:00pm Concert Begins

*Freewill donations support
Immanuel's General Fund*



Thoughts from our Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries

Dear Immanuel Church family and friends,

Do current circumstances got you down? Are you feeling the weight of the world on your shoulders? Are you at a loss as to, well, you fill in the blank... Join the club! What club is that you ask? The Apostle Paul's "Thankful Club"! As he told the early Christians in Thessalonica, "give thanks *in* all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), we too are called to be grateful. Note, he's not saying *for* all things, but rather *in* all things. Yes, in the midst of life's craziness, we are charged to seek out reasons to give thanks, so that's what we're going to do!

Throughout the month of November, we're going to be intentional about acknowledging some of the many reasons we currently can be thankful for Immanuel Church; I'd like to start us off...

- For Immanuel's Ministers... For Pastor Rich and all the wonderful clergy who are filling in during his absence. Their messages offer things to ponder and seeds of hope.
- For Immanuel's Worship Services... For all those who are currently assisting guest clergy with putting Sunday services together. For all who make a joyful noise through music within our worship. For those who provide tech support in the sound booth and recording. For everyone who reads Scripture, serves Communion, and carries the Christ Light. Your time and talents help create meaningful Worship!
- For Immanuel's radical hospitality... For all who greet friend and stranger alike. For all who prepare coffee and bring treats. Your kindness creates a feeling of "home"!
- For Immanuel's leadership... For the staff and lay leaders who keep things going. You are appreciated more than you know!
- For Immanuel Church... For our property and those who care for it. For the ability to freely share this space with various organizations and our local community. God is ever present on the corner of 5th and Walnut!
- For Immanuel's Companions... For our Yellow Roses team who connect with our homebound. For our J.A.M. Time volunteers who shepherd our children. For our adult chaperones who bond with our youth. You are the glue that keeps us together!
- For Immanuel's Shine Brides... For the young, whose spirit and energy fill our building! For the middle generation, whose passion and commitment are building our future. For the seasoned, whose wisdom and faithfulness are our cornerstones. You are the church!

- For Immanuel's Extra Activities... For those who participate in SonShine Gals, Wise Guys, Sharing Today's Word, Feast with Friends, F.I.T., Youth Group, and our Prayer Shawl ministry. Your involvement nurtures our church family!
- For Immanuel's Outreach Ministries... For all who serve within and contribute to Joyful Journeys India Mission, The Circle of Friends Shoppe, our Soul Box, and the Food Pantry. Together, we are changing the world!
- For Immanuel's Prayer Warriors... For all who lift up our church, our leadership, our ministries, and our members in heartfelt prayer. The power of prayer is uncontained!
- For Immanuel's Committed Members... For all who are reading this; thank you for staying connected. For all who put importance on regular attendance. We are always happy to see you or to know you are "tuning in".
- For Immanuel's Financial Supporters... For everyone who faithfully contributes to our budget and special fund raisers. We wouldn't be able to do what we do, if it weren't for you. Every monetary gift makes a difference!!

Now, it's your turn... We'd love to hear why you are thankful for Immanuel Church! There are colored slips of paper on the Offering Alter in the Narthex that you can jot your thoughts down on, or have your kiddos draw a picture on, then place them in the Giving Church. Every week we'll collect them to hang on the Bulletin Board outside the Main Office.

Let's see if we can fill the board by Thanksgiving!

Also, each Sunday in November, a member of our church family will be sharing their thoughts on why they are grateful for Immanuel Church during a special "Thankful" segment within the Worship Service. We hope you can be here to share in their testimony.

Thank you for being a part of Immanuel Church... You are valued. You are appreciated. You are loved.

In Joy, In Service,
~Jenny



Bucket Raffle for Immanuel's General Expenses

Immanuel's Consistory...RAISING AWARENESS...RAISING FUNDS...

Thanks to the financial contributions of members of various church groups, "buckets" have been assembled to represent various operating expenses.

We invite you to take a chance at winning by purchasing tickets!

100% of profits directly support Immanuel's General Fund!

Tickets can be bought starting on Sunday, November 9th,
Drawing will take place at Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert
on Sunday, December 7th

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5



Snow Removal sponsored by the Wise Guys

\$100 Gift Card - Sunburst Ski Hill

General Maintenance sponsored by our Property Group

\$100 Gift Card - Menards



Utilities sponsored by your Consistory

\$100 Gift Card - Kwik Trip

Music sponsored by members of the Choir, Bells, and Worship Team

\$100 Gift Certificate - The Bend



Hospitality sponsored by our Goodie Gang

\$100 in Coffee Shop Gift Cards



Christian Ed sponsored by leaders of JAM Time, CORE, & SHINE

\$100 Gift Card - Hobby Lobby



Technical Support sponsored by our techies in the Sound Booth & Office

\$100 Gift Card - West Bend Theatre



Outdoor Property sponsored by the SonShine Gals

\$100 Gift Certificate - Stein's Gardens and Gifts



Musical Instrument Maintenance sponsored by Pastor Rich

\$100 Gift Card - West Bend Music Academy



Outreach sponsored by Pastoral Assistant Jenny

\$100 Gift Card - Amazon



On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

It's November and that means that our Fall Congregation meeting is just around the corner. If you haven't already marked your calendar for Sunday, November 9th following the second service, please do so.

I'd love to see you in attendance.

As I was thinking about what to write in this month's edition of the Journey Connection, I was drawn back to a recent reading, Romans 12: 6-8.

So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

Reflecting on this passage, I think it is a great reminder that we have all been given different gifts and that we should actively use these gifts to serve others and the church. Each gift should be exercised with the right attitude and right purpose. And, in doing so, we build up each other and our church. I invite you to be thankful for each other's different gifts, as we are stronger together.

As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

One last similar thought from Mother Teresa,
"While none of us do great things alone, doing small things together with great love can result in something wonderful."

Blessings,

Amy



Financial Secretary...

Romans 12:13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

On November 9th, we will have our Fall Congregational Business Meeting to vote on the 2026 Budget after the second worship service.

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 September 2025

September 2025	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$23,024.29	\$287,359.35
Total Expenses	<u>\$29,481.26</u>	<u>\$304,968.04</u>
Income vs Expenses	(\$6,456.97) Deficit	(\$17,608.69) Deficit

Cash Available for Church Operations September 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending on Month 9/30/25	\$ 8,367.39
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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...

This past month was busy to say the least. First of all, our roof and gutters were replaced on the new portion of our building. Thanks to our congregation members and others that donated monies to this effort, the support we receive from you all is truly amazing.

Our elevator had a small issue when we lost power to the elevator. The main breaker had tripped but we were able to reset it. The elevator technician thinks that we possibly had a power surge that caused that breaker to trip. The breaker could be weak being that it was installed in 1990. We might have to replace the breaker in the future if this continues to be a problem.

The water heater that handles the hot water for our kitchen, men's and lady's bathroom and classrooms downstairs failed. The water heater was over 10 years old. We were able to pick up a replacement, and we got it installed. Everything is up and running again.

Air Conditioners were removed from the Circle of Friends windows and stored for the winter. The boiler was turned on for the winter season.

Property Team



A Note From our Choir Director...

WORST PART OF AUTUMN

*The worst part of autumn
is to rake, rake, rake.
The leaves look kind of pretty
but it takes, takes, takes
an awful lot of effort
'til you're done, done, done.
But when the leaves are piled up
you have fun, fun, fun.
You take a running start
and then you leap, leap, leap
into the autumn leaves
all piled so deep, deep, deep.
Some are depressed –
where did the summer go, go, go?
But me – I'm looking forward
to the snow, snow, snow.*

November is here carrying with it autumn's transitional beauty. In the choir room, it truly is a month of transition from liturgical music of "ordinary time" (think green paraments) to music of advent (think purple paraments) and eventually Christmas (white or red!).

If you would like to join in December's choir activities, NOVEMBER is the month to let me know! Come sing in our Adult Choir during December on these two occasions: Sunday December 7th Christmas Benefit Concert and/or Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

If you're interested in participating in any of Immanuel's choirs on a regular basis, or even just to try it out, please let me know. Feel free to drop into our vocal choirs, and to participate in our handbell ensemble make sure to give me some notice. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Immanuel Church choirs practice schedule:

Handbell Ensemble: 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Ladies Ensemble: 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Adult Choir: 6:30pm - 7:15pm

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



JAM Time* 2025

November



Thank You, LORD!

CALLING ALL CAMPERS (and glampers)!!!

As the leaves turn colors and temps start to drop here in Wisconsin, most people think that camping is done for the year. But here at Immanuel, the Shine Brites will be busy prepping supplies for our upcoming UCCI Camp Scholarship drive! Last year we raised almost \$500! This money allowed Immanuel to help a family attend a Family Camp at Moon Beach, and two families to send youth to camps at Daychola Center!

As our way of giving back, during the month of November CORE will be lending a helping hand to the Shine Brites in making some amazing crafts! All proceeds will go into the UCCI Camp Scholarship fund, which are then available to assist any youth of Immanuel to attend a UCCI camp! For camp information, please contact Mr. S.

Thank you so much to all our Ruth and Naomi, and Jonah Site Leaders, Shepherds, and volunteers for giving your time and sharing your love of God with the Shine Brites! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

UP NEXT

Nov. 2 – 23

Nov. 30

December 7 – 21

December 24

December 28

January 4 – 18

January 25

Camp Crafts

Family Worship – NO JAM Time (Advent begins, HOPE)

Advent: Mary

Nativity Pageant

Family Worship – NO JAM Time**

Moses

Camp Sunday!

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 at 10:30 a.m. from September to May, downstairs in the 4k/5k room.

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

Nativity/Christmas Eve Service

Preparation is under way for our annual Christmas Eve service. As always it will be a beautiful and meaningful worship service.

A letter will be sent out with more info, but if you have any questions or know already your child want's to be in the program, please let Johanna Landowski or Mitch Schleif know if you plan on having your child participate in this year's pageant.



Johanna Landowski office@immanuelwestbend.org

Mitch Schleif Excited4jam@immanuelwestbend.org

CORE

CORE has been going well. We wrapped up a 6-week rotation on the Bible. The group was learning how to look things up in the Bible and discovering how many different kinds of Bibles there truly are.

In the month of November, CORE will be assisting the J.A.M. Time kids in making Camp Crafts that will be sold in January to help raise money for Camp Scholarships. This is a yearly tradition, and fun is had by all!

November Schedule:

November 2nd – Help in J.A.M. Time

November 9th – Help in J.A.M. Time

November 16th – Help in J.A.M. Time

November 23rd – Help in J.A.M. Time

NO CORE ON NOVEMBER 30th – Family Worship 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

SHINE

Finances and Faith

What's with the idea of a tithe? Is it greedy to want to be super rich?
Did Jesus say anything about paying taxes? How do I handle having more
(or less) money than my friends?

Join us as we spend November thinking about the kinds of questions Christian teens want to ask themselves to help understand how their faith can guide their relationship with money.

November Schedule:

November 2nd

November 9th

November 16th

November 23rd

NO SHINE ON NOVEMBER 30th- Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

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

YOUTH FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2025

NOV
SAT
15

Fall Fest
5pm -8pm
Church Basement



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



F.I.T

(Families Interacting Together)

Trunk or Treat fun was had by young and old!





ENCHANTMENT IN THE PARK

Who's ready for another yearly fun tradition!?!?!

**Immanuel will once again be helping with
Enchantment in the Park on opening Night!**

**We are in need of at least 20 volunteers young and old
to help with various jobs, such as...
welcoming people into the park,
collecting canned good for the food pantry,
helping collect money for carriage rides and
reminding people to turn their headlights back on!**

**This event will be on November 28th from 4:30pm – 9:15pm.
Dinner will be provided for the volunteers.**

**If you are interested in helping or have any questions,
please contact...**

Johanna

Office@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886



Full Shelf Pantry

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

2 Corinthians 9:10

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



12 count egg cartons are needed on a monthly basis

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

Any questions see Jenny or Johanna Landowski

Attention Bakers!

The India Task Force is hosting a
"Christmas Cookie Walk"
Sunday, December 7th!

Do you like to bake? Could you contribute Christmas Cookies for us to sell?

A minimum of 6 dozen of each kind of cookie that you are baking is requested. Please sign-up on the sheet outside the main office if you are interested in donating some tasty morsels!





Deck the Halls!

Mark your calendars for Sunday November 23rd to help trim our church with Christmas decorations. There will be some things that can be put up following the 9:00am service, then we'll put the tree up in the sanctuary following the 2nd Worship Service. A light lunch will be provided for all who stick around to help. Please sign up on the sheet outside the main office if you plan on lending a hand.



Consider your space...

As the snow and icy season falls upon us, we ask you to please consider your parking space.



If your physical condition allows you to securely walk across the parking lot, then we ask you to kindly park further back, leaving all the parking spaces in the small parking lot, as well as the first row of spaces closest to the back entrance available for those who might find a trek across a slippery parking lot a bit more challenging.



Thank you for your assistance and be safe! 😊



Get a "jump-start" on your Christmas Shopping ~ Raise Right Gift Cards

Let us help make your Christmas shopping 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, November 17th.

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.

We are currently reading

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

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 **November 20th** 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

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 Soul Box, 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 .

Trick or Treat for Immanuel's Soul Box

A WHOOPING BIG THANK YOU, to everyone who helped fill, and refill our Staff **Trick or Treat Bags** this year!!! Your kindness will help keep bellies full as we aspire to serve the hungry "souls" within our community.



Ongoing support to Immanuel's Benevolence Fund will ensure the Soul Box stays well stocked throughout the entire year!

FYI...On average, 150 Soul Sacks are given out each month, providing nourishment to individuals within our community who are in need of assistance.

For more information, contact Jenny
director@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886

Deadline to sign-up is December 1st

Feast With Friends....

It's time to sign up for Feast with Friends 2026!

Feast with Friends is a fun and casual way to get together and socialize with others in our church family.

All are welcome and encouraged to sign up.

Here is how it works:

- Sign up on the Feast with Friends sign-up sheet on the table outside of the main office.

You can sign up as a single, with a friend, as a couple, or as a family.

- We will then create a schedule where you are placed in a group each quarter.

The first name(s) in each group will be the host.

You will only host once in the calendar year.

- The host will contact others in their group to agree on a date to get together and coordinate what others can bring to the meal.
 - It's a great way to meet and get to know others in our church family in a casual setting.
- Some ideas for a fun gathering are to meet at a restaurant (Dutch treat); have a taco bar or baked potato bar where everyone brings a topping; make your favorite casserole and others bring sides; have a Sunday brunch.
- The focus is all about meeting and socializing with others in our church family.

So please sign up for Feast with Friends!

We will then compile the groups and schedule the quarterly groups starting in January 2026.

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

Thanks, and happy feasting!

Tama Gluck

tsgluck@yahoo.com

262-808-6528



West Bend Area
Ecumenical
Thanksgiving

Service

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025
7 p.m.

Cedar Ridge Campus | Grand Hall
113 Cedar Ridge Drive, West Bend

An offering will be collected for The Welcome Network.

Pie social to follow!
*(bring a pie to share or
just come and enjoy a slice)*

cedar 
community



Together, we SPARK THE WONDER of camp for the next generation.

Dear Church Partners in Ministry,

At UCCI, we believe that camp is **more than a place**; it's a movement of faith, belonging, and transformation. Every year, hundreds of children, youth, families, and adults experience God's presence in new ways through our summer camps, retreats, and outdoor ministry at Cedar Valley, Daycholah Center, and Moon Beach.

A sustainable financial model for outdoor ministry requires that approximately 25% of our operating budget come from unrestricted donations. Our Spark Wonder Development Campaign goals include three main sources of unrestricted donations: **the WI Conference UCC, individual donations, and donations from local churches like yours.**

We can't do it without you!

Today, we're asking churches to consider pledging **\$500 annually** in their church budget to support UCCI. We understand church budgets are tight. But even a modest annual gift goes a long way. Your sustaining support helps us:

- Offer vibrant, faith-filled **camp programming**
- Keep our **facilities maintained and upgraded** for safety and hospitality
- Launch **new initiatives and retreats** that reach people of all ages and backgrounds
- Welcome **scholarship campers**, and make camp accessible for every family

And there are **so many other ways** to be part of this ministry beyond your budget:

- **Send kids and families** from your church to camp
- **Schedule a church retreat** for renewal, connection, and fun
- **Request a Camp Sunday** to celebrate and share the joy of outdoor ministry
- Join us for **volunteer days** to help with projects and meet others who love camp

Together, we can ensure UCCI continues to thrive as a place of faith, healing, and joy.

We hope you'll prayerfully consider a 2025 donation and add UCCI to your 2026 church budget. We also invite you to explore other ways to **Spark the Wonder** of outdoor ministry within your congregation.

With deep gratitude for all the ways you already show up,

Rev. James Schleif, Executive Director



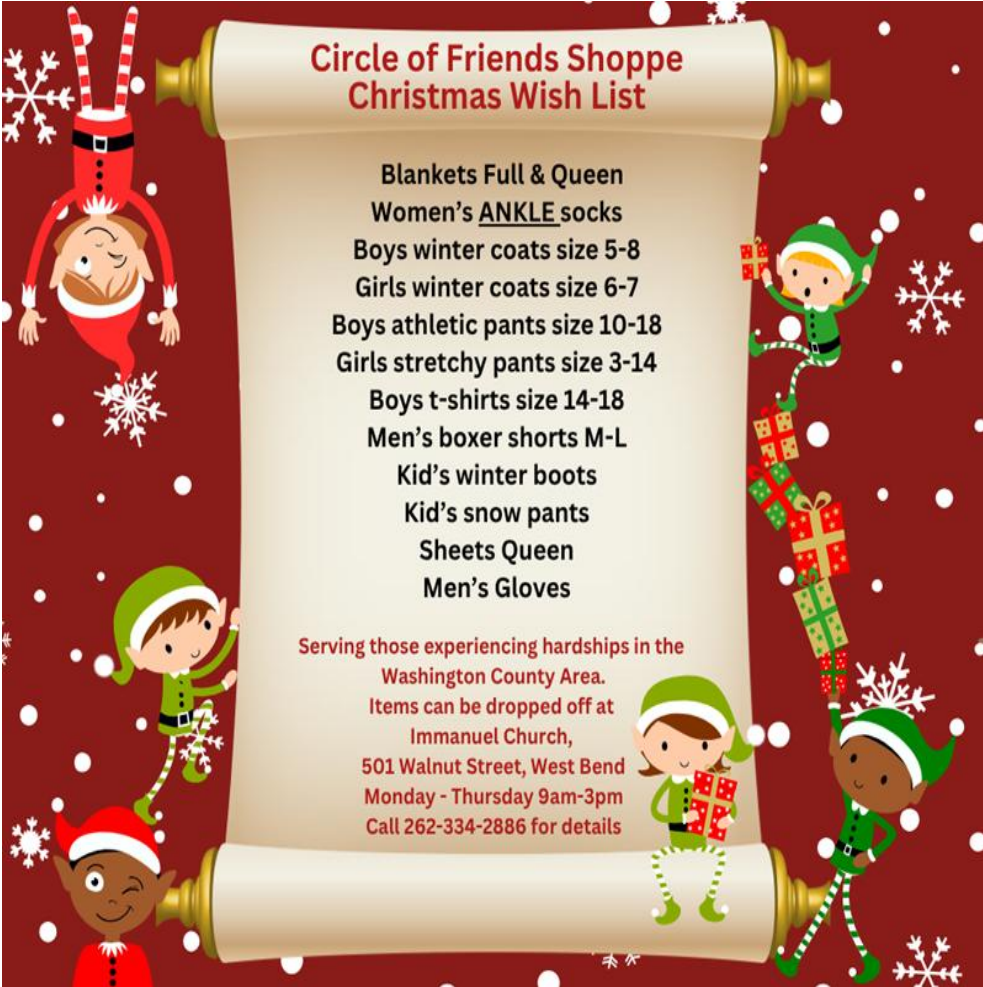
Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

**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



Circle of Friends Shoppe Christmas Wish List

Blankets Full & Queen
Women's ANKLE socks
Boys winter coats size 5-8
Girls winter coats size 6-7
Boys athletic pants size 10-18
Girls stretchy pants size 3-14
Boys t-shirts size 14-18
Men's boxer shorts M-L
Kid's winter boots
Kid's snow pants
Sheets Queen
Men's Gloves

Serving those experiencing hardships in the
Washington County Area.
Items can be dropped off at
Immanuel Church,
501 Walnut Street, West Bend
Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm
Call 262-334-2886 for details

Blankets for Mr. Bob

Mr. Bob's 
"Under The Bridge"

In support of the relationship, we have with Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry, we will be collecting gently used blankets during November and December to give to Mr. Bob as he serves his friends in need within the Milwaukee area. Our Youth will have the opportunity to personally hand some of these items out on Saturday, December 20th as they join Mr. Bob during his weekly visit to the park. What a blessing it is that our Circle of Friends Ministry and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge have been able to support one another over the past several years as we seek to help those who are wrestling with various struggles in life.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Landowski at director@immanuelwestbend.org
or Johanna Landowski at
youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org



INDIA



JOYFUL JOURNEYS

20TH ANNIVERSARY

INDIA GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to all who supported our efforts!!
Your commitment to helping maintain the
good works being done in the
village of Madhavapatnam
is greatly appreciated!

NAMASTE'

Additional Expenses in the month of November...

- **Annual Car Insurance \$455**

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.

Christmas in India

Christmas is right around the corner, and preparations are in the works for all the different ways we celebrate the joyous event recognizing Jesus' birth. One of those ways is bringing the Spirit of the Christ Child into the village of Madhavapatnam. Our hope is to give a gift to all who are a part of Joyful Journeys in India.

Please consider making a monetary donation to help cover costs...

\$5 ~ Student Gifts

\$25 ~ Teacher, Cooks, House Pastors, Oldsters, Scavengers, Drivers, and
Childcare Provider Gifts

Donations can be sent or dropped off at Immanuel Church by December 14th.

Please make checks payable to Joyful Journeys and designate for Christmas Gifts.

Online donations can be made through our secure website:

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/how-you-can-help/>

Together, we can shine the Christmas Light of God's love in Madhavapatnam!



Altar Flowers



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

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

This month our flowers have been donated by:

November 2nd: Luella Dekker

In loving memory of Grandparents

Louis & Florence Doringshoff

November 9th: June Sommerfeld

In memory of Maggie Seideman and all the kindness and joy she brought to the Sommerfeld family and her Immanuel Church family

November 16th: Stuart Swanson

In celebration of my beautiful wife Charlene's birthday!

November 23rd: Doug & Jean Stewart

In celebration of our wonderful church family!

November 30th: June Sommerfeld

In honor of Family, Friends, and Faith,
and the beginning of Advent

hello NOVEMBER

Saturday November 1st

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday November 2nd



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

Monday November 3rd

10:30am Boundaries

Tuesday November 4th

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

Wednesday November 5th

2:30pm PEO

Thursday November 6th

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe
5pm India Task Force

Friday November 7th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 8th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday November 9th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word
**11:45am Fall Congregational
Meeting**

Monday November 10th

Tuesday November 11th

1pm Staff meeting
5pm Bell Choir
6pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday November 12th

11am JJI Meeting

Thursday November 13th

10am SonShine Gals
5:00 pm Church & Ministry
6:00 pm Consistory

Friday November 14th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 15th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday November 16th

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

Monday November 17th

Tuesday November 18th

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

Wednesday November 19th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

Thursday November 20th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday November 21st

6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 22nd

Sunday November 23rd

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

Monday November 24th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday November 25th

5pm Bell Choir
6pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir
7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving
service at Cedar Ridge

Wednesday November 26th

Thursday November 27th

Office Closed

*Happy
Thanksgiving* 

Friday November 28th

4:30pm-9:15pm Immanuel
helping at Enchantment
in the Park
6:30 pm NA

Saturday November 29th

Sunday November 30th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am Sharing Today's Word
**Family Worship NO J.A.M. Time,
CORE, & SHINE**

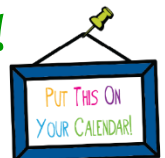


Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

COOKIE WALK & CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, December 7th



Birthdays for November

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





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, Orv Larsen, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Darleen Baerenwald, Terry Christie, Jessica Frederick, Ken French, Bruce Kapanke, Susan Kist, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Doug Stewart, 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, Lexi McCrillis, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, and Adam Vincent.

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Family Loss

Valerie & Bruce Kapanke – Mom ~ Nelda Manter

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:

- November 2 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- November 9 9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock
10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
- November 16 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, & Mary Jo Norgel
- November 23 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am Julie Glassman
- November 30 9:00am Dan, Rachel, Sam, & Nora Gerard
10:30am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS: Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

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

READERS:

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| November 2 | 9am Scott Gluck | 10:30am Chris Witt |
| November 9 | 9am Dave Hammen | 10:30am Rachel Gumm |
| November 16 | 9am Kent Scheuerell | 10:30am Kevin Martin |
| November 23 | 9am Michael Bath | 10:30am Laurie McCann |
| November 30 | 9am Evelyn Lutter | 10:30am Tracy Halfman |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- November 2 Bonnie Gerner
November 9 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
November 16 Eric Christie
November 23 Mary Demmon
November 30 [WE STILL NEED SOMEONE](#)

Fellowship Hour:

- November 2 Carol Argabright
November 9 Tama Gluck
November 16 [STILL NEED SOMEONE](#)
November 23 [STILL NEED SOMEONE](#)
November 30 [STILL NEED SOMEONE](#)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- November 2 Adult Choir
November 9 Larry Wheelock
November 16 Handbell Ensemble
November 23 Larry Wheelock
November 30 Ladies Ensemble

- Communion Servers:** November 2
9:00 – Jackie Nieman & Chris Witt
Floater – Rachel
10:30 – Tracy & Joe Halfman

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





POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve by ordering a Poinsettia plant? Your plant may be brought home after the late service Christmas Eve. The cost per plant is \$11.00. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office, or church office mailbox #2, by **Sunday November 23rd**. Please include your payment with the order; checks should be payable to Immanuel Church.

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



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – DUE BY NOVEMBER 16TH

_____ RED poinsettia plant/s X \$13.00 = \$ _____

_____ WHITE poinsettia plant/s X \$13.00 = \$ _____

_____ MARBLE poinsettia plant/s X \$13.00 = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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

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