



Journey Connection

January 2026

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

Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy.

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

As Spirit-filled followers, let the Christ Light we received be the torch we carry into our homes, our community, and our world, today and throughout the upcoming year!



Thoughts from our Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries

Dear Immanuel Church family and friends,

The New Year is upon us and with that comes a time to reflect on the year gone by as well as hope for what we'd like to see in the future...

Let's start with reflecting... Over the past 5 months our church has not only managed to "survive" without our beloved Pastor Rich, but we have "thrived". I certainly am not implying that we don't need him back, as I know we are all anxious for his return. But the most important thing that I feel we've learned is that a church is not about one person. In his absence, people have stepped up to fill various roles, visiting clergy have kept us nourished on Sunday mornings, concerts, events and programs went off without a hitch, and you remained faithful in your attendance and support. Why, because we all believe in what Immanuel stands for... God is with us and TOGETHER we can make a difference in our world. For this, and so much more, I say "thank you". It is my joy to be a part of this community and serve along side you.

Now looking forward... Many people look at January 1st as New Year, New You. Whether it's trying to establish healthier habits, considering a lifestyle change, making more time for selfcare, or even planning vacations, most of peoples New Years resolutions revolve around one's "self". I'd like to invite you to look at it a little different this year. What if you thought about taking on something for the good of the community? You actually may just find in serving others, you have also done something good for yourself. And, who knows what that could lead to! Not sure where to start? Let me give you some ideas...

Already at church on a Sunday morning? How about learning how to work in the Sound Booth or record the service? Maybe join the choir or ring the bells? Feeling friendly? You could be an Usher or a Greeter. Like working with kids? Maybe you could help out in J.A.M. Time. Is public speaking your thing? We could always use more Scripture readers. Do you like treats? Okay, who doesn't?!? Sign-up to provide a snack for Fellowship Time. Or better yet, join our Goodie Gang. Speaking of food...would you like to help serve Communion?

Looking for avenues to grow alongside your church family members? SonShine Gals, Wise Guys, Sharing Today's Word, CORE, SHINE, Youth Group, F.I.T., Prayer Shawl and Feast with Friends are great opportunities to do so. Yes, in being a

part of these groups, you are serving one another! Want something more personal? We have “Yellow Roses” who could use a companion.

Are you more of a “property person” than a “people person”? What could you do to help maintain our church building/ property and COF Shoppe? Spring is just around the corner and we’ll be looking for Green Thumbs!

Do you want to help make a positive impact in and beyond our four walls? Consider helping out at the Circle of Friends Shoppe or be a sorter of all the bountiful donations that we receive. Want your efforts to reach further than that? Join the India Task Force and make a difference on the other side of the world. Don’t have the time, but have the resources? Consider supporting a student at the Marshall School in India...we need more sponsors!!

We recently had a blood drive hosted by our newly formed Health and Wellness Ministry, maybe you’d like to collaborate with the team to come up with other opportunities to make a difference.

Now you might be saying, “I already do x,y, and z”, then my response to you is, “invite someone else to do it with you” as that is also serving! As we move forward into this New Year, let’s remember this... **Immanuel** ~ God is with us. **United** ~ In spite of our differences, we are in this together. **Church** ~ We have been called to live in community with one another. **Christ** ~ He’s who we follow and who we should strive to be like.

I’m excited with what the New Year holds for us and would welcome the opportunity to help you find your place serving within our church family.

In Joy, In Service,
~Jenny

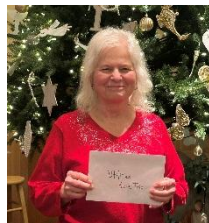


Immanuel's Christmas Benefit Concert and Bucket Raffle

Blessings abound in response to the recent Christmas Benefit Concert and Bucket Raffle for Immanuel's General Fund! The evening began with a festive Social hosted by members of our Consistory and Goodie Gang, during which time we were treated to a seasonal "preconcert". Then the sanctuary was filled with the sounds of music, readings, and laughter as Christmas Songs were performed by a variety of musicians, poetic readings written by members of Immanuel were shared, and tickets were pulled for lucky winners of our General Fund themed Bucket Raffle. The incredible energy that filled our church was reflected in the success of the evening...

Special thanks to everyone who offered their time, talents and/or treasures;
your generosity brought in
\$4,706!!

Immanuel ~ God with us, in all we do!
Thanks be to God!!!





Christmas Carolers Share in Christmas LOVE!!!

An impromptu group of carolers set out on the Saturday before Christmas to bring sweet music into the homes of some of our Yellow Roses, as well as our Pastor Rich. What a delightful opportunity to share in the Spirit of the Season, as the carolers received as much joy in singing as those being sung to. We do believe this is the start of a new Immanuel tradition!



Christmas Eve at Immanuel Church

A special "thank you" to everyone who had a hand in putting together a most meaningful Christmas Eve Family Nativity Pageant and Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols, it was a blessing to all who worshiped in person and virtually!

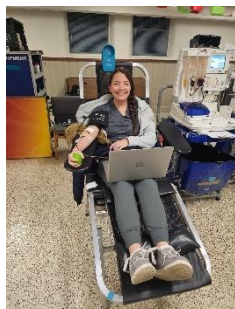
Now that we've sang "Joy to the World" and received the light of Christ, let us together carry that same light into our homes, our community, and our world as Spirit-filled followers of our Savior, Immanuel!



Holiday of Hope Blood Drive

On December 22nd, Immanuel hosted it's first Blood Drive; this event was close to all our hearts as it was in honor of Pastor Rich. We were absolutely thrilled with the amount of members and community friends who showed up to give... a total of 48 units of blood were donated!

A special "thank you" to Sara Arndt and Elizabeth Carlson-Losch from our Health and Wellness Ministry for coordinating the drive; they look forward to planning future events. And, to members of our Goodie Gang for providing and serving nourishment to all the donors; you are appreciated and we are grateful for you!



Financial Secretary...

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

Happy New Year!

Thank you to the **Christmas Benefit Concert** participants, helpers, and attendees. Donations received for the event amounted to \$3,813 and the **Bucket Raffle** proceeds amounted to \$893! Praise the Lord for all our givers! The proceeds for both events go to the general fund.

At the November Fall Congregational Business Meeting the **2026 Budget** was passed in the amount of **\$449,684.26**. **As of this writing, pledge cards in the of \$266,206 have been received for 2026**. If you have not had an opportunity to complete a 2026 pledge/commitment card, there are extras available in the Narthex by the Giving Church.

There are still 2026 Offering Envelopes available for pick up at church. Please note that your number may have changed. As a reminder, if you requested no envelopes for 2026 but have changed your mind, please let me know and I can provide you with envelopes. Otherwise, please let me know if you do not want to receive envelopes.

Blessings,

Karen

Immanuel UCC 2025 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$442,561.79

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

If you have any questions regarding Immanuel finances or would like to discuss your giving, please note my regular office hours are Tuesday's from 9am-3:00pm. You can also reach me via my 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 November 2025

	Month	YTD
Total Income	\$40,505.90	\$351,483.55
Total Expenses	<u>\$29,413.05</u>	<u>\$375,231.11</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$11,092.85	\$-23,747.56 Deficit

Cash Available for Church Operations November 2024

Cash Balance Available Ending of Month 11/30/25 **\$2,698.46**

Online Giving

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

Offering Altar

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



If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact Karen Zachow at 262-334-2886 or finance@immanuelwestbend.org



Property update...

Only a few issues that we have or will be addressing. Kettle Moraine Heating completed our Piece of Mind package for the winter. Two of the furnaces needed some parts but that is to be expected being that the units are over 10 years old. The one furnace that is in the attic above Jenny's office still needs a vent pipe repaired. It is temporarily repaired. It seems that the vent pipe was damaged during our roof replacement, so we will be working with the roofing company to look for some monetary reimbursement towards the repair.

We had a sprinkler head in the main hallway near the parking lot entrance start dripping, We reached out to Ahern and they sent out a technician to replace the faulty sprinkler head.

We noticed that our new snow removal team (Brant) was not totally cleaning up the sidewalk and small parking lot for our Circle of Friends shop. We're thinking that there was a lack of communication between our folks and Brant. We are taking steps to correct that issue.

Property Team

A Note From our Choir Director...

Snowflakes

*Snowflakes spill from heaven's hand
Lovely and chaste like smooth white sand.
A veil of wonder laced in light
Falling Gently on a winters night.
Graceful beauty raining down
Giving magic to the lifeless ground.
Each snowflake like a falling star
Smiling beauty that's spun afar.
Till earth is dressed in a robe of white
Unspoken poem the hush of night
—Linda A. Copp*

Our Adult choir, Ladies Ensemble and Handbell Ensemble will resume regular practice after the holidays on Tuesday, January 6th.

Handbell Ensemble 5:00pm Ladies Ensemble 6:00pm Adult Choir 6:30pm

It's a New Year! Would you consider joining one of Immanuel's choirs? Contact me with any questions. bevbeemark@gmail.com or 920-242-7318.

New Year's Blessings to you.

~ Beverly Mark

920-242-7318 / bevbeemark@gmail.com

J.A.M. Time* 2026
January 4th – 18th
Moses



***When Moses doubted his ability to do as God
wanted, God replied,
“I will be with you.”***

Based on Exodus 3:12

Cuttin' and Struttin' – Burning Bush Art
Kickin' Kitchen – Coco Krispie Baby Baskets
Movin' & Groovin' – Family Feud

UP NEXT

January 25
February 1, 8, & 22
February 15
March

Camp Sunday & UCCI Scholarship Fundraiser
David and Goliath
Family Worship – NO JAM Time
Lent/Temple

**~Interested in our JAM Time program...Check out the JAM Time
bulletin board for program information and volunteer opportunities.**

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
Fellowship Hall.**



CORE

CORE is starting 2026 by wrapping up our Jesus unit with the help of Miss Kaitlin while I am in India. The youth have really been enjoying putting the puzzle pieces together—connecting the stories of Jesus they heard as little kids and seeing how they fit into the bigger picture. As we also start this New Year, we have 3 youth who will be moving on come May. I ask you hold Braeden, Christian, & Ellery in your thoughts and prayer as they figure out what their next faith step is going to be. Thank you for your continued love and support you give to all the youth of Immanuel.

January Schedule:

January 4th – Do I have to believe Jesus performed miracles in order to be a Christian?

January 11th – Why did Jesus get baptized?

January 18th – Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven?

January 25th – Camp Sunday

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

WINTER

2026

7TH-12TH
GRADE

EVENTS SCHEDULE



SOUP MAKING 9AM-NOON

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095

SAT
FEBRUARY
7TH

SUN
FEBRUARY
8TH

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 10AM-NOON

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095



SAT
FEBRUARY
21TH

KID SITTING NIGHT 5:30PM-8:45PM

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095

KIDS'
NIGHT
OUT

(Parents' Night OFF!)

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



F.I.T. SLEDDING FUN!

(F.I.T. STANDS FOR FAMILIES INTERACTING TOGETHER)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH 1:00PM
JOIN IMMANUEL FAMILIES FOR SOME WINTER FUN SLEDDING AT
RIDGE RUN

BE SURE TO DUST OFF YOUR SLEDS AND
BRING THEM WITH FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!
(IF YOU HAVE EXTRAS PLEASE BRING THEM TOO!)

WE WILL MEET AT THE EAST PARKING LOT STARTING AT 1:00PM
AFTER SOME SLEDDING FUN WE WILL PROVIDE HOT CHOCOLATE
TO WARM UP! FEEL FREE TO BRING A SNACK OR LEFTOVER CHRISTMAS
COOKIES TO SHARE. IN EVENT OF WEATHER NOT COOPERATING OR LACK
OF SNOW, THE EVENT WILL BE MOVED TO IMMANUEL IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR GAMES AND PUZZLES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER OR LIZ WITH ANY QUESTIONS:

JENNIFER SCHLEIF 414-248-9353 OR JSBSCHLEIF@GMAIL.COM

LIZ RATZBURG 262-483-6183 OR ERATZ217@GMAIL.COM



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.

On January 8th, we'll be starting our next book study,
Praying with Jesus: The Lord's Prayer by Victor Folkert
Consider joining us, you are welcome.

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 **January 15th** 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.

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, February 2nd.



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! 😊



Full Shelf Pantry

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

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry
throughout the month of January, we will be collecting
Boxed and Canned Soup



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

Christmas Cookie Walk...A Sweet Success

Well, a whole lot of sugar mixed with a whole lot of love, made a whole lot of dough!! Thanks to Immanuel's bakers, the Joyful Journeys Christmas Cookie Walk was a sweet success! Through a combined effort of kindness and goodies we raised \$1,000 for our India Ministry!! Plus, not only were there plenty cookies for our shoppers to load up on, we also had enough left over to deliver tasty morsels to our Yellow Roses. 🍪



A service of celebration honoring

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 19 | 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Ridge Campus | Grand Hall

113 Cedar Ridge Drive, West Bend

Join the West Bend Area Ecumenical Group for this community-wide event featuring inspirational words and music honoring the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflecting the legacy of his work, which is now ours to carry on. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected to support Just Us of Washington County.

For more information, contact Emma Sancomb,
director of spiritual care, at 262.306.2135.

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community



I HAVE A DREAM
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON
FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM
AUGUST 28, 1963

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

As we begin this New Year, we give thanks for the joys of this past year and look forward with anticipation for what 2026 holds for us! Certainly, one of the things that, together, we can rejoice in, is the fact that in 2025 we served 621 individuals at the Circle of Friends Shoppe! 🤗 The numbers are definitely something to take note of...*on one hand*, we should celebrate that not only did we have the peoplepower to serve that many individuals, but that we actually had the resources to do so...MANY THANKS TO OUR SORTES AND SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS for helping make this possible, and for the BOUNTIFUL DONATIONS that keep pouring in!!! *On the other hand*...it's heartbreaking to know the need in our area is rising as poverty and homelessness has brought many of these people to our Shoppe. A prayer for the New Year is one of gratitude for all the donations, financial support, and volunteers who have enabled us to be a beacon of hope within our community...may we continue to shine the light of God's love in the upcoming year for those who are currently walking in darkness! ❤️

If you would like more information on how you can support this ministry, please contact Jenny at director@immanuelwestbend.org or call 262-334-2886.

Christmas Giving / S.H.U.M.S. Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Giving / S.H.U.M.S. Tree; from handknit scarves and warm mittens, to blankets, coffee pots & clothing, EVERYTHING will be appreciated by those who come through The Circle of Friends Shoppe, visit our Soul Box or are served by Mr. Bob! A special "thank you" to the West Bend Gingerbread House, Cedar Community Book Club, and the Village Knitters for their mass donations!



Blankets for Mr. Bob

On December 20th, a crew of 35 youth and adults from Immanuel had the opportunity to join Mr. Bob at Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee, where he serves the homeless community every Saturday morning. We handed out, to Mr. Bob's friends, the blankets that were generously donated through Immanuel Church, as well as precious handknit scarves, hats, and a nutritious goodie bag. It was not only an amazing chance to shine the light of God's love to the world, but also an eye-opening experience for all who came along. The gratitude on the faces and within the sometimes-broken translation of the approximately 175 people served warmed our hearts on that brutally cold morning! A big "thank you" to everyone who contributed to our efforts, your donation truly made a difference in the lives of the recipients as well as those of us who delivered on your behalf!

*Mr. Bob's
"Under the Bridge"*



INDIA



India Trip, take 2...

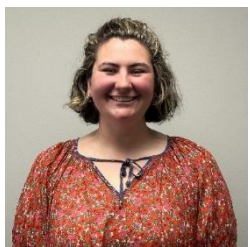
With less than 2 weeks to go, our travelers are “almost” ready to roll!

With hearts full of gratitude for all the support that they have received thus far, they will carry that love, along with all the other goodies packed in their suitcases, as they venture out to see firsthand all the good works happening within Joyful Journeys India Ministry.

Team Leader, Jenny Landowski, will once again be keeping everyone back home connected via the Landow's India Adventure Blog.

You are invited to follow along by simply going to:
landowsindiaadventure.blogspot.com for regular updates.

As always, we ask you to please continue to hold Immanuel's travelers, Jenny, Alan, Johanna, and Sophie, in prayer as they prepare their hearts and minds for the upcoming trip. On Sunday, January 11th there will be a special blessing offered on the travelers at each service, then they begin their 36+ hour journey on Wednesday, January 14th to the village of Madhavapatnam. They will return on January 27th.



Additional Expenses in the month of January...

- School Bus Insurance ~ \$760
- Laptop for Director Novahu ~ \$711

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

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS-2025

I thank you very much for all the Christmas Gifts that you send to our JJM family in India.

I thank JJ INC and all Immanuel Church members and friends for a blessed Christmas and for the gifts. May God Bless you all. We have purchased outfits for all school teaching and non-teaching staff, village scavengers, hostel both boys and girls, and all the oldies, here I send a few pictures.

For the occasion, our Kakinada district Member of Parliament Sri Tangella Uday Srinivas and many other political leaders have come. They promised me that if there is any need related to school problems or religious problems, they can help me to solve them. We have a very friendly approach to him, M.P. himself appreciated me with a garland I will picture to you.

Our village elders and all the school children's parents and outsiders also have come. We had Christmas cake cutting, and distribution of cake to all students and their parents.

This is one of the best Christmas programs that we have had in years. Manjula, Karishma and Shekinah, all the school staff and JJM family send you their love and Christmas Greetings.

We are personally thankful to you for our gifts.
We are anxiously waiting for the travelers to visit to India.

Thank you,
Your Brother
Novahu





JANUARY

Thursday January 1st

Office Closed
No COF



Friday January 2nd

Memorial Service for Ken French
12:45pm Visitation
2pm Service
6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 3rd

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday January 4th

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



Monday January 5th

10:30am Boundaries

Tuesday January 6th

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

Wednesday January 7th

2:30pm PEO

Thursday January 8th

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

Friday January 9th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 10th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday January 11th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word
1pm F.I.T. Sledding at Ridge Run
East parking lot.

Monday January 12th

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday January 13th

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

Wednesday January 14th

India Travelers Leave

Thursday January 15th

6pm Wise Guys



Friday January 16th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 17th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday January 18th

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

Monday January 19th

Tuesday January 20th

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

Wednesday January 21st

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

Thursday January 22nd

Friday January 23rd

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 24th

Sunday January 25th

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

Monday January 26th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday January 27th

5pm Bell Choir
6pm Ladies Ensemble
6:30pm Adult Choir
India Travelers Return



Wednesday January 28th

Thursday January 29th

Friday January 30th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday January 31st



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm



Altar Flowers

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

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

This month our flowers have been donated by:

January 4th: The Gerard & Shanahan Families

In loving memory of our Mom and Granny, Michal Gerard.

January 11th: The India Travelers

In celebration of Joyful Journeys India Ministry

January 18th: Karen Grace Strobach's Sisters

In celebration of Karen Grace's 60th birthday!

January 25th: Tom & Marsha Newkirk

In celebration of finding of a church community
filled with kindness and love.

Birthdays for January

Trenton Handeland 1st

Judy Harris 1st

Kendra Kapanke 4th

Teri Mattek 4th

Jadon Shaikh 5th

Julie Feit 6th

Frank Laycock 6th

Mike Bath 7th

Sue Crowley 8th

Georgia Kletti 8th

Javon Peterson 10th

Tama Gluck 15th

Susan Kist 15th

Sophie Landowski 15th

Sarah Mitchell 17th

Ashley Russell 17th

Karen Grace Strobach 17th

Martha Bronson 18th

Jean Stewart 18th

Elise Patten 22nd

Liz Ratzburg 22nd

Luis Pabon 23rd

Ellison Player 24th

Heather Tanner 24th

Aidan Kreis 28th

Julie Glassman 29th

Kathie Wolff 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, Maxine French, Doris Hawkins, Carol King, Kathy Komro, Jerry Kuckuk, Orv Larsen, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Darleen Baerenwald, Terry Christie, Jessica Frederick, Bruce Kapanke, Marty Keays, Susan Kist, Bill Myers, Anne Mari Peters, Dave Wolff, Kris Zulick, 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

Maxine French – Husband ~ Ken French

Jenny Landowski – Dad ~ Ken French

Jo & Sophie Landowski, Olivia Riegel and family – Papa ~ Ken French

Elaine and Glenn Radzinski – Dad ~ Wilmer Dorzok

Deaths

Ken French - December 22nd, 2025

Wilmer Dorzok – December 24th, 2025

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:

January 4	9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer 10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
January 11	9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock 10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
January 18	9:00am Max Sommerfeld 10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, & Mary Jo Norgel
January 25	9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler

USHERS:

Head Usher: Gary McCrillis

January 4	9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner 10:30am Gene Kreis
January 11	9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm 10:30am Elaine Radzinski
January 18	9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love 10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
January 25	9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman 10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

January 4	9am Jackie Nieman	10:30am Joe Halfman
January 11	9am Patricia Love	10:30am Julie Feit
January 18	9am Tama Gluck	10:30am Jane Kosednar
January 25	9am Jeanne Forester	10:30am Chris Witt

COFFEE MAKERS:

January 4	Bonnie Gerner
January 11	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
January 18	Eric Christie
January 25	Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

January 4	Cindy Komro
January 11	Larry Wheelock & Ladies Ensemble
January 18	Handbell Ensemble
January 25	Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

January 4	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
January 11	India Task Force
January 18	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
January 25	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

Communion Servers: January 4

9:00	– Curt & Jeanne Forester
	Floater – Jan Nesladek
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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Bradley Mitchell, Charlene Swanson, and Kent Scheuerell

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

Immanuel's Team

