



# Journey Connection

February 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](mailto:pastor@immanuelwestbend.org) or Jenny Landowski [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) or leave a message at the church office (262) 334-2886

**Join us for Worship on February 1<sup>st</sup>  
for the return of our beloved Pastor Rich!**



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

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

This is my first pastor's letter in months. It's been a long while since I've offered some words in our Journey Connection. In some ways, it feels like just a moment. In other ways, it feels like a lifetime ago.

When I think about all the ways the last few months could have gone, I am overwhelmed by gratitude. Absolutely surprised in August by the onslaught of a fresh wave of leukemia centered on my liver, combined with persistent intestinal bleeding, I was stopped dead in my tracks for weeks on end. For a while, I couldn't leave my bed. When I finally began physical and occupational therapy, just standing up and moving a few feet was nearly impossible. It made me wonder whether I had made the right choice to seek treatment for my cancer once again.

Now, months later, after growing stronger each day - reading, playing music, preparing to return to work - I am so grateful to have another opportunity to seek to use my gifts for good and live my life with and for others. I know that I will need to walk wisely and well, but I am grateful for the challenge and opportunity. Please pray for me as I settle into a new rhythm in this new and unexpected season of life.

Throughout this entire process, I have been blessed by the love of others - family, friends, and parishioners. You all have stood with me and have held me up during my darkest hour and I am grateful. You gave me a reason to fight and push through the pain. I can't overestimate how much every act of support and kindness meant to me.

So, as I stumble forward in this new stage of life, I do it with renewed confidence and great gratitude. May God bless us as we seek to follow Christ through the power of the Spirit into the unknown of a new year, and for some of us, a new life altogether.

Grace and peace,  
Rich

*Thank You*  
**For Your Prayers & Support**

# On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

As we enter the month of February, the celebration of Christmas and the New Year are now behind us. Let us think about building on those possible New Year's resolutions such as - consistently reading the Journey Connection, focusing on consistent habits like prayer, scripture, acts of love, thankfulness, moving beyond comfort, and using talents for the good of others.

There are so many ways to be involved in our church family. Which one or two will you choose?

Isaiah 43:18-19 Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

These verses symbolize hope, renewal, and God's ability to provide a path forward even in seemingly impossible situations. I invite you in this new year, to let go of old hardships or failures and look for God's fresh work in the present and future.

Please continue to keep our church family in your prayers. And, as always, shine the light of God's love to the world.

Blessings,  
Amy



## Shower Immanuel UCC with Love this February

As we strive to support the good works being done at Immanuel Church, your Consistory is inviting you to consider the following...

**Shower Immanuel with love this February!** Pick a "Valentine" from the bulletin board across from the coat rack, place cash or a check, in the amount matching the number on the envelope, inside the envelope and write your name on the back. Put the envelope in the Giving Church.

Our goal is to fill all the envelopes by the end of February, if we succeed, we will raise a total of \$5,050 for Immanuel's General Fund!

Everyone who contributes to the fundraiser will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Kwik Trip.

Your support is appreciated throughout the year!



# Journey through Lent with Devotions

Lenten practices can look different for everyone, but ultimately through personal reflection, discipline, and repentance it can be a time for each of us to grow closer in relationship to our Creator.

Here are some resources that are available

to aide you on your Lenten Journey...

~Wednesday Devotions Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
led by Pastor Rich in the Friendship Room

~Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Services Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon  
See flyer on next page for more details  
~The Upper Room, Daily Devotional Guide  
located on the table outside of the main office  
~Weekly prayers will be emailed and posted on Facebook

Blessings to you during this season of Lent.



**Join us on Ash Wednesday,  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm  
for a Baked Potato Bar prior to  
the 7pm Worship Service.  
Freewill donations will support  
One Great Hour of Sharing.**



# LENT 2026

## Ecumenical Lenten Services

**WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

**HOSTED AT LOCATIONS  
IN WEST BEND:**

**February 25**

Cedar Community | Grand Hall  
113 Cedar Ridge Dr.

**March 4**

Holy Angels Catholic Church  
126 N. 8th Ave.

**March 11**

Trinity Lutheran  
140 N. 7th Ave.

**March 18**

Immanuel UCC  
501 Walnut St.

**March 25**

Fifth Ave. Methodist Church  
323 S. 5th Ave.

*May we linger well beyond  
the Amen, trusting that in  
the blessing, breaking,  
taking, and eating, we  
experience God's gloriously  
delicious banquet meal  
where everyone belongs.*

**cedar**   
**community**



One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.



Support for One Great Hour of Sharing 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/>

## **Financial Secretary...**

**Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**  
The 2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have any questions, please let me know.

December 2025 Year End Finance Report

**2025 YTD Total Income** **\$400,510.20**

**2025 YTD Total Expenses** **\$411,768,00**

## Income vs Expenses

**Year End Cash Available for Immanuel Church Operations as of 12/31/2025:  
\$12,134.66**

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 2026 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$449,684.26

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](http://immanuelwestbend.org) or [joyfuljourneys-inc.org](http://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](mailto:finance@immanuelwestbend.org) or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886 x105. I welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

### 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](mailto:finance@immanuelwestbend.org)



# A Note From our Choir Director...

## Five Little Snowflakes

*One little snowflake with nothing to do.*

*Along came another and*

*Then there were two.*

*Two little snowflakes laughing with me.*

*Along came another, and*

*Then there were three.*

*Three little snowflakes looking for some more.*

*Along came another, and*

*Then there were four.*

*Four little snowflakes dancing a jive.*

*Along came another, and*

*Then there were five.*

*Five little snowflakes having so much fun.*

*Out came the sun, and*

*Then there were none!*

—Leanne Guenther



It's February and Immanuel's choirs will be practicing for Holy Week and Easter.

You are welcome to join us as we prepare! Consider being part of Immanuel's vocal choirs this beautiful and sacred worship season. Maundy Thursday the Ladies Ensemble will sing, Good Friday and Easter Morning the Adult Choir sings.

I will have music available and also vocal recording for your at-home practice soon! Please contact me directly to pick up the anthem selections and access the vocal tracks.

Here's our schedule:

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

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

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

~ Beverly Mark

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



**J.A.M. Time\* 2026**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**David & Goliath**



*“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the strength of my salvation, and my stronghold, my high tower, my savior, the one who saves me from violence.”*

2 Samuel 22:2b-3

**Cuttin’ and Struttin’ – “Stone” Magnets**  
**Kickin’ Kitchen – Cupcake “Ice Cream” Cones**  
**Movin’ & Groovin’ – Bean Bag Toss**

**UP NEXT**

February 15

Family Worship – NO JAM Time

March 1-22

Lent/Temple

March 29

Palm Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday – NO JAM Time

April 12-26

Beatitudes

**~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 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in Fellowship Hall.

# 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.



## F.I.T Had a fun time sledding!



# CORE

## February Schedule:

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – What is Ash Wednesday/Lent?

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Souper Bowl Sunday Game Day!

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – No CORE Family Worship**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Ten Commandments

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

CORE Leader Johanna Landowski

confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org Church 262-334-2886 Cell 262-353-2739

# SHINE

## K-I-S-S-I-N-G

### Sex, Love, and Relationships as a Christian Teen

You've got the basics of "the birds and the bees," but now it's time to figure out what that might look like in your real life, with your real relationships. How far is too far and how do we navigate those expectations? What does a healthy (or an unhealthy) relationship look like for a person of faith? What about porn and polyamory and prostitution? What does the Bible actually say about our love lives?

*\*Yes, this is our most awkward unit BY FAR. But it's also really important to talk about, so that's what we're going to do! And we will discuss it with copious amounts of food, so whenever you feel awkward, you have a reason to be quiet and avoid eye contact (my, what a fascinating chip this is!).*

## February Schedule:

February 1st

February 8th

**February 15th- No SHINE**

February 22nd



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

Questions? Comments? Talk to Elise!

(262) 343-1149 or [shine@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:shine@immanuelwestbend.org)

# 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



KIDS'  
NIGHT  
OUT  
(Parents' Night OFF!)

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

501 Walnut St. West Bend, WI 53095

SAT  
FEBRUARY  
21TH

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

# **Souper Bowl**

## **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**



Make sure to bring your wallet so you can stop on by the Youth Group's table as you leave worship on February 8<sup>th</sup> to take home some tasty homemade soup!  
All proceeds go to help future youth group events!

### **Soup Choices are:**

Chili

Chicken Noodle

Cheese Broccoli

### **Sizes will be:**

16oz \$15 48oz \$20



Parents! Would you like to have a night out where you don't have to worry about your kids and not have to pay for a sitter? Well, you are in luck! **Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>** Immanuel's Youth Group is hosting a baby/kid sitting night at church! This event is from 6pm-830pm. Snacks will be provided. If you plan in on bring your children, please sign-up on the sheet outside of main office so we can plan accordingly. Any questions you can contact Johanna in the main office.

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

Our current book study is...

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **February 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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, hats for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, scarves for our Soul Box, and Prayer Squares for new members. This group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month during September – May and invites you to join them. For more information, contact Rosemary Seideman at [roseway12@charter.net](mailto:roseway12@charter.net).

## 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, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Full Shelf Pantry

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, Praise the Lord your God for the good he has given you. ~ Deuteronomy 8:10*

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

**Pasta and Rice**



**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

# 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."

**INDIA**



## India Trip, take 2...Wonderful Success



Immanuel's India Travelers have returned from a successful trip to the village of Madhavapatnam, where they witnessed firsthand the good works Joyful Journeys is doing for the people of this community and beyond. They were greeted with nothing, but grateful hearts as happy students eagerly showed their projects during a Science Exhibition, excited hostel children showed off their living space, proud teachers encouraged their students to share what they've learned, thankful Cutting & Tailoring graduates received their completion certificates, humble House Pastors expressed their gratitude for

continued support, and beloved Oldsters were appreciative of their ongoing care (and for their washcloths from Oma 😊 ).

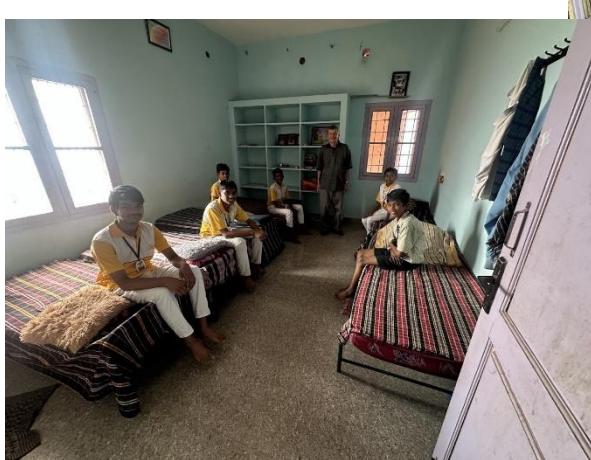
Collectively, we have so much to celebrate when we reflect back on what this ministry has been able to accomplish over the past 20 years. The support of many here, has altered, for the better, the lives of thousands there!

Contributions to Joyful Journeys is truly an investment in the lives of underprivileged people, with a return that is guaranteed to make a difference in their lives as well as yours!

The travelers look forward to sharing, in more detail, what they gleaned from this trip; watch for the upcoming India Sunday date. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider how you too can join us on this journey, your support matters!

For more information on the trip, check out the traveler's blog at  
<https://landowsindiaadventure.blogspot.com/>

For more information about supporting our efforts, contact Jenny at [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) or 262-334-2886 or talk to an India Task Force member.





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

- FCRA fees ~ \$200

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.

# Circle of Friends

## Period Poverty

Period Poverty is a term used to describe inadequate access to period products and the issues that go along with “that time of the month”. Often families are forced to make the hard decisions between putting food on the table or purchasing pads for their daughters; consequently, the absentee rate from school for these young girls is higher because they don’t have the proper protection to allow them to attend. Women who are trying to provide for themselves and their families also can fall into this category; they need feminine hygiene products so they can work, but often it’s in exchange for buying food.

The same scenario can also affect adults who suffer from incontinence; purchasing grown-up diapers is not cheap.

### **Food or personal hygiene protection...it shouldn't have to be a choice.**

Why are we bringing this to your attention? Because many of the people we serve at our Circle of Friends Shoppe possibly fall into this category. We need your help so we can help them!

During the month of February, we encourage you to...

### **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR; EVEN IF IT'S AWKWARD.**

The last couple years, between generous donations from members of Immanuel as well as community support, we were able to collect enough of these resources to keep our shelves stocked for the whole year!

What a blessing it was to be able to offer these products to individuals who came through the COF Shoppe!

Please consider either donating pads, tampons, or adult disposable underwear, or make a financial contribution and we'll shop for you.

Cash, checks made out to Joyful Journeys, or donations made online are accepted.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Landowski  
[director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) or  
262-334-2886



# February

## Communion

### Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>

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



### Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:30am Boundaries

### Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup>

2:30pm PEO

### Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>

1pm – 3pm COF Shoppe  
5pm India Task Force  
5:45pm Washington County  
sports Center

### Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA

### Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>

9am-Noon Youth Group  
soup making  
10am–Noon COF Shoppe

### Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> Souper Bowl Sunday

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

### Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

### Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>

1pm Joyful Journeys Inc.

### Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA

### Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

### Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>

9am and 10:30 am Worship  
10:30am Sharing Today's Word  
NO J.A.M. Time, CORE, &  
SHINE, FAMILY WORSHIP  
1pm Indivisible West Bend

## Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### Ash Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe  
5:30pm Baked Potato Bar  
7pm Ash Wednesday Service



### Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>

6pm Wise Guys

### Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA

### Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>

10am–Noon COF Shoppe  
6pm-8:30pm Kid Sitting Night



### Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

## Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

### Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>

12pm Ecumenical Lenten  
Services Cedar Community |  
Grand Hall 113 Cedar Ridge Dr.  
6pm Lenten Devotion in  
Friendship Room

### Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>

10am SonShine Gals

### Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA

### Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>



**Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm**

**Save the Date!**

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 6:30pm  
India Task Force is hosting a fun event in the  
Fellowship Hall.  
Stay tuned for more details



# 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:*

**February 1<sup>st</sup>:** *June Sommerfeld*

In celebration of her daughter Jill's birthday on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Marie Papez*

In memory on Tom Papez (Husband)

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *Mike Soener*

In celebration of Chris's birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>



# **Birthdays in February**

Bill Myers 3<sup>rd</sup>

Evie Schleif 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chris Arndt 6<sup>th</sup>

Madison Handeland 7<sup>th</sup>

Joe Halfman 8<sup>th</sup>

Dale Moser 10<sup>th</sup>

Dan Schnick 11<sup>th</sup>

Paige Barger 13<sup>th</sup>

Jim Schleif 13<sup>th</sup>

John Buck 15<sup>th</sup>

Matt Susnik 16<sup>th</sup>

Kellen Mitchell 18<sup>th</sup>

Chris Soener 19<sup>th</sup>

Ellery Flaherty 22<sup>nd</sup>

Barb Seefeldt 23<sup>rd</sup>

Curtis Forester 24<sup>th</sup>

Laurie McCann 27<sup>th</sup>

Paul Salinas 27<sup>th</sup>





# Tending the Flock

Please keep our Immanuel Church Family in your thoughts and prayers, specifically those listed below. Contact the church office if you are in need of pastoral care, or would like to be added to the prayer requests.

## Yellow Roses:

Ronald and Kathleen Diels, DeDe Emory, Maxine French, Doris Hawkins, Carol King, Kathy Komro, Jerry Kuckuk, Orv Larsen, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, and Joan Stenstrup.

## Health Concerns:

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

## 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, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, and Adam Vincent.

## Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

## Hospice Care

Bev Walter

## Family Loss

Arlene Roemer – Husband ~ Charles Roemer

Marie Papez – Brother-in-law ~ Charles Roemer

Jane Kosednar – Mother ~ Dolores Dawn

Esteve, Rebecca & Elsia Redolad - Father & Grandfather ~Ramon Redolad

## Deaths

Charles Roemer – 1/13/2026

## Prayer Requests

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~Philippians 4:6

If you have a special prayer that you would like lifted up on your behalf, feel free to fill out one of the Prayer Request forms located on the Offering Alter and deposit it into the Giving

Church or email it to Jenny at [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org).

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

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

## **GREETERS:**

February 1	9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
	10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
February 8	9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock
	10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
February 15	9:00am Max Sommerfeld
	10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, & Mary Jo Norgel
February 22	9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
	10:30am <u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

## **USHERS:**

February 1	9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
	10:30am Gene Kreis
February 8	9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
	10:30am Elaine Radzinski
February 15	9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love
	10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
February 22	9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
	10:30am Joe Halfman

## **READERS:**

February 1	9am Michael Bath	10:30am Barb Seefeldt
February 8	9am John Buck	10:30am Kevin Martin
February 15	9am Kaitlin Demmon	10:30am Laurie McCann
February 22	9am Scott Gluck	10:30am Joe Halfman

## **COFFEE MAKERS:**

February 1	Bonnie Gerner
February 8	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
February 15	Eric Christie
February 22	Mary Demmon

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

February 1	Adult Choir
February 8	Larry Wheelock
February 15	Handbell Ensemble
February 22	Larry Wheelock

## **Fellowship Hour:**

February 1	Welcome Back Rich
February 8	Gerner's
February 15	Handbell Ensemble
February 22	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

## **Communion Servers:** February 1

9:00 – Amy Schmitt & Chris Arndt
Floater – Rachel Gumm
10:30 – Carol Argabright & Ben Russell

## 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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Carol Argabright- Secretary, and Mitchell Schleif

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Bradley Mitchell, Charlene Swanson, and Kent Scheuerell

## Finance Committee:

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

## *Immanuel's Team*

