



Joy in the Journey

Journey Connection

March 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

JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB



JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY...

THROUGHOUT LENT: FEBRUARY 25TH – MARCH 25TH

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – ECUMENICAL SERVICES (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00PM – LENTEN DEVOTIONS IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 29TH

WORSHIP SERVICES – 9:00AM & 10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 2ND

TENEBRAE SERVICE – 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 3RD

SERVICE – 12:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 5TH

WORSHIP SERVICES – 9:00AM & 10:30AM

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,
As I write this, I am on the fourth week of my return after my long bout with cancer and gastro-intestinal issues. I am grateful for your patience and kindness with me as I settle back into work. Your encouragement has certainly lifted me up as I seek to find the right rhythm that will allow me to serve well while also being conscious of my continued rehabilitation.

If you only see me on Sunday, you may get the impression that I am back at 100%. If so, I am grateful for your confidence, but, at the same time, I need to be honest. Sunday mornings give me an adrenaline boost that allows me to appear to be far more energetic for a few hours than I am normally. This has been the case even before my cancer diagnosis six years ago. For decades, if I was tired or sick on a Sunday, I could usually pull through knowing that adrenaline and excitement would kick in and I would be able to forget my condition for a few hours (and then pay for it later – a price that I'm usually willing to pay).

But now, knowing my condition is still vulnerable and fragile, I am more aware of the new rhythms I must impose on myself in order to be able to bring my best self to our shared times of community.

With that said, every day I feel stronger. I still have one more major gastro-intestinal procedure on March 4. Hopefully, after this I will move to monthly blood-work checkups to monitor my condition. The bottom line is that once I'm past this last hurdle, I hope to move forward into the future with even more strength and stamina – with the desire to feel 100% again.

Hopefully, this is the last I'll need to inform you of my health so that future pastor's letters can focus on the affairs of the church calendar, our community's life together, and spiritual growth. For now, I look forward to our Lenten journey together here in March with eager anticipation of celebrating Easter in April.

Grace and peace,

Rich

Hope Faith
Love
Blessed

On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

Blessings on your Lenten Journey! May this season of grace renew your spirit, deepen your faith, and strengthen your witness.

For some, Lent is a time in which they think about giving something up. However, maybe Lent is not just about giving things up; maybe one could think about taking things on. For example, think about moving from unkind words to kindness or turning away from indifference and toward helping those in need. Let this be a time of true conversation, as we support one another in faith, hope, and love.

As we journey through this season of Lent, I invite you to step away from the noise and distractions of daily life to focus on renewing your relationship with God.

Blessings,
Amy



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. 25th – Mar. 25th at 6pm
led by Pastor Rich in the Friendship Room

~Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Services Feb. 25th – Mar. 25th 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 posted on Facebook

Blessings to you during this season of Lent.





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

"Love in a Cup" Bake Sale

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND
10AM-NOON



*PROCEEDS FROM THE
BAKE SALE WILL KEEP
OUR COFFEE POTS FULL
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!*



In a continued effort to stay on top of Immanuel's finances, our Consistory is hosting a special Bake Sale. We all know how much our members appreciate having a hot cup of coffee on Sunday mornings, as do individuals who stop by the church throughout the course of the week, and it is our desire to continue to offer this "love in a cup" at no cost to those partaking. Therefore, the goal of this Bake Sale is to raise a minimum of \$1,536.32, which is the amount we spent on Coffee in 2025. So, come with your cash and checkbooks on Sunday, March 22nd, and be ready to treat yourself to some homemade goodness! **For those interested in contributing baked goods to the sale, please sign up outside the main office.



BAKE SALE



Financial Secretary...

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

Immanuel UCC 2026 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$449,684.26

January 2026 Monthly Finance Report

Total Income	\$39,862.86
Total Expenses	<u>\$33,553.47</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ 6,309.39

Cash Available for Church Operations February 1, 2026, \$23,376.67

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

During January to the middle of February our building has experienced some unexpected repairs which include heating in the amount of \$2,487.60 and for the elevator in the amount \$4,034.50. Also, \$8,871.00 has been spent on snow removal during the same time frame.

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.

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.

Blessings,
Karen

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



Church Directory

Our newly composed Church Directories are ready for you to view either online or in hardcopy form! We appreciate everyone who took the time to update their information and photo as this is such an important resource for staff, and certainly a great tool for everyone in the church family as a means to connect with one another! Also, a special "thank you" to our Office Administrator, Johanna, who put a lot of time and energy into piecing everything together, great job!

Members of Consistory will have hard copies available, for a suggested donation of \$5 per copy, on Sunday March 1st. To get information on how to access the directory online or to pick up a hard copy at a later date, please contact Jo at 262-334-2886, office@immanuelwestbend.org, or stop by the church office Monday-Thursday between 9am and 3pm.

Property update...

This month was not without some issues.

We had an issue with the elevator and Otis was called and they had to adjust and clean the hydraulic machine valve. The elevator is back in service.

The furnace that is in the ceiling in Jenny's office was not working as it should, The service manager from Kettle Moraine came in and after two days was able to resolve the problem. There was no charge for this repair.

We all noticed that the Adult Ed and Friendship room was very cold during our cold snap with below zero weather. We are going to be working with Kettle Moraine to come up with a modification to our heat registers in those two rooms as well as to the register near the east entrance to be able to get better heat distribution during the extremely cold days. We also will be looking to modify the heat distribution in the Narthex.

Ben Russell was able to complete the installation of the new door on the lady's bathroom. It now swings both ways so it will be much easier to go in and out. The next step will be to paint both the men's and the ladies' doors. That will be done in the next couple of weeks.

We also replaced the entrance floor mats so they hopefully wont slip anymore.

After consistory approval, RC Tree Worx came in and removed two trees that were a safety risk. The one box elder if it were to fall would have landed on parked cars in the small lot or possibly even hit the church.

Property Team



A Note From our Choir Director...

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,

For we are part of all that is within life's river glowing.

With open hands receive and share the fits of God's creation,

That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and wear wait for morning,

When children have not bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning,

God calls humanity to awake, to join in common labour,

That all may have abundant life, oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a

future free from want or fear.

Life's goodness celebrating, that new world beckons from afar,

Invites our shared endeavor that all might have abundant life and peace forever.

It's March and our choirs are preparing for Holy Week and Easter! Ladies Ensemble will sing on Maundy Thursday and Adult Choir will sing at our services on Good Friday and Easter Morning. Handbells will ring an Easter morning processional!! Want to join in?? Sing with our choir for one of all Holy Week services. Join our handbell team as we open our joyous Easter morning worship service - NO experience necessary! It is not necessary to attend all vocal choir rehearsals - perhaps one or two will suffice as we get closer to Holy Week. I also have recording of the vocal tracks (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) to share with you for your at-home practice. Contact me and I'll be glad to discuss the details.

Here's our schedule:

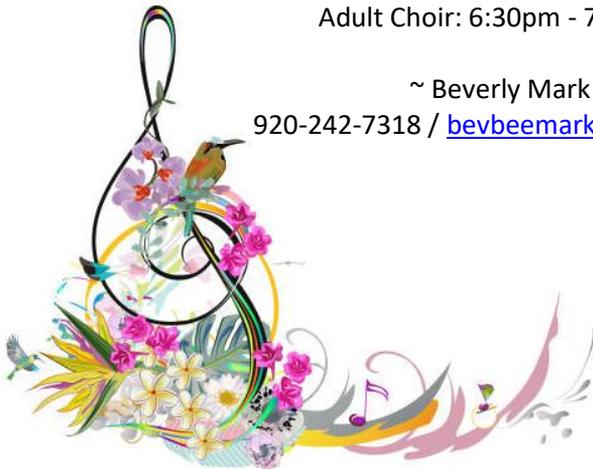
Handbell Ensemble: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

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

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

~ Beverly Mark

920-242-7318 / bevbeemark@gmail.com



J.A.M. Time* 2026
March 1st – 22nd
Temple



*I will listen to every prayer made in this place,
for I have chosen this Temple
and set it apart to be my home forever.
My eyes and my heart will always be there.*

2 Chronicles 7:16

Cuttin' and Struttin' – Jeweled Breastplate
Kickin' Kitchen – Showbread
Movin' & Groovin' – Temple Ritual Game

UP NEXT

March 1	Lent/Temple
March 8	India Sunday/Family Worship – NO JAM Time
March 15-22	Lent/Temple
March 29	Palm Sunday Mini Unit
April 5 th	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 6th grade.*

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



UCCI camp registrations are open, log on to www.UCCI.org to register for a camp at any of the three beautiful UCCI sites today!

Can't make it to a camp but still want to experience the beauty of what UCCI has to offer? Book a glamping stay at Moon Beach, or at any of the Airbnb's located at

Daychola Center (Hillside Cottage, Woods Glamping Cabins) or Cedar Valley (Log House, Hundred Acre Haven).

There are also Camp Scholarship fundraiser items available in case you missed the sale or would like to restock!

Freewill donations are accepted as well, you can drop them in the Giving Church with a note designating them for the "camp scholarship fund." For more information on the UCCI camps, or any questions you may have regarding the Cedar Valley, Daychola Center, or Moon Beach sites, please contact Mitch Schleif.

The graphic has a light yellow background with a subtle pattern of concentric circles. At the top, two rainbows with colorful bands (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) arch over two smiling sunflowers with yellow centers and white petals. In the center, the text "Sunday Morning Childcare!" is written in a playful, rounded font. "Sunday" is in blue, "Morning" is in red, and "Childcare!" is in orange. Below the text, there are several lines of blue text providing details about the childcare program. At the bottom, there is an illustration of five diverse children holding hands and jumping joyfully. To the left of the children is a stack of colorful books with a red apple on top, and a black book with "BIBLE" written on it. To the right of the children are three colorful blocks with the letters "A", "B", and "C" on them. The children are holding colorful balloons (purple, green, orange, pink).

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.

CORE



In the month of March, we are looking at the Ten Commandments and it's structure: The first four commands focus on the relationship with God (no other gods, no idols, respect His name, keep the Sabbath). The last six focus on relationships with others (honor parents, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not covet).

March Schedule:

March 1st – Ten Commandments

March 8th – No CORE Family Worship/India Sunday

March 15th – Ten Commandments

March 22nd – Ten Commandments

March 29th – Ten Commandments

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

Whaddaya mean we're not done yet? SHINE is continuing our Sex, Love, and Relationships unit into March- the snacks are good, the discussions are better! When we wrap that up, we'll move on to how to handle it when your faith asks you to do hard things. That doesn't necessarily mean BIG hard things- but the kinds of things that don't come easy to you or that are different than what your peers are choosing. Because let's face it, remembering why we want to be faithful in the first place makes a big difference when it comes time to face down a challenge.

1st- Sex, Love, Relationships

8th- No SHINE/Family Worship Day/India Sunday

15th- Sex, Love, Relationships

22nd- When Your Faith Asks You To Do Hard Things

29th- When Your Faith Asks You To Do Hard Things

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



F.I.T. EASTER EGG HUNT & BRUNCH

(F.I.T. ~ FAMILIES INTERACTING TOGETHER)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY,
MARCH 22ND AFTER 2ND SERVICE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR THIRD ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT AND BRUNCH
IN A PRE-EASTER F.I.T. CELEBRATION.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. ON THE SIGN-UP
SHEET BY THE OFFICE
SO WE CAN MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH EGGS
FOR HIDING AND PANCAKES FOR EATING.

PANCAKES, SYRUP AND SAUSAGE WILL BE
PROVIDED, PLEASE FEEL FREE
TO CONTRIBUTE A DISH TO PASS.



Souper Bowl

Sunday was a success!

Thank you to all who bought soup to support our youth!



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
West Bend, WI.



Kids Night Out

We had 11 kids, & 9 youth
participate this year!

Fun was had by young and old!





SPRING



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY
MARCH
21ST

GAME'S & DINNER

5PM – 8PM

IMMANUEL CHURCH BASEMENT

SATURDAY
APRIL
4TH

MR. BOB'S UNDER THE BRIDGE

6:45AM-10:30AM

KOSCIUSZKO PARK IN MILWAUKEE

SAT-SUN
APRIL
18TH - 19TH

LOCK-IN 6PM - 9AM

IMMANUEL CHURCH BASEMENT

SATURDAY
MAY
9TH

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

8:30AM-NOON

CHURCH PARKING LOT



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JO AT:
youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org

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.

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 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 **March 19th** 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.



Health & Wellness Ministry

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly restored Health & Wellness Ministry! This ministry is dedicated to supporting the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of our church family and community. We are currently seeking new members who have a passion for health and service and would love to help us grow this important outreach.

We celebrated great success with our first blood drive this past December and are SO grateful to everyone who participated. We were able to collect 43 units of blood, which is such a precious resource at this time. Our next blood drive is scheduled for April 20th, and we look forward to another strong turnout. More details will be coming soon to get your appointment arranged. Throughout the year, we will also be offering fitness challenges, health/nutrition classes, blood pressure screenings, and many more activities designed to encourage healthy living for all ages. We invite you to join us as we work together to build a healthier church community!

If interested, please connect with
Sara Arndt (262)355-5464 or Elizabeth Carlson -Losch (262) 685-8588

Raise Right Gift Cards – Great for filling Easter Eggs

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, March 9th**.

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 March, we will be collecting **Breakfast Foods – Cereal, Granola bars, Oatmeal, Pancake & Quick Bread Mixes, Syrup**



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

Preplan Your Funeral Service

The death of a loved one is rarely an easy time for the family, and certainly planning a funeral that will honor the deceased and comfort the living can be an added stress during this period of grieving. If your desire is to have a say in your

Memorial Service and ease the burden on those you've left behind, then you may want to consider filling out a Planned Funeral Information Sheet that can be kept on file here at Immanuel Church.

This is strictly a form that covers questions regarding your wishes upon your passing in regard to a Memorial Service; it is not a legal document, nor is it any type of prepaid funeral planning package.

If you would like a form you will find them located in a pouch on the bulletin board outside the main offices.

Filled out forms can be put in Jenny Landowski's mailbox #4, and any questions can be directed to her as well.

Benevolence Fund

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

Within our church family and our community there are often individuals who need a little extra help to get them through unexpected financial difficulties. Immanuel's Benevolence Fund, under the discretion of Pastor Rich and Jenny, is yet another way our congregation seeks to shine the light of God's love in the world. Contributions can be made to this account by marking it on your weekly giving envelope or through the monthly Communion envelope. Online

donations can be made through our website

<https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/>

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this special fund.



Soul Sacks...meeting a basic need of the homeless within our community.

- A can of Pasta, Soup, or Chili
- 8oz bottle of water
- Granola Bar
- Plastic Spoon
- Sweet or Savory Snack
- Fruit/Applesauce Cup
- Piece of Candy
- A WHOLE LOT OF LOVE

Filling a sack, helps keep the hungry full. 🍷

Want to support our efforts? Donations of food or \$ to Immanuel's Benevolence Fund are always appreciated.

Soul Sacks are available in the Soul Box located outside of Immanuel Church.



Sunday, March 15th
4:00-6:30 pm

Playin' for Change

in Immanuel's Lower Lounge
Fundraiser in support of
Joyful Journeys India Ministry

**Live music by
"Average Dad Band"**

**Delicious food provided by
The Norbert/Orville**

**Beverages, fun, and...
Childcare too!**

**\$25 per person
includes all of the above!**

Call 262-334-2886 or
office@immanuelwestbend.org
to reserve your spot



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



Join us for India Sunday

Join Immanuel's India Travelers on **Sunday, March 8th**, as they reflect back on their recent trip to the village of Madhavapatnam and share their take on all the wonderful things that are happening within the various parts of Joyful Journeys Ministry there. You will be amazed at what your support has been able to achieve!



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 or 262-334-2886
or talk to an India Task Force member.

Additional Expenses in the month of March...

- Septic Tank cleaning & repair ~ \$747

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

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, EVEN IF IT'S AWKWARD!



Thank you for your support within our **Period Poverty** campaign! Through your generosity, we were able to restock the Shoppe with feminine hygiene products and adult disposable undergarments! Your ongoing support will allow us to better serve our community when they come to the Circle of Friends Shoppe throughout the year!!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, join a team of sorters, or volunteer at the Shoppe, feel free to contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

Together, we're making a difference!

Interesting fact: During the month of February, we served 78 individuals from 22 family visits. Last year we served 30 individuals from 12 family visits. Unbelievable!!!

Serving this many people, may have you asking the question, “how do we do it?”, the need is so great, and we’re just one church. But here’s the good news...we’re not in this alone!!! As the word spreads of how the Circle of Friends Shoppe is helping the people of our community who are wrestling with hardships, more and more individuals as well as other churches, schools and social service agencies are jumping on board to offer support in various ways! We regularly receive donations of clothing and other household items from non-members which helps keep our racks full. In addition, this past month we were also the recipient of a *very generous* financial donation from a random individual within our community who heard about our mission and wanted to help! New Hope UCC in Jackson was passionate about our Period Poverty campaign and offered to collect products for us! And, a group of gals from Trinity Luthern called the “Trinity Comforters” assembles blankets that they share with us to distribute at the COF Shoppe and with Mr. Bob’s Friends in Milwaukee! Praise God when we can work together for the common good of all.

If you’d like more information on how you can help, please contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org.



Bundles of Undies, Sacks of Socks

Easter Baskets

It's that time of year again when we invite you to help us fill Easter Baskets with "Bundles of Undies and Sacks of Socks" in an effort to stock The Circle of Friends Shoppe.

Please consider donating **new** footwear and underwear.

Items will be collected through Easter, April 5th.

If you would prefer that we shop for you, monetary donations can be given to Joyful Journeys.

Thank you for helping us care for those experiencing hardships within our community.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Women's "no show" socks

Girls Briefs - sizes 8 & 10

Men's **Boxers** - Medium & Large

Boy's **Boxers** - sizes 4-12

Boys Large "no show" socks



March

Communion

Sunday March 1st

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word
12:30pm Braver Angelis



Monday March 2nd

10:30am Boundaries
6pm Health & Wellness meeting

Tuesday March 3rd

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

Wednesday March 4th

12pm Ecumenical Lenten
Services Holy Angels Catholic
Church 126 N. 8th Ave.
6pm Lenten Devotion in
Friendship Room
2:30pm PEO

Thursday March 5th

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

Friday March 6th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday February 7th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

India Sunday March 8th

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

Monday March 9th

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday March 10th

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

Wednesday March 11th

11am Joyful Journeys Inc.
12pm Ecumenical Lenten
Services Trinity Lutheran
140 N. 7th Ave.
6pm Lenten Devotion in
Friendship Room

Thursday March 12th

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

Friday March 13th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 14th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday February 15th

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word
1pm Indivisible West Bend
4pm-6:30pm
"Playin' for Change"



Monday March 16th

Tuesday March 17th

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

Wednesday March 18th

12pm Ecumenical Lenten
Services Immanuel UCC
501 Walnut St.
6pm Lenten Devotion in
Friendship Room
5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe
6pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday March 19th

6pm Wise Guys

Friday March 20th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 21st

10am-Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday March 22nd

9am and 10:30 am Worship
10am-Noon "love in a cup"
Bake sale
10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word
10am-Noon "love in a cup"



Monday March 23rd

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday March 24th

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

Wednesday March 25th

12pm Ecumenical Lenten
Services Fifth Ave. Methodist
Church 323 S. 5th Ave.
6pm Lenten Devotion in
Friendship Room

Thursday March 26th

10am SonShine Gals

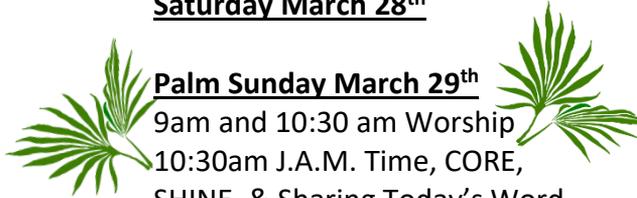
Friday March 27th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday March 28th

Palm Sunday March 29th

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



Monday March 30th

Tuesday March 31st

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



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:

March 1st: Jim Morrison

In memory of Mona Anderson

March 8th: India Travelers

In celebration of their recent trip to Madhavapatnam

March 15th: June Sommerfeld

In celebration of my granddaughter Emma's 18th birthday on March 21st

March 22nd:

March 29th:

Birthdays in March

Ana Komro 3rd
Zachary Tanner 3rd
Beverly Walter 4th
Mark Koehler 6th
Dan Gerard 8th
Ryan Krepsky 8th
Carol Merrifield 11th
Amy Schmitt 12th
Isaiah Shaikh 14th
Kris Zulick 14th
Erin Mueller 15th
Jacqueline Prodoehl 16th
Carmen Vincent 17th
Larry Wheelock 18th
Kent Scheuerell 19th
Cyndee Thull 21st
Cindy Komro 22nd
Patricia Love 24th
Beth Moser 25th
George Forst 28th
Barbara Stahnke 28th
Nader Raad 29th
Paul Stier 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:

Darleen Baerenwald, 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, Steve Feit, Jessica Frederick, Bruce Kapanke, Carol King, Susan Kist, Jerry Kuckuk, 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

Cyndee Thull – Brother ~ Randy Menzel

Ashley and Ben Russell & family – Uncle ~ Randy Menzel

Tama Gluck and family – sister ~ Teresa Kobelt

Barb Seefeldt – Brother-in-law ~ Paul Gumm

Rachel Gumm and Mary Demmon & family – Uncle ~ Paul Gumm

Tommy and Elizabeth Carlson-Losch – mother ~ Paula Losch

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:

- March 1 9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer
10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- March 8 9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock
10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
- March 15 9:00am Max Sommerfeld
10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, & Mary Jo Norgel
- March 22 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler
10:30am STILL NEED SOMEONE
- March 29 9:00am Dan, Rachel, Sam, & Nora Gerard
10:30am Tom & Becky Kay

USHERS:

- March 1 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner
10:30am Gene Kreis
- March 8 9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm
10:30am Elaine Radzinski
- March 15 9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love
10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- March 22 9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
10:30am Joe Halfman
- March 29 9:00am Al Nevala, Jackie Nieman
10:30am Jennifer Schleif

READERS:

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| March 1 | 9am Kari Lutter | 10:30am Elaine Radzinski |
| March 8 | 9am India Task Force | 10:30am India Task Force |
| March 15 | 9am Patricia Love | 10:30am Jinna Bertelsen |
| March 22 | 9am Kent Scheuerell | 10:30am |
| March 29 | 9am Dave Hammen | 10:30am Chris Witt |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- March 1 Bonnie Gerner
March 8 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
March 15 Eric Christie
March 22 Mary Demmon
March 29 WE STILL NEED SOMEONE

Fellowship Hour:

- March 1 Adult Choir
March 8 India Task Force
March 15 STILL NEED SOMEONE
March 22 Tom & Marsha Newkirk
March 29 Lavonda Johnson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- March 1 Adult Choir
March 8 Larry Wheelock
March 15 Handbell Ensemble
March 22 Larry Wheelock
March 29 Ladies Ensemble

Communion Servers: March 1

- 9:00 – Al Vredeveld &
Judy Krepsky
Floater – Sophia Landowski
10:30 – Dennis & Cindy Roos

Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

Website – <https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/>

Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelUCCWestBend>

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CHILDCARE: Tobias Halfman

CONSISTORY ELDERS:

Amy Schmitt – President, Christopher Arndt-Vice-President,
Carol Argabright- Secretary, and Mitchell Schleif

CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Ben Russell – Treasurer, Mike Soener – Property, Joe Halfman,
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



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!



We invite you to help adorn Immanuel's chancel this Easter as we fill it with beautiful flowers as a symbol of Christ's resurrection.

Forms can be dropped in the Giving Church located on the Offering Altar, placed in church office mailbox #2, or given to Johanna Landowski. Please include payment with order, payable to Immanuel UCC.

Please return by Sunday March 22nd.



_____ Lily X \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Tulip X \$15.00 = \$ _____

_____ Mum X \$15.00 = \$ _____

_____ Azalea X \$26.00 = \$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Given by: _____

Your email: _____

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

