



Journey Connection

September 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

SUN 13 SEPT 2026

**RALLY SUNDAY AT
IMMANUEL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

A TIME TO REIGNITE THE PASSION
WITHIN YOU AND
REINVEST YOUR COMMITMENT TO
WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE...
"SPIRIT FILLED FOLLOWERS OF
CHRIST WHO SHINE THE LIGHT OF
GOD'S LOVE TO THE WORLD!"

9:00am - Worship Service (traditional)
10:30am - Worship Service (contemporary)
10:30am - Youth Ministries
J.A.M. Time (3 years - 5th grade)
CORE (6th - 8th grade)
SHINE (High School)
11:30am - Parking Lot Luncheon Party

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome to join us!



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR...
RALLY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026**

9:00am – Worship Service – Traditional

10:30am – worship Service – Contemporary

J.A.M. Time (3years – 5th grade Ministry)

CORE (6th – 8th grade Ministry)

SHINE (High School Ministry)

11:30am – Parking Lot Luncheon Party

(assemble in the Sanctuary first)

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

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

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

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/vQUGYVXtxu>

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

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

office@immanuelwestbend.org 262-334-2886

A word, or two from our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel UCC,

Lately, one of the phrases I find myself repeating regularly is “It’s all too much!”

Recovering from this last bout with cancer has certainly made it clear to me that my body is staging a mutiny against me. That’s right: My body is betraying me and refusing to follow the orders I give it. Chronic fatigue, low strength, and numb extremities have all slowed my life to a pace that can only be described as glacial. I move slowly, at best, and always with some cracking pain.

I am awestruck at how life is just “too much” – that is, it is beyond words, incredibly weighty, overwhelmingly mysterious, excruciatingly maddening. I’ve come to describe this feeling with the simple phrase: *“Life is unbearably sad and unspeakably beautiful.”* That’s right – not one or the other, but both at the same time. The *“unbearably sad”* part of life is so overwhelmingly cumbersome that our knee-jerk response is to escape this harsh truth by forcing it out of our mind through endless distractions. The *“unspeakably beautiful”* part of life, though glorious, is equally hard to bear. All the gifts of grace and divine love that pour down on us – creation with all its diversity, life and existence, relationships, forgiveness, music, colors, art, food, clothing, sun, moon, stars, etc.

It is all “too much” and yet, we can only bear so much. As T. S. Eliot wrote, “humankind cannot bear too much reality.” But I think this is ok.

As C. S. Lewis made clear, “the weight of glory” is indeed not easily carried, and if it is, not for long. Perhaps Emily Dickinson said it best when she wrote, “The Truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind.”

No matter what your pace of life or mitigating circumstance, may God continue to dazzle you gradually that you may help someone bear with sadness and that you may live gratefully and gracefully in the unspeakably beautiful glory of God.

Grace and peace,
Rich

it's all too much

by george berkeley



Thoughts from our Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries

Dear Immanuel Church family and friends,

The word **“rally”** comes from an old French word meaning to **reassemble** or unite again. It acts as a call to **refocus** and **restart** group efforts. For many, summer is a season to step back from the routines that fill our lives throughout the rest of the year, or simply slowdown from the chaos that consumes our schedules. I hope the last few months have offered you some respite and relaxation, and you are now ready to **“rally”** with us as we **reassemble** into a season of **reigniting** our passion for being Spirit filled followers of Christ, and **“reinvesting”** our commitment to Immanuel UCC and what we stand for!

“Rally Sunday” is on September 13th, we not only hope that you will join us as we **“reassemble”** on that day but also encourage you to invite others to come see what Immanuel United Church of Christ, as a whole, is all about! As we **“refocus”**, I would like to draw your attention to the following “statements” put out by the wider United Church of Christ, certainly statements that we at Immanuel embrace as well...

- **UCC Purpose Statement** (from the Gospel of Matthew): To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.
- **UCC Vision Statement:** United in Christ’s love, a just world for all.
- **UCC Mission Statement:** United in Spirit and inspired by God’s grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

Inspired by the above, we at Immanuel do our best to lean into this profound love for all through our commitment to service, our radical hospitality, and our compassionate outreach both within our community and around the world.

- **Immanuel UCC’s Mission Statement:** To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God’s love to the world.

Whether you jump back in, or simply dip your toes, now is the time to **“reignite”** the embers within you by attending Sunday Worship or participating within one of the various ministries offered at Immanuel UCC. You will be surprised at what the Holy Spirit can do, in and through you, when you open your heart and mind to the teachings of the Gospel.

And for all who call Immanuel home and have embraced the joyful journey we’ve been on through the years, maybe it’s time to **“reinvest”** your time, talents, and financial commitment, then see the wonders God can do with our meager bread and fish offerings... After all, we are Immanuel, God is with us, come and be amazed!

In Joy, In Service,
~Jenny



2026 **UPCOMING** EVENTS

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FRIDAY, OCT. 9TH

JOYFUL JOURNEYS INDIA GALA

SUNDAY, OCT. 18TH

**PASTOR RICH - CONCERT
"CELEBRATING FRIENDS"**

SUNDAY, DEC 6TH

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

**BE SURE TO MARK
YOUR CALENDARS!**

CELEBRATING FRIENDS WITH PASTOR RICH

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

**WHERE: IMMANUEL UCC
501 WALNUT STREET**

**6:00PM - PRE-CONCERT SOCIAL
W/REFRESHMENTS**

7:00PM - CONCERT BEGINS



On behalf of our President...

Rally Day is upon Us. This year we are again focusing on renewal and reinvesting ourselves into our church. We come as we are each and every week.

We come to church sometimes whole and sometimes broken. We seek to heal ourselves through amazing sermons, be it from Pastor Rich, Chaplain Esteve, Rev Emma or Rev Steve, or whoever may be leading us in worship from Owen to Jenny or the India Travelers, we find comfort in their message.

They all have a way of leading us to renewal into the church we call home here at Immanuel. I want to thank each and every one of you for your presence each week at worship, whether in person or virtually, without you Rally Day or any worship service would be lacking. So let us all rally around renewed presence in our church family this "year" as our ministries start back up!

For renewal I will leave you with this passage.

Psalm 119:105: *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

Submitted by Christopher Arndt



Property update...

Kettle Moraine came to replace the fan motor on the A/C unit that cools the Friendship and Adult Ed rooms; they also repaired the broken drain line that was leaking on the air handler for that unit.



PROPERTY
NEWS! ☆ ☆

Installed new shelving in upstairs storage room for storing our Christmas decorations.

Property Team



A Note From our Choir Director...

Our music program begins on Tuesday, September 15. Let the power of God's word come to your life through song. And if you don't sing, join handbells!

Throughout my life, I've found that singing about God has lifted my spirits and carried me through many difficulties. Singing about God reminds me of His power, His Love and His forgiveness (plus gives a healthy dose of friendship and laughter in the process). If I come to rehearsal with a heavy heart, most times I'm uplifted and can tell my problem, move out of the way, I have a big God!

Weekly rehearsals are in the sanctuary

5:15-6:00 for Handbells Ensemble

6:15-6:45 for Ladies Ensemble

6:45-7:30 for Choir

Let me know if you are interested in sharing with the Ministry of Music any Sunday. Openings begin September 27.

I hope that you will consider joining us.



Tricia

music@immanuelwestbend.org
phone/text 920-287-9308



Financial Secretary...

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

**** During August, the Restricted Building Fund monies have been used to pay for the gas pipeline leak repair, which is being financed at \$500/month through December, a motor replacement and pipe leak for another air conditioner for \$1,646.19. Also, an additional air conditioner and handler will need to be replaced within the next year for around \$25,000. So, if you would like to help build up the Building Fund for future major and minor repairs, please do so by designating your special Building Fund contribution to Immanuel on the Building Fund line of your offering envelope or choosing Building in Online Giving or writing Building Fund on your checks Memo Line. ****

July 2026 Finance Report as of 7/31/26

	July 31, 2026	YTD as of 7/31/26
Total Income	\$21,363.52	\$ 252,671.69
Total Expenses	<u>\$27,612.64</u>	<u>\$ 263,121.02</u>
Income vs Expenses	\$ -6,249.12 deficit	\$ -10,449.33 deficit

Cash Available for Church Operations as of July 31, 2026, \$1,685.33

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.

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 transaction fee of \$.45 plus and an additional fee of about 3.4-3.8% on the amount given which the service provider reduces the amount we receive.

For example, if \$25.00 is the amount given using a credit/debit card, only \$23.84 will be the amount deposited into Immanuel's checking account. The \$1.16 fee is comprised of a \$.45 transaction fee plus a \$.71 amount percentage rate fee. In this example, the total amount given is reduced by 4.64%.

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





Dear friends:

In high school I worked on a dairy farm, baling hay, feeding calves, and mucking stalls. Twice a day, we shooed 60 cows into the barn for milking then sent them back out to the field. The trickiest part was getting them through a narrow gate flanked by barbed wire fences that occasionally snagged my britches. Amazingly, the cows learned to file one by one through that narrow way. How I longed for a wide-swinging gate that would alleviate this bovine bottleneck.

Then one Sunday I heard these words from Jesus: *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”* (Matthew 7:13-14)

I’ve wrestled with this passage ever since. In Luke, the metaphor is similar: *“Strive to enter through the narrow door,”* implying that Jesus is the exclusive way to a life of fullness and salvation. Many people are drawn to this teaching because it is a reassuring spiritual promise that calls us into deeper discipleship. Yet it also draws from us, consciously or not, a judgment about who is “saved” and who is not. Winnowing the list of people worthy of God’s grace doesn’t strike me as reflecting the radical love of Jesus.

I find it interesting that in today’s polarized environment, narrowness is revealed most clearly at the two ends of the political spectrum, where uncompromising ideologies lead to angry-finger pointing at the opposite corner. In mastering the skill of “othering,” it seems, we lose the gifts of compassion and curiosity that so often produce unexpected blessings.

As we prepare to launch a new program year, the September Common Lectionary Epistle readings refer to Paul’s mediation between Jewish and Gentile Christians around dietary customs and the Mosaic laws. Conflicts over their divergent backgrounds and traditions threatened to divide the early Church. But Paul declared that love must supersede judgment if we are to be one body in Christ. *“Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law ... love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Romans 13:8)

I read the invitation to pass through the narrowest gate as instruction to us to cultivate the widest love. If Jesus is the incarnation of love, and if we seek to embrace and embody such love, that has immense implications for our practice of openness and inclusion.

To walk the narrow way is to welcome the stranger, to help the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to shelter the unhoused, to feed the hungry, to embrace ethnic and racial diversity, and to love people no matter their gender or orientation. That is a love from which Christians too often retreat, returning instead to our social media feedlots for a steady diet of prejudice, disparagement, and stereotyping.

In a few days, our nation will mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sep. 11, 2001 – an event that united Americans in deep grief. Sadly, however, we also experienced an anti-Muslim backlash that to this day fuels the xenophobia expressed by many and the massive, unjust ICE arrests and detentions of immigrants, most of whom have never been convicted of a crime. WWJD?

Meanwhile, as the nation mourns the death of Dolly Parton, we have been reminded again and again of her remarkable kindness. She was universally admired. One newscast ended with a video tribute sharing stories about her generosity and her care for the Appalachian communities that shaped her and at the end that noted she never spoke a mean word about anyone. When asked why, Dolly replied, “I just love everyone.”

As we head into a contentious midterm election, keeping “love of everyone” front and center is more important than ever. Through that narrow gate lie the wide-open muddy fields of life, where we can be agents of good will, ambassadors of the love of Jesus Christ, and stewards of the generous grace of God.

With best wishes for a relaxing Labor Day weekend and joyful September Sundays,



The Rev. Franz Rigert
Conference Minister



2026-2027

Youth Ministries Schedule

September

13 – RALLY SUNDAY, Classes Begin
20 – Class In Session
27 – Class In Session

October

4 – No Classes – Family Worship
11 – Class In Session
18 – Class In Session
25 – Class In Session

November

1 – Class In Session
8 – Class In Session
15 – Class In Session
22 – Class In Session
29 – No Classes – Family Worship
(Advent Begins)

December

6 – Class In Session
13 – Class In Session
20 – Class In Session
24 – Christmas Nativity Program
27 – No Classes – Family Worship

January

3 – No Classes – Family Worship
10 – Class In Session
17 – Class In Session
24 – Class In Session
31 – Camp Sunday

February

7 – Class In Session
Wed. 2/10 – Lent Begins
14 – Class In Session
21 – No Classes – Family Worship
28 – Class In Session

March

7 – Class In Session
14 – Class In Session
21 – Palm Sunday/Class in Session
28 – Easter Sunday – NO Classes

April

4 – Class In Session
11 – Class In Session
18 – Class In Session
25 – Class In Session

May

2 – Class In Session
9 – Celebration Sundae, Classes End
16 – Confirmation Sunday



2026 - 2027 Christian Education
Registration



J.A.M. Time* 2026-2027

“Let Our Light Shine”

**Unit 1: Shadrach,
Meshach, Abednego**



***For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, “Do not fear; I will help you...”***

Isaiah 41:13

September 13 – RALLY SUNDAY!

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

September 20 & 27

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Coming Up Next!

October: 4, Family Worship Day – NO J.A.M. Time

October 11: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

October 18 – November 1: Cain and Abel

November 8 – 22: UCCI Thanksgiving Outreach

**Please remember to complete your child's
Youth Ministries Registration ASAP!**

Contact Mitch for a link or scan the QR code on the registration flyer located on the JAM Time bulletin board.

Also, please remember that ALL J.A.M. Time kids MUST be picked up by a parent/guardian at the bottom of the stairs outside Fellowship Hall.

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

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

***Jesus and Me Time** – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for children age three through 5th grade.

JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room downstairs.

Acolyte Guild



To all young folks third grade and up: Would you like to serve Immanuel in a special way? Please consider becoming an acolyte! Throughout the year, these children provide worship leadership by lighting and extinguishing candles at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, as well as candle lighting during Advent, on Christmas Eve, and on Maundy Thursday.

When an acolyte lights the altar candles, it reminds us that Jesus brought light into our world. Carrying that light out at the end of the service reminds us that we also should carry Christ's light into the world.

If you'd like to join the Acolyte Guild, or just want to see what it's all about, please contact either of the following:

Mitch Schleif: Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org

The church office: office@immanuelwestbend.org

If there is enough interest, training will take place on a Sunday after J.A.M. Time in the latter part of September.





I'm so excited to be starting another year of CORE! This year, we are thrilled to welcome our 6th grade youth into the program. Together, we have 6 new youth joining us and 7 returning youth continuing their faith journey.

We will kick off the year on Rally Day, September 13th, and we look forward to all that God has in store for this wonderful group.

As these young people continue to grow in their faith, please keep each one of them in your prayers; especially the 7 that are considering Confirmation in May. Join me in helping them feel supported, encouraged, and strengthened as they take the next steps on their faith journey. What a joy to walk alongside them and share in this exciting year together!



CORE is part of Immanuel's youth ministries that serves kids in 6th, 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

September SHINE

September's theme

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly:
Friendship Edition

September 13th - RALLY DAY!
September 20th - 10:30-11:30
September 27th - 10:30-11:30

Welcome back! SHINE is open to all high school students- come enjoy a chance to have fun, make new friends, eat a bunch of tasty snacks, and dig deep to ask the big questions and see how your faith is woven into every part of your daily life (past, present, and future).

Questions? Ask Elise
shine@immanuelwestbend.org
(262) 343-1149

YOUTH FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2026



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH

Serve Ice Cream For Rally Day
Noon - 1:30pm
Adult Ed Room

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17TH

Fall Cleanup
8:30am-Noon
Meet at Church



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25TH

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



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7TH

Dinner & Games
5pm - 8pm
Church Basement



FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 27TH

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



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 19TH

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge
6:45am - 10am
Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee



If you have any questions, want to participate, or help with these events feel free to contact
Johanna Landowski
at youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org
Church 262-334-2886
Cell 262-353-2739

TRUNK OR TREAT
Immanuel FIT Event
(Families Interacting Together)

Sunday, October 25

Lunch at 11:30 followed by Trunk or Treating

Join us for some spooktacular fun!

Kids: Head on down to Fellowship Hall right after second service for some Pizza!
Once everyone is done, we'll parade through the parking lot for TRUNK OR TREAT!

Adults: Would you like to be part of the fun by hosting a trunk for our Trunk or Treaters?

Hosts would be encouraged to decorate their trunks in addition to providing a treat for the kids. Pizza will be delivered to all hosts while you're getting your trunk ready for the Shine Brites to come through.

All: There are 2 sign-up sheets outside the main office...

- 1) If your kids plan on participating, please indicate how many so our hosts can plan accordingly with treats, and we know how much pizza we'll need.
- 2) If you'd like to be a host, please sign up so we know how many vehicles and how much pizza to get.



Please contact Jennifer or Liz with any questions:
Jennifer Schleif 414-248-9353 or jsbschleif@gmail.com
Liz Ratzburg 262-483-6183 or erat217@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.



Our current book study is on...

Unbreakable Courage;

strong faith in an age of anxiety, chaos, and exhaustion by Max Lucado

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, Immanuel's men's ministry, is starting things up again on Thursday, September 17th at 6:00pm. You are invited to join us for dinner followed by a listening / planning session. We're reimagining what we'd like our gatherings to look like so they can best serve those in the group. Would we like to do devotionals, testimonials, read and discuss a book together? Those are just some ideas. Do we want to continue to share a meal together? Meet more than once a month? You get the idea. So, guys, come on the 17th with your thoughts so we can mold this ministry together.

If you have any questions or thoughts prior to getting together, please feel free to contact Marty Keey at smkeey@outlook.com.

The sign-up sheet for **September 17th** is located on the bulletin board outside the main offices. Consider attending, 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 meets on Sundays at 10:30am to discuss the sermon from that morning; they gather in the space connected to the Friendship Room where Fellowship Time treats are served.

Sharing Today's Word will resume meeting on September 20th

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



Neighbors in Need



Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

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

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

Full Shelf Pantry

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

You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:29

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

Canned Vegetables



12 count egg cartons are needed on a monthly basis

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

Any questions see Jenny or Johanna Landowski

Raise Right Gift Cards

Let us help make your shopping, budgeting, dining out, and gift giving easier... Gift Cards for Local Grocers, Gas Stations, Clothing Stores, Online Shopping, Restaurants, and more are available through Raise Right Gift Cards. A variety of cards are on hand for immediate purchase, and hundreds of different cards can be ordered on a monthly basis. Raise Right gives us a % of each sale, which benefits our Joyful Journeys Ministries, both India and the COF Shoppe.

A member of the India Task Force will have cards available on Sunday mornings; you can find them seated at the table across from the church mailboxes. They can also take your special orders; forms can be found in mailbox # 79. Completed forms with payment made out to Joyful Journeys can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or brought into the main office

Monday thru Thursday between 9am-3pm.

Orders this month will be called in on Monday, September 14th.

*for eating... shopping...
gifts... or filling your tank*



RaiseRight

Formerly ShopWithScript

Gift Cards!





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

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



Health & Wellness Ministry...

HOPE HAS A PULSE & IT BEATS IN YOU

Immanuel United Church of Christ Blood Drive

Blood supplier for Froedtert, Aurora, & other area hospitals

WHEN & WHERE

Mon, Sept 21
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm

501 Walnut Street
West Bend

PROMOTION

Support your school. Get the shirt!
Donate, then visit BigTen.org/Abbott to submit
your donation and **claim a T-shirt of the Big
Ten school of your choice.** Ages 18+. While
supplies last.



◀ **Schedule your appointment**
Appointments preferred.
Walk-ins welcome!



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



Sponsor a schoolchild in India

\$25 per month / \$300 per year

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

For the past 21 years Immanuel Church's Joyful Journey India Ministry has been impacting the lives of hundreds of children in the remote village of Madhavapatnam by providing an education through our very own Marshall School. Many of the children who attend this school would normally not have the opportunity to receive an education due to poverty and other restrictions. By offering these youngsters free enrollment in our school we are helping to empower not only their future, but the future of this village.

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

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

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



Tickets are on sale now...

JOYFUL JOURNEYS

INDIA GALA

with a **GERMAN TWIST** 

\$50 per person

~AUTHENTIC GERMAN FOOD
AND SPIRITS
~TRADITIONAL MUSIC
~FREE CHILD CARE
~GEMÜTLICHKEIT

**Friday, October 9th
Immanuel Church
West Bend**



Silent Auction Items Needed

Our Silent Auction Committee has already been working hard acquiring items and gift certificates from local businesses for our upcoming India Gala Silent Auction, **but we need your help to ensure the success of the event!**

Please consider the following:

- ~ Donations of Handcrafted items, specialty meals, gift certificates, _____ of the month, jewelry, and "techy stuff" are just a few suggestions.
- ~ Please use donation slips outside of the main office to accompany auction items.
- ~ Please be aware that **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.**
- ~ All items must be received by Wednesday, September 17th.

If you have any questions, need suggestions, or want more information, please contact Mary Demmon (262)483-2921, or Barb Seefeldt (262)853-5628, our awesome Silent Auction Coordinators, and they'd be happy to assist you.

Additional Expenses in the month of September...

- New Tires for Mini-School Bus \$338
 - New Tires for JJM car \$338
- Misc. repairs on Large School Bus \$225
 - Teachers' Day Celebration \$250

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/>

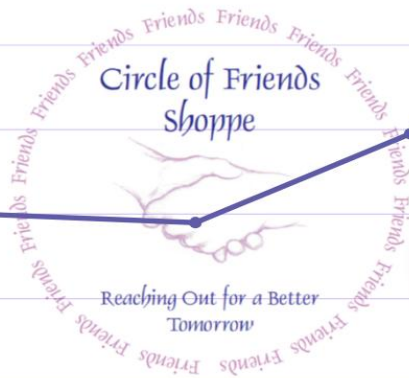
Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

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.

Circle of Friends

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS SHOPPE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The amount of people being served at the COF Shoppe continues to go up,
as do the clothing donations that are coming in;
therefore, we are looking for additional individuals who could join our team
of sorters and Shoppe volunteers to assist with the work overload.
Please prayerfully consider how you could help!!



KOHL'S Cash

Have you ever shopped at Kohl's and earned "Kohl's Cash" but don't have anything else you need or want to buy? Maybe consider dropping your rewards off at Immanuel Church in the Main Office; we can use them to get necessary items for the Circle of Friends Shoppe. 😊 It's a great way to offer support to those experiencing hardships, without it costing you anything! 🙏



Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge and Immanuel United Church of Christ working together to serve the needs within our community...



**Need a shower?
Mr. Bob's got
your back! 😊**



**When: 2nd and 5th Wednesday
of each month
1pm-3pm**



**Where: Immanuel Church Parking lot
501 Walnut Street**



Sponsored by: Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge



Call Immanuel Church for more information 262-334-2886

Interested in lending a hand?

Volunteer sign-up is located outside the main office.

Want to know more about how you can help?

Contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org



September

Tuesday September 1st

Wednesday September 2nd

2:30pm - PEO

Thursday September 3rd

1pm – 3pm - COF Shoppe

5pm - India Task Force

Friday September 4th

6:30pm - NA

Saturday September 5th

10am–Noon - COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday

September 6th

9am and 10:30am - Worship



Monday September 7th

Office closed

Thursday September 8th

5:15pm Bell Choir

6pm Musical Masquers

6:15pm Ladies Ensemble

6:45pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 9th

11:30am JJI Meeting

1pm-3pm - Shower Trailer

Thursday September 10th

10am - SonShine Gals

5:30 pm Church & Ministry

6:30 pm Consistory

Friday September 11th

6:30pm - NA

Saturday September 12th

10am–Noon - COF Shoppe

Rally Sunday September 13th

9am and 10:30am - Worship

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

11:45am Parking Lot Party



Monday September 14th

10:30am – Boundaries

6pm - Health & Wellness
meeting

Tuesday September 15th

1pm – Staff meeting

5:15pm Bell Choir

6pm Musical Masquers

6:15pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm - PEO

6:45pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 16th

5pm - 7pm - COF Shoppe

Thursday September 17th

Friday September 18th

6:30pm - NA

Saturday September 19th

10am-Noon - COF Shoppe

Sunday September 20th

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

Monday September 21st

1pm – 6:30pm - Blood Drive



Tuesday September 22nd

5:15pm Bell Choir
6pm Musical Masquers
6:15pm Ladies Ensemble
6:45pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 23rd

6pm Musical Masquers

Thursday September 24th

10am - SonShine Gals
6pm Musical Masquers

Friday September 25th

6:30pm - NA

Saturday September 26th

Sunday September 27th

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

Monday September 28th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday September 29th

5:15pm Bell Choir
6:15pm Ladies Ensemble
6:45pm Adult Choir

Wednesday September 30th

1pm-3pm - Shower Trailer



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

INDIA GALA

Friday, October 9th

BLOOD DRIVE

December 14th

Altar Flowers



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

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

This month our flowers have been donated by:

September 6th: Luella Dekker

In memory of James Allen Dekker

September 13th: Rachel Gumm

In celebration of Rally Day

September 20th: Jean Stewart

In celebration of Doug's birthday

September 27th: Scott & Tama Gluck

In celebration of their 33rd Wedding Anniversary



Birthdays for September!

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





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, DeDe Emory, Maxine French, Doris Hawkins, Carol King, Kathy Komro, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Paul Stier, and Dave Wolff.

Health Concerns:

Carol Argabright, Steve Feit, Jessica Frederick, Lou Glassman, Bruce Kapanke, Carol King, Susan Kist, Anne Mari Peters, John Sancomb, Wayne Seideman, Paul Stier, Pastor Rich Vincent, and Dave Wolff.

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, and Adam Vincent.

Deaths

Orville Larsen

Family Loss

Kevin & Candi Martin – Mother ~ Jorette Martin

Joan Dobberstein – Father ~ Orville Larsen

Prayer Requests

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

If you have a special prayer that you would like lifted up on your behalf, feel free to fill out one of the Prayer Request forms located on the Offering Alter and deposit it into the Giving Church or email it to Jenny at director@immanuelwestbend.org.

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



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

GREETERS:

- September 6 9:00am Kim Lisanby-Barber
 10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- September 13 9:00am KC Laycock, Pat Sommer
 10:30am Hunter & Savannah Demmon
- September 20 9:00am Bonnie Gerner, Judy Krepsky
 10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, & Mary Jo Norgel
- September 27 9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler, Carol Merrifield
 10:30am Max Sommerfeld, Eileen TenPas

USHERS:

- September 6 9:00am Mike Soener, Joyce Bultman
 10:30am Gene Kreis
- September 13 9:00am Michael Bath, Russ Demmon, Rachel Gumm
 10:30am Elaine Radzinski, Barb Seefeldt, Lavonda Johnson
- September 20 9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Patricia Love
 10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
- September 27 9:00am Mike Soener, Wayne & Rosemary Seideman
 10:30am Dennis & Cindy Roos, Cyndee Thull

READERS:

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| September 6 | 9am Patricia Love | 10:30am Elaine Radzinski |
| September 13 | 9am Evelyn Lutter | 10:30am Kevin Martin |
| September 20 | 9am Russ Demmon | 10:30am Ashley Russell |
| September 27 | 9am Jackie Nieman | 10:30am Rachel Gumm |

COFFEE MAKERS:

- September 6 Bonnie Gerner
September 13 Jim & Anne Mari Peters
September 20 Shawn Murphy
September 27 Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- September 6 Ed Muelling &
 Tricia Abbott-Marton
September 13 Worship Team
September 20 Adult Choir
September 27 Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

- September 6 Mary Demmon
September 13 Rally Day
September 20 Children's Ministries
September 27 **STILL NEED SOMEONE**

Communion Servers: September 6

- 9:00 – Scott & Tama Gluck
Floater – Jan Nesladek
10:30 – Blaine Tofte &
 Rachel Barger

Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

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

Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

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

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CHILDCARE: Tobias Halfman

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Christopher Arndt – President, Bradley Mitchell - Vice-President,
Carol Argabright - Secretary, and Kim Lisanby-Barber

CONSISTORY DEACONS:

Ben Russell – Treasurer, Mike Soener – Property,
Rachel Barger, Sara Flaherty, Joe Halfman, and Kent Scheuerell

Finance Committee:

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

Immanuel's Team

