



TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 2011

*"Will you seek to serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?"*

Elders and Deacons to be elected at the Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday morning, May 15 at 11:15

On Sunday morning, May 15 the Parish Life Council will host a special coffee hour in the Upper Room followed by the **Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation**. "The year in review" will be presented by the elders and deacons involved in the various programs of the congregation and the church nominating committee will place before the congregation persons for the office of elder and deacon:

The Office of Elder

Jon Olson
Laura Potts
William Stafford
Carol Tsao

The Office of Deacon

Casey Cox
Mark Hagen
Jeffrey Leswing
Jacie Rostagno

The new elders and deacons will promise to "seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love" during the **Service of Ordination and Installation on Presbyterian Heritage Sunday, May 29.**

Milwaukee Jewish Museum Chagall Art Exhibit Outing

Following the meeting, the Parish Life Council will host a special outing to visit one of our neighbors, the **Milwaukee Jewish Museum** at 1360 N. Prospect Avenue. An exhibit entitled *The Children of Israel Journeyed: Selections from the Chagall Bible Series* is on display. Friends of all ages are welcome. See page 5 for more detailed information.

Keeping faith in the city since 1837

We will glorify God
*in our worship and service,
"equipping the saints"
to show the good news
of Jesus Christ
by the story we tell,
by the values we live,
by the choices we make;*

We will grow in faith,
*manifesting its joy and risk,
nurturing new generations
in its promises,
and inviting others
to share the journey;*

***We will attend to
human need***
*in both
congregation and world,
address the issues
of our time in dialogue
with our faith, and
affirm the love and teachings
of Jesus Christ
through our mission.*

Mission Statement
Immanuel Presbyterian
Church

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE
Spring Spruce-Up Day
Saturday, May 14

Come enjoy fresh, spring air and sunshine as we spruce-up the church grounds on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 until 2:00. Depending on your schedule, feel free to come for all or part of the time. Help is needed to gather leaves, pick up twigs, turn over soil, remove weeds, and edge the flower beds. Bring your own gloves and tools if you have them; if not, just come with a smile! If you have questions, please contact Susan Kraeblen. *Note:* Although we've had lots of April showers, more are possible -- so our rain date is set for May 21st.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
AN "IMMANUEL EARTH STEWARD"?
Weed pullers needed this spring and summer

In partnership with the Landscaping Committee, the Immanuel Earth Stewards are recruiting volunteers to help pull weeds at least once a week during the spring and early summer. A new non-chemical fertilization program is being implemented for a portion of the church lawn that will require regular weeding during the spring and summer months for the next few years. Would you like to help? Contact Jim Green to add your name to the list. He will develop a schedule based on your availability.

GRADUATES TO BE HONORED

Members of Immanuel Church who will graduate this spring will be honored on June 5. Do you have a graduate in your household? Please call the church office (414-276-4757) so that our list of graduates will be complete.

IMMANUEL RESALE SHOP
open Saturday, May 7
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Immanuel's ReSale Shop, located in the lower level of Waverly House, will be open Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are invited to stop and shop for end of the year bargains. A portion of ReSale Shop proceeds help to support the mission of the church. The shop is regularly open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.; it is closed during the summer months.

COME GROW WITH US
Prospective Member Dinner and Orientation
Sunday, May 22

If you've been visiting Immanuel Church and have wondered what it might mean to become a member, consider joining us for our next Prospective Member Dinner and Orientation on Sunday evening, May 22 from 5:00 until 8:30. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the worship life, educational programs, and mission opportunities at Immanuel. A delicious supper will be served by Immanuel members and participants will have the opportunity to get to know one another and the church better.

If you, or someone you know, might enjoy this opportunity to consider membership at Immanuel Church, please contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
RECIPE BOOKLET AVAILABLE

On the Wednesday evenings during Lent, approximately 40-50 people gathered in the Upper Room for a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by study and discussion and a brief service of evening prayer and the Lord's Supper. Immanuel members volunteered to provide soup and host each meal. In addition to the meaningful worship and opportunities for conversation and study, several people commented on how much they enjoyed the delicious soups.

Again this year, Immanuel's Administrative Assistant Amy Richter has collected recipes from the soup makers and compiled them into a booklet. The recipe booklets will be available in the Great Hall during the month of May. The booklet will also be posted on the Immanuel website at: www.immanuelwi.org. Thank you to those who contributed recipes and to Ms. Richter for compiling the recipe booklet. *Bon appétit!*

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"

Brewers Game and Tailgate Party
 Sunday afternoon, July 31
 Brewers play the Astros
 Game time is 1:10

"SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION"

**MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S
"House Raising Week" - June 13-17**

A team of Immanuel members and friends will put themselves to work again this summer building safe, decent, affordable homes in the city of Milwaukee during Habitat for Humanity's "House Raising Week," June 13-17.

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity is a great way to serve the community, learn new skills, AND get to know other Immanuel members and friends. Habitat homes are constructed almost entirely by volunteers, who work side by side with partner families while they complete their "sweat equity" hours.

Habitat volunteers must be at least 16 years old. They may sign up to work for one day or all week, but must work full days (8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.). Previous experience is not required, but people with building skills are encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested in being part of this team, please register on the Milwaukee Habitat website: www.milwaukeehabitat.org. Click on the "volunteer" tab, then on "Blitz Build Weeks." Please indicate that you are registering as part of the Immanuel Church group. For more information, contact Jenny Vellinga or Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

On Wednesday, June 15, Immanuel Church will host a dinner for all of the hard working Habitat volunteers. If you would like to assist in planning, preparing, or serving this meal, please contact Ms. Dow.

COMMON GROUND ACTION TO LAUNCH**"Milwaukee Rising"****Monday, May 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.****St. Joseph's Hospital**

For the last two years, Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground has been researching the scope and causes of the Foreclosure crisis in Milwaukee, and on Monday, May 23, will publicly launch the "Milwaukee Rising" project. This event will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital, 5000 W. Chambers Street in Milwaukee. All are invited to attend.

Common Ground will be working with the City of Milwaukee and Zilber Ltd., as well as with St. Joseph's Hospital and other Common Ground member organizations on this ambitious and exciting initiative. "Milwaukee Rising" will target the Sherman Park neighborhood in the city, with the goal of rehabbing 100 homes in the next four years.

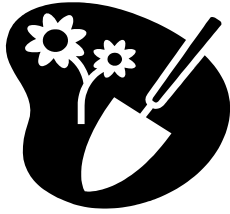
For more information, contact Ms. Dow in the church office, or go to the Common Ground website: www.commongroundwi.org.

SUMMER CONVERSATIONS ON THE PORCH**Wednesdays ~ June 22 - July 27****"What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?"**

This summer's "Conversations on the Porch" series will focus on a new book by Martin Thielen with the provocative title: "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" Join other Immanuel members and friends for lively and thoughtful conversation about the core beliefs and elements of our Christian faith.

We will meet for six Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on the Parish House porch, beginning June 22. Come for one evening, or come for all six!

Copies of the book will be available at the book table or from the church office. Watch the bulletin and June issue of *Tower Chimes* for the theme of each week's conversation.



Creation Sunday
**Celebrate God's Good Creation
 and Learn to be Stewards of the Earth
 with events for both children and adults
 on Sunday, May 8**

On Sunday, May 8, the children of the church school and their teachers will celebrate God's good gifts to us in creation with their annual Creation Sunday activities – planting flowers and making feeders for the neighborhood birds.

The adults will gather following worship that morning for a "Life Together" conversation, sponsored by the Immanuel Earth Stewards, with environmental educator Chris Beimborn. She will discuss the why's and how's of recycling, and other actions everyone can take to be good stewards of the environment.

At noon, everyone is invited to gather in the Upper Room for a lunch of Garden Salad, sandwiches, and "Dirt Cake." Bring your mothers and grandmothers, and enjoy this special event with the Immanuel Church family.

PENTECOST PARTY
Sunday, June 12

Immanuel Church will mark the Day of Pentecost in our usual celebratory manner on Sunday, June 12. During worship, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, and will welcome our confirmand, Sydney Rearick, as a new member of Immanuel Church. Following worship, everyone is invited to the Upper Room for our annual Pentecost Party, where we will enjoy a sandwich buffet, "Fruit of the Spirit" salad, and a special birthday cake for the church. Pentecost also gives us the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry of our Church School teachers.

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. The story of Pentecost in the book of the Acts of the Apostles says that the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire – and the liturgical color of Pentecost is red – so it is our custom to get into the spirit of the day by inviting everyone to wear something **RED**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"God's People in ACTION"
August 16-17-18, 2011
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School 2011. Immanuel children, from preschool through grade 6, and their parents (or grandparents... aunts... uncles... friends) are invited to join us again this summer for three evenings filled with fun and learning for all God's children! Evening activities begin with supper at 5:30 for children and adults, followed by a program that includes stories, songs, crafts, and games.

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is "God's People in ACTION." Our focus will be on the book of Acts in the New Testament, and we will learn about some of the people in the early church who put their faith into action by helping and welcoming others. We will pay special attention to Tabitha, who is with us every Sunday in one of our stained glass windows.

Vacation Bible School is a great time to reconnect with members of the church family at summer's end, as we all prepare to return to fall activities. Additional information about Vacation Bible School was mailed to families with children the first week of May. Friends, neighbors, and other relatives are also welcome and encouraged to attend. To register, or for more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

MILWAUKEE JEWISH MUSEUM Chagall Art Exhibit Outing

Following the Annual Meeting on May 15, the Parish Life Council will host an outing to visit the Milwaukee Jewish Museum at 1360 N. Prospect Avenue. The visit connects to this year's worship and education theme "*What do our neighbors believe?*". In addition to the museum's main exhibit exploring the history of Judaism in Milwaukee, a special exhibit entitled *The Children of Israel Journeyed: Selections from the Chagall Bibles Series* beautifully illustrates many of the Bible stories that the "Immanuel Reads the Bible" group has explored. Sign-up in the Parlor during coffee hour on May 8 (\$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students) or contact Ms. Richter in the church office (414-276-4757). We'll meet at the museum at 12:30 for a welcome from the museum educator and docent led tour.



Are you interested in joining other Milwaukee area Presbyterians for our denomination's "Big Tent" event this summer? Members of the presbytery are exploring the possibility of organizing and subsidizing a bus trip to Indianapolis for the event, June 30 - July 2. Planned for non- General Assembly summers, the Big Tent event brings together Presbyterians from throughout the country for worship, education, and community. The event will include nine different denominational conferences, from "Evangelism and Church Growth" to "World Mission Matters," all under one "big tent." Go to: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/big-tent/> for details, registration, and hotel information! Contact Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) in the church office (414-276-4757) if you are interested in attending and might like to join a Milwaukee Presbytery bus trip to Indianapolis.

THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS

7:00 - 8:30 pm. + May 10
in the Waverly House

The Theological Classics group will meet again on May 10 to discuss chapter 9 - 17 of Harvey Cox's *When Jesus Came to Harvard. Making Moral Choices Today*. Copies of the books are available at the Book Table in Nathex on Sunday mornings.

"IF IT'S THURSDAY ..."

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. + May 12
in the Waverly House

On May 12, the group will continue a discussion of *Jesus. A Revolutionary Biography* by John Dominic Crossan (chapters 3-5). Copies of the book are available through new and used booksellers, both locally and online.

Both of these groups are led by Parish Associate James Fisher. New friends are welcome!
Questions? Contact Dr. Fisher for more information.

WORSHIP and CELEBRATE With Us on Sunday, July 3

Mark your calendar and plan to spend the 3rd of July at church! The ministers and Parish Life Council are planning a day full of worship, music, food, and friendship. The day will begin with a service of Morning Prayer at 10:00. We'll gather for our annual Fireworks Picnic at 6:00 (dinner to be served at 6:30). At 8:00 we'll gather again for an evening Vespers Service followed by a special extended organ postlude of patriotic music by Mr. Jensen. We'll mark the close of the day by enjoying the annual lakefront fireworks together on the Parish House lawn. Plan to join us and invite a friend.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Born** Keaton Harris Engelen, Tuesday, February 15, to Matt and Katee Engelen.
Vivian Susan Beres, Sunday, April 3, to Maile and Bob Beres.
- Baptized** Sophia Ellen Thom, daughter of Jennifer and Jason Thom, Sunday, March 6.
Daphne Barbara Chase, daughter of Jason and Katie Chase, Holy Saturday, April 23.
Minnie Lucille Crichton-Bell, daughter of Ben Crichton and Jessica Bell, Holy Saturday, April 23.
Forrest Ernesto Moreno, son of Carley Sauter and Fernando Moreno, Holy Saturday, April 23.
Callyn Danielle Ness, daughter of Jaclyn and David Ness, Holy Saturday, April 23.
Margaret Linnea Read, daughter of Suzy Hauske and Andy Read, Holy Saturday, April 23.
- Moved** Patsy Aster, to.
Brian and Sybil Frailing, to.
Ron Mitchum, to.
- New Phone** Mark Hagen,.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS
MAY 2011
at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

- May 1** **The Second Sunday of Easter**
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
8:55 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Morning Worship; Mr. Ater preaching
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion
11:00 Church School - *Waverly House 3rd floor, Youth Room*
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor
11:30 Nominating Committee Meeting - *Parish House*
- May 8** **The Third Sunday of Easter**
 Creation Sunday
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
10:00 Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House 3rd floor*
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor
11:20 Recycling and the Environment - Chris Beimborn - *Upper Room*
12:00 "Garden Party" Luncheon for all ages! - *Upper Room*
- May 15** **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
10:00 Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House 3rd floor, Youth Room*
11:00 Coffee in the Upper Room
11:15 Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation - *Upper Room*
12:30 Chagall Exhibit at Milwaukee Jewish Museum
- May 22** **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
10:00 Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House 3rd floor, Youth Room*
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor
5:00 Prospective Member Dinner
- May 29** **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
10:00 Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House 3rd floor, Youth Room*
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor