

Bulletin Announcements + Sunday, October 5, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, from neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Welcome Team members this morning are Leslie Davis, Kathy Brumder, and Claire Moulis. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. The **Care Corner** in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is available for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. There is also a **"crying room" on the second floor** that offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email for information about **Church School** activities: <https://conta.cc/4gOOUdf>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY + World Communion Sunday

Today, Immanuel Church joins congregations around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday, acknowledging the faith that binds us together with siblings in Christ, wherever we live. We celebrate Immanuel's long-standing commitment to local and international mission. The Communion Table is set with chalices, bowls, baskets, and fabrics from mission trips to Zambia, Kenya, and Peru. This year we celebrate our connection with [Living Waters for the World](#) (LWW) and our return to Cuba to visit our partners and water systems there at the end of the month.

Living Waters for the World presentation in the Upper Room at 11:15

Following worship, the Mission Committee will host a special coffee hour in the Upper Room and members of Immanuel's LWW team will offer a presentation on their upcoming trip. The team (Marge Brindley, Carol Kraft, David Klehm, Paula Lewein, Jay Lewein, Leslie Smart, and Rev. Rob Ater) will be commissioned during morning worship on Sunday, October 19.

WELCOME ORIENTATION BEING PLANNED for October 19 or 26 following worship

Designed for those interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel's story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

"A PEACE OF MY MIND": A WEEKEND WITH JOHN NOLTNER

THIS Weekend, October 10-12

Internationally acclaimed photographer, author, and peace advocate John Noltner will share his commitment to bridging the gaps that divide us. His multimedia project, "A Peace of My Mind," reflecting stories that bridge divides and encourage dialogue, is widely shown throughout the country. After being introduced to "A Peace of My Mind" through the Interfaith Conference, Immanuel is pleased to welcome John to Milwaukee! **Please join us for these free events.**

Friday, Oct. 10 "A Peace of My Mind" Photo Exhibit & Opening Reception,
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Saturday, Oct. 11 "A Peace of My Mind" Exhibit open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

10:00-noon: "A Peace of My Mind: Thoughts on Faith" in the Upper Room, community lunch to follow. *Sign up using the link below by Oct 7.*

Noon-4:30: Studio & Stories - Immanuel members and friends can sign up to have their portraits taken and share part of their Immanuel story (*more details below*).

Sunday, Oct. 12 "A Peace of My Mind" Exhibit open from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

11:15-12:15: Closing keynote in the Upper Room, presentation of Immanuel's portraits

For Immanuel members and friends: Share your Immanuel story! On Saturday afternoon, John will be taking portrait photos and asking for responses to the prompt "Tell about a time Immanuel has inspired your faith" in 25 words or less. John will compile the portraits and responses for the closing keynote on Sunday.

Sign up for lunch and a studio time at Coffee Hour or by clicking here:

https://bit.ly/IPC_NoltnerEventOct2025

Copies of John's book, *Lessons on the Road to Peace*, are available for \$10 in the Parlor today.

LEGACY SOCIETY BRUNCH + Sunday, October 19

An invitation to include Immanuel in your estate plans

Remembering Immanuel Church in your estate plans is an important way for congregation members to support our congregation's mission for years to come. Members and friends who would like to learn more about how to include Immanuel in estate planning, are invited to join the Stewardship Committee for a **Legacy Society brunch at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 19** in the Upper Room. The brunch will honor current members of the Legacy Society, those who have included Immanuel Church in their planned giving, wills, and bequests. RSVP to the church office (414-276-4757 or ipc@immanuelwi.org), or sign up on the clipboard during Coffee Hour in the Upper Room.



FALL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 19, 2025 + 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue

We listen. We learn. We take action!

Sign up at Coffee Hour or online at: https://bit.ly/RSVP_CG_Assembly_Oct2025

This gathering of over 1,000 people is the next step in deepening relationships and helping to support crime reduction efforts on Milwaukee's Southside and continued support for tenants organizing for better living conditions.

Immanuel hopes to turn-out 50 people –

join Immanuel's delegation as we show up and show our support!

Common Ground (www.commongroundwi.org) is a non-partisan, multiracial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a sixteen-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground? Follow the link above or contact a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Paula Lewein, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, and Rob Ater.

PUTTING THE IMMANUEL GARDENS TO BED

Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. (Rain date Oct. 25)

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of Fall weather, the Landscaping Team needs your help to clean up the grounds and cut back the plants. If you enjoy gardening and want to contribute to the beauty of the gardens, please join us on Saturday, October 18. Sign up today at Coffee Hour or at: https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_FallCleanUp_2025. Please contact Trustee Keith Pierce at klpierce46@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Responding to August Flooding in Southeastern Wisconsin

Donations for cleanup buckets needed!

The Milwaukee Presbytery's Disaster Preparedness Task Force is asking for emergency cleanup buckets to assist with recovery efforts throughout southeastern Wisconsin after the flooding in August. Each bucket contains 16 different cleaning supplies, totaling around \$75 per bucket. **Immanuel Church School children and youth will assemble 20 cleanup buckets after worship on November 9 and need donations!** Sign up to donate items on the flipchart in the Upper Room or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_PDA_CleanUpBuckets2025. You may also make a financial donation toward the cost of the project; write "PDA buckets" in the memo line of a check or donate online at: bit.ly/IPC_PDA_BucketDonation. All donations must be received by Monday, November 3.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Dave Salisbury, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

PARISH LIFE COUNCIL OUTING TO MILWAUKEE REP

***"Come From Away"* + Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join the Parish Life Council for a special outing to *Come From Away* at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. This exhilarating Tony award-winning musical shares the true story of nearly 7,000 airline passengers from all over the world who were grounded in the small Canadian town of Gander during the wake of 9/11. Tickets are \$55.00 each. Sign up and make your payment in the Parlor or by clicking here (https://bit.ly/IPC_Outing_to_ComeFromAway) and Rev. Larson will be in touch with information on how to pay online.

SURVEY FROM TRANSITION TEAM

Pastoral Leadership Skills

Transition Team members will be available again this Sunday to share a list of 20 "pastoral leadership skills" of which you'll be asked to select your top five. This is one final piece of information that will guide our Human Resources Committee and Session in making plans for our church's future. Look for team members with clipboards after worship today! Or complete the survey online at: https://bit.ly/IPC_TransitionTeam_Survey_Fall2025.

DO YOU NEED TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND?

Are you missing an umbrella, glove, water bottle or other personal item? The **"Lost and Found" basket in the Astor Street coatroom** is full. Please stop in the coatroom today to reclaim items – they will be laid out on the shelf next to the entrance to the women's restroom. There is also a **"lost and found" basket in the Nursery** on the lower level. If your household uses the nursery, check there, too. Unclaimed items in both lost and found areas will be donated later this month.

"ONLINE GIVING" CARDS IN PEW RACKS

Many Immanuel friends and members submit donations to the church through online banking services. If that is true for you, feel free to place in the offering plate one of the pew-rack cards printed with the phrase "I Support Immanuel Church Through Online Gifts." The act of receiving a weekly offering is an important part of our worship life - an expression of faithfulness requested of all members. The card also lists a QR code for a quick link to our website's donation page. The goal is to facilitate and celebrate our acts of being good stewards of God's many gifts.

ALTERNATE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our website:** <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR code** with your smart phone camera to connect to giving options on Immanuel's site (vanco.com).
4. **Text 833-712-0259** the amount you wish to give. You will receive a link to giving options on Immanuel's site (vanco.com).



WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 5		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Ater preaching Celebration of the Lord's Supper
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Coffee Hour in the Upper Room
	11:15	Living Waters for the World presentation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	4:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Thursday	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Friday	5:00	John Noltner Photo Exhibit Opening Reception ~ <i>Parlor</i>
Saturday	9:00-4:30	Photo Exhibit open for viewing ~ <i>Parlor</i>
	10:00	"A Peace of My Mind: Thoughts on Faith" with John Noltner ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 12	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:00-10:00	Photo Exhibit open for viewing ~ <i>Parlor</i>
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Keynote with John Noltner ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Oct. 13	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Oct. 14	9:00	Finance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	4:30	Budget Formation Committee meeting ~ <i>Church Office</i>
	6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Oct. 16	4:00	Adult Ed Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Oct. 18	9:30	Transition Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

Needed: Chancel flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary **on November 2 or later in 2025** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING: Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please **DO NOT** park in the Barnett Gallery lot.