

# Bulletin Announcements for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

## *Welcome!*

Worshippers are invited to a **Formal Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following today's service. **Coffee hosts** are Audra and Joel Brennan, Eileen and Keith Pierce, Keith Schmitz and Lana Cramer, and Jim Schlief and Bill Morley. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Ahna Olson (and Benji), and Jim Schlief and Bill Morley. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

**If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **188<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this month. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, 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. Committed to "keeping faith in the city," Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level, to the right of the northeast staircase. Elevator access is also available. There is also a "**crying room**" on the second floor with sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during the worship service.

**Church School classes** will not be held this Sunday so that children and youth can experience Easter worship with the whole congregation. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 27. Go to <https://conta.cc/4lyAy2G> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with information about Christian education at Immanuel Church. Contact Associate Pastor Rev. Teresa Larson with questions.

## **ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?**

**We're glad you're here!**

*Welcome materials are available on the Great Hall tables  
including copies of sermon texts from the last four weeks!*

*Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:*

**"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"**

**following worship NEXT Sunday, April 27 at 11:15 a.m.**

Tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries, and learn about what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

**A Welcome and Orientation Event**

**following worship on Sunday, May 4 from 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Designed for new friends 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 either of these events, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater in the church office ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org), 414-276-4757).

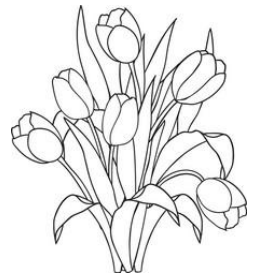
## IN REMEMBRANCE

*The Easter lilies adorning the church today  
are given by members of the congregation in testimony of faith in everlasting  
life and in memory of the following loved ones:*

Christine Adams	Billi Faillettaz	Marvin and Betty Perrigo
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson	Evelyn Kinmond Findlay	Dr. Philip and Dorothy Proud
Jerry and Joanne Anderson	George A. Goetz	Talina Rapozo
John F. Anderson	Jim Green	Cary Ross
William and Sue Baer	Swenna and Jan Harger	Geoffrey Ross
Tom and Anne Bisho	Augie Harkey	Hilary Ross
Alfred L. and Carol K. Block	Marcia Harman	Linda Joyce Salisbury
James Forrest Block	Scott Harman	Margaret Severns Salisbury
Mary and John Brahm	G. Victor Herro	Nancy Salisbury Johnson
Ellie Smith Bunker	Justin Horn	Peter and Ann Schenck
Matthew Bunker	Charlotte P. Johnstone	Wallace and Beverly Schmitz
Glen Burchby	Jeanette Kostritza	Gertrude Schroeder
Louise Burchby	Jeanne Kraft	Marv, Marie, Bill, and Scott Schweers
Kate and Bob Burwell	Martha and Herbert Kuehn	Ruth Severns
Bud and Mary Callen	Carole Landaas	Kay H. Silet
Ed and Louise Carlton	Karen Lawson	Andrew Spiess
David Carr	Mary and John MacLeod	Molly Dow Spinar
Ken and Elinor Carr	Larry MacIver	Jana Sytsma
Tom Christofferson	Joseph Mahnke	Jean Sytsma
Myron and Sylvia Cramer	Thomas McCray	Evelyn Findley Thomas
Robert E. Davis	Tyler McCray	Don and Marion Trost
Nona Dawson	Edith and Allison Merriam-Webster Sr.	Joseph and Harriet Vanella
Ellen Debbink	Marge Morales	Terri Vanella
John and Marcy Dombrock	Robert J. and Anna M. Morrisey	Bob and Elaine Walker
David Dooley	Robert K. Morrisey	Vance Werner, Sr.
David Dow and Breta Peterson Dow	Thomas E. and Janet Neubauer	Betty J. Williams
Philip Dow	John and Bettie Ogden	Vernon and Jeanne Witte
Robert Eisenbrown	Jon Nels Olson	
Marjory Honstead Fahr	Keith and Helen Fahr O'Malley	
	Frances Peck	

# Spring is Coming!

*Mark your calendar  
for these upcoming Immanuel events*



## **THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE**

**Spring Spruce-up Day + Saturday, May 10 + 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of Spring, the Landscaping Team invites your help to clean up the church grounds, mulch, and prepare the gardens throughout the spring and summer. The first yard work day is May 10. Volunteers will clean up the grounds and spread mulch; the rain date is May 17. If you enjoy gardening or want to learn from some experienced gardeners, please join us for this cleanup/mulching day, and/or volunteer for weekly watering of a section of the landscape or individual planters.

Sign up today by going to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Gardens\\_SpringSpruceUp2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_SpringSpruceUp2025) or signing up in the Parlor to join the landscaping team for 2025.

Please contact Keith Pierce at [klpierce46@gmail.com](mailto:klpierce46@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign-up to adopt a garden bed/plot to water and maintain throughout the season (or would like to learn more). Please use a subject line of "IPC Landscaping" in your e-mail.

## **"CREATION SUNDAY" + May 11**

The Church School children, youth, and teachers will celebrate Creation Sunday on May 11 with lessons and activities that celebrate the gift of God's good creation! Following worship, members and friends will be invited to join in the celebration and enjoy eating some "dirt cake," a favorite Creation Sunday treat.

## **SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING + May 18**

Join the congregation as we offer a blessing for Rev. Robert Ater as he departs for a summer sabbatical leave. A special coffee hour will be hosted by the Human Resources Committee in the Parlor following the worship service.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY + June 8**

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. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost as the last day of the Church School year with our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with "Fruits of the Spirit" salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2024-25 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples.

# PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

## *Opportunities for Mission and Service*

- ✦ Today is **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY (IFP) SUNDAY**, when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Located at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison, IFP is one of only a few city-wide pantries. Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (<https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). With the changes in recent federal funding for food insecurity programs, the need is even more acute. In addition to financial support, volunteers are needed to unpack and sort food and serve guests. Contact the pantry staff ([interchangeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:interchangeoffice@gmail.com) or call 414-551-2184) to sign-up. Elders Allyson Nemec and Scott Silet serve on the IFP board on behalf of Immanuel Church.
- ✦ Again this year, **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES (ESS)** is sponsoring a **Floral Fundraiser**. Purchase a gift card for **Bayside Garden Center** and 15% will be donated to ESS to support its work. Place your order online at <https://essmilw.org/donate/> OR send a check to Eastside Senior Services, 1840 N. Prospect Ave, Box 216, Milwaukee, 53202. **Online orders and checks must be received by April 30.** Gift cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of Eastside Senior Services, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Elder Julia Vosper serves on the ESS board on behalf of Immanuel Church.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** every quarter this year. The next dates are **Wednesday, May 14; Thursday, May 15; and Friday, May 16.** To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver the meal to the center where the staff will serve it. If you wish to help serve, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the sign-up form. To volunteer, go to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_CathedralCenterMeals](https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals) or contact the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake ([bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).
- ✦ The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering is a Lenten tradition at Immanuel Church and in Christian congregations around the country. The offering supports disaster relief, self-development, and hunger and health programs here and around the world. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks or you may donate online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated during worship **NEXT Sunday, April 27.**

**Participate in the process of nominating  
ELDERS AND DEACONS for Immanuel Church  
forms due NEXT Sunday, April 27**

The Church Nominating Committee is working to identify members for service on the **Session (governance; worship, education, mission)** and the **Board of Deacons (pastoral care)**. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee **at their April meeting**. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church; members who are currently serving are not eligible for election to another board. Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office. **Nomination forms are due NEXT Sunday, April 27**. Drop your completed form in the tray on the Great Hall tables or submit a name online at: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Nominations2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2025).

**MAKING SUNDAY MORNING HAPPEN: *It takes you!***

The practice of gathering for worship on Sunday mornings is the center of our life together. Sunday mornings at Immanuel Church are meaningful *and busy*. There's more to be done that meets the eye! Will you help?

**Welcome Team** members greet worshipers at the church doors, answer questions, and offer directions. *Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.*

**Ushers** welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary. *Four to six ushers are needed each Sunday.*

**Coffee Hour** hosts serve coffee, tea, and juice after worship in the Parlor. They offer table hospitality by providing both sweet and savory treats and clean-up afterwards. *Four hosts are needed each Sunday.*

If you would like to help, please email the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

**THANK YOU to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers – Curtiss Peck, Paul Campbell, Jeff McEathron, Mark Connelly, David Crysedale; Camera operator – Tamara Crum.

*In Memoriam*

**Clair Baum** died on March 2 at his home at St. John's on the Lake. A longtime friend of Immanuel, Clair had been an active participant in the life of the congregation since his wife Mary joined in 2009. A memorial service will be held in the Immanuel Sanctuary THIS Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception immediately following hosted by the family at St. John's on the Lake. Our prayers and sympathies are with the Baum family.

**Available date for Chancel flowers:** If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **June 15 or 22, or another date in 2025** (\$150 for the two arrangements each Sunday), please contact the church office.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 20	8:30	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching <i>Church School will resume next Sunday</i>
	11:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
April 21		Church Office Closed NO Choir rehearsal
April 22	9:00	Finance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
April 26	11:00	Clair Baum memorial service ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 27	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Ater preaching Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
April 28	11:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 29	5:30	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

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

### VOICE RECITAL + May 2 + 7:30 pm

In partial fulfillment of her Master's degree requirements, Evan Maxwell, one of our choir section leaders, will present a voice recital at Immanuel on Friday, May 2. Accompanied by our own Steve Jensen, this recital is free and open to the public. Congratulations, Evan!

### TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY

Starting next Sunday, you are invited to chat with members of the Transition Team and share a bit of your Immanuel Church story. We want to hear about times when you were proud to be part of our Immanuel "flock" as well as any times when you felt a bit like a "lost sheep." The team members will be available following worship each week in the rear of the sanctuary (narthex) beginning April 27.

**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.