

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, January 19, 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, 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Mary Ginnebaugh, Jeanne and Peter Corrao. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Toni Jones, Margaret Crowley, and Kathleen Burchby. 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. A **"crying room" on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/3C4uYm>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Rev. Larson is on vacation and will return to the office on Tuesday.

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GOOD & EVIL?" ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING TODAY at 11:15 in the Upper Room

Whether composing New Year's resolutions or simply wondering about the choices we make on a daily basis, the question of choosing right from wrong is ever before us. This is an ancient philosophical topic, and to guide us in reflecting on morality, Dr. Eric Wilkinson, visiting philosophy professor at UW-Milwaukee, will lead a discussion on "Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?" Come learn a bit more about moral relativism, moral absolutes, and ways our minds and souls can choose the best path forward in 2025.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel? Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation on Sunday, February 2 + 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. Childcare available. Invitations are on the Great Hall tables. For more information about church membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

NEXT Sunday, January 26 following worship

This important congregational meeting will include various reports and action items as we prepare for the coming year, such as the election of trustees, approval of ministerial terms of call, and the reception of the 2025 budget. For your information, the new class of trustees being nominated for election include: Ann Eisenbrown, Bob Flath, Keith Pierce, and Lisa Trost. In addition, the Session and the Board of Trustees always strive to bring a balanced budget to the annual financial meeting. We are very close to reaching that goal and thus are grateful to the members and friends who have made gifts and pledges for the work of the church in 2025. Thank you!

The pledge goal for 2024 is \$1,020,308.

Pledges received to date total \$1,012,109.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Pledge envelopes for 2025 are available and ready for pick up in the Great Hall for those who requested them on their pledge forms. Envelopes are provided for weekly and monthly contributors if you so request; they are not ordinarily provided for those who plan to give quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If you would like envelopes or cannot find yours, please contact Ms. Stinemates in the church office. **On-line giving options are available on the Immanuel website.**

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

www.interchangefoodpantry.org

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. Immanuel members Allyson Nemec and Scott Silet serve on the board.

Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Volunteers are always needed to unpack and sort food and serve guests. Contact the pantry staff (interchangeoffice@gmail.com or 414-551-2184) to sign-up.

The Pantry is hiring!

The pantry is hiring two part-time (12-16 hours/week) pantry assistants at \$20/hour. Job duties include managing day-to-day operations, loading and unloading shipments, tracking inventory, training and supervising volunteers, and driving the pantry cargo van. Click here to view the full job announcement [Pantry Assistant Job Description](#). Resumes may be sent to Executive Director George Neureuther ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com. Please share this announcement!

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Victor Plantinga, and Virginia Riggs; Camera operator – Janet Christiaansen, Audio assistant – Keith Pierce.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Responding to Wildfires in California

In the midst of the ongoing wildfires in California, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources and support. Immanuel friends interested in supporting these ongoing efforts, may make contributions to Immanuel (noting PDA CA Wildfires in the memo) or directly to PDA by mailing a check to P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; please include PDA account number DR000165. You may also donate online at <https://www.pcusa.org/donate/dr000165-us-wildfires>.

STUD DECORATING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sunday, February 2 at 11:15 in The Peaceable Kingdom

All are invited to join Immanuel children and youth in *The Peaceable Kingdom* following worship on February 2nd to decorate and bless several 2x4 studs that will be used in the walls of the Habitat for Humanity home being built this year by our Presbyterian Coalition. Markers, crayons, and other supplies will be available. Please join us for this fun, easy, intergenerational project to support the work of our Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

Interested in helping to work on the home with Habitat this year? Contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) or Mission Committee Member Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com).

THANK YOU, IMMANUEL HOSTS!

Thank you to the ten Immanuel friends who answered last Sunday's call to sign up to help provide lunch and hospitality tomorrow at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church's "Divine Intervention" Shelter. On federal holidays, when public buildings like libraries are closed, the shelter remains open during the day for guests. This hospitality is particularly important when cold temperatures are forecast. Interested in helping in other ways, speak to Rev. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

CHECK YOUR LISTING IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

As we move into the new year, Immanuel members are asked to check your listing in the church directory to make sure all contact information is up-to-date. If you need help accessing the directory, please contact Ms. Stinemates in the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 19	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee Hour in the Parlor
	11:15	“Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?” Adult Education Discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday		Church Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	1:00	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>Virtual</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Annual Financial Meeting of the Congregation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
January 27	4:00	Adult Education Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

Available date for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **February 2, 16, or 23, or another date in 2025** (\$150 for the two arrangements each Sunday), please contact the church office.

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Susan J. Stoll	Part-time Associate Pastor for spiritual care
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate