

Bulletin Announcements

Sunday, October 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, 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. **Coffee Hour will be hosted in the Parlor** today by Terese and Jay Zinn, Deb and Duane Grimm.

Welcome Team members this morning are Marge Brindley, Margaret Crowley, Dave Ravie. 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/4hayBaE>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

NAVIGATING CHANGES TO MEDICARE with Becca Dorn TODAY at 11:10, Block Conference Room

When Becca Dorn isn't caring for children in Immanuel's nursery, she works as an insurance agent with ePlatinum Health in Menomonee Falls. Becca is a former State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor and has insurance expertise in Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA marketplace plans. Becca will be offering a short presentation on the upcoming changes in Medicare following worship NEXT Sunday, October 19 in the Block Conference Room, concluding before the Legacy Society Brunch at 11:30. She will be available to answer additional questions from individuals in the Johnstone Library after worship through November 2.

LEGACY SOCIETY BRUNCH + TODAY at 11:30 a.m. An invitation to include Immanuel in your estate plans

Remembering Immanuel Church in your estate plans is an important way for Immanuel members and friends 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. TODAY** 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.



FALL ASSEMBLY -- TODAY
Sunday, October 19, 2025 + 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue
We listen. We learn. We take action!

*Immanuel hopes to turn out 10 more people to join
a delegation of 50 to show our support! Will you join us?*
Sign up at Coffee Hour or speak with Rev. Ater today!

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.

CELEBRATING 1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED

Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Deborah Block, Pastor Emerita

NEXT Sunday, October 26 at 11:15 in the Upper Room

The Nicene Creed was the first (and in fact is the only) creed used ecumenically by the majority of Christians throughout the world. As part of the annual celebration of Reformation Sunday, Immanuel's Pastor Emerita, Deborah Block, will offer a post-worship presentation on the Nicene Creed which is celebrating its 1700th birthday this year. All are invited to learn more about the origins of the creed, its history, and how its language still speaks to us today.

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_Outting_to_ComeFromAway) and Rev. Larson will be in touch with information on how to pay online.

WELCOME ORIENTATION BEING PLANNED THIS FALL

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 about becoming a member or friend of Immanuel or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

CUBA TRIP POSTPONED

The Living Waters for the World mission trip to Cuba has been postponed until February due to an outbreak of mosquito-borne illness in the province where Immanuel's partners are located. Please keep our Cuban partners in your prayers.

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 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 Parlor 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.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ Today is **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY (IFP) SUNDAY**, when we lift up the ministry of this long-time mission partner. Located at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison, IFP is one of only a few city-wide pantries. To donate, you may 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.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** every quarter this year. The next dates are **Sunday-Tuesday, November 16-18**. To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver it to the center where the staff will serve the food. *If you wish to help serve*, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the form. To volunteer, sign-up on the clipboard in the Parlor, go to https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals or contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com).
- ✦ **THE GATHERING** Meal Program will serve Thanksgiving Dinner to about 800 guests at three Milwaukee locations on Saturday, November 22. Immanuel Church has committed to cooking fourteen of the 125 turkeys for this special holiday meal. If you would like to participate, the frozen turkeys will be available for **pick up after church on Sunday, November 9**. Disposable pans, cooking instructions and zip lock bags will come with each turkey. Bring them back to the church – cooked, deboned and frozen – **on Sunday, November 16**. They have also asked if we could provide some pies for the dinner. Sign up in the Parlor OR sign up to cook a turkey here https://bit.ly/IPC_Turkeys_for_TheGathering2025; sign up to make a pie at https://bit.ly/IPC_Pies_for_TheGathering2025.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 19	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	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>
	11:10	Adult Ed: Changes in Medicare with Becca Dorn ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
	11:30	Legacy Society Brunch ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 26	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Ed: Nicene Creed with Rev. Dr. Deborah Block ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Oct. 27	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Oct. 28	11:30	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Mark Connelly, and Steve Jacobs; Camera operator – Kristi Leswing.

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