

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, May 4, 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 Sue and Rabah Rennane, Randy and Alex Trumbull-Holper. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Toni Jones, and Jim Schleif and Bill Morley. 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 worship. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" for more information: <https://conta.cc/4414U2B>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL? Join us for a Welcome and Orientation Event following worship TODAY in the Upper Room 11:15 am - 1:00 pm

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, speak with Rev. Ater immediately following worship today.

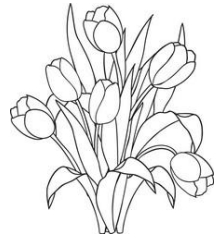
TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY

Immanuel members and friends are invited to chat with members of the Transition Team to 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 in the rear of the sanctuary (Narthex) for the next few weeks.

Dr. Bush is away this week. He is attending a CREDO conference, an event for ministers sponsored by the Board of Pensions. He'll return to the office on Tuesday.

Spring is Here!

*Mark your calendar
for these upcoming Immanuel events*



THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE

Spring Spruce-up Day + THIS 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 or signing up in the Parlor to join the landscaping team for 2025.

Please contact Keith Pierce at 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"

NEXT 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

Sunday, May 18

Associate Pastor Robert Ater will be on sabbatical leave from May 19 to September 1. The focus of the sabbatical time for Rev. Ater and the congregation will be on embracing the gift of sabbath and the spiritual calling to balance our lives with rest. Rev. Ater also plans to visit and personally thank some of the mentors, teachers, and friends who have inspired, nurtured, and supported him in his life's journey — a sort of gratitude tour. The congregation will offer a blessing for him on Sunday, May 18 followed by a special coffee hour hosted by the Human Resources Committee in the Parlor.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We look forward to honoring members of Immanuel Church who are graduating from high school or college/university or receiving graduate degrees this spring. Please call or e-mail the church office (414-276-4757 ipc@immanuelwi.org) with school and degree information to help make sure our list is complete.



BUILDING POWER! Common Ground Assembly Monday, June 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Mexican Fiesta: Flores Hall

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/CGAssembly>
Flyers are on the Great Hall tables.

After helping to bring about significant positive and life-improving change for our public housing neighbors this year, Common Ground is **building power** together – boldly, creatively and strategically.

Come celebrate and help spark what comes next!

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

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

✦ **TWO volunteers still needed!** Immanuel will provide the evening meal for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** next Wednesday through Thursday, May 14-16. *Thank you to those who've already signed up!* **Veggies and ranch dip for 50** is needed for Thursday, May 15, and **24 hamburger buns and fresh fruit for 50** is needed for Friday, May 16. To help, sign up at the link below, 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 or contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com) or Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

In addition to offerings put in the plate during worship you may also:

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Text 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information and verification by text or email.



THANK YOU!

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

Ushers welcome and seat worshippers 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) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

May 4	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching The Sacrament of Holy Communion
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
	6:00	Parish Life Council meeting ~ <i>Gold Room</i>
Wednesday	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Thursday	noon	Living Waters for the World Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Saturday	9:00	Spring Spruce-up ~ <i>Immanuel gardens</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

May 11	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching Reception of New Members and Friends
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
May 12	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 13	4:00	Meeting of Presbytery ~ <i>First Church - Kenosha</i>
	6:30	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
May 14	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

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.

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Dick Myers, Paul Campbell, Dave Salisbury, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator - Keith Pierce.

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.



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