

# Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, March 23, 2025

**Welcome!** If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188<sup>th</sup> 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 Trent and Joell Poole, and Allyson Nemeč. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Pat Parks and Matt and Ashley Boedecker. 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/4ixCG97>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES An Exploration of the *Theological Declaration of Barmen* and the *Confession of Belhar*

**TODAY and NEXT Sunday, March 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room**

Throughout the history of the Christian movement, churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. Two of these confessions will be explored in an upcoming adult education series. **TODAY, March 23**, Rev. Dr. John Helt will lead an exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in 1934 in response to the rise of Nazism in Germany. **NEXT Sunday, March 30**, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of each confession are in the Upper Room. Reading the confessions beforehand is not required to participate in the series.



# WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Annual “Upper Room Meal” on Palm Sunday, April 13  
for all members and friends

Luke’s gospel tells the story of the first “Palm Sunday,”  
and Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem with these words...

“As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. . .  
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully. . .

*‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!’”*

*Luke 19:36-38*

On Palm Sunday, begin *your* journey through Holy Week  
at our annual **Upper Room Meal**.

Join the palm-waving procession of children to our own “Upper Room,”  
where we will enjoy a first-century meal of bread, fish, olives, dates, figs, eggs,  
and goat cheese; hear stories from persons who knew Jesus; and learn about  
the origins of the Lord’s Supper as we share this holy meal around our tables.

All are invited

Palm Sunday + April 13 at 11:15 a.m.

Sign up TODAY in the Parlor, the Peaceable Kingdom, or  
online: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_UpperRoomMeal2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_UpperRoomMeal2025)

**WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?**

**Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation**

**Please go to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_MembershipWelcome\\_Spring2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_MembershipWelcome_Spring2025) and let the Session know of your interest and availability on three possible Sundays: April 27, May 4, or May 11 + 11:20 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. For more information about church membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Rob Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

## **MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OUTING**

**Parish Life Council outing to the MSO's performance of *Brahm's German Requiem***

**Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. + Sign up today!**

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicales" presentation on *Brahm's German Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of 40 tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Immanuel friends are invited to meet for dinner before the concert at the [Third Street Market Hall](#). Concert tickets will be available for **\$40.00 beginning this Sunday**; sign up in the Parlor. **Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" on Sunday, April 6** following worship in the Upper Room. All are invited to gather for this condensed summary of Brahms' masterwork, whether or not you plan to attend the April 11 concert.

## **BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED!**

**Share ideas for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings with the Adult Education Committee**

Many thanks to all who gathered for the "Immanuel Reads" conversation on the novel *James* by Percival Everett last Monday! Do you have a recommendation for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings? Please send them to Rev. Larson ([teresalarson@immanuelwi.org](mailto:teresalarson@immanuelwi.org)) to be passed on to the Adult Education Committee. Stay tuned for more reading opportunities soon!

## **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES**

### **Bayside Garden Center Fundraiser**

Eastside Senior Services (ESS) is sponsoring their annual 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.

# Lent 2025



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS "Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes"

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,  
followed by table worship and the Lord's Supper  
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year's theme, "Everything in Between," is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

**THIS WEEK: March 26**

### **Rest & Growth: Spiritual Care in Unsteady Times Facilitated by the Rev. Jean Dow**

The Rev. Jean Dow, Immanuel's Associate Pastor Emerita, will join us in her capacity as a certified spiritual director to help us consider how we can tend to our spiritual lives – individually and collectively – in distressing and unsteady times.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!  
The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_LentSoupSuppers2025!](https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!)

### **Upcoming Topics**

*Brochures with more details are on the Great Hall Tables.*

**April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy:** Peacemaking through nonviolence  
– Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

**April 9 - Lost & Found:** In a time of church transition, asking real questions about identity, community, and hospitality  
– Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Immanuel Transition Team

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

March 23	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
Monday	11:30	Board of Trustees meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,
	7:00	Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Saturday	3:00	Memorial service for Jim Green ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

March 30	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
March 31	4:00	Adult Education Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 1	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>
April 2	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,
	7:00	Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
April 5	1:30	Memorial service for Hester Besteda ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>

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

### *In Memoriam*

**Thomas "Tom" Hoffman** died on March 16 at his home in Tiffin, Ohio after a long illness. Tom joined Immanuel Church with his husband Peter Holbrook in 2009 and they were married at Immanuel in 2016. A memorial service is being held this afternoon at Old Trinity Episcopal Church in Tiffin. Plans for a service at Immanuel later this spring are being planned. Our prayers and sympathies are with Peter and the Hoffman and Holbrook families.

Rev. Larson, who serves as the moderator of the Milwaukee Presbytery's Commission on Pastoral Ministry, will be away from the office Monday-Thursday attending the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Leadership Summit in Buffalo, Minnesota.

**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers – Dick Myers, Virginia Riggs, Tom and Linda Neubauer, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator – Tamara Crum.

**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.

**PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE**



*Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.*



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