

Bulletin Announcements

Sunday, November 9, 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.

Coffee Hour will be served in the **Upper Room** immediately following worship today so that all may attend the **Stewardship Interpretation Presentation**. Hosts are members of the Stewardship Committee and Nancy Debbink and Carol Tsao.

Welcome Team members this morning are Marge Brindley, Margaret Crowley, and Virginia Riggs. 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. Use the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/3LfUauT>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Thank you to **today's liturgist Margaret Welch**, welcomed as an Immanuel friend earlier this year. If you would be interested in serving as a worship liturgist, please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION TODAY

following worship in the Upper Room

The theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Doing God's Work Together." It is our hope to receive 300 congregational pledges this fall to support next year's education, mission, worship and hospitality ministries. Join us as the Stewardship Committee offers an important post-worship presentation in which the 2026 draft church budget will be shared, including information about goals, projected expenses, and needed income. To complete the pledge form online, scan the QR code above.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Cleanup Buckets to be assembled TODAY

following worship in the Peaceable Kingdom (lower level)

Thank you for your donations!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in dire need of **emergency cleanup buckets** to support recovery efforts throughout Wisconsin after last summer's flooding. Thanks to many generous donations from Immanuel members and friends, **20 cleanup buckets are ready to be filled!** Buckets will be assembled today by our Church School children and youth.

CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING TO SANDHILL TREE FARM

NEXT Sunday, November 16 following worship

All Church School children, youth, and their families are invited to an afternoon at Sandhill Tree Farm in Grafton, owned by Immanuel members David and Jaclyn Ness. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun around the farm and help select this year's sanctuary Christmas trees. ***A professional photographer will join us to take family holiday photos!*** Sign up in the Peaceable Kingdom or email Cassie Olson, Program Coordinator: programcoordinator@immanuelwi.org.

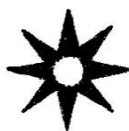
NEEDED: Tree Transportation!

Once the trees are selected, we will need some assistance bringing them back to Immanuel! We will have four trees that are 10-12' long. We are looking for someone who has a trailer or would be willing to coordinate renting a U-Haul. Please contact Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) if you can help.

GIVING HOSPITALITY SOME SHINE: SILVER POLISHING!

Volunteers needed next Wednesday, November 19 from 10:00-noon

The Parish Life Council is organizing a team of volunteers to polish Immanuel's flatware, communion ware, and coffee service. This annual tradition helps the silver and flatware look especially lovely for the upcoming communion services and holiday season! A polishing team is gathering on November 19 in the Upper Room from 10:00-noon. Contact the church office to sign up.



LOOKING AHEAD . . .
ADVENT and CHRISTMAS
at IMMANUEL

ADVENT WORKSHOP

"Light in the Darkness" + Sunday, November 30 + 11:00-12:30

All are invited to participate in the Advent Workshop in the Upper Room on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, following worship. This year's workshop will focus on the theme "light in the darkness." There will be activities for all ages to enjoy, including the creation of an Advent wreath for your home and trimming the tree. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of cookies or holiday bread to share. Sign up in the Upper Room or use the following link to sign up so that there are adequate supplies and food on hand: https://bit.ly/IPC_AdventWorkshop2025.

2025 ADVENT BOOKLET

"The Pieces of Christmas"

Submission deadline is November 13

8 more writers needed!

This year's Advent booklet focuses on The Nativity, i.e., the pieces (people and things) that depict Christ's birth and the important messages or ideas they convey to us about Christmas. This year's booklet will showcase the many unique, meaningful Nativity sets (crèches) that Immanuel members and friends enjoy at home. Will you share yours? We need 8 more contributors!

Please sign up in the Upper Room. Each submission should include:

- 1) a picture(s) of the Nativity set:** Arrange pieces at home, take a photo with your phone or iPad, and send it to susankraeblen@me.com. You can also drop by the church during business hours and we'll take the photo for you.
- 2) a few basic facts about your set:** If known, the country/place of origin, approximate age, and what it's made from (e.g., carved wood, porcelain).
- 3) a short response to this question "How does this Nativity reflect or expand your understanding of Christmas?"** Your response should be no more than 100 words. Please send it to Susan as part of an email to susankraeblen@me.com or a digital document. You can also write it out and give it to her directly.

***The booklet will be available at the Advent Workshop
on November 30 — the first Sunday of Advent.***

THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday, December 7 + 11:00 – 1:00 in the Upper Room

For over thirty years, the annual Alternative Christmas Market has become one of Immanuel's favorite events. Many in the congregation, and beyond, appreciate the alternative this special event offers to the consumer culture that invades our Christmas season. Since 1995, the market has raised nearly a million dollars to support the work of partner organizations in Milwaukee and around the world.

We invite you to join Immanuel again this year for an unhurried and meaningful shopping experience, and an opportunity to purchase gifts that truly spread the good news of Christmas to those who need it most. Representatives from fourteen organizations and agencies will be on hand to talk with "shoppers" about the work of their organizations and how a gift to the Alternative Christmas Market can make a difference.

Make a plan today to come to the market and get to know our community in a new and deeper way. Enjoy holiday refreshments while you shop among friends and think about how the gifts you purchase will benefit people in Milwaukee and around the world. *Enjoy a different way to do Christmas!*

***Sign-up today to help host and provide refreshments
for the Alternative Christmas Market!***

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments and assist with hospitality at the market. Please click the links below or sign up in the Upper Room today.

https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Refreshments2025

https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Volunteers2025

Questions? Contact market co-chairs Connie Goggin (ccohan44@gmail.com) and Susan Teerink (steerink11@gmail.com). The market shopping list will be available at the end of the month.

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOY STORE

Gift collection begins November 30

Supporting the Christmas Toy Store at Christ Presbyterian Church (20th and Walnut Streets) is a holiday tradition at Immanuel. This year's annual Toy Store event will be held on Saturday, December 13. Over 500 children from the neighboring community (12 & under) will visit the store and receive an age-appropriate reading/coloring book, toy, board game and a hat/glove set. Join the children of the Immanuel Church School in contributing to this important project with new/gently used items like toys, games, coloring/reading books, crayons, markers, stuffed animals, balls, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, school supplies, dolls, cars/trucks, and puzzles. **Contributions may be dropped off on weekdays in the church office or bring them on November 30 and December 7 to place under the tree in the Upper Room.** Immanuel will deliver the gifts to Christ Church on the morning of Monday, December 8.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ **Wrap a gift for EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES** this holiday season. Immanuel members and friends are invited to help with the Eastside Senior Services (ESS) Gift Wrapping Project again this year at Boswell Book Store. Proceeds support the work of ESS, one of Immanuel's longtime local mission partners, which helps older adults in the East Side area to remain independent and in their own homes. **Volunteer gift wrappers are needed for 90-minute shifts.** Books are easy to wrap! For more information or questions, contact Julia Vosper (jvosper@sbcglobal.net). You may sign up on the clipboard or at: https://bit.ly/ESS_BoswellBooks_GiftWrapping2025.
- ✦ Thank you to Immanuel members and friends who have signed up to provide meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 16-18). Volunteers with questions may reach out to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com).
- ✦ Thank you to those who volunteered to cook turkeys and to bring pies for **THE GATHERING** Meal Program's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The turkeys are available for **pick up TODAY** in the Upper Room kitchen freezer with disposable pans, cooking instructions, and zip lock bags for those who signed up. Bring them back to church – cooked, deboned, and frozen next Sunday and return them to the same freezer. Baked pies should also be delivered next Sunday. Thank you, Immanuel friends, for this generous response that includes **15 turkeys** and more than **20 pies**!

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY FOOD & FUND DRIVE

As tariffs take effect, grocery prices rise, and federal food assistance programs are slashed, Interchange Food Pantry is launching a drive for donations to help feed Milwaukee families. There are two ways to help:

- 1) **Donate food:** canned fruits, vegetables, soups, baked beans, and pasta sauce are most needed. A food collection bin is in the Astor Street Coat Room. Food donations will be collected through January 4.
- 2) **Donate funds:** A tax-deductible direct financial contribution makes dollars stretch up to 10 times farther – the pantry can buy food in bulk at wholesale prices. Donate online at www.interchangefoodpantry.org/donate or put a check in the offering plate made out to Interchange with “2025 drive” in the memo line. Checks may also be mailed directly to the Interchange Food Pantry, 130 E. Juneau Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

An Immanuel mission partner for over fifty years, Immanuel helped start Interchange in 1971. Committed to providing guests with nutritious food and compassion, the pantry expanded in 2018 to serve all Milwaukee zip codes. Immanuel members Allyson Nemec and Scott Silet serve on the Interchange board.



WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

NOVEMBER 9

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP INTERPRETATION SUNDAY

8:55

Choir rehearsal

9:30-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching

Welcome new members and friends

10:30-noon

Church School for children and youth

11:30

with PDA Clean-Up Bucket Assembly

~ *The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level*

11:00

Stewardship Interpretation Coffee Hour ~ *Upper Room*

November 10

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

November 13

7:00

Church School Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

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Church School Outing to Sandhill Tree Farm

November 17

noon

Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

November 18

5:45

Meeting of the Session ~ *Upper Room*

November 19

10:00

Silver polishing ~ *Upper Room*

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers during Advent (\$150 for the two arrangements), please contact the church office

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Tom and Linda Neubauer, and Steve Jacobs; Camera operator – David Ravie.

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.**