

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, August 10, 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour outside on the Astor Street steps** following the service. The coffee hosts are Kathy and Robo Brumder and Evelyn Ericson.

Welcome Team members this morning are Margaret Crowley, 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.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dave Salisbury, Dick Myers, Curtiss Peck, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator – Tamara Crum.

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. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Our prayers are with Rev. Rob Ater as he continues his sabbatical through the summer months. He will return in September. Rev. Larson will be on vacation beginning Monday and will return on August 19.

"SECOND SUNDAY" FOR CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Followed by a pool party in Brewer's Hill! + TODAY, August 10

On the second Sunday of each summer month, rising preschoolers through rising 7th graders are invited to a "pop up" Church School class in the Peaceable Kingdom. Today's class will center on the parable of the Lost Sheep. Following worship all families are invited to a pool party in Brewer's Hill! Talk with Rev. Larson for more information. Weekly Church School classes resume on September 7.

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you participants and volunteers!

Last week over 20 adults gathered for three nights of VBS, designed around the theme "Experiencing Parables." Thank you to the volunteer storytellers who brought the parables to life: Pam Mahnke, David Perkins, Victor Plantinga, Virginia Riggs, Carol Tsao, Debbie Whitmore, and James Zager.

NEW MEMBER AND FRIEND ORIENTATION

following worship NEXT Sunday, August 17 + 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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 or to indicate an interest in attending this event, speak with Rev. Larson or Dr. Bush (randybush@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

DEANNA WITKOWSKI JAZZ CONCERT

NEXT Sunday, August 17 + 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a free concert of jazz solo piano performed by Deanna Witkowski, noted pianist and expert on jazz legend Mary Lou Williams. Last year Deanna completed her PhD in jazz studies at the University of Pittsburgh, before moving to Chicago to serve as professor of jazz piano at Elmhurst University. She has also worked as a guest music leader at over 100 churches across the United States and produces a weekly video series called "Off the Page: Sacred Jazz." In addition to presenting the free concert, Ms. Witkowski will be a guest musician for our Sunday, August 17th 10:00 am worship service. If you can help as a volunteer host for this concert, please speak to one of the pastors.

SPECIAL SCREENING OF "JUDGING JURIES"

Sunday, August 24 + 11:15 a.m.

One of this year's initiatives for Common Ground is to push for greater racial and economic diversity in Milwaukee County jury trials. To better understand the importance of this, the 2024 documentary "Judging Juries" will be shown in the Peaceable Kingdom following worship on August 24th. This 23-minute-long documentary highlights the racial imbalance present in most American courtrooms and jury pools, while offering suggestions on how to reduce this civil rights' disparity. Join us for a time of viewing and discussion of this important issue.

IMMANUEL READS: A Summer of Sabbath Reading

Select a book to read or read them all!

Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives by Wayne Muller

The Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sabbath in the Suburbs by MaryAnn McKibben Dana

FINAL Conversation on the Porch

Sunday, August 31 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Immanuel members and friends are invited to read the books guiding Rev. Ater's "Sabbath Gratitude" sabbatical. Select a book to read (or read them all!) then gather for conversation and reflection on the porch of the Parish House. The final gathering will be on Sunday, August 31. Purchase a copy of your selected book(s) from your preferred book vendor or borrow a book from the Johnstone Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

August 10		9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
		10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
		10:30	Second Sunday “Pop up Church School”
		11:00	Coffee Hour on the Astor Street steps
August 11		6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
August 12		6:00	Deacons meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
August 13		5:00	Mission Committee meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

August 17		9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
		10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
		11:00	New member and friends orientation event
		7:00	Deanna Witkowski jazz piano concert
Wednesday		6:00	IPC in the Park at South Shore Terrace

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	Aug. 24	11:15	Mission documentary “Judging Juries” presented by IPC’s Common Ground Core Team
Sun	Aug. 31	11:30	Immanuel Reads

NOTE: Session is not meeting in August.

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

Needed: Chancel flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary **on September 14 or later in 2025** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

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.