

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, April 27, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th anniversary this month. 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 Leslie Smart, Paula Lewein, Jim and Lynda Peterson. **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/42WoMrt>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?

Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"

TODAY, April 27 at 11:15

Gather at the Welcome Table (by the bulletin board) in the Great Hall.

Tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries, and learn about what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

A Welcome and Orientation Event

following worship NEXT Sunday, May 4 from 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 one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

Dr. Bush is away on vacation this Sunday and will be attending a CREDO conference, an event for ministers sponsored by the Board of Pensions, through this week. He will return to the office on Tuesday, May 6.

TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY

Starting TODAY, you 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 each week in the rear of the sanctuary (Narthex) beginning TODAY.

VOICE RECITAL + THIS FRIDAY, May 2 + 7:30 pm

In partial fulfillment of her master's degree requirements, Evan Maxwell, one of our choir section leaders, will present a voice recital at Immanuel THIS Friday, May 2. Accompanied by our own Steve Jensen, this recital is free and open to the public. Congratulations, Evan!

Participate in the process of nominating ELDERS AND DEACONS for Immanuel Church

Paper forms due TODAY

Online forms due Tuesday by noon

The Church Nominating Committee is working to identify members for service on the **Session (governance; worship, education, mission)** and the **Board of Deacons (pastoral care)**. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee **at their meeting this week**. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church; members who are currently serving are not eligible for election to another board. Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office. **Nomination forms are due TODAY!** Drop your completed form in the tray on the Great Hall tables or **submit a name online by Tuesday at noon** at: https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2025.

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.

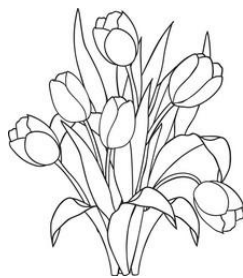
PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ Immanuel friends are invited to join our neighbors from the First Unitarian Church in this year's "**DAY WITHOUT IMMIGRANTS AND WORKERS**" march THIS Thursday, May 1. Marchers will gather at 9:30 a.m. at the Southeast corner of 7th Street and W. Historic Mitchell Street. Consider bringing a sign that identifies you as a person of faith and communicates something about what your faith says about loving neighbors, welcoming immigrants, and caring for one another. Bring snacks and water, too. The 2.6 mile walk is expected to bring a big crowd. Participants who are unable to walk may greet the marchers at 10:30 a.m. at the Federal Courthouse (517 E. Wisconsin Avenue). Email Rev. Rob Ater (roberater@immanuelwi.org) with questions or to sign up.
- ✦ Again this year, **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES (ESS)** is sponsoring a **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 THIS Wednesday, 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.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** every quarter this year. The next dates are **Wednesday, May 14; Thursday, May 15; and Friday, May 16.** To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, 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).
- ✦ The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering is a Lenten tradition at Immanuel Church and in Christian congregations around the country. The offering supports disaster relief, self-development, and hunger and health programs here and around the world. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks or you may donate online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated TODAY.

Spring is Coming!

*Mark your calendar
for these upcoming Immanuel events*



THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE Spring Spruce-up Day + 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 kpierce46@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" + 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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Ater preaching Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
April 28	11:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 29	5:30	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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
May 5	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 6	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <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 – Virginia Riggs, Jeff McEathron, Paul Campbell, David Crysedale, and Mark Connelly; 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.** Please **DO NOT** park in the Barnett Gallery lot.