

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, April 6, 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 Debbie Anderson, Paula Lewein, Debbie Whitmore, and Mary Walker. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Ashley and Matt Boedecker, and Lindsey McKee. 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/4luqtnx>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OUTING

Performance of *Brahm's German Requiem*

THIS Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. + Tickets still available!

**"Brahm's Talk" TODAY with Dr. Bush
following worship in the Upper Room**

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicale" presentation on *Brahm's German Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Spots are still available! The cost of each ticket is \$40.00. Sign up and make a payment in the Parlor. Immanuel friends are invited to meet for dinner before the concert at 6:00 p.m. at the [Third Street Market Hall](#).

Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" TODAY 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 Friday concert.

ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?

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

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"

following worship on Sunday, April 27 at 11:15 a.m.

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 on Sunday, May 4 from 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 either of these events, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

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,” has been 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 helped us engage the binaries of our lives and helped us to see that God is present in between.

This week: April 9

“Lost & Found”

Facilitated by Dr. Bush and Immanuel’s Transition Team

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IMMANUEL:

Identity + Community + Hospitality

In our season of congregational transition, Interim Pastor Randy Bush and the newly commissioned Immanuel Transition Team will lead a conversation that asks and invites real dialogue about identity, community, and hospitality.

Come for soup and worship at 6:00 *or* study at 7:00 *or* both!

The evening has 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!

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES

Order form on the back cover



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 – **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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. You may also make a gift online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated on Sunday, April 27.

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

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)**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting on June 1; new elders and deacons will be ordained in June. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church and 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 on the Great Hall tables or may be submitted online: https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2024.

Mark your calendar and plan to worship with us for

Holy Week

at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

NEXT Sunday, April 13	Palm/Passion Sunday
10:00	Morning Worship
11:15	Upper Room Meal
April 17	Maundy Thursday
7:30	The Lord's Supper
April 18	Good Friday
7:30	Service of Tenebrae
April 19	Holy Saturday
7:30	Easter Vigil
	Services of Light, The Word, Reaffirmation of Baptism, Communion
April 20	Resurrection of the Lord
10:00	Easter Morning Worship <i>Christ is Risen!</i>

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

April 6	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
	11:15	Brahm's <i>Requiem</i> Talk with Dr. Bush ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
April 7	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 8	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
April 9	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

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	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Upper Room Meal ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
April 14	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 17	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday + The Lord's Supper
April 18	7:30 pm	Good Friday + Service of Tenebrae ("darkness")
April 19	7:30 pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
	8:30	Coffee hour in the Parlor

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

Rev. Larson is away on vacation today. Tomorrow she will leave for Chicago to attend the Board of Pension's Regional Benefits Gathering on behalf of the Milwaukee Presbytery and will return to the office on Wednesday.

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.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, Virginia Riggs, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will meet soon to nominate members to serve on the **Session**, the **Board of Deacons**, and the **2025-26 Nominating Committee**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting in June 2025. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church. The current board rosters are listed on the facing page. Members who are currently serving are not eligible for election.

***Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office;
only names with qualifications will be considered.***

NAME _____ OFFICE _____

QUALIFICATIONS _____

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2024/25 Nominating Committee: Kathleen Burchby (Board of Deacons); Spencer Frank (Board of Trustees); Carol Tsao and Jon Richards (Session); Marge Brindley, Margaret Crowley, Will Loder, Elise Pennington, and Leslie Smart from the congregation-at-large; and the Interim Pastor, ex officio without vote.

DROP THIS FORM IN THE BOX ON THE GREAT HALL TABLE,
EMAIL YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ipc@immanuelwi.org,
OR SUBMIT NAMES ONLINE AT https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2025.

OFFICERS OF IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders and Deacons in the class of 2025 complete their term of office at the end of June and new elders and deacons will be elected. (*Trustees for the class of 2028 will be nominated and elected at the Annual Financial meeting next January.*)

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Laurel Heebsh
Sibyl McCarley
David Plank
Julia Vosper

Class of 2026

Kate Egan
Lindsey McKee
Scott Silet
Carol Tsao

Class of 2027

Susan Kraeblen
Kate Perry
Jon Richards
Bobbi Timberlake

Randall K. Bush, *Interim Pastor and Moderator* Sue Rennane, *Clerk*
Robert W. Ater and Teresa A. Larson, *Associate Pastors*

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025

Mar MacLeod Brahm
Audra Brennan
Janet Christiaansen
Eileen Pierce
Mary Stetson

Class of 2026

Kathleen Burchby
Connie Goggin
Christine Karpowicz
Jennifer Lucas
Justine Mayer

Class of 2027

Mark Cebulski
Debbie Gillard
Nathan Guequierre
Richard Rodgers
Jeff Teerink

Eileen Pierce, *Moderator* Kathleen Burchby, *Vice Moderator*
Justin Mayer, *Secretary* Christine Karpowicz, *Treasurer*
Robert W. Ater, *Advisory Member*

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Steve Carlton
Tamara Crum
Joe Dominguez
Duane Grimm

Class of 2026

Leslie Davis
Spencer Frank
Sara Hein
Allyson Nemeck

Class of 2027

Ann Eisenbrown
Bob Flath
Keith Pierce
Lisa Trost

Steve Carlton, *President* Spencer Frank, *Vice President*
Randall K. Bush, *ex officio* Jill Fahr, *Church Treasurer*



Easter Lilies

New Life in Christ

On Easter Sunday the church is adorned with plants and flowers, symbolizing the new life of all creation in the resurrection. The lilies and floral arrangements are made possible by contributions of members and friends in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

In making your gift, please consider that the cost of each plant this year is \$28.00. Contributions toward memorial Easter flowers also provide other floral arrangements in the church that day. Following the Easter worship service, the Deacons deliver these plants and flowers to members who are homebound and hospitalized.

To place an order, complete the form below, tear it out and drop it along with your check in the "Easter Lily" box in the Great Hall after the church service today. You may also mail your form and check to the church office. Forms are due by Monday, April 14.

Your Name: _____

Number of lilies: _____ x \$28.00 = _____ **(amount due)**

In memory of: _____

***Make checks payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church and note
"Easter lily" in the memo.***

If you prefer, you may order online at: https://bit.ly/IPC_EasterLilies2025.

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



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James C. Fisher
Susan J. Stoll
Sister Karlyn Cauley

Interim Pastor
Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor

Organist
Choir Director

Program and Office Administrator
Part-time Financial Administrator
Sexton

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Pastor Emeritus
Associate Pastor Emerita

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Parish Associate
Ecumenical Associate

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