

Bulletin Announcements

Sunday, September 28, 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. Worshipers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Mar Brahm, Kris and Jenna Hanson.

Welcome Team members this morning are Lindsey McKee, Virginia Riggs, and Patsy Aster. 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. 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. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email for information about **Church School** activities: <https://conta.cc/4gD7Xap>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE + TODAY UNTIL 5:00

Immanuel joins 160+ Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Through Immanuel's participation in this event over the last fourteen years, Immanuel has welcomed **over 6,000 visitors** into our church home! Thank you to the nearly forty Immanuel hosts, led by Elder Lindsey McKee and Rev. Ater, who offered Immanuel's warm hospitality this weekend. Pick up one of Immanuel's "Doors Open Milwaukee" welcome booklets today in the Great Hall. Mr. Jensen will offer a mini organ recital at 12:30 today. More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/>

PRAYING IN PAINFUL TIMES

with Laura Gilmartin H., Spiritual Director + TODAY at 11:15

Laura Gilmartin H., a spiritual director and creator of SoulCareMKE, will be leading a workshop on prayer in the Upper Room following worship. During the workshop, Laura will introduce several prayer practices to use while praying during difficult times in our lives and in the world around us. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Lara Prebble and Justin Ng who were married in the Sanctuary yesterday by Rev. Ater. Lara is the sister of Immanuel member Elisa Prebble.

The **Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon** is next Sunday morning, October 5. Check for details and street closures here: milwaukeeelakefrontmarathon.org/closures

"A PEACE OF MY MIND": A WEEKEND WITH JOHN NOLTNER

IPC Reads & Weekend Preview + Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to join a conversation on John's book *Lessons on the Road to Peace* and get a "preview" of his visit to Immanuel on October 10-12 as part of a Zoom call **this Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. – link will be emailed.**

See today's insert for more information.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

THIS Saturday, October 4 + 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. + Astor Street steps

Sign up here: https://bit.ly/IPC_BlessingAnimals2025

Immanuel friends and neighbors are invited to stop by the Immanuel Church steps with your pet(s) on Saturday morning, October 4, anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 for a brief blessing. The event will include a welcome table with photo board and church information. Questions? Contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org). Help spread the word to friends and neighbors. Pick up a flyer in the Great Hall!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

NEXT Sunday, October 5

Next Sunday, Immanuel Church will once again join congregations around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. This annual observance acknowledges and affirms our unity with Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world. Rev. Ater will preach and we'll celebrate Immanuel's long connection with [Living Waters for the World](#) (LWW) and our planned return visit to Cuba to visit our partners and water systems there the last week of October. Members of Immanuel's LWW team will offer a post-worship presentation in the Upper Room.

FALL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, October 19, 2025 + 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue

We listen. We learn. We take action!



Sign up in the Parlor or online at: https://bit.ly/RSVP_CG_Assembly_Oct2025

This gathering of over 1,000 people is the next step in deepening relationships and helping to support crime reduction efforts on Milwaukee's Southside and continued support for tenants organizing for better living conditions.

Immanuel hopes to turn-out 50 people –

join Immanuel's delegation as we show up and show our support!

Common Ground (www.commongroundwi.org) is a non-partisan, multiracial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a sixteen-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground? Follow the link above or contact a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Paula Lewein, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, and Rob Ater.

NEW SURVEY FROM TRANSITION TEAM

Pastoral Leadership Skills

Over the next few weeks, our Transition Team members will be available to share a list of 20 "pastoral leadership skills" of which you'll be asked to select your top five. This is one final piece of information that will guide our Human Resources Committee and Session in making plans for our church's future. Look for team members with clipboards after worship today! Or complete the survey online at: https://bit.ly/IPC_TransitionTeam_Survey_Fall2025.

SHARE THE GRATITUDE

Pick up "thank you cards" on the Great Hall tables

Last Sunday Rev. Ater shared a report on his gratitude tour that was a part of this summer's sabbatical leave. Join him by sharing gratitude with those most important to you in your life. Pick up a thank you card (*or two or three!*) in the Great Hall today.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Susan and Bob Mikulay following the death of Susan's brother, Bill Whitaker, on Tuesday, September 16. A Memorial Service is planned for October 12 in Akron, Ohio.

"ONLINE GIVING" CARDS IN PEW RACKS

Many Immanuel friends and members submit donations to the church through online banking services. If that is true for you, feel free to place in the offering plate one of the pew-rack cards printed with the phrase "I Support Immanuel Church Through Online Gifts." The act of receiving a weekly offering is an important part of our worship life - an expression of faithfulness requested of all members. The card also lists a QR code for a quick link to our website's donation page. The goal is to facilitate and celebrate our acts of being good stewards of God's many gifts.

ALTERNATE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our website:** <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR code** with your smart phone camera to connect to giving options on Immanuel's site (vanco.com).
4. **Text 833-712-0259** the amount you wish to give. You will receive a link to giving options on Immanuel's site (vanco.com).



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

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 - Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Mark Connelly, Paul Campbell; Camera operator - Rabah Rennane.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sept. 28	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Coffee Hour in the Parlor
	11:00-5:00	Doors Open MKE
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Wednesday	noon	Stewardship Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
	7:00	Immanuel Reads "Lessons on the Road to Peace" ~ <i>virtual</i>
Saturday	10:00	Blessing of the Animals ~ <i>Astor Street steps</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Oct 5		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Ater preaching Celebration of the Lord's Supper
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Coffee Hour in the Upper Room
	11:15	Living Waters for the World presentation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Oct 6	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Oct 7	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>Conference Room</i>
Oct 8	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Oct 10	5:00	Noltner reception (<i>see insert</i>)

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
Cassie Olson	Part-time Program Coordinator
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Susan J. Stoll	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate