



# ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

*Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. + online preview*

*Sunday, December 4 + 11:00 – 1:00 + in-person event*

<https://www.immanuelwi.org/acm2022>

*There is something on our list for everyone on yours,  
and the fit is always right!*

Christmas is all about giving... celebrating God's gift to us in the birth of Jesus. But often this "reason for the season" gets lost, overwhelmed, as we are, with too much "stuff" and not enough meaning. There is pressure to find just the right thing instead of focusing on things that really matter.

Immanuel Church offers a special way to give gifts that give twice, through our annual **Alternative Christmas Market**. During the pandemic, the market successfully transformed into a fully online event. Now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, the **in-person event returns on Sunday, December 4 after worship**, preceded by a "**Meet the Market**" **online preview event on Wednesday evening, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.** The Mission Committee hopes that the two events will highlight what is most valued about the market: the chance to learn about the agencies through **3-4 minute agency updates at the online event** and the in-person experience of the festive "market" **in the Upper Room**, meeting agency representatives, selecting gifts and cards, and enjoying camaraderie and holiday refreshments. In addition to gifts purchased in the name of family and friends, **your presence at both of these events will be a gift to our mission partners** by showing Immanuel's support and interest in their important work in our community.

Give the teenager in your life High School Equivalency study materials (\$15 through Literacy Services of Wisconsin), or a cell phone charger (\$30 through Pathfinders). Your aunt who always makes a delicious Christmas ham might love to receive six(!) holiday hams for neighborhood families (\$75 through Interchange Food Pantry). Or what about a day of childcare services for a mother for the "new mom" in your family (\$30 through Meta House)? And, as you give thanks for your family gathering this Christmas, consider giving each person who gathers around your tree, a Household hurricane clean-up kit (\$50 through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance). Items range in price from just \$10 to \$100.

Purchases may be made in-person on December 4 at the market or during Coffee Hour on December 11 or 18. Orders may also be placed through the mail using the form below; tear it out and mail it to the church office with a check payable to "Immanuel Presbyterian Church." Special gift cards (\$1/each) and enclosures describe the organization the gift supports.

Since the first Alternative Christmas Market in 1995, Immanuel Church has raised well over half a million dollars, all of which has been given to participating agencies and organizations. Share this link: [www.immanuelwi.org/acm2022](https://www.immanuelwi.org/acm2022) to invite a friend to join you virtually *and* in-person this year for this much-loved, and much-anticipated, Immanuel holiday tradition.

## 2022 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET Participating Agencies

### Bread of Healing Clinic

Begun as a ministry of Cross Lutheran Church in 2000, the Bread of Healing Clinic now sees 400 patients each month at three locations on the North Side of Milwaukee. The Clinic provides essential services to those who would otherwise fall through the cracks. Most patients are employed but do not have access to health insurance. Many patients may make too much money to be eligible for Medicaid, and not enough to afford their employer's premiums. In addition to primary care services and free medications, the clinic offers programs such as counseling, a newly upgraded dental clinic space, as well as a broad scope of social work services. COVID-19 presented a unique set of challenges but the clinic adapted to provide telehealth and medication delivery in order to continue to provide essential primary care services during the pandemic. The name of the organization comes from Ecclesiastes 11:1, which invites the reader to: "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." Maya Angelou writes further: "When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never see, will benefit from our action, even as we enjoy the fruits sent to us from a donor upstream."

[www.breadofhealingclinic.org](http://www.breadofhealingclinic.org)

### **Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families**

Cathedral Center is one of the largest local shelters focusing services specifically for unaccompanied women and families with children. Cathedral Center's mission is to provide a safe environment for women and families while working to end homelessness, one life at a time. Cathedral Center's Emergency Shelter offers a safe environment for up to 28 unaccompanied women and 8 families with children for up to 90 days. In 2021, Cathedral Center's emergency shelter provided 17,621 nights of shelter to 240 women and 298 individuals within 77 families that included 58 children. Cathedral Center provides a safe environment for our community's most vulnerable to heal and to receive services to set and achieve goals focused on health and wellbeing, increasing earned income, and securing safe housing.

[www.cathedral-center.org](http://www.cathedral-center.org)

### **Eastside Senior Services**

Eastside Senior Services helps older adults who live downtown, Shorewood, Riverwest, and on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live in their own homes in a safe and dignified manner. Through direct support services, provided at no cost, these older adults are able to stay closely connected to and engaged with their communities while leading active, independent lives. Services include: transportation and shopping services, in-home visits to seniors who are lonely or isolated, seasonal chores, light housework, remembrance through cards and small gifts, telephone reassurance, referral, and advocacy.

[www.essmilw.org](http://www.essmilw.org)

### **The Guest House**

Since 1982, the Guest House of Milwaukee has been inspiring others to transform their lives with dignity and purpose. The Guest House serves nearly 2,000 individuals and families each year through its emergency shelter, rapid rehousing and transitional-to-permanent housing programs, mental health and addiction counseling, dedicated case management, and employment and financial coaching. Onsite, the Guest House offers shelter and support for 86 adult men who are working to overcome a housing instability and/or to realize and maintain prolonged recovery by achieving sobriety and positive mental health. Our permanent, supported housing programs have grown to serve individuals and families in more than 450 apartments throughout Milwaukee County. The Guest House has also expanded our Prevention program and Rapid Re-housing program to better meet the evolving needs of the community. Together, these programs provide services for men, women, and families who have a history of homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless, allowing them to maintain personal independence and overall well-being. The Guest House truly provides more than shelter to individuals and families in need!

[www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org](http://www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org)

### **Interchange Food Pantry**

Interchange Food Pantry (IFP) believes healthy food is a human right. The IFP believes those experiencing hunger, from our children to our elderly deserve the same quality food we serve to our families at home. We are one of a few city-wide pantries, serving all who enter our doors regardless of where they live through three sites that serve more than 40,000 people each year who struggle with food insecurity. 82% of our guests live in food desert areas. Children represent 47% of those we serve. Thank you for your gift through the Alternative Christmas Market!

[www.interchangefoodpantry.org](http://www.interchangefoodpantry.org)

### **Literacy Services of Wisconsin**

The mission of Literacy Services of Wisconsin (LSW) is to partner with motivated adults to provide access to quality basic education and skills training so that they can improve their lives, enrich their families, and strengthen our community.

LSW is proud to have celebrated our largest number of GED and High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) graduates during our 2021-22 year. Our GED and HSED courses, testing, and materials were provided free of charge to our 151 graduates thanks to our supportive community donors. Learn more about our full suite of programs and services, including English Language Learning, Adult Education, and GED / HSED preparation, at the link below.

[www.literacyservices.org](http://www.literacyservices.org)

### **Meta House**

Meta House ends the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families. Meta House was one of the first residential treatment facilities in the country designed specifically for women with substance use disorders, and has been providing gender-responsive, family-centered treatment since 1963. It was also one of the first in the nation to include children in the residential setting. While the cornerstone of the program is substance abuse treatment, Meta House also offers parenting, vocational, and educational services to clients and a host of services for their children. This holistic approach ensures that as a woman gets well, her entire family has the tools to successfully adapt to a life of recovery.

[www.metahouse.org](http://www.metahouse.org)

### **Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity**

Today in Milwaukee, families are finding it harder than ever to afford a decent place to call home. In fact, one out of three Milwaukee renters are currently paying more than half of their income in rent. Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity helps to combat this affordable housing crisis by providing families with an affordable path to safe, stable housing. Habitat homeowners get to help build their own homes alongside staff and volunteers, and they pay an affordable mortgage. By concentrating efforts in targeted areas, Milwaukee Habitat is not just helping local families, but revitalizing entire neighborhoods by helping to decrease crime and increase community engagement. Over the years, Immanuel and the Presbyterian Coalition have worked together to build 24 homes! Gifts through the Alternative Christmas Market will help another family achieve their dream of stability and independence through affordable homeownership in 2023!

[www.milwaukeehabitat.org](http://www.milwaukeehabitat.org)

### **Pathfinders**

Pathfinders has served Milwaukee's most vulnerable youth for over 50 years. The organization's trauma-informed, wraparound services include supported housing, temporary housing at a youth shelter, therapeutic services for young people who have been sexually abused, advocacy and case management for youth who have experienced sex trafficking or exploitation, a behavioral reassignment middle school, city-wide street outreach, basic needs services at a drop-in center and more. With support from the Alternative Christmas Market, Pathfinders is able to continue in its mission: "empowering youth - changing lives."

[www.pathfindersmke.org](http://www.pathfindersmke.org)

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA), enabling congregations to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. PDA focuses on the long term recovery of disaster affected communities, and works collaboratively with national and international partners, such as the United Nations, the World Food Program, and the Red Cross. PDA's core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts, including those from Immanuel's Alternative Christmas Market.

[www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda)

### **Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church - Arts and Science Literacy Camp, Homeless, and Food Ministries**

Tippecanoe (Tippe) is grateful to be resuming its warming room this year. "Divine Intervention," provides winter emergency overnight safe sanctuary for those experiencing homelessness. This year Tippe is replacing many of the sleeping mats, bedding items, and some furniture as it relaunches this vital ministry that was significantly impacted by the pandemic. Dinner is served every night and take away foods are provided each day.

Inspired by the success of the Divine Intervention Ministry with homeless neighbors, Tippe continues its Arts and Science Literacy Camp (ASLC) started 2018. The innovative mission of ASLC is to offer an integrated arts approach to supporting literacy, coupled with fine arts expression and a foundation in science. Camps are offered weekly over the summer as well as after school during the school year.

Hungry Hearts Community Meals are restaurant prepared re-heatable meals from local restaurants. 300 meals are distributed by volunteers every Saturday morning at Hephatha Lutheran Church, serving children and families in the 53206 area of Milwaukee. These meals support those who are experiencing food insecurity and help keep local restaurants viable. These businesses are central to the fabric of communities and keep people employed.

[www.tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org)



# IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 2022 Alternative Christmas Market

	QTY	COST	TOTAL		QTY	COST	TOTAL
<b>BREAD OF HEALING CLINIC</b>				<b>META HOUSE</b>			
A month supply of blood sugar test strips for a patient		\$ 15.00		A journal to help a woman process and heal		\$ 15.00	
A Flu Vaccine for an uninsured patient		\$ 25.00		One day of childcare services for a child whose mother is in our program		\$ 30.00	
“Tooth fairy” – dental procedure		\$ 50.00		One week of individual counseling services for one woman		\$ 45.00	
An eye exam and new pair of glasses		\$ 75.00		One month of career services for a woman		\$ 75.00	
Donation to the Bread of Healing Clinic				Donation to Meta House			
<b>CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN &amp; FAMILIES</b>				<b>MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</b>			
A toiletry kit and a week’s worth of KN95 masks for a client		\$ 15.00		A doorknob for a child’s bedroom		\$ 15.00	
Healthy snacks and school supplies for children		\$ 25.00		Motion security light		\$ 30.00	
New socks and sleepwear for a family in shelter		\$ 50.00		A ReStore voucher for a new homeowner		\$ 50.00	
A winter coat, hat and gloves for a guest		\$ 75.00		A kitchen sink		\$ 100.00	
Donation to the Cathedral Center Shelter				Donation to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity			
<b>EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES</b>				<b>PATHFINDERS</b>			
A Christmas gift for a senior living alone		\$ 15.00		Bus tickets to get youth to and from the Youth Shelter and Drop-In Center		\$ 10.00	
Stamps and notecards for homebound seniors		\$ 25.00		A cell phone charger		\$ 30.00	
Warm sweaters		\$ 50.00		A warm winter jacket for a youth		\$ 50.00	
Grocery gift card for a client in critical need of food		\$ 75.00		A move-in kit for a young person transitioning to their first apartment		\$ 75.00	
Donation to Eastside Senior Services				Donation to Pathfinders			
<b>THE GUEST HOUSE</b>				<b>PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE</b>			
A reloadable bus pass with five rides for a guest		\$ 15.00		A personal care kit for the survivor of a natural disaster		\$ 15.00	
Seeds and supplies for our urban garden		\$ 30.00		Art supplies and games for a refugee child		\$ 25.00	
A new pair of sneakers for a guest		\$ 50.00		Household hurricane clean-up kit		\$ 50.00	
An interview outfit for a client seeking a job		\$ 100.00		Support for a congregation ministering to children at the US-Mexico border		\$ 75.00	
Donation to The Guest House				Donation to PDA			
<b>INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY</b>				<b>TIPPECANOE – KIDS CAMP &amp; HOMELESS MINISTRIES</b>			
One case of juice boxes for children		\$ 10.00		Hungry Hearts re-heatable restaurant meal		\$ 10.00	
Twenty jars of peanut butter		\$ 25.00		Socks, hats, and gloves for a shelter guest		\$ 25.00	
Pasta, rice, and healthy grains for 10 families		\$ 50.00		ASLC scholarship for a child		\$ 50.00	
Holiday hams for 6 families		\$ 75.00		Sleeping mats for overnight warming room		\$ 100.00	
Donation to the Interchange Food Pantry				Donation to Tippecanoe Ministries			
<b>LITERACY SERVICES OF WISCONSIN</b>				<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			
High School Equivalency materials		\$ 15.00		<b>Gift Card(s)</b> <i>(suggest one for each gift)</i>		\$ 1.00	
GED testing for one student		\$ 35.00					
Games, activities and flashcards for English language learners		\$ 50.00					
An electronic tablet for education and skills training		\$ 100.00					
Donation to Literacy Services of Wisconsin							

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