

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, January 26, 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, 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.

Coffee Hour will held be in the Upper Room today immediately following worship. Enjoy a cup of coffee and quick conversation before the congregational meeting begins promptly at 11:15. Thank you to the Parish Life Council for hosting today. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Toni Jones, Leslie Davis, and Margaret Crowley. 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 the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/3PL3zJH>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TODAY at 11:15 in the Upper Room

The first of two annual congregational meetings every year focuses on the finances of the congregation. The agenda includes various reports and action items as we prepare for the coming year, such as the election of trustees, approval of ministerial terms of call, marking the retirement of part-time Associate Pastor Susan Stoll, and the reception of the 2025 budget. The new class of trustees nominated for election includes: Ann Eisenbrown, Bob Flath, Keith Pierce, and Lisa Trost. We are also excited to share positive financial news about the budgets for 2024 and 2025. Please join us immediately following worship for this important meeting.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel? Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation NEXT Sunday, February 2 + 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. Childcare available. Invitations are on the Great Hall tables. For more information about church membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

STUD DECORATING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

NEXT Sunday, February 2 at 11:15 in The Peaceable Kingdom

All are invited to join Immanuel children and youth in *The Peaceable Kingdom* following worship next Sunday to decorate and bless several 2x4 studs that will be used in the walls of the Habitat for Humanity home being built this year by our Presbyterian Coalition. Markers, crayons, and other supplies will be available. Please join us for this fun, easy, intergenerational project to support the work of our Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

Interested in helping to work on the home with Habitat this year? Contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) or Mission Committee Member Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com).

“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING”

Sunday, February 9

More than 100 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game on February 9. There will be parties with abundant food. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, and finding a warm meal. Again this year, Immanuel's Youth Group will join young people in congregations around the country to celebrate the annual “*Souper Bowl of Caring*,” collecting **donations of non-perishable food and monetary contributions** to help combat hunger in Milwaukee. Please bring your contributions **on Sunday, February 9** to benefit the Interchange Food Pantry, a longtime mission partner of Immanuel Church.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING

Sunday, February 9 at 11:15 in the Upper Room

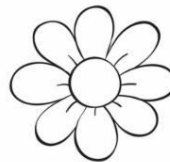
Have you ever wished you better understood the important role that Black American voices have played in shaping our public conversations in this country? This Black History Month, join Immanuel friends for a closer look into the lives and words of important African American speakers from our past. Discussion will be led by Immanuel member Dr. Sara VanderHaagen, Associate Professor of Communication and affiliated faculty in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM).

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Pledge envelopes for 2025 are available and ready for pick up in the Great Hall for those who requested them on their pledge forms. Envelopes are provided for weekly and monthly contributors if you so request; they are not ordinarily provided for those who plan to give quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If you would like envelopes or cannot find yours, please contact Ms. Stinematés in the church office. **On-line giving options are available on the Immanuel website.**

CHANCEL FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

Thank you to the many Immanuel members and friends who regularly donate flowers each week for the Chancel. **Would you like to sponsor flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion?** Donors are needed for: **February 2, 16, and 23.** The cost is \$150 for two arrangements each Sunday. Following the service, the flowers are shared with the donor and also delivered by the deacons to hospitalized or homebound members. Please contact the church office (414-276-4757, ipc@immanuelwi.org) to pick a date next month or later in the year.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Responding to Wildfires in California

In the midst of the ongoing wildfires in California, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources and support. Immanuel friends interested in supporting these ongoing efforts, may make contributions to Immanuel (noting PDA CA Wildfires in the memo) or directly to PDA by mailing a check to P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; please include PDA account number DR000165. You may also donate online at <https://www.pcusa.org/donate/dr000165-us-wildfires>.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Mark your calendar:

Wednesday evenings during Lent

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

Soup at 6:00 followed by communion, conversation, study and discussion

Would you like to help host one of the soup suppers?

A team of hosts prepares soup and provides bread for the meal and cleans up afterward.

Please contact the church office (414-276-4757, ipc@immanuelwi.org).

CHECK YOUR LISTING IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

As we move into the new year, Immanuel members are asked to check your listing in the church directory to make sure all contact information is up-to-date. If you need help accessing the directory, please contact Ms. Stinemates in the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26	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>
	11:15	Annual Financial Meeting of the Congregation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	4:00	Adult Education Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Parish Life Council meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	3:00	Welcome Team Listening Session ~ <i>virtual</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

		FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 2	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Stud Decorating for Habitat ~ <i>Peaceable Kingdom</i>
	11:15	Membership Welcome & Orientation ~ <i>Peaceable Kingdom</i>
February 3	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
February 4	6:00	Meeting of the Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Jeff McEathron, Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator - David Ravie.

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
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