

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, January 5, 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.

Members and friends are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Terese and Jay Zinn, and Mary Beth Allsop. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Leslie and Rick Smart and Marge Brindley. 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/3DrWU4h>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

EPIPHANY PARTY FOR CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES TODAY, January 5 + 11:15-noon

Church School children, youth, and families will celebrate Epiphany with an Epiphany Party following worship TODAY. Join us for a King Cake and other Epiphany traditions such as "chalking the door" and creating a star word. The party begins at 11:15 in the Peaceable Kingdom. All are welcome!

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel? Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation on Sunday, February 2 following worship from 11:20 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).

“MOVING FORWARD FAITHFULLY”

Stewardship for 2025 + *Thank you!*

The pledge goal for 2025 is \$1,020,308. Pledges received to date total \$952,018.

We are grateful to the members and friends who have made gifts and pledges for the work of the church in 2025. We also thank those who support the church through regular Sunday offerings, time, and prayer.

If you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2025, please do so as soon as possible.

Extra pledge forms are on the Great Hall tables.

The Session and the Board of Trustees will finalize a budget in the next few weeks that will be presented at the **Annual Financial Meeting of the Congregation** on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15. The meeting will also include financial reports for 2024 and the election of new trustees.

The Stewardship Committee:

Elders Kate Egan and Kate Perry, co-chairs

Steve Carlton, Spencer Frank, Kristi Leswing, Kate Lewis, Will Loder, Jim Peterson

“WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GOOD & EVIL?”

Dr. Eric Wilkinson, philosophy professor

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Sunday, January 19 + 11:15-noon

in the Upper Room

Whether composing New Year’s resolutions or simply wondering about the choices we make on a daily basis, the question of choosing right from wrong is ever before us. This is an ancient philosophical topic, and to guide us in reflecting on morality, Dr. Eric Wilkinson, philosophy professor at UW-Milwaukee, will lead a discussion on “Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?” Come learn a bit more about moral relativism, moral absolutes, and the ways our minds and spirits can choose the best path forward in 2025.

In Memoriam

Leigh Joost died on Friday, December 27. She joined Immanuel Church in 1996 and served the congregation as an elder and longtime member, and former chair, of the Human Resources Committee. Her husband, Tom Joost, Jr. and son, Tom Joost, III, are also Immanuel members. A memorial service will be held this Saturday, January 11 in the Sanctuary at 1:30 p.m. with a reception following hosted by the Board of Deacons. Our prayers and sympathy are with the Joost family.

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. Stinemat in the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

January 5	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	Epiphany Party ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons – <i>St. John's on the Lake</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

January 12	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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 19

	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	“Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?” Adult Education Discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 20		Church Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
January 21	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

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

Available date for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **January 12 or 19, or another date in 2025** (\$150 for the two arrangements each Sunday), please contact the church office.

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

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.

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ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE



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