

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, August 31, 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour outside on the Astor Street steps** following the service. The coffee hosts are Lynda and Jim Peterson, Mike and Debbie Gillard. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Kate and Dave Perry, Patsy Aster. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Jeff McEathron, Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

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. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

The annual Hymn Sing has been an end-of-summer tradition at Immanuel Presbyterian Church since 1997. This year's Hymn Sing features hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal that have texts based on the Psalms in the Old Testament. As the hymns are sung, be sure to read the footnotes at the bottom of each page to learn more about the history and biblical context of each hymn.

Rev. Rob Ater is concluding his summer sabbatical and will return to the office on Tuesday. He will share some of his sabbatical reflections later in September.

TRANSITION TEAM SURVEYS

It's not too late to complete the survey! Our Transition Team is asking you to envision a vibrant and active Immanuel Church for the future - one that opens its doors to the community around us while serving, supporting, and spiritually encouraging those who join our congregation. **Please take time to complete this survey** and leave it on the Great Hall table. You may also scan the finished survey and send it as an email attachment to ipc@immanuelwi.org or complete the survey on the church's website at immanuelwi.org. The team is meeting this week to discuss the results.

IMMANUEL READS: A Summer of Sabbath Reading

FINAL Conversation on the Porch

TODAY, August 31 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Immanuel members and friends are invited to read the books guiding Rev. Ater's "Sabbath Gratitude" sabbatical. Whether you read any of the books or not, all are welcome for a final reflective conversation on the practice of sabbath and how we can incorporate this spiritual practice into our daily lives. Please join us on the porch of the Parish House following worship!

FALL FORWARD

KICK-OFF SUNDAY is NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church School resumes + Chancel Choir returns + And there's ice cream!

Gather in to reconnect, restart, and celebrate life together!

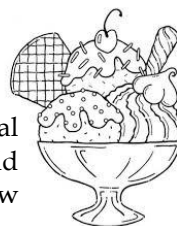
A new program year begins on September 7 and all are invited to celebrate a new season of life together! Church School classes for children and youth resume with the annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" and the **Sacrament of Baptism** will be celebrated during worship. Parents wishing to present children for baptism and adults who would like to make a profession of faith should speak with Rev. Larson. The newly updated Johnstone Library will be open for readers to explore our collection, and the Immanuel Chancel Choir will return to the loft and invites you to join them.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Helpers needed! Sign up today!

The worship service on September 7 will be followed by our annual **Ice Cream Social!** Enjoy a sundae and the company of new and old church friends as we catch up, reconnect, and look forward to a new church year. **Would you like to help host the Ice Cream Social?**

Servers, hosts, and runners are needed. **Sign-up** on the Great Hall table or at https://bit.ly/IPC_IceCreamSocialHelpers2025.



INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

NEXT Sunday: September 7

Although it's always the right time to invite a friend to church, next Sunday - **September 7** - is a great time! Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member you would like to introduce to Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Church newcomers most often visit for the first time because someone personally invited them. Consider who in your life might appreciate an invitation to explore their faith in this community. If you know someone who might appreciate a personal invitation from one of the ministers, please feel free to contact the church office (414-276-4757). Invite a friend to church!

WANT TO JOIN THE CHOIR?

Choral director John Komasa invites all adults interested in singing with the choir to join their rehearsal in the sanctuary at 8:55 next Sunday morning.



BECOME A FRIEND OF COMMON GROUND

Common Ground is one of our strongest ecumenical, social justice partners. This year's initiatives include jury diversity, tenant's rights, and reducing crime on the south side of Milwaukee. To be a **Friend of Common Ground** with a one-time or sustaining donation, visit their website <https://commongroundwi.org/donate/> or use this QR code.



"DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE"

Saturday and Sunday + September 27 and 28

On September 27 & 28 Immanuel will join 140+ Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Through our participation in this event over the last fourteen years, Immanuel has welcomed 6,000+ visitors to our church home! **Immanuel volunteers** are needed to serve as building hosts and tour guides on both days. Sign-up by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_DoorsOpen2025. More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/>.

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

Needed: Chancel flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary **in two weeks on September 14 or later in 2025** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

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

August 31 9:30-noon

10:00

11:30

Monday

Tuesday

Saturday

6:00

9:30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

Morning Worship; Rev. Larson preaching

Immanuel Reads ~ *Parish House porch*

Church Office closed

Meeting of the Deacons ~ *virtual*

Transition Team meeting ~ *Block Conference Room*

NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KICK-OFF SUNDAY!

Sept. 7

8:55

9:30-noon

10:00

10:30-11:15

11:15

Sept 8

Sept 9

6:00

6:00

Sept 10

5:00

Choir rehearsal

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching

Church School for children and youth ~

The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level

Ice Cream Social ~ *Astor Street steps*

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

Leadership dinner (Elders, Deacons, Trustees) ~ *Upper Room*

Mission Committee meeting