

# Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, February 2, 2025

**Welcome!** If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188<sup>th</sup> 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Nancy Debbink and Carol Tsao, and Evelyn Ericson. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Marge Brindley, Virginia Riggs, and Ashley Boedecker. 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/3WBSa2E>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## **WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel? Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation TODAY, February 2 + 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Gold Room in the Peaceable Kingdom downstairs**

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 provided. For more information about membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) immediately following worship.

## **STUD DECORATING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TODAY, February 2 at 11:15 in The Peaceable Kingdom**

All are invited to join Immanuel children and youth in *The Peaceable Kingdom* following worship TODAY 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](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) or Mission Committee Member Scott Silet ([sasilet@gmail.com](mailto:sasilet@gmail.com)).

## **“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING”**

**NEXT 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**

**“What, to the Slave, is the Fourth of July?” by Frederick Douglass**

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

This Black History Month, join Immanuel friends for a closer look into the life of Frederick Douglass and the important role he played in shaping our public conversations. 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). The conversation will focus on Douglass’s speech, “What, to the Slave, is the Fourth of July?” and participants are encouraged (though not required) to read the speech before next Sunday. Copies are available in the Great Hall or by clicking here: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_FrederickDouglassSpeech](https://bit.ly/IPC_FrederickDouglassSpeech).

## **BIBLE 101: *the Old and New Testaments***

**Sundays: February 16 and 23 at 11:15 in the Upper Room**

All are welcome to join Rev. Larson for a two-part “Bible 101” offering following worship later this month. The Old Testament will be covered on February 16 and the New Testament will be covered on February 23. In addition to reviewing the content of each testament, participants will discuss the ways we read the Bible and how we can deepen our understanding of God’s Word. Though there is no required reading ahead of time, those interested in learning more about biblical content are encouraged to purchase a copy of *A Guide to Bible Basics* by the Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield, Professor of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

**Our prayers and sympathy** are with Susi and Dick Stoll following the death of Susi’s sister, Robin Stampfli, in Chico, California on January 28. Plans for a memorial service are pending.

**Thank you to this morning’s worship volunteers:** Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dave Salisbury, Steve Jacobs, and Linda Neubauer; Camera operator – David Ravie.

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

## *Moving Forward Faithfully*

Over one hundred members gathered in the Upper Room last Sunday for the congregation's Annual Financial Meeting. A healthy financial picture was reported with a surplus 2024 budget and a balanced budget for the coming year! The congregation celebrated ten years of ministry with the Rev. Susan Stoll as they approved her request to move from an installed part-time (volunteer) associate pastor to parish associate. Rev. Rob Ater's plans for a "Gratitude Sabbatical" were announced for this summer when he'll visit with mentors who have supported him on his vocational journey to say, "thank you." New trustees Ann Eisenbrown, Bob Flath, Keith Pierce, and Lisa Trost were elected, and the ministers' terms of call were approved. Dr. Bush offered an update on the interim process and announced plans for the formation of a Transition Team of 7-9 members to guide a process of listening, dialogue, and assessment in the coming months. Contact Dr. Bush ([randybush@immanuelwi.org](mailto:randybush@immanuelwi.org)) with your feedback, suggestions, or ideas.

## MEALS FOR CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER

### **Meal Volunteers Needed this month!**

Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families every quarter this year. The next dates are **Wednesday, February 26; Thursday, February 27; and Friday, February 28**. To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver the meal to the center where the staff will serve it. If you wish to help serve, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the sign-up form. Click here: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_CathedralCenterMeals](https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals) or contact the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake ([bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

## 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, and study

*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](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)).*

## MEMORIAL SERVICES PLANNED

Services will be held in the Sanctuary for these Immanuel members & friends:

David Dooley (husband of Marty Dooley), Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Jim Green, Saturday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Hester Besteda, Saturday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

		<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
February 2	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; 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>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

		<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
February 9	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Education: Black History Month ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
February 10	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
February 11	6:30	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
February 12	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

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.

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