

# Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, February 16, 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 Victor Plantinga, Johnny Harkey and Ashley Krysik, and Paula Lewein. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Tamara and David Crum, Claire Moulis. 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/3EvDPP4>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## **BIBLE 101: *the Old and New Testaments* TODAY and next Sunday, February 23 at 11:15 in the Upper Room**

All are invited to join Rev. Larson for a two-part "Bible 101" offering following worship. Today's session will cover the Old Testament, also called the Hebrew scriptures; the New Testament will be discussed next Sunday. 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.

## **UPCOMING "IMMANUEL READS"**

One of *The New York Times* best books of 2024 was Percival Everett's novel *James*, which re-tells the story of Huckleberry Finn from the perspective of the runaway slave, Jim. If you've read this book or would like to discuss it, we plan to hold a Zoom book discussion about this text in early March. More details to follow!

Dr. Bush is on vacation today. He will be out of the office this week and will return for worship next Sunday.

# “SHROVE SUNDAY” PANCAKE BRUNCH

*in two weeks on*

**Sunday, March 2 at 11:15 a.m.**

*Make your reservation in the Parlor today.*



Immanuel marks the pre-Lenten tradition of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, recalling a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up in Christian households before the Lenten fast began. Join Immanuel Church friends for this annual feast Sunday, March 2 immediately following worship. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Members of the Parish Life Council are in the Parlor ready to take your reservation! Sign up to help by clicking here: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_ShrovePancakeVolunteers2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_ShrovePancakeVolunteers2025)



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**“Everything in Between:  
Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes”**

*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**

The theme for this year’s study is “Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes” and offers an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with faith and intention. The program on Wednesday evenings includes guest presentations from leaders of local non-profits and conversations on living out our faith as a church community. More information is coming soon!

***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)).*

**“MUSIC AT IMMANUEL”**  
**Chamber Music Concert**  
**Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**

As part of Immanuel’s commitment to hospitality and the arts, Immanuel will host a special chamber music concert on Friday evening, March 7, featuring the piano and violin duo of Lucas and Leah Amory. Lucas is a Harvard graduate student and last year’s winner of the PianoArts North American Competition and Music Festival. He will be joined by his talented younger sister, a student at the Curtiss Institute of Music in Philadelphia. They will be performing the rarely heard Prokofiev Violin Sonatas. Dr. Bush will open the event by interviewing the musicians. This program is open to the public; a freewill offering will be received. For more information of PianoArts go to: <https://pianoarts.org/>

**“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” UPDATE**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Immanuel’s youth set an ambitious goal of raising \$5,900 for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring (in honor of last Sunday’s 59<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl). The goal has been met and exceeded by over \$150.00! In addition to financial gifts, several bags of non-perishable food were also collected. Thank you to all who made generous donations to support our neighborhood Interchange Food Pantry!

**MEALS FOR CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER**

**Thank you, meal volunteers!**

Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families every quarter this year. The volunteer roster for this quarter is full. Thank you! **Immanuel will serve again on May 14-16.** Mark your calendars and watch for a sign-up link in April. For more information about this longtime mission partner go to: <https://cathedral-center.org/> Questions about serving or getting involved in this mission initiative 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)).

**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.

**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

<b>TODAY</b>		<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
February 16	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Education: Bible 101 ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Wednesday	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Saturday	10:00	Presbytery of Milwaukee meeting <i>~ Forest Park Presbyterian Church</i>

<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>		<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
February 23	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: Bible 101 ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
February 24	11:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
February 25	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

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

**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers – Mark Connelly, Steve Jacobs, Dick Myers, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Keith Pierce.

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