

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, March 16, 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Susan Kraeblen, Sue and Rabah Rennane. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Kate and Dave Perry, and Leslie Davis. 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 worship. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" for more information: <https://conta.cc/3DKvJSF>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

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

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?

Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation

Please go to https://bit.ly/IPC_MembershipWelcome_Spring2025 and let the Session know of your interest and availability on three possible

Sundays: April 27, May 4, or May 11

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. For more information about church membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

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

In Memoriam

Clair Baum died on March 2 at his home at St. John's on the Lake. Clair had been an active participant in the life of the congregation since his wife Mary joined in 2009. A memorial service will be held in the Immanuel Sanctuary on Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception immediately following hosted by the family at St. John's on the Lake. Our prayers and sympathies are with the Baum family.

Lent 2025



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

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

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,
followed by table worship and the Lord’s Supper
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year’s theme, “Everything in Between,” is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

THIS WEEK: March 19

Community Organizing with Common Ground Facilitated by Gabriela Dieguez and Kevin Solomon

Come hear the story of Common Ground’s organizing efforts with Milwaukee’s Latino and immigrant community and our public housing neighbors. Gabriela and Kevin both organize on Milwaukee’s south side where Gabriela is a clinical social worker at the 16th Street Community Health Center. Kevin is Common Ground’s associate organizer.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!
The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!

Upcoming Topics

Brochures with more details are on the Great Hall Tables.

- March 26 - Rest & Growth:** Caring for yourself spiritually in unsteady times
– Rev. Jean Dow, Associate Pastor Emerita and Spiritual Director
- April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy:** Peacemaking through nonviolence
– Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
- April 9 - Lost & Found:** In a time of church transition, asking real questions about identity, community, and hospitality
– Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Immanuel Transition Team

CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES
An Exploration of the *Theological Declaration of Barmen*
and the *Confession of Belhar*

Sundays, March 23 and 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room

Throughout the history of the Christian movement, churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. Two of these confessions will be explored in an upcoming adult education series. On March 23, Rev. Dr. John Helt will lead an exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in 1934 in response to the rise of Nazism in Germany. On March 30, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of each confession are on the tables in the Great Hall. Reading the confessions beforehand is not required to participate in the series.

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Life Council outing to the Milwaukee Symphony
Orchestra's performance of *Brahm's Requiem*
Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicales" presentation on *Brahm's Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Tickets will be available for \$40.00 each beginning next Sunday, March 23. Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" on Sunday, April 6 following worship in the Upper Room.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED!

Share ideas for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings
with the Adult Education Committee

Many thanks to Dr. Greg Baer for leading an engaging "Immanuel Reads" conversation on the novel *James* by Percival Everett for over 30 readers last Monday! Do you have a recommendation for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings? Please send them to Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) to be passed on to the Adult Education Committee. Stay tuned for more reading opportunities soon!

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Today is Interchange Food Pantry (IFP) Sunday when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Located at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison, IFP is one of only a few city-wide pantries.

Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Volunteers are always needed to unpack and sort food and serve guests. Contact the pantry staff (interchangeoffice@gmail.com or 414-551-2184) to sign-up.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 16	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>
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,
	7:00	Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Saturday	9:00	Transition Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 23	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>
March 24	11:30	Board of Trustees meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

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