

# IMMANUEL

## INSIGHTS

People of God's grace. Building on the past. Growing in the present. Planning for the future--In Jesus Christ.



### Message from the Pastor

"You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11

Dear Friends,

We are entering my favorite season—Fall! After a fun and restful summer, we welcome crisp autumn air, a drop in humidity, and wagons brimming with pumpkins. We are also delighted to welcome back friends we've missed throughout the summer. As short sleeves give way to cozy hoodies, and pumpkin spice and apple flavors fill the air, we look forward to the Fall Equinox and International Peace Day on September 21. Together, they remind us of what the changing leaves already know: autumn is officially arriving in Cedarburg!

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Please do join us in these upcoming events!

Join us THIS Sunday, August 30, for a blessing of the backpacks during children's time and prayers for a safe, healthy and learning filled school year.

Please note that our Confirmation Kick off for all 6th-8th grade students is on Wednesday, September 23 AT FAITH. All other classes (unless noted) will be at ADVENT.

Sign up to take a shift of parking during Wine and Harvestfest, and support a great church fundraiser on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20. New parkers are always welcome and are very needed. When you finish your shift, enjoy the parking spot on us and go enjoy the festival!

Join us for Rally Day and Confirmation Day the following Sunday, September 27. We'll kick off a new Sunday School year by also celebrating two students who have completed all the requirements to affirm their baptism! Join us as we celebrate Isaac and Misha in this faith milestone and welcome all the littles for a great new year!

We will also resume our bi-monthly Bible Study at PJ Pipers on Tuesday, September 22 at 11AM.

Continue to watch Tracy's announcements for updates and new activities and let's have a great fall ya'll!

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Vicki

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## Council News & Notes

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Our Church Council takes a well-deserved break from its regular meeting schedule during July. Rest assured, they're still actively tending to the needs of our church and are available as needed. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our council members—they're always happy to help.

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## What's Happening In & Around Immanuel

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On Sunday, September 27, join us as we celebrate the confirmation of Isaac Mantel and Misha Mamaiev. They'll reaffirm their baptism and begin their journey as adult members of our church family. Come support them and celebrate this special milestone! Cake and fellowship will follow the service. Service details will be shared with the confirmands' parents. Everyone is welcome!

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The Faith Lutheran Church Council is hosting a Community Campfire on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. This is a fun all age social event. Please bring a chair.

The Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk is the synod's largest annual fundraiser. It's a fun and meaningful way to support ELCA Lutheran congregations and ministries in neighborhoods of income insecurity. Prepare for a fun and exciting morning of biking, running, walking, or volunteering, and enjoying fellowship at lunch.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church in Grafton. Join in the fun for a worthy cause as a runner, walker, biker or cheerleader! The options include a 2 mile walk, 5K fun run, 15 mile trail bike ride, or 30 mile trail/road bike ride. Sign up information is posted on the bulletin board and the link will be in the weekly announcements.

Tracy has once again accepted the challenge to join the event, biking the 15-mile course. If you would like to sponsor Tracy by making a donation, please see her in person or the Weekly Announcements email to access her personal fundraising page.



## Ministry Highlights and Announcements



In 2027, Immanuel Lutheran Church will celebrate a remarkable milestone—175 years of ministry, faith, and service. As we begin looking ahead to this special anniversary, we are inviting members to help plan a celebration that honors our rich history and celebrates the future of Immanuel.

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee, which will help plan events and activities commemorating this significant occasion. Whether you enjoy organizing events, sharing historical stories, decorating, or simply have a love for Immanuel and its mission, your ideas and talents are welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00pm.

If you would like to be part of this exciting journey or would like more information, please contact Zachary Shimek at zacharyjpeterston@icloud.com or 414-502-2339. We hope you will consider joining us as we celebrate our past, give thanks for our present, and prepare for the future God is leading us toward.

### Help Us Create Our 175th Anniversary Logo!

As part of our 175th anniversary celebration, we're inviting the creativity of our entire Immanuel family to shine! All ages are encouraged to submit an original logo design for a chance to have it become the official symbol of this historic milestone.

Your design can be hand-drawn, digitally created, or even inspired by technology—such as this example, created with AI. Let your imagination lead the way!

Please submit all designs to the church office by October 1. If we receive multiple submissions, the congregation will vote for their favorite!



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrate a special occasion by decorating the altar with a bouquet of flowers. A sign-up sheet is posted next to the narthex bulletin board. Simply choose a date and bring in your bouquet. If your flowers are in honor or memory of someone, we will gladly acknowledge it in the bulletin, weekly announcements, and/or PowerPoint.

## Ministry Highlights and Announcements

### MISSION QUILTERS UPDATE

In September, the Mission Quilters will return to our regular monthly quilting schedule on the third Monday and Tuesday of each month. We will meet upstairs in Fromm Hall at 9:00 a.m. on September 14 and 15 and work until approximately 2:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join us for one or both days is invited to come for some fun and fellowship. Just bring your scissors, a sandwich and beverage for lunch. We'll supply the chips and dessert.

Several members have been working at cutting blocks and sewing tops and backs at home as well as baby quilts over the summer months. We have only a few more weeks left to assemble as many quilts as we can for Pine Ridge before they will be shipped. Won't you give us a helping hand?

We'd be happy to teach anyone who is interested in learning the basics of quilt making. You can help us tie together the layers of the quilts, pin the edges, and finish sew the edges. The work is quite simple and no previous experience is necessary. We only get together two days out of the month from September through June and you can help one day or both, whatever hours are convenient for you, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

We're always looking for interested members to join our group and would love to see you in September! If you would like more information, feel free to call Gerry Juedes (262-375-1665) any time or talk to any Mission Quilters member.

- Gerry Juedes

Pastor Vicki's Bible study, Dwelling in the Word, returns on Tuesday, September 22 at 11:00am at PJ Piper's. Together, we'll reflect on Bible passages from the upcoming Sunday's service in a casual, conversational setting. All are welcome—come enjoy good company, coffee, and God's Word.



Family Sharing of Ozaukee County is deeply grateful for the generosity of our Immanuel family. Your faithful support and compassion help provide hope and essential resources to neighbors in need throughout our community. Thank you for living out Christ's love through your generosity and for partnering in this important ministry of caring for others.

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Fun Fridays invite us to pause, set aside life's stresses, and enjoy the gift of laughter and joy. We've loved sharing your happy moments and everyday blessings!

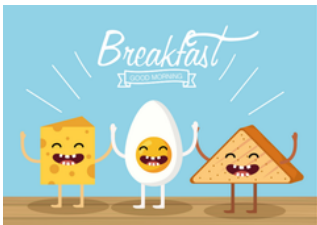
Send your good news, funny stories, or uplifting photos to Pastor Vicki or the church office, and they may be featured on Immanuel's Facebook page. Let's keep spreading joy and ending each week with a smile!



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## Fellowship Opportunities

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The Girls' and Guys' Breakfast Club will gather on Tuesday, September 1, at 8:00am at PJ Piper's. Come for a morning of good food, great conversation, and warm fellowship—everyone is welcome!

The Immanuel softball team is having a great season! Their record currently stands at seven wins and six losses, and they now have their sights set on the playoffs. Let's hope they've hit their stride and can finish the season strong! Come out and cheer them on as they make their push for the postseason! Watch the weekly announcements for game times.



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Put your bats and balls away, grab a dart and join the Immanuel dartball team! The league starts on Monday, October 5. No experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to have fun. Come be part of the team spirit! Contact Mark Haas if you are interested.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

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Bingo returns to Immanuel on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00pm. This is our 4th year! Can you believe it? We have a slightly new format this year with games earning bigger prize money! We are thrilled to partner with a new charity, the Wisconsin Humane Society. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, reach out to Donna Cooke.

The doors open at 12:00pm and the games start at 1:00pm.

We will play 15 games with a total of \$1000 in cash prizes. The progressive game winnings now stands at \$1854 if you black out the entire card in 53 calls. Our 50/50 raffle continues this year as well. As always, our concessions and baked goods steal the show. We rely on our talented Immanuel baking team to bring in the dough! Thank you to all who support our mission.



We are blessed by the many members who generously share their time and talents. We are always looking for volunteers to support our weekly worship, both up front and behind the scenes. Consider serving as an usher, communion assistant, greeter, lector, or helping with communion set-up, PowerPoint, or coffee hour treats. It's easy and fun! Contact Tracy in the office or sign up using the SignUpGenius link in the Weekly Announcements email.

**The Gift of Giving:** Your faithful giving is a vital part of our shared ministry. It supports worship, outreach, education, community care, and the daily life of our congregation. Every gift—large or small—helps us continue to serve, grow, and live out God's mission together.

We give not out of obligation, but as an expression of gratitude for all that God has given us. Thank you for your generosity, your commitment, and your partnership in this journey of faith.

Offering envelopes and cards with QR codes are found in the pews, in Memorial Hall, and in the office. On our website, click on "Giving Back" to donate via Vanco or Paypal.

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## Cedarburg Wine and Harvest Fest



While we do not want to rush summer, it is time to begin thinking about one of our biggest fundraising events of the year...Harvest Fest! (September 19-20). We need your help! Volunteers are needed to help with parking—and yes, we'll save you a free parking spot for your help! This is a great opportunity for high school students who need community service hours, and a perfect way for our confirmation youth to get involved and serve.

Sign up on the board in the gathering space or online via SignUp Genius. Please see the Weekly Announcements for the link.

Thank you in advance for helping make this event a success. We couldn't do it without you!



Ever wondered what it is like to work, day in and day out, with PV? Now is your chance! The church office is looking for volunteers to work a few hours while Tracy is on vacation. The available times are on the mornings of Monday, September 14 and September 21, and Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Let Tracy know if you are interested in this intriguing opportunity.

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## Youth Activities

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Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> marks the start of the Sunday School year. Children between the ages of 3 and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join our Sunday School program. Class meets during the praise worship service, every other Sunday. Don't worry if you are unable to attend registration on the 27th. We'll gather your information at the next class.

## Confirmation Classes

On Wednesday, September 23, our EPIC partner churches will join forces again to begin another year of guiding and educating our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they continue their journeys of faith with confirmation classes. The Confirmation Kick-Off on September 23 is being held at 5:15pm at Faith Lutheran. All other classes will be held at Advent Lutheran Church. Dinner begins at 5:15pm with an information session commencing at 6:00pm. Please see the Weekly Announcements email to access the registration link. Contact Lisa Wegner with questions at [lisa@adventchurch.org](mailto:lisa@adventchurch.org)

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries



We wish you joy, love, and continued blessings in the year ahead.

### Birthdays

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 9/02 Cheryl Natzke    | 9/15 Ashley Hackert    |
| 9/03 Walter Hohner    | 9/16 Carl Hartman      |
| 9/04 Judy Jackson     | 9/16 Alex Martinez     |
| 9/06 Jacob Post       | 9/22 Katie Tredo       |
| 9/06 Ross Anderson    | 9/24 Sandy Rau         |
| 9/07 Mark Haas        | 9/24 Bonnie Yanke      |
| 9/07 Mark Larson      | 9/25 Jacob Paulmann    |
| 9/07 Keith Schubert   | 9/26 Barbara Rintelman |
| 9/08 Amy Kletzien     | 9/27 Trent Rogahn      |
| 9/13 Eli Gabrys       | 9/27 Lauren Hoerchner  |
| 9/13 Nicki Blast      | 9/27 Cedric Rismeyer   |
| 9/14 Steve Proefrock  | 9/30 Ed Bast           |
| 9/15 Mandy Gilbertson | 9/30 Allison Hyatt     |

### Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Jason and Cindy Praefke      | 9/5/09  |
| Kevin and Desiree Reimer     | 9/12/15 |
| Tom and Linda Bartz          | 9/13/69 |
| Erich and Cheryl Natzke      | 9/17/66 |
| Mike and Jennifer Wendorf    | 9/23/96 |
| Pat and Christine Esser      | 9/26/98 |
| Jeremiah and Melissa Bradley | 9/27/14 |
| Matt and Mandy Gilbertson    | 9/28/02 |
| Emma and Patrick Fridholm    | 9/28/19 |
| Tyler and Ella Cox           | 9/30/23 |

If we missed your special day, please let the office know. We are continuously updating our records to have the most accurate information.



## Prayers

Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

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|-------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Alice | Kerry     | Charlene | Shirley  | Keith  |
| Tom   | Richard   | Jerry    | Leslie   | Bob    |
| Erik  | James     | Rhonda   | Surya    | Lila   |
| Mark  | Jim       | Chrissy  | David    | Dennis |
| Pat   | Brandon   | Karen    | Rob      | Jim    |
| Patty | Bobbie    | Harry    | Jo Ellen | Austin |
| Dan   | Dale      | Bill     | Ray      | Jerry  |
| Mary  | Christina | Margaret | Mike     | Janice |
| Carl  | Mike      | Juan     | Judy     |        |

## From the Office



The church office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. While these are the official hours, you'll likely find Tracy in the office most weekday mornings. Please check the weekly announcements email for changes to the schedule.

Immanuel's digital calendar will help you keep track of all our activities, events, and meetings! This will be your one-stop shop for everything happening at Immanuel.

Stay connected, stay informed, and join us in all the ways God is moving at Immanuel!

Please see the Weekly Announcements email for the link or check out the calendar on our website.



**Building Usage Reminders:** All events should be added to the master calendar in the office or by sending an email message to: [office@immanuelcedarburg.org](mailto:office@immanuelcedarburg.org)



Please remember to let the church office know if you move or if your contact information changes so you do not miss out on notifications.



Please check our website for updates to the monthly calendar at [www.immanuelcedarburg.org](http://www.immanuelcedarburg.org)



Our newsletter deadline is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. To ensure pertinent information is included, please send an email to [office@immanuelcedarburg.org](mailto:office@immanuelcedarburg.org)

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## Church Staff

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Custodian: Terry Proefrock

Organists: James and Lisa Quick

Pianists: Gretel Anderson and Lisa Quick

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Chancel Choir Director: Sandy Stoffel ([sandy.stoffel@immanuelcedarburg.org](mailto:sandy.stoffel@immanuelcedarburg.org))

Handbell Choir Director: Debbie Donovan ([deb.donovan@immanuelcedarburg.org](mailto:deb.donovan@immanuelcedarburg.org))

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## Church Council Members

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Executive Committee:

President: Jessie Johnson (2027) 414-899-9041

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Secretary: Christine Esser (2027) 414-588-0057

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Mark Haas (2028) 262-227-5768

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Email the entire council: [ilccouncil@immanuelcedarburg.org](mailto:ilccouncil@immanuelcedarburg.org)

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# September 2026



| Sun                                                                                | Mon                          | Tue                                                                                       | Wed                                                                     | Thu       | Fri       | Sat                                                                           |
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|                                                                                    |                              | <b>1</b><br>8am<br>Guys/Gals<br>Breakfast<br>PJ Pipers                                    | <b>2</b>                                                                | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                                                      |
| <b>6</b><br>Traditional<br>Service 9:30<br>No<br>Communion                         | <b>7</b><br><br>Labor Day    | <b>8</b>                                                                                  | <b>9</b>                                                                | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br><br>BINGO<br>12:00pm                                             |
| <b>13</b><br>Praise<br>Service<br>9:30 w/<br>Communion                             | <b>14</b><br>9am<br>Quilters | <b>15</b><br>9am<br>Quilters<br>7pm-<br>Council<br>Meeting                                | <b>16</b>                                                               | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>Harvest<br>Fest                                                  |
| <b>20</b><br>Traditional<br>Service 9:30<br>w/<br>Communion<br>Harvest Fest        | <b>21</b>                    | <b>22</b><br>11 am<br>Bible<br>Study-PJ<br>Pipers<br><br>6pm-175 <sup>th</sup><br>meeting | <b>23</b><br>Praise<br>Rehearsal-<br>6:30<br>Confirmation<br>Class- 6pm | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>Jon &<br>Mary's<br>wedding<br><br>Outreach<br>For Hope<br>8:30am |
| <b>27</b><br>Praise<br>Service<br>9:30 w/<br>Comm.<br>Rally Sunday<br>Confirmation | <b>28</b>                    | <b>29</b>                                                                                 | <b>30</b><br>Confirmation<br>Class- 6pm                                 |           |           |                                                                               |