

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

Dear Friends,

Happy Fall, the season where we see the beauty and change of creation all around us in the vibrant, colorful leaves. No doubt some of you are trimming back your gardens, harvesting final crops before the first frost, and embracing the "dying" of the year. How sweet to know, amid all the changes, the word of our God abides, endures, indeed, stands forever!

Join us this fall for lots of festive seasonal FUN!

Please note our office dog, Trixie's special announcement and invitation! We will kick October 1 off with a drive thru pet blessing from 5:30-6:30pm. Simply drive in the parking lot and park, or pause by the office door, and I will share a special blessing for them.

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Confirmation classes kick off this week at Advent with an optional meal at 5:15pm and class beginning at 6:00pm-7pm! If you have a 6th-8th grader that has not yet registered, please contact Lisa to sign up.

Our choir is assembling for the first time on Saturday, October 3 from 11AM-12PM for a rehearsal and then will be practice again on Sunday, October 4, before worship to sing a song at worship that day.

On Sunday, October 18, we will be blessing the beautiful quilts made by our dedicated and talented team, Mission Quilters. The quilts will be blessed before they make their way to our friends at Pine Ridge, where they will provide warmth, comfort, and a reminder of God's love.

Please sign up to take a shift as a host of the pumpkin walk on Saturday, October 31. Hosts often come in costume and pass out treats. Speaking of treats, please bring candy donations to the bin outside the office to help us feed our trick or treaters and volunteers. Sign up online or in the narthex.

We moved Confirmation Day to All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1, this year, but we will still honor our All Saints Day traditions on Reformation Sunday, which is Sunday, September 27. We will be mailing letters to the families of members of our congregation who have died this year and invite them to the service. During the service, we have time to ring a bell and share their names aloud and light a candle in their memory. We will also have an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of any beloved saints we are holding in our hearts as we depart worship on September 27.

Abundant thanks to all those who parked for Harvestfest! Your time and talent are SO APPRECIATED!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Vicki

Council News & Notes

Our Church Council was back at it in September. The new microphone project for the choir loft is moving forward as is a wireless microphone and speaker system for Fromm Hall. Bingo reported great attendance with earnings of just over \$2,000 for September. Discussion continues as to how to best preserve the bell and the tower. Quotes are being gathered to return it to its rightful home in the tower.

The Stewardship Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm. While Building and Grounds plan to meet on Sunday, October 18th, following worship.

A special thank you to Sandy Stoffel as she steps away from Council due to work commitments. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and dedication you have shared with Immanuel. Thank you, Sandy, for your service and thoughtful contributions. However, she won't be going far, she will continue to lead our chancel choir and share her many gifts with us.

What's Happening In & Around Immanuel



Join in the fun of this beloved downtown Cedarburg tradition on Halloween night, October 31, from 5:00–9:00 PM! Washington Avenue will be glowing with spooky sights and festive fun.

Immanuel will be part of the celebration with a pumpkin display and plenty of candy for trick-or-treaters.

We need your help to make this event a success. We are looking for volunteers to be outside the church, greeting neighbors and passing out candy. Sign up in the narthex and Sign Up Genius. We are also accepting donations of bags of candy to share with the community. There is a box outside the office for your sweet treat donations. We also want your carved pumpkins to decorate our front lawn!

Let's light up the night together and share Immanuel's warm welcome with Cedarburg!



Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

On October 3, from 9:30 to 12:00pm, Trinity is hosting a Rise Against Hunger Experience. They will be packaging meals for global hunger relief. Their goal is to package 10,000 meals and collect \$4,100 for this worthy cause. If you have questions, please contact Carol Anderson at canders1125@gmail.com. There is a flyer on the narthex bulletin board with a QR code to register or donate.

No Tricks, Just Treats (And Saving Lives!)

It'll be a boo-tiful day to save lives at the blood drive hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedarburg (N60 W6047 Columbia Road) on Halloween (Saturday, Oct. 31) from 8:30am-12:30pm. By donating just one pint of blood, you have the potential to save up to three lives. If you can carve out some time to give blood that day, call 1-877-BE-A-HERO, contact Jill Klitz (262-377-6074, djklitz@milwpc.com) or reserve a spot online at versiti.org/WI (search by zip code). Thank you!



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.

The committee is making great progress but they can still use your help. Events in the works include: a community concert featuring our wonderful and gifted musicians on April 24; participation in the Cedarburg 4th of July parade; and a visit from the bishop on October 3 with a catered dinner. Fundraising efforts are also being considered to raise money to restore the bell. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 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.

Pastor Vicki's Bible study, *Dwelling in the Word*, will meet on October 27 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.



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.

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MISSION QUILTERS UPDATE

Seven members of the Mission Quilters met on Monday and Tuesday, September 14 & 15, to begin another season of assembling quilts for those in need. Although our turnout was somewhat small, we were able to complete 12 beautiful regular size quilts and 4 baby quilts to add to our growing inventory.

Plans have been made to display and bless the quilts for Pine Ridge Reservation on Sunday, October 18. After that date, they will be packed up to be transported to our drop-off location in Waukesha and stored there until transportation to the Reservation can be arranged.

Our next quilting days are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 19 & 20. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. upstairs in Fromm Hall and hope to see some new faces at that time. Mark your calendars for these important dates! If you'd like to join us in this very worthy ministry, please call Gerry Juedes at 262-375-1665 or speak to any of our quilters with any questions you might have. We would love for YOU to become a part of our dedicated group too! -Gerry Juedes



Family Sharing of Ozaukee County is deeply grateful for the generosity of our Immanuel family. Times are tough right now, and more of our neighbors are facing challenges making ends meet and putting food on the table. Your faithful support and compassion help provide hope and essential resources to individuals and families throughout our community.

Thank you for continuing to live out Christ's love through your generosity and for partnering with Family Sharing in this important ministry of caring for others. Every gift makes a difference, especially during difficult times. ❤️

The Pine Ridge Reservation Food Pantry is asking for monetary donations to help provide much-needed food resources to our friends living on the reservation.

Food resources are very limited in the area, making access to groceries especially difficult. This is an even greater challenge during the winter months, when poor road conditions can make travel more difficult.

If you would like to help, please make checks payable to RESERVATION OUTREACH and note "Food Pantry" in the memo line. Mail to: Deb Donovan, Treasurer, 2191 County I, Grafton, WI 53024

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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!



"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

Fellowship Opportunities



The Girls' and Guys' Breakfast Club will gather on Tuesday, October 6, at 8:00am at PJ Piper's. Come for a morning of good food, great conversation, and warm fellowship—everyone is welcome!

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Put your bats and balls away, grab your darts 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Bingo meets again to Immanuel on Saturday, October 10 at 1:00pm. We have a slightly new format this year with games earning bigger prize money! 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. This month's charity is the Mequon Nature Preserve. We are hoping to have our own, Nature Nick (Gall), the preserve's ecological restoration manager, join in the fun.

We will play 15 games with a total of \$1000 in cash prizes. The progressive game winnings now stands at \$2,099 if you black out the entire card in 54 calls. Our 50/50 raffle continues this year as well. As always, our concessions and baked good 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.



Youth Activities



Sunday, September 27th marked the start of the Sunday School year. Children between the ages of 3 and 5th grade are invited to join our Sunday School program. Class meets during the praise worship service, every other Sunday. Don't worry if you were unable to attend registration on the 27th. We'll gather your information at the next class. We are looking forward to an exciting year with four teachers leading our children as they learn about God's love.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are now underway. Youth from all of our EPIC partners meet every Wednesday at Advent Lutheran Church. Classes are meant for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. An optional dinner begins at 5:15pm with class commencing at 6:00pm. Please contact Lisa Wegner with questions at lisa@adventchurch.org

Confirmation Sunday has been moved to Sunday, November 1. Please join us as we celebrate Isaac Mantel and Misha Mamaiev as they reaffirm their baptism and begin their journey as adult members of the church.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

Birthdays

10/1 Jude Harper	10/18 Rob Anderson
10/1 Barbara Krause	10/19 Tom Geiser
10/4 Brian Kjell	10/20 Nancy Meinert
10/5 Meg Hoerchner	10/20 Emmitt Trice
10/5 Leona Grenfell	10/21 Isaac Mantel
10/6 Aaron Haefner	10/22 Ashley Gallun
10/9 Eric Aspenson	10/22 Connie Natzke
10/9 Lynn Neumann	10/24 Marnie Ohrmund
10/10 Chris Steffen	10/24 Mike Apel
10/12 Lindsey Wray	10/25 Vincent Murach
10/13 Oliver Krause	10/29 Roger Miller
10/13 Samuel Krause	10/30 Elliot Kloss
10/15 Anna Lueder	10/30 Gavin Rogahn
10/18 Julie Bonk	10/31 Alyssa Buck

Anniversaries

David and Megan Gold Miller	10/1/11	Mike and Ann Roth	10/13/02
Christopher and Jenna Schulz	10/3/16	David and Barbara Krause	10/19/91
Edgar and Gerry Juedes	10/5/73	Scott and Janice Tucholka	10/21/00
Nick and Katie Tucholka	10/5/24	Steve and Michele Kowalkowski	10/23/99
Scott and Emily Carpenter	10/6/01	Eric and Christa Hackert	10/26/86
Jim and Coleen Steffen	10/7/89	Mike and Sue Flanders	10/28/95
David and Jennifer Paulmann	10/12/91	Steve and Nancy Schoessow	10/30/99
Andrew and Julie Bonk	10/12/02		

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.

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	Preston
Dan	Dale	Bill	Ray	Jerry
Mary	Christina	Margaret	Mike	Janice
Carl	Mike	Juan	Judy	Mohammed

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



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



Our newsletter deadline is the 22nd of each month. To ensure pertinent information is included, please send an email to office@immanuelcedarburg.org

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Church Council Members

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Pet Blessing 5:30-6:30	2	3 Valentine & Brian Wedding
4 Trad. Service w/ Communion 9:30	5	6 Guys/Gals Breakfast 8am PJ Pipers	7 Confirmation 6pm Praise Rehearsal 6:30pm	8	9	10 Bingo 1pm
11 Praise Service No Communion 9:30 Sunday School	12	13 Stewardship Mtg 6:30	14 Confirmation 6pm	15	16	17
18 Trad. Service w/ Communion 9:30 Building Mtg 10:30	19 Quilters 9am	20 Quilters 9am Council Mtg 7pm	21 Confirmation 6pm Praise Rehearsal 6:30pm	22	23	24
25 Praise Service w/ Communion 9:30 Sunday School	26	27 Bible Study 11am PJ Pipers Anniv. Mtg 6pm	28 Confirmation 6pm	29	30	31 Pumpkin Walk