
IMMANUEL INSIGHTS

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

Happy Easter!



Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we proclaim again the good news at the heart of our faith: "He is not here; for he has been raised." In the resurrection of Christ, we are reminded that God's love is stronger than death, and that hope is never lost, even in the darkest of times.

We hope you will join us in the journey of Holy Week and Easter.

We begin on Palm Sunday with worship. Bring your children to lead us in a Palms Processional. Listen together as we share the Passion of Christ reading. Gather together in fellowship following worship for a potluck Palm Sunday Brunch. Enjoy the delicious bounty of food together and then bid on pies from Immanuel's best bakers during our annual pie auction! You can still sign up to bring pies.

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From the Office

We continue on Maundy Thursday at 7pm with a service celebrating the Last Supper. We will receive Holy Communion and all we be offered an opportunity to be anointed with chrism (oil) and a prayer for healing. We began this Lenten journey with the mark of ashes, we begin the three days with a reminding of healing in Christ.

Join us on Good Friday for a Tenebrae Service, sometimes called a Service of Shadows, that recalls the last seven phrases Jesus said on the cross. Candles will be extinguished, songs of sorrow will be sung and we will end in silence, as we remember Jesus being crucified.

We welcome you on Easter morning for two services. The Sunrise Service at 6:15AM will be held at Lion's Den Gorge on the cliff overlooking Lake Michigan. We will read the gospel and sing praise songs and then watch the sunrise together.

Join us at 9:30AM for a joyful Easter Service at Immanuel. The flower decorations will be radiant with springtime thanks to your donations (please have them to us by Maundy Thursday) and the songs will ring with praise for Christ's resurrection. There is an extra layer to our celebration this year, as this is a special Easter for our musicians as well, as James and Lisa Quick will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary that day! Congratulate them as we continue to be blessed by the beautiful music they make together, which blesses our whole church!

Join us for any and all parts of the journey.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Vicki

Council News & Notes

At the March meeting, Council approved a new elevator maintenance plan, which is currently being finalized. This step helps ensure our elevator remains safe and operational for years to come

Bell Tower Update: The structure will need to be rebuilt to safely support any item placed within it. In the meantime, the angel will return to her place until a final decision is made regarding the bell.

Current council members are: president: Jessie Johnson, vice-president: Gail Harvancik, secretary: Christine Esser, and treasurer: Mary Ellen Jacques. Mark Haas is a returning member to the council this year. Committee chairs and council liaisons are: Worship & Music: James and Lisa Quick; Building & Grounds: Mark Haas; Stewardship/Fundraising: Jacki Juedes; Connection Crew: Gail Harvancik; Youth & Education and EPIC Youth Representative: Katie Tredo; and Technology: Christine Esser and Jessie Johnson. The congregation will be notified of upcoming committee meetings, and all are welcome to attend if you have an interest in serving or would like to share your ideas.

What's Happening In & Around Immanuel



Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday Service: March 29th at 9:30am
- Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch: 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00pm
- Good Friday Service: April 3rd at 12:00pm

If you wish to help decorate the church for Easter Sunday, please bring a lily or spring flower of your choosing. Flowers should be brought to church by Maundy Thursday. If you would like your contribution to be in honor of or in memory of a loved one, your name and dedication will be included in the bulletin.



Easter Sunday will begin with a sunrise service at Lion's Den Park at 6:15am. Then join the congregation in church at 9:30am for a traditional Easter service.



In 2027, Immanuel Lutheran Church will celebrate 175 years of ministry (1852–2027). As we look forward to this special milestone, we are beginning to plan ways to celebrate the rich history of our congregation and the many generations of faith, fellowship, and service that have shaped our church community.



We are looking for church members who would be interested in serving on the 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee. The committee will help plan events, activities, and opportunities to honor our past while celebrating the future of Immanuel.

The first planning meeting will be held in May. If you are interested in being part of this committee or would like to learn more, please reach out to: Zachary Shimek, zacharyjpeterson@icloud.com 414-502-2339

What's Happening In Our Community

The power of music has no boundaries!
Join us for this unique, all ages opportunity.
Praise & Spirits is a live band music experience. Bring your friends and family, feel the music, sing along or just sip your favorite beverage and be filled with the Spirit!

PRAISE & SPIRITS
MUSIC TO INSPIRE

Sunday April 26th, 2026
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

THE BEND
125 Main Street
West Bend, WI 53095

Reserve your **FREE** ticket now!

MORE INFORMATION!
All ages are invited!
There will be a cash bar available offering both non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic beverages.
ALL denominations are encouraged to attend!
Doors open @ 5:30pm - music starts at 6pm
FREE admission!! Donations are welcome with all proceeds benefitting Family Promise of Washington County

Family Promise
of Washington County WI

We have created this casual ecumenical community event as an opportunity for ALL Christian denominations to come together in unity to worship Jesus. It's great to get together with friends from different faith backgrounds in a casual atmosphere, and celebrate our common belief in the saving Grace of Jesus.

Rob Anderson and the band are back at it again! Join them for their Praises and Spirits concert on Sunday, April 26 at 6:00 PM at The Bend Theater in West Bend.

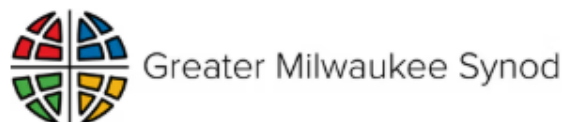
Come experience an evening filled with inspiring, uplifting, and faith-filled music that is sure to lift your spirit and bring joy to your heart. Whether you've attended before or this is your first time, you won't want to miss this special night of music and community.



Donate Blood and Be a Hero!

Trinity Lutheran Church (N60 W6047 Columbia Road) is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, April 25 from 8:30am-12pm.

By donating just one pint of blood, you have the potential to save up to three lives. To sign up for your lifesaving appointment, call 1-877-BE-A-HERO, contact Jill Klitz (262-377-6074, djklitz@milwpc.com) or reserve a spot online at versiti.org (click on "Donate Blood" and then search by zip code). Thank you!



ELCA SYNOD PROJECT: This spring, the synod is focusing on its core value of collaboration through the creation of a community mural led by local artist Tia Richardson. Members will be invited to help design and paint the mural, which will be unveiled at the Synod Assembly on May 29 and later installed at The Table ministry site on the northwest side of Milwaukee. The synod is seeking gifts and donations to fund this worthwhile cause. The project cost is \$30,000. Those wishing to contribute can send a check to the synod office, 1212 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215. payable to the Greater Milwaukee Synod and marked "mural project" or via credit card on the synod website. milwaukee-synod.org

Ministry Highlights and Announcements



The Building & Grounds Committee is meeting Sunday, April 12, right after worship—and you're invited! Join committee chair Mark Haas and be part of the conversation as we care for and improve our church home. Whether you have ideas, skills, or just an interest, all are welcome to take part!

We're bringing back a beloved tradition at Immanuel! Celebrate a special occasion by decorating the altar with a bouquet of flowers. A sign-up sheet is posted near 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.



MISSION QUILTERS UPDATE

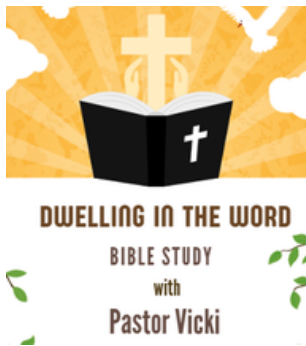
Due to a Spring blizzard, the Mission Quilters had to cancel our quilting day scheduled for Monday, March 16, but 6 ladies showed up to quilt on Tuesday the 17th. Happily, we were able to produce another 7 full size quilts that day to add to our ever-growing inventory.

Our next sewing days are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21, 2026. We'll meet upstairs in Fromm Hall at 9:00 a.m. both days and work until approximately 2:30 p.m. If you think you would be interested in quilting with our group, talk to Gerry Juedes or any of our other quilters for more information or just stop in to see what we're all about.

Spring is just around the corner so rummage and estate sales will be popping up soon. Please keep us in mind as you shop. We are always looking for sheets of all sizes (both regular and flannel). We can also always use leftover cotton fabrics, batting, sewing thread, and cotton crochet thread as well. Donations can be left in the room behind the kitchen upstairs and marked "For Mission Quilters". THANK YOU again to everyone for your continued support -- we couldn't produce so many beautiful quilts without your help!--Gerry Juedes



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Take a midweek pause and join Pastor Vicki for Dwelling in the Word—a relaxed, conversation-based Bible study held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 11:00am at PJ Piper's. April gatherings will be on the 14 and 28th.

Together, we'll reflect on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday, sharing conversation, connection, and encouragement in faith. All are welcome.

Family Sharing of Ozaukee County is truly touched by the generosity of our congregation. Our last donation weighed 251 pounds! Your ongoing kindness and support make a real difference in the lives of those in our community, and we are deeply grateful to share in this ministry of care together.

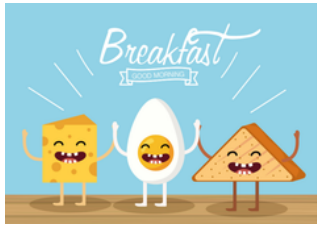


Fun Fridays invite us to pause, set aside life's stress, and enjoy the gift of laughter. It's a true blessing—lifting our spirits, easing stress, and bringing joy to our days.

We're off to a great start and love sharing your good news! Send your joyful moments, humor, or everyday blessings to Pastor Vicki or the office, and they may be featured on Immanuel's Facebook page. Let's lift one another up and end the week smiling together.



Fellowship Opportunities



The Girls' and Guys' Breakfast Club will gather on Tuesday, April 7 at 8:00am at PJ Piper's. Come for a morning of good food, great conversation, and warm fellowship—everyone is welcome!

Volunteer Opportunities



THAT'S A GOOD BINGO! Mark your calendars for March 14, 2026! Doors open at 12:00 p.m., and games begin at 1:00 p.m. The Progressive Jackpot is **\$1,306 in 51 calls**.

BINGO has become a beloved part of our church life—raising vital funds to support our mission, connecting with the wider community, and giving back through monthly contributions to local charitable organizations. A portion of April's proceeds will support Ozaukee Family Services. They are “a non-profit agency that serves all of Ozaukee County with a mission of “building mental wellness and strengthening families.” All services are free or offered on a sliding fee scale – no one is ever turned away because of the inability to pay.” Their services fall under four categories: behavioral health, prevention education, senior services, and family education and support.

We'd love for you to join us for an afternoon of fun—whether as a participant or a volunteer! New volunteers are always welcome, and your time and energy make a real difference. If you'd like to help, please see Donna Cooke.

And of course, don't forget our renowned baked goods! If you'd like to share a tasty treat, please bring your donation to church.



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.

Youth Activities

Classes are held during the praise service. All children, ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to attend. It is a wonderful time of learning, laughter and growing in faith together. A special thanks to those who dedicate their time to share the good news of God.



It was great to see all of our youth at the Holden Evening Services. Their service project collecting essential items for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge was a huge success. Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the cause. Youth should plan to meet at Mr. Bob's (2360 Dakota Dr. Grafton) on Thursday, April 23 from 5-7pm to sort the items into care packages. Please let Lisa know if you can attend.

Confirmation classes meet every Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Classes will resume on April 7. Students in 6th through 8th grade combine with youth from our EPIC partners churches to grow in faith together. An optional dinner starts at 5:15pm and class begins at 6:00pm. We know our kids are busy with many commitments, but the expectation is that they attend at least one class per month. New students are always welcome! Contact Lisa Wegner with questions. lisa@adventchurch.org



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

Birthdays

4/1	Mark Burmeister	4/10	Gerry Juedes	4/21	Nick Paulik
4/3	Pat Esser	4/12	Nancy Hauck	4/21	Edwin Schulz
4/3	Lisa Grenfell	4/15	Ayla Mantel	4/22	Willow Gall
4/4	Jim Steffen	4/15	Cal Gilbertson	4/25	Addison Johnson
4/5	Chris Larson	4/16	James Quick	4/26	Joanne Lueder
4/5	Kristine Rismeyer	4/18	Julie Thorn	4/27	Jacki Juedes
4/6	Ben Johnson	4/18	Robert Ernst	4/28	Aaron Schoessow
4/6	Ella Cox	4/18	Darla Valentine	4/29	Naomi Meyer
4/9	John Diedrich	4/19	Rudy Elias	4/29	Faith Larson
4/9	Emily Geiser	4/19	Hadley Praefke	4/30	Wyatt Trice
4/10	Sam Madouse	4/20	Gloria Bruce	4/30	Vernon Brandt

Anniversaries

Richard and Lynn Thiermann	4/4/81
James and Lisa Quick	4/5/86

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	Vernon	Casey	Bob
Sandy	James	Jerry	Leslie	Lila
Erik	Jim	Chrissy	Surya	Nicole
Mark	Brandon	Karen	Santi	Dennis
Pat	Bobbie	Jenny	David	Chris
Patty	Juan	Bill	Aubrielle	Holly
Jim				

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

Church Staff

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Organists: James and Lisa Quick

Pianists: Gretel Anderson and Lisa Quick

Praise Band Directors: Rob and Gretel Anderson

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

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

Church Council Members

Executive Committee:

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

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Sandy Stoffel (2027) 262-327-8144

Katie Tredo (2026) 410-206-2887

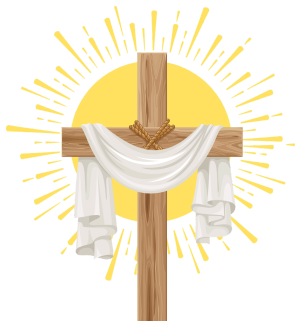
Mark Haas (2028) 262-227-5768

Council member email addresses: first.name.last.name@immanuelcedarburg.org

Email the entire council: ilccouncil@immanuelcedarburg.org

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APRIL

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Choir Rehearsal 6:30	3	4
5 EASTER Sunrise Service 6:15am Traditional Service w/ communion 9:30am	6	7 PJ Pipers Guys & Gals Breakfast 8:00am	8 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm	9 Choir Rehearsal 6:30	10	11 Bingo 12:00
12 Praise Service w/ communion 9:30am Sunday School	13	14 Bible Study PJ Pipers 11:00am	15	16 Choir Rehearsal 6:30	17	18
19 Traditional Service w/ communion 9:30am Building & Grounds 10:30	20 Quilters 9am - 2pm	21 Council Meeting 7pm Quilters 9am - 2pm	22 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm	23 Choir Rehearsal 6:30	24	25
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