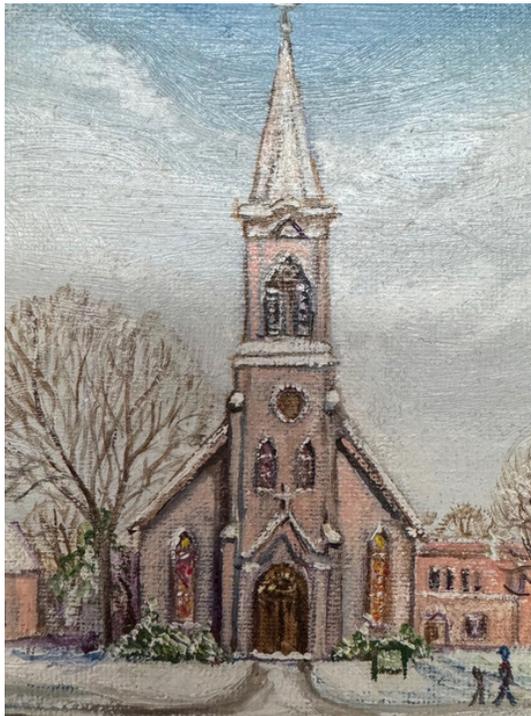

IMMANUEL INSIGHTS

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,

As I reflect on 2025, I am once again filled with deep gratitude for our faith community. I continue to be inspired by the ways you joyfully live out our mission of loving kindness in Christ.

I offer abundant thanks to Christine Esser, who has served as our council president this past year, and to our entire council for their teamwork, enthusiasm, joy, and steadfast leadership. Thank you as well to Zachary, who is rotating off council this year. We are grateful for your faithful service.

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From the Office

I am deeply thankful for our wonderful staff. We are richly blessed by the talent, dedication, and care each of them brings to their ministry. Please take a moment to thank Tracy Johnson-Ohrmund, Terry Proefrock, Lisa Quick (and volunteer James Quick), Rob and Gretel Anderson, Jacki Juedes, Jeff Zahn, Deb Donovan, and Sandy Stoffel. We are also grateful for Lisa Wegner, our shared confirmation and youth director with our EPIC churches.

Thank you for your patience and grace during a significant staff transition this year as Sandy Arndt retired. We are profoundly grateful for her many years of faithful service and for the beautiful retirement celebration you offered her. We remain blessed to stay connected and to welcome her back to Cedarburg when she visits.

While we were uncertain how Sandy's role would be filled, we are so thankful that Tracy joined our staff. Her hard work and gifts have made this transition truly seamless, and she has been a wonderful addition to our ministry team.

I celebrate with you the meaningful worship we have shared this year. We cherish the inspirational traditional music offered by Lisa and James Quick, as well as the vibrant contemporary worship led by our Praise Band. Thanks to your generosity at last year's Pie Auction, we were able to purchase a new electric piano, and special thanks to Mike for donating a new drum set.

Thank you to all who give so generously of your time, talent, and financial resources. Every ministry at and through Immanuel happens because of your faithful hearts. Among this year's highlights are the Pig Roast and Pie Auction; hospitality and parking during festivals and the Fourth of July; our Bingo events supporting local nonprofits; our shared Lenten journey with the EPIC churches; beautiful quilts created for Pine Ridge Reservation; a thriving confirmation and youth ministry; and a joyful Sunday School filled with children.

Each act of service and every prayer you offer is deeply appreciated.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Vicki

Council News & Notes

The Council has had a very busy year tending to the needs of Immanuel. Each member has invested their time and talents to ensure our church home is safe, thriving, and well cared for for years to come. A heartfelt thank you to all of you who have so generously shared your gifts in service to our congregation.

The annual report will be available on Sunday, February 1, in time for our Annual Meeting, which will take place on Sunday, February 1, following the Praise Service. We hope to see many of you there as we come together to plan for the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, copies of the report will be available in the narthex.

What's Happening In & Around Immanuel

As noted in the Church Council News & Notes, Immanuel's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m., following the Praise Service. Your presence is important as we will be discussing several significant matters for the year ahead, including filling a vacant council seat. A quorum is needed, and your participation helps ensure we can move forward together.



DRIVE THRU ASHES
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
8AM-1PM
ELCA Partners in Christ



Immanuel Lutheran Church
 W61N498 Washington Ave
 Cedarburg, WI 53012

You are invited to join Pastor Vicki and our EPIC pastors for an Ash Wednesday blessing. It's as simple as pulling through a drive-thru—no special order required—but instead of fries and a shake, you'll receive ashes, prayer, and a reminder of God's grace. Quick, meaningful, and far better nourishment for your heart and soul. The drive thru will take place at Immanuel on Wednesday, February 18 from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

This Lenten season, we invite you to walk the journey of faith with us as we gather each Wednesday evening of Lent in worship with our EPIC partners in Christ. Together, we will pause, pray, and listen as each week the hosting pastor reflects on a different theme to deepen our understanding and draw us closer to God. Before worship, a shared meal will offer time for fellowship and community. All are welcome to attend one or all of these sacred gatherings. Immanuel will host the first Wednesday, February 25. Potluck at 6:00; service at 7:00pm.



**EPIC Midweek
 Lenten Worship
 2026
 Spiritual Practices**

- Feb 25 at Immanuel
Loving Kindness
- Mar 4 at Trinity
Silence
- Mar 11 at St. John
Sacred Imagination
- Mar 18 at Faith
Care for Creation
- Mar 25 at Advent
Celebration

Potluck Dinner at 6pm each week, followed by
 Holden Evening Prayer Worship at 7pm

What's Happening In Our Community



Ozaukee Food Alliance Volunteers

"For the Love of Meat" Raffle @ The Fermentorium

The Ozaukee Food Alliance is hosting a meat raffle on Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The event will take place at the Fermentorium, located at 7481 WI Trunk 60 in Cedarburg. They will be raffling steaks, chops, salmon and so much more.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2026 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER | W62N546 Washington Ave.

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! The Praise & Spirits' Band Lineup includes: Gary Clausing - Rob Anderson - Scott Wyler - Lori Hagenstein - Mark Paschke - Rod Lisowski - Bonnie Neidinger

FREE ADMISSION
100% of donations collected will support Family Sharing

For more information visit garyclausing.com/praise-spirits or scan the QR code

family sharing
Ozaukee Pantry • Resale Boutique

Rob Anderson and a group of talented musicians are at it again! Join them on Sunday, February 15 at 6:00pm for an uplifting evening of inspirational live music that will stir your spirit and fill the room with joy. Come early to grab a seat and soak in the anticipation—their last concert was standing room only, and this one promises to be just as special. You won't want to miss it! 🎵🌟

Ministry Highlights and Announcements



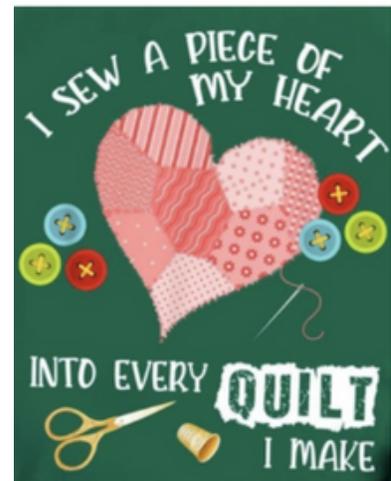
The Worship and Music Committee will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 PM. We joyfully welcome James and Lisa Quick as they take the reins and lead this committee in the year ahead—please join us in celebrating their leadership! 🎵 They also invite anyone with a love of music to consider joining the choir. New voices are always welcome!

MISSION QUILTERS UPDATE

On a very cold Monday & Tuesday, January 19 & 20, 2026, the Mission Quilters met to work on quilts for Pine Ridge Reservation. Despite the frigid temperatures, we had a great turnout of 8 ladies working on Monday and 7 ladies on Tuesday. Between the two days we are proud to say that we were able to complete another 16 full size and 3 baby quilts for a total of 19 quilts!

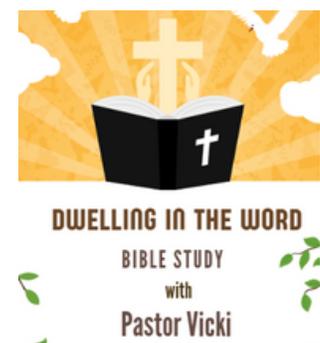
Plans were to deliver 185 boxed quilts to the Waukesha drop-off location on Friday, February 23, but we had to cancel due to the extremely cold temperatures that day. A new drop-off date is being set up for the near future.

We are always looking for more members to join our quilting team. If you would like to help with this important ministry, our next quilting dates are scheduled for February 16 and 17. Please join us at that time! Just bring your scissors and a sandwich and meet us at 9:00 a.m. upstairs in Fromm Hall. You'll enjoy some fun and fellowship while bringing comfort to people in need, and we'd gladly welcome your help! --Gerry Juedes



The Connection Crew will gather on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00pm. This dedicated and creative team will be planning our upcoming Lenten meals and Palm Sunday brunch. We are grateful for their energy and hospitality, and anyone who would like to be part of this wonderful ministry is warmly invited to attend.

Take a midweek pause and join Pastor Vicki for Dwelling in the Word—a casual, conversation-based Bible study meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 11:00am at PJ Piper's. February gatherings are February 10th and 24th. We'll reflect on the Scriptures for the coming Sunday, sharing conversation, connection, and faith. All are welcome!



Ministry Highlights and Announcements



Family Sharing of Ozaukee County is truly touched by the generosity of our congregation. 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.



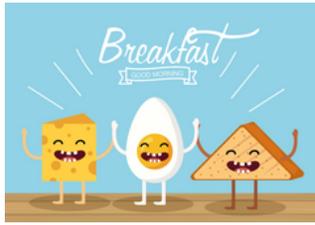
Thanks to your generosity, on Friday, we plan to deliver 92 pounds of hygiene and household products that will be shipped to our friends at Pine Ridge Reservation. This shipment will also include 185 magnificent quilts made by our Mission Quilters. These items are desperately needed and will certainly be graciously received. The need continues, and each gift you share helps restore dignity, offer comfort, and remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and loved. A special thanks to the Juedes family for helping transport the items.



We are instituting a very important tradition in the Immanuel office on Fridays—and Pastor Vicki has named it Fun Fridays! It's a chance for all of us to set aside the stressors of life, even if only for a moment, and receive the gift of laughter. Laughter is a true blessing, and science agrees: it boosts our brains, relieves pain, improves cardiovascular health, and reduces stress.

While Pastor Vicki is inherently entertaining, she can't do it alone—we need your help! Text Pastor Vicki with your stories. Each week, Pastor Vicki will share your good news, humorous moments, lighthearted stories, or joyful glimpses of everyday life on the Immanuel Facebook page. Let's lift one another up, delight in God's joy, and end the week smiling together.

Fellowship Opportunities



The Girls' and Guys' Breakfast Club will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd at 8:00am at PJ Piper's. Come enjoy good food, great conversation, and fellowship. All are welcome!

With the dartball regular season play only having two weeks remaining, our Immanuel team is poised near the top of the leaderboard. On February 2, they take on Trinity Jackson and finish out the season with home field advantage versus David Star. Playoffs will follow and a tournament will wrap up the season. Go D-ballers!



Volunteer Opportunities



THAT'S A GOOD BINGO! 🎉 Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 14, 2026! Doors open at 12:00 p.m., and games begin at 1:00 p.m. The Progressive Jackpot is \$733 in 49 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 February's proceeds will support Blossom IDD, our neighbors to the north on Washington Avenue. They provide outstanding social activities and support services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), helping them build lives filled with connection, purpose and community. They truly do amazing work,

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.

We are so grateful to everyone who expressed interest in volunteering on your stewardship forms! We truly appreciate your willingness to serve and will be reaching out to you in the near future.

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.



Confirmation classes meet every Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Students in 6th through 8th grade combine with youth from our EPIC partner churches to grow in faith together. Dinner begins at 5:15pm with class commencing at 6:00pm. New students are always welcome! There will be no confirmation class during lent. Instead, the youth will participate in a service project still in the planning stages. They are also encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening Holden services.

Lighthouse Youth Ministry is hosting a Winter Olympics Party on Sunday, February 8th, from 1:30pm to 4pm at First Congregational Church. The church is located at 131 Webster Street in Port Washington. All youth in grades 5 through 12 are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of fun, group bonding, and a little friendly competition as they celebrate our own version of the 2026 Winter Olympics. Youth will be invited to compete as teams in a variety of modified winter games including skiing, bobsledding, curling, and more. And no need to worry about the weather, because all the games take place indoors. Please RSVP to Lisa Wegner by January 28th if you plan to attend.

The confirmation group is scheduled for a retreat March 6-8, 2026 at Lutherdale, in Elkhorn. Registration is open on their website-www.lutherdale.org. Our group name is EPIC Youth Cedarburg. Please mark your calendars. Contact Lisa Wegner with questions at lisa@adventchurch.org



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

Birthdays

2/01	JJ Chrobak	2/15	Craig Kanneberg
2/06	Joey Gundert	2/17	Eric Hackert
2/07	Garrett Bonk	2/17	Paul Cooke
2/07	Sandy Stoffel	2/19	Jeff Groth
2/07	Kensington Hoerchner	2/19	Remy Gundert
2/09	Erik Kjell	2/20	Malcolm Roth
2/11	Steve Kletzien	2/23	Steve Schoessow
2/11	Bonnie Anderson	2/23	Mary Anderson

Anniversaries

Dan and Bonnie Anderson	2/6/82
Glen and Sandy Rau	2/10/91
Reed and Tracy Bardwell	2/23/85

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	Coleen	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

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 take note, with the upcoming holidays, office hours may vary. 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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Financial Secretary: Jacki Juedes 608-219-7688

Custodian: Terry Proefrock

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:

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

Vice President: Zachary Tyler-Shimek (2025)

Secretary: Mary Ellen Jacques (2027) 262-416-8568

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

Note: With the expiration of Zachary's term, a new council member will be elected at the annual meeting. The members of the executive committee will change as well.

Members At Large:

Gail Harvancik: (2026) 262-327-4306

Larry Neumann (2026) 262-483-4511

James Quick (2027) 262-375-5535

Sandy Stoffel (2027) 262-327-8144

Katie Tredo (2026) 410-206-2887

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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Praise Service w/ communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p> <p>Annual Meeting 10:30</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8am @ PJ Pipers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Traditional Service w/ communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dartball @ Immanuel</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 11am @ PJ Pipers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Worship and Music Meeting 5:30</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bingo 12:00pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Praise Service w/ communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Quilters: 9-2pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Quilters: 9-2pm</p> <p>Connection Crew 6pm</p> <p>Council Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Ashes 8am - 1pm Immanuel</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service 7pm Immanuel</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Traditional Service w/ communion</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study 11am @ PJ Pipers</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lenten Service 7pm Immanuel</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

