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Pastor's Article:

THIS IS IMPORTANT AND I NEED YOU TO READ IT, PLEASE!

Children's Sunday School

Not having had a children's Sunday School program since COVID has been a major issue for us here at Immanuel, there is no getting around that. We need children and young families in Church and to do that we need Sunday School to form and educate those children in the Christian faith.

What are we going to do about that?

First, we must define our goal for what children's Sunday School even is; what do we want the children to be able to get out of it and do with it? Many children's Sunday School programs are just a fun activity for kids with no real purpose or goal driving it. That simply doesn't work. In a world where children can get fun kid's toys and fun kid's activities anywhere Sunday School can't just be that but with Bible stories. I'm sorry, but Bluey, Barbie, and Spiderman are going to win out as the more appealing fun activities for little kiddos, and their parents don't have to take them anywhere for those.

So, what is our children's Sunday School goal? Our goal needs to be to spiritually form and practically train our children to be Christian people both in the Church and in the world. This means teaching them both moral behavior and how to pray and worship, together with why these things are important.

Given that, together with the resources we have, how do we begin training the children in this way?

Working with the Consistory I am developing a one-room Sunday School program by adapting what is called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori model of Sunday School. I've used this as a student pastor while in seminary at a Church which was a newly planted congregation which was just starting their Sunday School program from scratch. In talking to my old pastor and parishioners there recently I'm told that that program is still going strong ten years later. Now, obviously I cannot guarantee that what worked in Frankfort Kentucky will work as well here in Plymouth Wisconsin, and we will certainly have to adapt the program for our space and resources, but it should provide us with a good place to start.

What is all involved in this, then?

1. **Schedule:** *Children's Sunday School will be held during the second half of worship every week except the first Sunday of the month.*
- ***Why during the second half of worship?*** So the kids can be trained on what worship is during the opening and the prayers, have the Bible story read to them in

worship just before the formal reading, and then they can be dismissed to learn about the lesson, etc. in a more interactive way and not get bored (as one little one here has already complained of) during the adult sermon.

- ***Why won't it be on the first Sunday of the month?*** Because the kids need to learn about the sacraments, which necessitates them being in Church. Furthermore, having them in worship can allow them to help in worship those days by potentially helping collect the offering and distributing the communion bread (*but not the wine*), thus allowing them to feel special and helpful in Church as well as learning through doing.

2. **Space:** *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd model calls for a learning space called an Atrium. Our Atrium will be set up in the multipurpose room behind the sanctuary.*

- ***Why in the multipurpose room?*** First: ease of access from the sanctuary. Second, the space is ideal for a Montessori style set up. Third, it's one of the nicer spaces in the Church and we want to encourage young parents (ideally including some not currently attached to Immanuel) to bring their kids, so we need to put our best foot forward.
- ***What tools/resources will we need?*** Honestly, not much. We will be starting to produce children's bulletins for worship (so kids can feel seen and included with their own bulletins when their parents/grandparents are getting their grown-up bulletins), and I'll be going through the books, toys, etc. to make sure they will all work with the Montessori/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd model. Depending on the inventory, I'll need to buy a few books or toys, but nothing major. The one bigger thing we'll need to look at are child-sized versions of Church furnishings (altar, pulpit, communion ware, etc.). Part of the Montessori model is for children to learn by copying adults, so they'll need the tools to do that.

3. **Curriculum:** *What will the children be doing?*

- ***First: being in Church for worship.*** If kids are going to learn how to worship, they need to be in worship and experience it. Parents/grandparents need to encourage kids to use their children's bulletins, but also to sing and pray with the congregation.
- ***Second: come forward for their Bible story.*** I'll invite the kids up to hear one of the regular lections read from a picture Bible and lead them in a brief prayer. This will happen even on Communion Sundays. This way they can see how central the reading of the Bible is for worship. On non-Communion Sundays, I'll dismiss them to their class following this reading.
- ***Third: in the class the kids will begin by sitting at the table, putting their offering in a grown-up offering plate, and having a snack.*** This will allow the teachers to both wrangle the kids, calm them down, and ask them one or two questions about the story they just heard.

- **Fourth: following their snack and questions, the kids will be allowed to explore the tools of the Atrium.** Montessori education focuses on allowing kids to learn at their own pace and via their own interests and explorations. The way we focus them is through providing tools and activities that all relate to what we want them to learn; in this case how to be Christians. So there will be books (all explicitly religious) for them to read, toys (again, all religiously themed) for them to play with and reenact the stories they've heard, coloring/activity pages (one specific to the story of that day with others available as well), little videos (again, all directly religious) for them to watch, etc. This allows for a maximum level of involvement by the kids and their own interests but remains basically focused by the limitations of the materials. This is why I'll be going through the books and toys and weeding through them; tractor toys are fun but don't directly relate to the Bible and faith the way we need them to here.
- **Fifth: when the ushers collect the offering, the one in the middle will go into the Atrium to ask the kids for their plate.** This serves multiple purposes. First, it allows the kids to feel involved in worship because they have an offering plate just like the grown-ups. Second, it signals to the teachers that it is time to clean up the Atrium. Third (and this is a bit idealistic of me) I'd like the teachers to be able to close by teaching the kids one verse of a little song (like *Jesus Loves Me*). There'd only be one song per semester so that the kids can sing it around Christmas and Easter (thus, again, involving them in an aspect of worship).

4. **What does this program need from the congregation?** Please forgive me, but I'm going to be very frank and up-front with you here about what all this requires of you. I apologize in advance if this comes across as blunt.

- **KIDS.** Do you have kids who are elementary school age? ***You need to bring them.*** Do you have grandkids nearby who are elementary school age? ***You need to bring them*** (and ideally their parents too). Do you know younger members of the congregation with elementary school age kids who haven't come back post-COVID? ***You need to reach out to them and invite them back.*** Do you have neighbors who have elementary school age kids who might be interested in Sunday School? ***You need to invite them.*** This won't work if we all don't work together to bring kids into the Church. Thoughts of, "Someone else will do it," or "I'm not comfortable doing this," won't cut it. If *you personally* want Immanuel to survive and thrive you have to leave your comfort zone on this one.
- **TEACHERS** We need two unrelated adults to lead the class, and we need at least six (eight would be ideal) so that we can have a monthly rotation so that no one is deprived of all their time in corporate worship. And at the risk of being blunt (please forgive me): ***we need people to step up who are not already doing multiple things for the Church already.*** Ideally, I don't want to see any Consistory members or multiple-committee Committee members volunteer for this. We all have to do our part, and we cannot allow some members of the congregation to get burnt out while others are only warming pews. All that's involved here is prepping a little snack,

asking a couple of age-appropriate questions about a Bible story, managing kids for maybe half an hour, and teaching a simple one-verse song that we all learned ourselves as children. Almost all of us can do that.

- **PATIENCE** This is a new way of doing things, and as such that means some things are going to change. The furniture in the multi-purpose room will be rearranged. The books and toys available will change. Ideally there will be a bit more noise in the back of the sanctuary because of little kids, so you may (God forbid) need to switch to a different pew. ***These sorts of things are going to happen, and we cannot allow ourselves to fight them.*** For Immanuel to survive and thrive we need young people and we need kids, which means that those of us already here will have to make space and adapt to them. Remember how I keep preaching about the Lord Jesus' kenotic and self-emptying love? This may be a time God is calling you to empty yourself of your personal preferences for the sake of our littlest neighbors. If that is your cross, then follow the Lord's instruction to pick it up daily and follow him.

That, then, is the working plan for starting a children's Sunday School program from scratch. I'll be working with the Consistory on finalizing some details, with our Secretary Keri on getting some initial materials made and copied, and a sign-up sheet for teachers will be placed at the back of the sanctuary later this summer.

Folks, this is *very important* - probably the most important project we've undertaken since you called me as your pastor. So please, *please* support this in any and every way you can: inviting kids, serving as a teacher, being patient, welcoming, and adaptable. And remember, all this is about love: teaching children to know the love God has for them, teaching them to love God in return, teaching them to love their neighbors as themselves. In other words, teaching them to be good, Christian people; something this world needs a lot more of. Amen.

Pastor Sean Cornell (they/them)

Consistory Minutes – April 2026:

1. Call meeting to order – **Jennifer Marten** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were **Rev. Sean, Gene M., Karl N., Rod T. Jen M., Brett K., Keri K., Keith R.**
2. Opening prayer – **Rev. Sean** gave the Opening Prayer.
3. Review of the secretary's minutes from last meeting (March 9, 2026) – **Motion made by Brett K and seconded by Keith R to approve minutes. Minutes Approved.**
4. Treasurer's report - Submitted by email and phone by Joya Cox – **Joya called in to the meeting. Joya, Jen M and Nicki Schumacher will get together to try to determine final profit from Chili Supper. The monies will be put into the General Fund. There were two Special Offerings for Lent that Joya will review. Karl N asked about the costs for the elevator repair at church and the water line repair at the parsonage. Water line repair at the parsonage was completed by Neumann Plumbing for \$233.44. Joya will get us the total for the Elevator repair. Motion made by Gene M and seconded by Rod T to approve the report. Report Approved.**
5. Pastor's report - Worship planning - Church events
 - a. Communion for May – May 3rd, May 24th (Pentecost) – **Two communion Sundays for May, with May 24th being the first Sunday of worship at 9:00 am.**
 - b. Annual meeting of the Conference – things to share/report on – **Franz Rigert was elected unanimously to another term as Conference Minister. There will be a second annual meeting to present the budget for the year. The work of the RCC group in Sheboygan County was noted by Franz Rigert during the Conference. Rev. Sean and Kristy Pahl attended and enjoyed the meetings.**
 - c. Membership update – **Lists are being digitized by Rev. Sean. Barring any hiccups, list should be completed in June and will be reviewed by members of the Consistory.**
 - d. RCCC Combined Services – feedback from group – **Rev. Sean will be talking about it with others tomorrow. It was nice to have a full church/churches.**
6. Old business
 - a. Update on the chili supper total – **Profit being determined.**
 - b. Palm Sunday Donkey Walk and Mission Moment/Dessert Auction – feedback – **Made \$1200.00 on the dessert auction which will go to the Sheboygan School District's McKinney Vento Act which is a program to help those students who experience homelessness.**
 - c. Update credit card - cashing in reward points, any news? – **Working on it.**
 - d. Elevator update – Karl – **Advanced Elevator Repair on site Tuesday March 10, 2026, in am. Karl N on site as well. Tech indicated something triggered an overload to the system such as a power outage. This will sometimes trigger the "low oil" light to flash even though the system is not low on oil. There is a reset button on the elevator control panel and the tech showed Karl its location. Tech reset the system and the elevator has been working since.**
 - e. Musician search – updates/ideas – **Job posting was put on UCC website. No response to date.**

- f. Annual Clean up – anything that still needs to be done? – **Due to amount of rain this Spring, ditches and yard are very wet. Repair of plowing debris was accomplished along with some raking and branch pickup. Brett K will bring his power sweeper to sweep gravel as conditions permit.**
 - g. Basement tiles – discussed last month about possibility of getting some kind of filler for the few that are crumbly – **No info yet.**
 - h. Tax exempt form – **Received this form from the Town of Herman. Jen M is working on filling it out and it will be returned to the Town.**
7. New business
- a. Newsletter – need to make sure the time change for the service is noted in the calendar and that we will honor those who have passed on May 17th rather than Memorial Day as that is also Pentecost Sunday – **Families of those who have passed have been notified by Rev. Sean of the date.**
 - b. Changing the time of service on the outside sign after church on the 17th as the summer hours start on May 24th (Memorial Day) – **Will be done.**
 - c. Get Matt to update webpage summer hours – it currently says May 26 – Labor Day, update to say Memorial Day to Labor Day – **Rod T. has contacted Matt about this.**
 - d. Ceiling leaking in vestibule – **Brett K to check with Butch Fintelmann on this.**
 - e. Door frame on outside door of the church on the north side in need of repair – **Brett K. will contact a carpenter to find out options for repair. It appears to be more than simply replacing a board. Door is rarely used. Karl N. will research if this door is required by code.**
 - f. Cross – Carol and Karl mentioned that the cross could use a little TLC – refinished or repainted, before next Easter – **Cross construction is solid. Refinishing will be done by Keith R.**
 - g. UCC Yearbook report - **Jen M. filled out this report giving detailed information to let others know of all the things our church does.**
 - h. Facebook – currently, Tracy, Nicki, and Jennifer can post to the church's Facebook page – the posts also appear on the webpage.
 - i. Memorial Fund – at the Annual Meeting, Nicki asked about moving this under the main church account as a line item account rather than having it as a separate account at a different bank. – **Jen M and Nicki Schumacher will work with Joya to get this resolved. Other accounts in the future are going to be looked at as well.**
 - j. **Graduation Recognition Sunday will be in June.**
 - k. **We will get set up for tax exemption status with Walmart. Jen M will work on this.**
8. Next meeting May 11, 2026 – **Motion to adjourn made by Keith R and seconded by Brett K. Motion approved at 8:45 pm.**
9. **Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.**

**Immanuel UCC
Fund Balance Report
April 30, 2026**

Fund	March	April	Change	Type of Change
General Operating Fund	40,959.57	37,641.20	(3,318.37)	Decrease
Improvement Fund	10,321.31	10,638.31	317.00	Increase
Mission Fund	3,965.09	2,765.09	(1,200.00)	Decrease
Sabbatical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Christian Ed Committee Fund	2,430.40	2,430.40	0.00	Same
Youth/Confirmation Fund	3,114.09	3,114.09	0.00	Same
Con't Ed/Out of Box Fund	4,518.52	4,518.52	0.00	Same
Scholarship Fund	1,499.24	1,499.24	0.00	Same
Special Gifts Fund	61,359.60	63,992.47	2,632.87	Increase
Baird Savings	56,935.88	60,101.41	3,165.53	Increase
Parking Lot Fund	6,378.65	6,378.65	0.00	same
Woods Project	7,697.41	7,697.41	0.00	Same
Fund Raisers	3,434.46	3,434.46	0.00	Same
Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Youth Fellowship Fund	861.87	861.87	0.00	Same
Food Pantry	7,461.85	6,606.83	(855.02)	Decrease
Benevelence	<u>2,577.00</u>	<u>3,205.00</u>	<u>628.00</u>	Increase
Total Fund Balance	<u>213,514.94</u>	<u>214,884.95</u>		
Total Changes To Funds			<u>1,370.01</u>	

Consistory Minutes – May 2026:

1. Call meeting to order – **Rod Thieleke called the meeting to Order, in Jennifer Marten’s absence, at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Rev. Sean, Gene M., Karl N., Rod T., Brett K., Keri K.,**
2. Opening prayer – **Rev. Sean gave the Opening Prayer.**
3. Review of the secretary’s minutes from last meeting (April 13, 2026) – **Motion made by Gene M. and seconded by Brett K. to approve minutes. Minutes Approved.**
4. Treasurer’s report - Submitted by email and phone by Joya Cox – **Joya called in to the meeting. No questions about the Report. Motion made by Keri K. seconded by Gene M. to approve report. Report Approved.**
5. Pastor’s report - Worship planning - Church events
 - a. Communion for June – **1st Sunday, June 7th. Graduation Sunday for all graduates will also be on June 7th.**
 - b. Baptism – **Axel Fritz will be baptized on Sunday May 31.**
 - c. Sunday School idea – **An inquiry was made about having Sunday School. Rev Sean is considering options, looking at having it during the church service, in the back of church after the Children’s Sermon, on Sundays without communion. Will need two persons to be the teachers. May try it and see how it goes. More to follow.**
 - d. Membership update – **Rev. Sean is about half done with the update.**
 - e. RCCC - **The Summer combined service will be July 12th at Our Shepherd. The theme of “Kids Lunches” is being discussed as a mission/fundraiser for the Summer combined service. St. John/St. Paul churches have a call out to a new Pastor. RCCC churches have been asked to join worship on October 18th when the visitors from Germany are here.**
 - f. **Regretfully remove Janet Limberg from membership due to death – Motion made by Brett K, seconded by Gene M to remove Janet Limberg from membership due to death.**
6. Old business
 - a. Change time of service for summer hours – it has been changed on the website, Jennifer will put a reminder on Facebook, and someone needs to change the sign after church on the 17th. – **Rod T or Keri K will change the sign out front to reflect the change to 9:00 am.**
 - b. Update credit card - cashing in reward points, any news? – **Tracy K is working on it.**
 - c. Door frame on north side of church – **Still looking for someone to repair the door frame.**
 - d. Ceiling leak in vestibule – **No news.**
 - e. Basement tiles by elevator – **Still looking into this repair.**
 - f. Memorial Fund – **Nicki was going to touch base with Joya, but they haven’t connected yet**
 - g. Water control meter – **It was delivered to church and will be installed soon by Neumann Plumbing.**

- h. Tax Exempt status with Walmart – **This is taken care of, we have a card with the info on it, Kristy P is laminating it and will get it back to Jennifer.**
 - i. Red Cross – **Our church is a location for the Red Cross to use in case of emergencies. There will be a walk through with the Red Cross on June 3rd.**
7. New business
- a. Water in Sunday School room on the west side (Saturday the 18th) – **Some material will be added outside at this location to help direct water away from the church building. Rod T. indicated there is a sump pump under the steps near that location. The float didn't seem to be working properly that day. This will be checked.**
 - b. Urinal running non-stop (Saturday the 25th) – **This has been repaired by Neumann Plumbing.**
 - c. Electrical Issue in parsonage – **This has been repaired.**
 - d. German visitors in October – financial support to defray some of the costs while they are here. – **To help defray costs associated with this event, on the first Sunday of the month donations to the German Fund will be asked and any loose offerings will be used as well. This will take place from June to October. A Mission Moment may also be held to raise funds. To date 18 individuals will be arriving from Germany. A motion was made by Brett K and seconded by Keri K to appropriate \$1500.00 from the General Fund to help with these costs. Motion Approved.**
 - e. Ice Cream Social – Tuesday, July 14th.
8. Closed Session – **Motion made by Keri K, seconded by Gene M to go into Closed Session. Motion made by Brett K, seconded by Keri K to conclude Closed Session. Motions Approved.**
9. Next meeting June 8, 2026 – **Motion to adjourn made by Brett K., seconded by Gene M. Motion approved at 8:30 pm.**
10. **Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.**

Immanuel UCC
Fund Balance Report
May 31, 2026

Fund	April	May	Change	Type of Change
General Operating Fund	37,641.20	32,036.08	(5,605.12)	Decrease
Improvement Fund	10,638.31	10,740.31	102.00	Increase
Mission Fund	2,765.09	2,765.09	0.00	Same
Sabbatical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Christian Ed Committee Fund	2,430.40	2,430.40	0.00	Same
Youth/Confirmation Fund	3,114.09	3,114.09	0.00	Same
Con't Ed/Out of Box Fund	4,518.52	4,518.52	0.00	Same
Scholarship Fund	1,499.24	1,499.24	0.00	Same
Special Gifts Fund	63,992.47	65,159.09	1,166.62	Increase
Baird Savings	60,101.41	61,607.09	1,505.68	Increase
Parking Lot Fund	6,378.65	6,378.65	0.00	same
Woods Project	7,697.41	7,697.41	0.00	Same
Fund Raisers	3,434.46	3,434.46	0.00	Same
Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
Youth Fellowship Fund	861.87	861.87	0.00	Same
Food Pantry	6,606.83	6,016.83	(590.00)	Decrease
Benevelence	<u>3,205.00</u>	<u>3,278.00</u>	<u>73.00</u>	Increase
Total Fund Balance	<u>214,884.95</u>	<u>211,537.13</u>		
Total Changes To Funds			<u>(3,347.82)</u>	

Mission Committee Moments:

IMMANUEL UCC ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Mark your calendars—our beloved Annual Ice Cream Social and Brat Fry is back! Join us on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 4-7pm** for an evening of community, fun, and plenty of food. This cherished summer tradition brings together friends, families, and neighbors to enjoy yummy sandwiches, sweet treats, good company, and a joyful summertime atmosphere.

We are looking for volunteers! Sign-up sheets will be posted in church beginning in June, so please consider lending a hand by working a shift and/or donating a cake. This event supports the faithful work of our Mission Committee. For questions, donations, or to volunteer to help, please contact Kristy Pahl or any member of the Mission Committee.

Immanuel UCC

Annual Outdoor Ice Cream Social & Brat Fry

(1/4 mile north of Lakeland University)
W3690 County Road FF, Plymouth, WI

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 * 4-7pm



**Serving Brats, Hamburgers, Chicken,
Root Beer Floats, Soda, &
the famous “Immanuel Special”**

Proceeds benefit the work of Immanuel’s Mission Committee

Summer 2026 Volleyball Schedule:

Rural Church UCC
Summer Volleyball Schedule
All games begin at 6:30pm

June 14, 2026

St. James/St. Mark's at Immanuel/Bethel
Bethlehem/St. Peters 2 at Bethlehem/St. Peters 1
Saron - Bye

June 21, 2026

Bethlehem/St. Peters 1 at St. James/St. Mark's
Saron at Bethlehem/St. Peters 2
Immanuel/Bethel - Bye

June 28, 2026

Immanuel/Bethel at Saron
St. James/St. Mark's at Bethlehem/St. Peters 2
Bethlehem/St. Peters 1 - Bye

JULY 5 - Bye Week For All Teams

July 12, 2026

Immanuel/Bethel at Bethlehem/St. Peters 1
Saron at St. James/St. Mark's
Bethlehem/St. Peters 2 - Bye

July 19, 2026

Bethlehem/St. Peters 2 at Immanuel/Bethel
Bethlehem/St. Peters 1 at Saron
St. James/St. Mark's - Bye

July 26 – Tournament at Bethlehem

Coaches/Captains Meeting at 11:45 am
Tournament Begins at Noon

Each team is responsible for having at least one referee for the tournament.

Tournament hosts in order – Immanuel/Bethel,
Bethlehem/St. Peters, Saron, St. Mark's/St. James.

2025 - Immanuel/Bethel
2026 - Bethlehem/St. Peters
2027 - Saron
2028 - St. Mark's/St. James

Begin each game with the home team leading with prayer.

Each match will be 3 sets to 25 points. Need to win by 2.

I will call for your set win/loss record after the final regular season game. Please provide number of sets won and number of sets lost.

Please review the schedule and if you need to make any changes in your games, call and change with your opponent as soon as possible.

Each team is responsible for having at least one referee at each game and at the tournament.

Have a great time this summer and remember this is a church league and treat everyone with respect, even members from your own team.

Playing Locations:

Immanuel/Bethel:
Immanuel UCC
W3694 County Road FF
Plymouth, WI 53073

Bethlehem/St. Peters:
Bethlehem UCC
11608 Lax Chapel Road
Kiel, WI 53042

St. James/St. Mark's:
St. James UCC
13312 Pioneer Road
Newton, WI 53063

Saron:
Saron UCC
W3830 County Road J
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Other Announcements:

A.) RCCC Meeting:

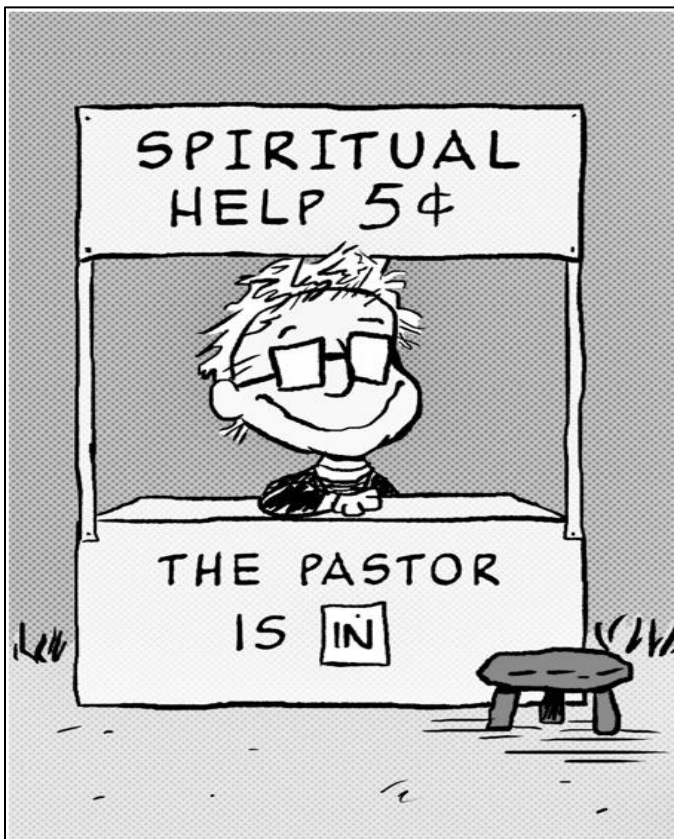
1. We met on May 6th to share feedback on our Lenten services. We will continue them next year. The 4 congregations collected \$3177.00 in loose offering to send to CWS.
2. Outdoor worship will be @ Our Shepherd on July 12 @ 9:00 a.m. Our mission project will be a themed food pantry event.
3. Immanuel will be hosting German guests for worship and a cookout on October 18.
4. Rev. Diane suggested o midweek Dinner Worship. We will discuss this at our next meeting. ***Next meeting at St. John's Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.***

B.) RCCC Mission Project- July Outdoor Summer Service:

Kids are home for the summer and not receiving school lunches. As our mission for the outdoor service on July 12th, we would like to collect items that would be appropriate for kids' summer lunches.

Some items could be, but are not limited to:

- Canned SpaghettiOs, Mini Ravioli, etc.
- Boxed mac-&-cheese
- Canned chicken and stars, cartoon character, etc. soups
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit, fruit cups, applesauce, etc.
- ***No Breakfast Cereal Please!***



Pastor Sean's Schedule

Available:

- Sundays
(After any committee meetings)
- Mondays-Wednesdays
- Thursday Mornings
(May be helping unload pantry truck at Church)

Unavailable:

- (If it is an emergency please call)
- Thursday Afternoons
- Fridays-Saturdays

Contact Info:

- Cell: (262) 853-9895
- E-mail: rev.swc.wi@gmail.com

Church E-mail Change:

By: Rev. Sean Cornell & the Consistory



The Church has recently been informed that TDS is switching their e-mail services to a third-party provider. This means that either we get a new e-mail address or we have to pay an ongoing fee to keep our current TDS e-mail address.

Since we had to create a Gmail account last year to secure our "ownership" of the Church on Google (thank you again to our former secretary Kathy Herwig for doing this for us) the Consistory has decided to allow our TDS e-mail account to expire and move everything to our Gmail account.

What this means for you:

1. Please update your contact info. for the Church by deleting immanuel@tds.net and adding immanuelucc3694@gmail.com in its place.
2. Be aware that as of 10/31/2026 the TDS e-mail address will no longer function and if you try to use it you will get an error message.

On behalf of the Consistory and Church staff I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience; this wasn't a project any of us were expecting.

Successful Donkey Walk:

By: Rev. Sean Cornell; Photos Courtesy of Carol Knoener

This year we had another successful donkey walk on Palm Sunday, and I wanted to share some of the pictures we received from that with you all:



There is one area for improvement on our walks, though: I have it on good authority that the Knoeners' donkeys would like to see more folks walking so they can have more people feeding them tasty treats.

Special 'Thank-You': to Arnie Knoener for donating time and material to fix the Big Boy Lawnmower!!!

Baptism of Axel Nathan Fritz:

By: Rev. Sean Cornell; Photos Courtesy of Barb Perronne

On Trinity Sunday, May 31st, we had the joy of welcoming our newest little brother in the faith - Axel Nathan Fritz - into the life of Christ Jesus, his body the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and Immanuel United Church of Christ. It was a blessed celebration, and we hope to be able to see and assist in our little brother's growing in both life and in Christ in the days and years to come.

Welcome again to the family Axel!



Congregation President Announcements:

1. Flood Relief – Supporting Shiocton:

As you may have heard, the village of Shiocton was recently evacuated due to severe flooding. Our friends at St. John's UCC in Black Creek have been providing shelter and meeting the needs of those affected. When our Mission Committee learned that Bethlehem UCC was organizing a short-term **"flash drive"** to collect urgently needed items. We voted to donate **\$200** toward this effort. Needed supplies were purchased and delivered to Bethlehem, and Pastor Randy then transported them to St. John's UCC.

Please continue to keep those impacted in your prayers as they navigate the days ahead and watch for future opportunities to offer support.

2. Sharing a 'Thank You' from Safe Harbor:

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CRISIS: 1-800-499-7640
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929 NIAGARA AVE
P.O. BOX 582
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081

March 10, 2026

Immanuel UCC
W3694 County Road FF
Plymouth, WI 53073

Dear Immanuel UCC,

On behalf of Safe Harbor, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$1,400.00 received on 02/11/2026 in support of Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County, Inc.

Your support is making an immediate and meaningful difference for individuals and families in our community, providing them with safety, stability, and hope for the future.

The impact of your gift is reflected in the voices of those we serve. One survivor shared, "Safe Harbor gave me the strength to rebuild my life. Without them, I don't know where I'd be today." Another expressed, "The legal and financial support I received made a huge difference in my ability to move forward and find stability."

These statements underscore the critical work your generosity is making possible. Despite ongoing funding challenges, your support helps us remain steadfast in our mission to empower victims and guide them toward safer, healthier futures for themselves and their families.

If you would like to learn more about how your gift is transforming lives, please don't hesitate to contact us at jeannem@sheboygansafeharbor.org or (920) 452-8611, ext. 302. We would love to connect with you and share more about the incredible difference you're making.

Thank you for standing with us in this vital mission. Together, we're building a stronger, safer community for everyone impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

With heartfelt gratitude,


Jeanne McLellan
CEO

Thank you for your support!
Jeanne

FOR YOUR TAX PURPOSES

Please retain this letter for tax purposes. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We acknowledge no goods or services were provided to you in return for your contribution. Safe Harbor of Sheboygan, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Safe Harbor of Sheboygan Inc. has discretion as to the use of the funds and donor preferences will be honored when given.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Name	Birthdate
Wayne Dreier	7/1
Harlie Dassow	7/1
Kim Bassuener	7/3
Ed Karsteadt	7/4
Ruth Schoneman	7/8
Carol Knoener	7/11
Charlotte Herwig	7/15
Christine Thieleke	7/16
Rodney Thieleke	7/21
Jeff Hartlaub	7/26
Richard Breisch	8/10
Jill Thieleke	8/11
Aiden Pahl	8/24

Name:	Anniversary:
Mark & Vanessa Thieleke	7/18
Karl & Carol Knoener	7/18
Ed & Karen Karsteadt	7/19
Jeff & Kim Hartlaub	7/23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

And

Congratulations to ALL who are **celebrating Anniversaries!**

Sorry, if I forgot someone or mixed up a date. All dates were in Birthday/Anniversary Chart.

Blessings to you All!

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Laura's Pantry CLOSED
5 9 AM - Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
12 9 AM - Worship at Our Shepherd: RCCC outdoor worship service	13 7 PM - Consistory Meeting	14 Immanuel UCC's Ice Cream Social & Brat Fry: 4:00 - 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
19 9 AM - Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25 9 -11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
26 9 AM - Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9-11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
2 9 AM - Worship	3	4	5 6:00 PM: RCCC meeting @ St. John's	6	7	8 9-11:00 AM: Laura's Food Pantry
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