

Immanuel News



November 2020

Our Mission: Immanuel Lutheran Church is a fellowship of believers committed to live and share God's love by serving our community and the world.

Our Vision: We gather as believers who seek to grow in faith through worship, education and welcoming fellowship. We seek to share God's love with the community through word and deed. We extend Christ's love in service to our community and our world.

From the Pastor's Desk

What does stewardship mean?

Definition: Stewardship responds to God's abundant love and generosity toward us by utilizing and managing all God's gifts for the glory of God and our neighbor's well-being.

Three principles that involve stewardship:

- 1. Stewardship is a holistic lifestyle.** Christian stewardship begins with the understanding that "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17). The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is taking a holistic and biblical approach to stewardship. Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of living out our baptismal vocation. God enriches all of us with gifts to share and

not to hold on them for ourselves. The concept of stewardship includes the gift of time, work, talents, money, community, technology, spiritual gifts, and more.

- 2. Stewardship is counter-cultural of the scarcity mindset.** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:11). The attitude of cheerful and generous giving is a spiritual discipline, but the scarcity mindset is a sign of mistrusting God's ability to act. Instead of trusting in God's abundance in daily life, we complain about not have enough. You will not experience God's abundance unless you open your hand to your neighbor in need.

Look at these examples:

- ❖ **Scarcity Mindset:** I am a good teacher, but I don't have time to help in Sunday school.
- ❖ **Generosity Mindset:** I am a good teacher, and I can volunteer to teach Sunday school once a month.
- ❖ **Scarcity Mindset:** I have a good voice; I will use it only for a paid position.
- ❖ **Generosity Mindset:** I have a good voice, and I will use it to benefit the church choir's ministry.
- ❖ **Scarcity Mindset:** I worked hard to earn money. What I have is not enough.
- ❖ **Generosity Mindset:** God has provided for me in abundance to share with my neighbor.

- 3. Stewardship entails care for God's creation.** Stewardship involves responsibilities. As stewards, we are responsible for God's possessions, which includes creation. The concept of environmental stewardship begins in the story of creation in Genesis 1&2. God commands Adam and Eve to take responsibility for creation's well-being. As baptized

Christians, our vocation and calling are to preserve and take care of the earth for the next generations.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras, Ph.D

In-Person Worship Service (Masks Required). In addition to in-person worship services, the following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online, via telephone and Spectrum TV:

- Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau
- Our YouTube Channel: Search “Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.”
- Our Website: <http://www.immanuelwausau.org> (Click on Video Gallery)
- Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
- 📞 **Dial-a-Sermon is Live. Dial 1-715-200-9495.** Pastor Niveen’s weekly sermon is now available on any elephone.

From Bob Henning:

Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

On Thursday, October 08, 2020, a Special Executive Committee Meeting was held and followed by a Special Council Meeting to discuss the In-person and Virtual Services because of the recent Governor’s Order. The Council discussed and made the following decisions:

1. In-person worship is going well with about 15-18 in attendance. The guidelines we have in place are keeping members safe and comfortable. Therefore, we will continue In-person worship without any changes.

2. Currently there are 2 videos created every week which is very time consuming for the Staff working on them. Therefore, it was decided to create only the short video, used for In-person worship, and **stop the video for the Sunday, 11:00 AM public access broadcast beginning November 08, 2020**. Further, the In-person worship will be videotaped and used for the 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday, Charter Cable Channel 980 broadcast.
3. Or on YouTube: Search for **Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau, WI** or view the services on our website: immanuelwausau.org

The Church Council feels that with these 4 options you will be able to experience the worship services and continue your Christian growth.

Comments or thoughts can be sent to me. Bob Henning, 152667 Menton Lane, Wausau WI 54401-3313. Cell: 715-571-4065. Email: rhenning4065@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,
Bob Henning, President



Attention: Ushers and Video Tapers! Beginning **November 8, 2020**, we will need your help. Please email Jackie at info@immanuelwausau.org or call the church office at (715) 842-3644 with the dates you would be available:

	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Video Taper</i>
11/8/2020	Dan & Holly Westaby	Floyd Hallberg
11/15/2020	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning
11/22/2020	Kathy Knox	Jamie Heckendorf
11/29/2020	Bob Doede	Floyd Hallberg

Thank you! If you have any problems with the above schedule, please contact the church office. Thank you.

☛ Sally Scinto-Reinertson has retired from teaching at the Marathon County Jail after 16 years. She has also retired from NAOMI.

Your Generosity is greatly appreciated!

The total received for Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem was \$1,210. Thank you so much for supporting cancer patients in that region.

LWR - the generosity of our members continues. Donations of \$910 have been collected for Lutheran World Relief. Hopefully next year we can again assemble kits. Thank you for your support of LWR.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree will be set up soon. It will be available through the end of January. You may bring donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and sweaters to put under the tree. The items collected will be taken to the Neighbor's Place. Please contact Janci for additional information.

Pastor's Lip Balm is once again available. Each one is created using only organic ingredients. Only \$2 for each lip balm. Proceeds from the sale of the lip balm will go toward the Genesis Fund.

Holy Communion is now available at ILC. This table is located by the front office. Each package contains the Body of Christ and a prayer. Pastor Niveen has blessed each one. All the packages were assembled using the highest sanitizing measures.

Secured Mailbox for Offerings: There is one installed next to the church office. It is on the outside the building on the wall. You are encouraged to drop your offering there.

Olive Oil is Here! Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$15.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative. In addition to using it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!

Mel Sandquist will be celebrating his 100th birthday on December 11, 2020. We are going to be taking a cake, poster and all the cards you send to him. So, let's flood him with lots of love in the form of cards. Please drop off or send your cards to Immanuel Lutheran Church and include Mel's name on the card. If you have any questions, please talk to Mary McDonell.



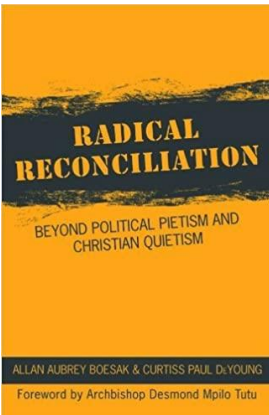
Sunday School is Back! Pastor Niveen is leading the ILC Sunday School online. Information has been sent to each of the families. We are excited that we can provide Sunday School at home. If there is a family who we didn't contact and you are interested in your child attending online Sunday School, please let the church office know.



Confirmation Class 2020-2021

Pastor Niveen and Vicar Will, from Pilgrim Lutheran Church are leading Confirmation Class on Catechism through Zoom.

Adult Forum for Advent season.



Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian by Allan Boesak and Curtiss Paul DeYoung.

This book calls for reconciliation in society that is radical, that goes to the roots. Too many initiatives for reconciliation, fail to remove the weeds of injustice at the roots, and thus stop short of completing the work required. Such political arrangements usually favor the rich and powerful, but deprive the powerless of justice and dignity. This is a form of political pietism, and when Christians refuse to name this situation for what it is, they are practicing Christian quietism. True reconciliation is radical.

You are encouraged to buy this book because it is very valuable.

The first bible study will be on Sunday, November 29, 2020, in the sanctuary following worship service.



Mark your calendar!

Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST: Please join us for a half-day advocacy summit: Intersections of Faith and Advocacy: A Focus on Peacebuilding in Israel-Palestine. Speakers will include:

Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, Churches for Middle East Peace | Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Bethlehem Bible College & *Christmas*

Evangelical *Lutheran Church* Bethlehem | Carla Montilla Jaimes, Morghan Cyr, and Josh Curtis, J Street

CMEP1835 engages young adults and university students around the country through educational regional summits as well as advocacy summits in Washington D.C. These events focus on promoting holistic U.S. policies toward the Middle East, with a focus on advocacy around Israel/Palestine. At a CMEP1835 Summit you will learn from thought leaders advocating for the just resolution to conflicts in the Middle East, and gain tools to engage with your elected officials on these issues. The journey to justice and peace across the Middle East requires the effort and unity of voices from all kinds of advocates, especially those ages 18-35! More information and free registration are at <https://cmep.org/about/cmep1835/>

Sunday, November 15, 2020: Stewardship Sunday. Gift giving cards have been mailed to the entire congregation.

November 16-22, 2020: Pastor Niveen will be on vacation. If you need Pastoral care, please contact the church office.

Wednesday, November 25, 2020: St. Michael Catholic church will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, November 26, 2020: Church Closed – Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday, November 29, 2020: First Sunday of Advent, and Bible study in the Sanctuary following worship service.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020: Digital Advent Service.

Immanuel's Dearly Departed Saints


Do not grieve as those who have no hope.

Thessalonians 4:13



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

	D.O.B.	D.O.D.
Glenn Viergutz	February 24, 1934	November 11, 2019
Joan Lind	August 3, 1927	December 24, 2019
Joanne Beckman	July 15, 1942	February 27, 2020
Barb Peterson	May 11, 1932	September 19, 2020
William Cerny	February 24, 1931	October 21, 2020
Ibrahim Sarras	March 6, 1954	September 11, 2020

 **Bill Cerny** died Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. No arrangements have been made yet. Mark Hoskin, the son of JoAnne Cerny, has informed us that JoAnne would be staying with him in Michigan for at least all of November 2020. If you would like to send her wishes, please send them to the following address: Mark Hoskin and JoAnne Cerny, 51881 Sunset Pl., Atlantic Mine, MI 49905. Please direct memorial gifts or gifts of money for Bill or JoAnne to the church.

Donations for the Warming Center can be dropped off at the former Warming Center location: 540 South 3rd Avenue in Wausau.

The location for the Warming Center for this year is the First United Methodist Church in Wausau. It will provide space for up to 25 men and women to assure more space for social distancing during this winter season. Do not drop off donations at the Methodist Church.

<p>Warm Items (They cannot accept items for warm weather or bedding.) Gently used winter coats—Both Men’s and Women’s Winter boots for men—Sizes 9-14 Winter boots for women—Sizes 6-10 Winter Gloves, Hand warmers and Foot warmers Men’s Jeans—any size New Men’s and Women’s underwear</p>	<p>Food Items Fruit cups, pudding cups, Jello cups, soft granola bars and individually wrapped snacks Bottled Water Cleaning Supplies: Bleach, Mr. Clean, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Dish Soap Disinfectant Wipes Laundry Soap (HE only) and Dryer sheets Large Backpacks</p>
<p>Other Items Metro Bus Tokens Ear Plugs Chapstick/Lip Balm Individual Kleenex Packages Razors/Shaving Cream Men’s and Women’s Deodorant White washcloths Feminine Products Shampoo (12 oz. or larger) Body Wash (12 oz. or larger) Non-Latex Gloves (Sizes L and X-Large) Rubber (Kitchen) Gloves (Sizes L and X-L) Lysol Disinfecting Spray</p>	<p>Gift cards for Sam’s, Walmart and Fleet Farm. The gift cards will be used to buy other supplies that are not donated. Please do your part. Thanks. Joyce Luedke</p>

Thank You

Judy Kort for your assistance with the bulletin each week.

Mary McDonell for counting each week.

Jill Preston for Sparkling Cleaning!

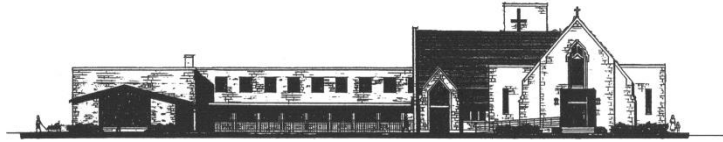
Stewardship Committee for their hard work: Tom McDonell, Ben Harring, Rick Lohr, Jim Stolen and Wayne Kallio.

We give thanks for the service and sacrifice of the men and women of ILC who have served in the armed forces.

Kira Spoehr , US Navy	Joan Winterhoff , US Navy Nurse, Vietnam Era
Harlan D. Grinde , USAF Pilot, 1956-1959; Naval Reserve Intelligence, 1968-1992	Norm Winterhoff , US Navy Chaplain, WWII
Reuben Roehl , US Air Force, Feb 1943-Jan 1946	Vern Diestelhorst , U.S. Navy, 1965-1969, Two deployments to Vietnam
Megan (Reilly) Loquist , Air Force Reserve (Medical/Dental), 2008 to Present	George Klinker , U.S. Army, Airborne, Korean War Era
Kathy Knox , US Army 1973 – 1992	Bruce Knox , US Army 1973 – 1975
Clarence Johnson , U.S. Army, 1955-1962 (Cold War)	Ken Strasser , U.S. Army, 1952-1954, Korean War
Glenn Rusch , U.S. Army, 1956-1958	Dan Westaby , U.S. Marine Corp, 1976-1980
Frank Lewitzke , U.S. Marine Corp, 1951-1954	Floyd Hallberg , U.S. Naval Reserve, 1955-1957

ILC History Hub

IMMANUEL HISTORY –



MORE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CHURCH BUILDING

As mentioned previously, the congregation of Immanuel dedicated its new church building on December 18, 1949. The cost of the structure was \$175,000. It was a “T” shaped building in a “modern style” with outer walls of stone quarried in the Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids area. Commonly called Lannon stone, it was a building material quite popular in church buildings in the 1940s and 1950s. A similar style building was planned for the property occupied by the old church at First Street and Franklin, but Pastor Rasmussen convinced the church council that the present location was better than being located near the coal yards by the river. The present location was considered ideal at the time, because most community activities took place at the high school located across the street on Seventh. A featured area of the church was the auditorium in the basement. It had a stage and curtains where various entertainments could be performed. Remember, Wausau did not get a television station until 1954, and people were more willing to create their own entertainment. After people acquired television sets the auditorium stage was not used so much. Currently, the basement area is called Fellowship Hall, and is still a much used gathering area. The auditorium was completed before the church proper allowing Glen Lien and Sylvia Berg to be the first couple married in the new church. Those of you who remember Sylvia know that she was so proud of that distinction. The pastor’s office (or study, a term common to many church buildings) was located in the northeast wing of the building to the right of the chancel. It was spacious, and the pastor even had his own restroom. A small room adjacent to the office was used by a part time secretary – now used by the Altar Guild. Note: If you want more information about this era, Clarence “Ole” Johnson is an excellent source. Joanne Cerny is very knowledgeable also.

--- Al Solomonson

Caring Corner

Psalm 71:9 "Do not cast me off in the time of old"

☞ Here are our church friends who are not able to come to church as often as they would like. They would love to hear from you or receive cards in the mail. Please call the church office if someone should be added to list. ☎

Facility		Home
<p>Bell Tower Residence 1500 O'Day St Merrill, WI 54452 ▶ Carol Hettinga, Rm 307 (715) 359-0197</p> <p>Riverview Terrace 540 E. Thomas St. Wausau, WI 54401 ▶ Joyce Lohrey, #207 (715) 675-4073</p> <p>Colonial Manor 1010 E. Wausau Ave Wausau, WI 54403 ▶ Norm Winterhoff (715) 675-6256</p>	<p>Primrose Retirement Community 2100 Townline Rd Wausau, WI 54403 ▶ Thelma Bursik, Apt #101 (715)297-1785 ▶ Charlotte Traeger, Apt #215 (715) 298-9421 ▶ Judy Blanchfield, Apt #132 (715) 845-3744 ▶ Kathy Groethe, Apt #219 (715) 841-0130</p> <p>Autumn Lane Family Care 384 Lyons Rd. Birnawood, WI 54414 ▶ Jeff Groethe (715) 449-3444</p> <p>Heritage House of Portage 2685 Airport Road Portage, WI 53901 ▶ Esther Osterby, #43</p>	<p>Carolyn Viergutz N114 W17117 Cove Ct Germantown, WI 53022</p> <p>Pat Stricker 1403 Stark Street Wausau, WI 54403 (715) 842-1304</p> <p>Jeanette Petterson 605 Eagle Nest Blvd. Apt. 208 Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 359-0449</p> <p>Dale & Ann Kurth 2806 Polzer Drive Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 298-1942</p>



Happy Birthday!

November 2020 Birthdays

Andy Novak	11/02
Jace Nickolai	11/05
Roger Neiter	11/08
Ken Lewitzke	11/13
Lori Schwede	11/15
Sally Johnson	11/15
Jacob Gilles	11/17
Dustin Hulstrom	11/18
Gary Busche	11/26
Dixie Burk	11/26
Hilary Steltenpohl	11/27
Jerrin Nickolai	11/29

Happy Anniversary!

to these Special Couples

*The following couples are celebrating
their Wedding Anniversary in October*

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| 1 | John & Dixie Burk | 40 years |
| 2 | Thomas & Sheri Mueller | 35 years |
| 4 | Jack & Babs Fabry | 42 years |
| 9 | Doug & Wendy Christopherson | 51 years |

Immanuel Lutheran Church 2020 Income vs Expenses

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposits
January	\$13,557	\$15,160		(\$1,603)	\$909	\$14,466
February	\$27,289	\$6,321		\$20,968	\$447	\$27,737
March	\$11,749.00	\$19,607.55		(\$7,858.55)	\$856.48	\$12,605.48
April	\$26,650	\$5,524		\$21,125	\$2,065.00	\$28,715
May	\$13,201	\$5,415		\$7,786	\$1,740.00	\$14,941
June	\$13,587	\$12,340		\$1,247	\$1,250.00	\$14,837
July	\$11,729	\$6,188		\$5,541	\$2,244.00	\$13,973
August	\$11,976	\$5,615		\$6,361	1050	13026.1
September	\$12,322	\$4,177		\$8,145	\$1,780.00	\$14,102
October				\$0		0
November				\$0		
December				\$0		

Totals \$142,059.84 \$80,346.75 \$61,713 \$12,342 \$154,402

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – Thursday, October 22, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

Members present: Pastor Niveen Sarras, President Bob Henning, vice-president Linda Hulstrom, Treasurer Matt Munson, financial secretary Patti Busche, evangelism Janci Treutel, education Judy Nickolai, stewardship Rick Lohr and worship Judy Kort.

Members absent: none

Devotions were led by Bob based on Romans 8:15 – Witness of the Spirit. We should abandon our own reasons for arguing and God will give us witness of the spirit.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Bob Henning.

1. Pastor's report
2. Internet is needed in the Sanctuary for videos and live streaming. Pastor & Jackie are investigating the cost.
3. Bible study will be held in the Sanctuary after Sunday Advent services.
4. Pamphlets have been sent out to Sunday School age children. It focuses on learning about the catechism. Families should send pictures of 3 things they learned.
5. The confirmation class will be helping with worship on 10/25.
6. We have received \$500 grant from the phone company to be used for the telephone sermon.
7. Reviewed the minutes from the 9/24 meeting. Motion made by Janci to approve; 2nd by Linda. Motion approved. Reviewed minutes from the 10/8 special meeting. Motion made to approve by Linda; 2nd by Judy Nickolai.
8. Treasurer report. Matt provided his report. Waiting on a bill from the Synod for 3 months of Pastor's salary. We have funds to refund the Synod. Finances are firm right now. We will need to begin work on the 2021 budget at the November meeting. Funds for the 10/25 Community Dinner should be taken from Socials Concerns and Noisy Offering for chicken dinners at \$5 per box. Motion made by Linda to receive and hold for audit; 2nd by Patti. Motion approved.

9. Financial Secretary Report. Patti provided report. Once October reports are recorded, we will have the totals to send to Lutheran World Relief and to the Synod for Augusta Victoria Hospital. Motion made by Judy Kort to receive and hold for audit; 2nd by Matt. Motion approved.
10. Vice President's report. Linda had her annual review with Jackie. Jackie requested 4 more hours per week. She can work either 1 hour per day or 4 hours on Friday morning. The consensus was to have her work on Friday morning. Linda will meet with Jill next week for her review.
11. President's Report- nothing to report.
12. Stewardship – Pledge cards and letter have been sent to members. Members are encouraged to use Bill Pay with their bank instead of Vanco as there is a cost for Vanco. Jackie has taped a video update on what is going on at church. This will be included in the Sunday service as well as on Facebook.
13. Worship – the organ tuning had been done twice a year. It wasn't done in spring and will not be done this fall due the fact it is currently not being used and the temperature in church is cold which would affect the tuning. The chanting for All Saints Day will be done by Karen Zuidema.
14. Education – nothing to report.
15. Properties – nothing to report
16. Social Concerns – nothing to report
17. Evangelism – nothing to report.
18. Other business:
 - a. Elections – not all positions have been filled. Still need candidates for Evangelism, GWCS and Council Secretary. Targeting positions to be filled and ballots sent out on 11/16. This will include list of the positions that will become open in May (President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary and may be more).
 - b. Discussion was held to combine the duties of Evangelism with Worship. Any Evangelism tasks would be a special project with a volunteer coordinating. Janci will take care of putting up the Mitten Tree this year. Motion made by Rick to combine the committees and document the guidelines. 2nd by Janci.
 - c. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 11/24 due to Thanksgiving. Executive will be at 5:30 and Council at 6:05. December meeting tentatively set for 12/22.

Motion to adjourn by Linda; 2nd by Rick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Patti Busche
Financial Secretary

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. The address is: c/o Justice Pule, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa.

<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church Office info@immanuelwausau.org Monday—Thursday 9am-3pm Phone: (715) 842-3644 Website: www.immanuelwausau.org</p> <p> Follow Immanuel Lutheran Church on Facebook: @ILC Wausau</p>	<p><u>Worship Services:</u> Sunday—9:00am</p> <p><u>TV Worship Services:</u> Charter Cable Channel 980 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday</p>
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