

Immanuel News

November 2021



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.

Walk to End Alzheimer's Award

Immanuel Lutheran Church was awarded the 2021 Wausau Most Funds Raised by a Place of Worship. Please stop by the Narthex on Sunday to see our award.

Statement of Faith by Confirmand Emily Kallio

I have been coming to church here at Immanuel for as long as I can remember. I was baptized when I was just an itty bitty baby, went to Sunday school, got my first communion, and now I am being confirmed! Where has time gone?

When I was younger, every sunday I would come to church and on the days we had to greet, I would always be so shocked how many people knew me! They would all say things like, "It is so nice to see you kids today!" and, "Wow have you grown!" Now I realize that the church community has always encouraged me and been with me every step of the way.

Standing up here right now makes me think back on all of the fun things that have happened to me over the years and how blessed I really am. One vivid memory I have from when I was younger is that every night my sister and I would sit on our beds and our

parents would recite the Lord's prayer to us until we had it memorized. Then we did the same with my brother until he memorized the Lord's prayer.

Throughout my whole life, Christ has been with me. From sunrise to sunset, every-single-day. I know that Christ is with me not only through the good times, but also through the bad times. Whenever I feel like giving up or that nothing good is going to happen, I can remember that God has a plan for me and everything happens for a reason.

Christ has been with me and Christ will always be with you too. I want to say thank you to all of you for supporting me and for helping me to be the person I am today. And please remember, the best vitamin for a believer is B1.



Statement of Faith by Confirmand Grace Kallio

I was baptized when I was an infant, attended VBS, confirmation, church camp and have gone to Sunday School and church for as long as I can remember. I specifically remember a time when my cousin, Zander, prayed with me and we asked Jesus Christ to be my personal savior. There was a ski race that I remember God helping me. I was getting down on myself and I took a moment to stop and pray and He told me "you have another race ahead of you so don't get down on yourself, give it all you've got!" There are many times Jesus Christ has helped me feel comforted. When something happens to someone I love or that I am close to, I worry about them a lot and I look to God for peace and comfort.



Fishing For People Is a Political & Spiritual Statement Against Roman Imperial Power. Luke 5:1-11

Fishing in the first century Palestine was different than fishing in the United States. Peasant fishermen did not enjoy free access to the Sea of Galilee (also called Lake of Gennesaret or Tiberias). The Roman empire and its elite controlled the fishing industry. Herod Antipas, a provincial Roman governor, Romanized the region and put it under Emperor Tiberias's control.¹ Antipas planned to multiply fishes in the waters around Tiberias. He created the fishing industry for commercial export, not local consumption. While the local people depended on fish for their main food, Antipas extracted it for export. Fishing was a costly business because each step of the fishing process was taxed. Fishermen had to get a lease from local brokers, and they had no option but to sell their fish to Antipas' factories that were responsible for exporting fish to all the Roman empire.² As a result, the fishermen became destitute.

Jesus spent most of his ministry in fishing villages like Capernaum, Gennesar, and Magdala because there where "the radicality of Israel's God confronted the normalcy of Rome's civilization under Herod Antipas."³ The story of Jesus inviting fishermen to fish for people is found in Mathew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:16-20. Luke chapter 5 combines the miraculous catch of fish with inviting Peter to fish for people.

We have traditionally understood Jesus' statement, "fish for people," to connote the vocation of "saving souls." However, in prophetic traditions such as Jeremiah (16:6), Amos (4:2), and Ezekiel (29:4), to fish for people implies a divine judgment of God's enemies. Why did Jesus use this metaphor?

According to the Gospel of Mark and Matthew, Jesus called his disciples Peter, Andrew, James, and John, sons of Zebedee, after Herod Antipas beheaded John the Baptist, possibly at his royal palace in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee's

¹ Ched Myers, "let's Catch Some Big Fish!" Jesus' Call to Discipleship in a World of Injustice," *Radical Discipleship*, January 22, 2015, <https://radicaldiscipleship.net/2015/01/22/lets-catch-some-big-fish-jesus-call-to-discipleship-in-a-world-of-injustice/>.

² John Dominic Crossan, *God and Empire* (np.: HarperOne, 2009), 122.

³ *Ibid.*, 122-123.

shores.⁴ These fishermen were victims of Herod Antipas, too. This story is not about the disciples changing their vocation from fishing for fish to fishing for people. Still, it is about inviting the disciples to join Jesus in turning Rome's unjust social order and replacing it with God's kingdom.⁵ By providing fish, Jesus demonstrated that he, not Antipas, is in control of the lake.

Jesus called his disciples who were anticipating God's intervention to end the Romans' oppression. Jesus preached the good news about the coming of God's reign to replace the Emperor and Herod Antipas' reign. Jesus "is inviting common folk to join him in his struggle to overturn the existing order of power and privilege."⁶ Will you join him? Niveen



From the Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is a part of all aspects of our lives including the environment, the Church, ourselves and our neighbors. When we hear the word neighbor we are probably inclined to think first about the people living next door to us or down the street or in our entire neighborhood.

However, that is to put a rather strict and limited meaning to the word neighbor. Our fellow human beings are our neighbors whether they live elsewhere in our state, country, continent or our entire world. It matters not what color people are, what language they speak, what kind of clothes they wear or where they live. All people are our neighbors.

And we have multiple ways of being neighbors to them, especially in their times and moments of need. Some examples include the food items we give to The

⁴ Ched Myers, "let's Catch Some Big Fish!" Jesus' Call to Discipleship in a World of Injustice," *Radical Discipleship*, January 22, 2015, <https://radicaldiscipleship.net/2015/01/22/lets-catch-some-big-fish-jesus-call-to-discipleship-in-a-world-of-injustice/>.

⁵ Myers Ched, *Binding the Strong Man* (Maryknoll, Orbis, 1995),133.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 132.

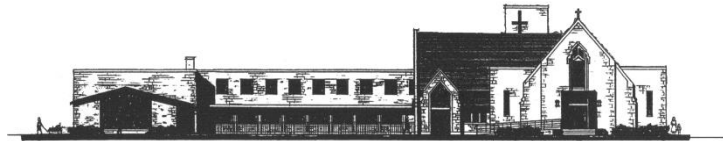
Neighbors Place, the meals we provide at the Presbyterian Church suppers, The ELCE World Hunger program. The Mitten Tree collection, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief school and health kits, LIRS, Lutheran Disaster Response, the various charities we support, the quilting ministry of our church, the food we share with our neighbors when there is a death in the family and the list goes on.

Yes. Stewardship is a part of all aspects of our lives.

Stewardship Committee: Ben Haring, Rick Lohr, Wayne Kallio, Neil Munson & Jim Stolen.

ILC History Hub

IMMANUEL HISTORY –



THE MOTHER'S CLUB

The Immanuel Mothers' Club was organized after World War II as another circle for young mothers. The post war decades saw the birth of the "baby boomers," and there were many new mothers who welcomed a circle that centered on their needs. It also met in the evening, giving them a welcome respite from their daily child care responsibilities. The Mothers' Club promoted the inclusion of a nursery in the first addition to the building and helped organize its equipping. They also took the responsibility for staffing the nursery during Sunday worship services. The group also sponsored yearly Mother-Daughter banquets and a Cradle Roll ceremony. The birth rate declined rapidly in the 1970s, and the Mothers' Club soon ceased to exist. Older members have often remarked on how much the Mothers' Club meant to them and how they formed lasting friendships because of their participation in this organization.

Indeed, some mothers joked that they deliberately had large families so they could have a reason to stay in the Mothers' Club.

--- Al Solomonson



ILC is collecting **canned food** during November to donate it to families in need in our community. Please place the food under the Autumn Tree in the gathering room.

ILC is collecting **mittens and hats** during December to donate them to families in need in our community. Please place your donations under the Mitten Tree in the gathering room.



Red, White, or Cinnamon Poinsettias can be ordered now. They are 6". The cost is \$10 each. Orders must in by **November 7th**. The signup sheet is in Narthex. Please indicate if you want Red, Cinnamon or White.

Thank You Thank you, Bob Henning, for recording our services each Sunday, for replacing the lights (it's bright now) and for fixing the cracks outside. Thank you, Maggie & Sally, for leading worship service.

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Community Dinner by preparing and serving.



PLEASE NOTE: ILC Sunday Morning Service will be **40 minutes** long due to COVID-19.

ILC December 2021 Newsletter. The next newsletter will be the November 2021 Edition. The deadline for submissions will be November 22, 2021.



We need volunteers for Sunday School and to videotape the worship service. We also need hosts for coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet for that. Thank you!

Noisy Offering. Just a reminder that there is a large silver bowl by the church office entrance for your noisy (coin) offerings. Thank you in advance for doing this.



A Canaan Olive Oil is Available in the Church Office.

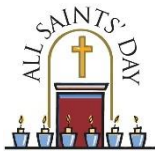
Olive Oil is Here! Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$25.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative.



In addition to using it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!

Humor and Caregiving. Check out this great opportunity to listen to one of the most dynamic people in the world of caring for someone living with Dementia; Teepa Snow. There is a flyer on the bulletin board about an upcoming virtual presentation called 'Humor and Caregiving'. If you have not heard of Teepa, she is dynamic and has a wealth of information and knowledge from the world of caregiving for someone who is living with dementia. Her stories and the tips she shares are practical and relatable. She started a company called the 'Positive Approach to Care'. You can check that out at <https://teepasnow.com/>. BUT, don't forget to look for the flyer for her presentation on November 18.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



Sunday, November 7, 2021. All Saints Sunday. Please bring a photo or memento of your dearly departed loved ones to be displayed on the table in the sanctuary.

Sunday, November 7, 2021. 10:15 am. Bible study, the ELCA Social Statement on: Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice. We will meet in Emmaus room.

Sunday, November 14, 2021. The communicants, Andrew Kallio and Kasen Hulstrom will receive their First Communion. Please come to celebrate with them during coffee hour.

Sunday, November 14, 2021. We will recognize our veterans during worship service.

Wednesday, November 24, 2021. 6:30pm. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Join Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, and Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church for Thanksgiving Worship Service and Pie Social. Location is at Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Sunday, November 28, 2021. First Sunday of Advent.

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

Autumn Lane Family Care, 384 Lyons Rd., Birnamwood, WI 54414
▶ **Jeff Groethe**
(715) 449-3444

Our House Memory Care, 220 Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54403
▶ **Pat Stolen**, #7

Stone Crest Residence, 805 Parcher St, Wausau, WI 54403
▶ **Joanne Cerny**, #7

Heritage House of Portage, 2685 Airport Road, Portage, WI 53901
▶ **Esther Osterby**, #43

Riverview Terrace, 540 E. Thomas St., Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 675-4073
▶ **Joyce Lohrey**, #207

Bell Tower Residence, 1500 O'Day St, Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 359-0197
▶ **Carol Hettinga**, Rm 307

Our House Senior Living, 210 West Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401
▶ **Joan Bergeth**, #6

Primrose Memory Care of Wausau, 7704 Franciscan Way, Weston, WI
▶ **Judy Blanchfield**, Apt #22

Primrose Retirement Community, 2100 Townline Rd, Wausau, WI 54403:
▶ **Thelma Bursik**, Apt #101
(715)297-1785
▶ **Charlotte Traeger**, Apt #215
(715) 298-9421
▶ **Kathy Groethe**, Apt #219
(715) 841-0130

Home

▶ **Ann Kurth**
2806 Polzer Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 298-1942

▶ **Jeanette Petterson**
605 Eagle Nest Blvd.
Apt. 208
Rothschild, WI 54474
(715) 359-0449

▶ **Pat Stricker**
1403 Stark Street
Wausau, WI 54403
(715) 842-1304

▶ **Carolyn Viergutz**
N114 W17117 Cove Ct
Germantown, WI 53022

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.
Dale Kurth	March 22, 1939	December 17, 2020
Ronald Beckman	July 10, 1938	January 23, 2021
Mel Sandquist	December 11, 1920	January 31, 2021
Jack Fabry	August 5, 1932	May 17, 2021
LeRoy Johnson	September 10, 1926	July 10, 2021

★Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11, 2019. We would like to recognize and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of the men and women of ILC who have served in the armed forces.

Joan Winterhoff , US Navy Nurse, Vietnam Era	
Harlan D. Grinde , USAF Pilot, 1956-1959; Naval Reserve Intelligence, 1968-1992	Austin Schmidt , U.S. Marine Corp, 2019-Present
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



Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

November 2021

1 Birthdays. The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in August. Happy Birthday to all of you! Jace Nickolai (11/05), Roger Neiter (11/08), Sally Johnson (11/15), Lori Schwede (11/15), Jacob Gilles (11/17), Dustin Hulstrom (11/18), Dixie Burk (11/26), Gary Busche (11/26), Jerrin Nickolai (11/29)

November 2021 Anniversaries: John & Dixie Burk (41 years) 11/01, Thomas & Sheri Mueller (11/02), Doug & Wendy Christopherson (52 years) 11/09

ILC Income/Expense Report

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposit
January	\$15,154	\$50,569		(\$35,415)	\$1,435	\$16,589
February	\$10,412	\$6,836		\$3,577	\$1,769	\$12,181
March	\$21,050.25	\$8,461.32		\$12,589	\$1,380.00	\$22,430
April	\$12,822	\$23,946		(\$11,124)	\$1,286.08	\$14,108
May	\$8,643	\$13,926		(\$5,283)	\$566.31	\$9,209
June	\$17,323	\$10,224		\$7,100	\$1,235.00	\$18,558
July	\$12,997	\$13,475		(\$478)	\$960.00	\$13,957
August	\$11,021	\$15,154		(\$4,133)	\$1,480.00	\$12,501
September	\$12,859	\$8,483		\$4,376	\$1,211.00	\$14,070
October						
November						
December				\$0		
Totals	\$122,281.85	\$151,072.76		(\$28,791)	\$11,322	\$133,604

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 16, 2021

Meeting in person. Members present: President Adam Doede, Pastor Niveen, Treasurer Matt Munson, Vice President Maggie Westaby, Secretary Patti Busche, Properties Sally Scinto-Reinertson, worship Judy Kort, social concerns Kathy Knox, and stewardship Rick Lohr. Members absent: Financial Secretary Jane, Reilly-Smith.

Devotions were led by Patti Busche "A Key to Miracles: Accepting His Timing" We are self-sufficient in our lives but we come to the point where we must recognize and admit our need for help. We trust Him to meet our needs and by faith we accept his timing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Adam Doede.

Pastors Report:

- Alzheimer's walk raised \$1030 in donations from Immanuel.
- She has been asked and to attend the Orthodox Theological Association in America conference in November.
- She will be presenting the sermon at the Synod's Women's Meeting.

Secretary's report: Reviewed minutes from the 8/16/21 meeting. Motion made to approve by Rick Lohr; 2nd by Maggie Westaby. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report. Matt provided his report. Roof bill for \$3300 has been paid from Building Funds. Parking lot loan is paid monthly based on the amount in the loan. When a larger some has been accumulated, then we pay off more on the principle. Motion to approve and hold for audit made by Patti Busche & 2nd Judy Kort. Treasurer's report approved.

Financial Secretary report. Patti provided for Jane. Motion made by Rick to approve and hold for audit; 2nd by Matt. Financial Secretary's report approved.

Vice President report – Staff review is needed as reviews haven't been done form a while. Regarding raises, Treasure indicates available funds and the council gives final approval on the amount. Maggie will work to get review done soon.

President's report: Adam thanked everyone for their help on the picnic. Maggie's office has been set up and needs a new lock on the door.

Properties:

- Garbage is collected weekly but the bins aren't full. Suggest we look into having pick up every other week.
- Acolyte bathroom is being turned into storage as the sink/drain doesn't work. Motion made by Rick to remove sink & toilet and turn into storage; 2nd by Patti. Motion carried.
- Shoveling/plowing – the person that used to do this has passed away. We have suggestions of a person to use at \$100 per plow. We will negotiate the amounts.

- Brides room water damage means some work is needed to mud, prime and paint walls. The choir robes have been moved out of the room to the Fellowship Hall for now. They may need to be cleaned.
- Sally will be leaving her position as Properties chair after the November meeting. A replacement will need to be found.

Education: 1st Communion will be October 24 & November 14. Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday.

Social concerns: Dinner was held in September. No update on next year's schedule but suggest we limit it to twice a year. \$200 has been donated for the October meal. Planning needs to be done yet.

Stewardship: 11/14 is Stewardship Sunday. There will be October events including notices in bulletin & newsletter. A video is also being made. The theme is the Environment, Church, neighbors and Self.

Worship: Reviewed our current guidelines due to Covid-19. Discussed limiting the service to 40 minutes and reducing the number of songs. Masks still optional. Motion made by Rick to reduce to 40 minutes. 2nd by Judy. The format of the service will be left up to Pastor. Motion carried. Notices will be put in the bulletin.

Discussed the need for a new wireless microphone and suggestion was to ask for donations. Motion made by Rick to purchase a wireless microphone and use memorial funds to pay for it. 2nd by Maggie. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

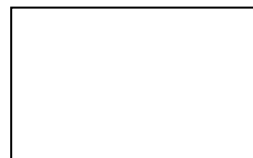
- Replacement for Sally on Properties committee almost identified.
- Sunday School volunteers are still needed. Maggie volunteered and we can always use more.
- Discussed renting the Education wing and forming LLC so that it doesn't have to be to a non-profit organization. We need to keep non-profit to keep our tax-exempt status. We need to discuss legalities. Church council could be the board of directors. Suggested reaching out to Bob Reinertson and Mark Munson for guidance.

New Business: Pastor's religious visa runs out at the end of September and the renewal is being delayed. She will need to step back from her pastoral duties but will continue to volunteer her services. Maggie & Sally will be assisting with sermons and as needed. Will announce to congregation on Sunday and also put notices in the bulletin. The council thanked Maggie & Sally in advance for their assistance.

The next Council meeting will be October 25 at 6:00. Pastor will not be in town but could join via zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm. Respectfully submitted, Patti Busche, Secretary

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Online Worship Services:

Monday Afternoon on YouTube
(check your email for link)

TV Worship Services:

Charter Cable Channel 980
5:45 pm Tuesday & 9:15 am Thursday