

Immanuel News

October 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.

From the President's Desk

Good morning, and grace and peace to you. I am here this morning to tell you about a challenge that we will be facing as a congregation. It is a temporary challenge, and most certainly not something we cannot overcome.

As I am sure you all know, Pastor Niveen is employed by Immanuel Lutheran on a work visa, and visas need to be periodically renewed. This is a complex process which involves multiple government agencies. Unfortunately, this process has been delayed due to the processing of the large number of Afghan refugees into the United States.

Pastor Niveen's visa expires on 9/30 (next Thursday). It is possible that her visa renewal will be complete before then, but it is likely that it will not. We do not know how long the delay will be, but it is possible that it may be a month or longer.

President Adam presented this article to the congregation on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

If this is the case, Pastor Niveen would be unable to be a paid employee of ILC until her visa is renewed. She would however still be able to serve as a volunteer during that time.

We have already made a contingency plan, with the guidance of our Bishop and the Synod, if this is the case. Pastor Niveen will step back from her pastoral duties, However, Maggie Westaby and Sally Scinto-Reinertson will be taking leadership roles during Sunday worship.

I thank you all for your understanding during this time, and I especially thank Maggie and Sally for volunteering to fulfill this role. I will keep the congregation updated on this situation.

Adam Doede
Immanuel Lutheran Church President



From the Stewardship Committee

When God said in Genesis 1:28 that the humans He created were to subdue the earth and have Dominion over every living thing that is on the earth, He did not mean that we should pillage, waste and destroy the earth and environment. Rather, as His stewards, we are responsible for the good, careful, benevolent and peaceful use of the earth and environment. This is for the benefit and wellbeing of all inhabitants of His creation.

So, how are we doing? We hear a lot about that in these days and times. What can we do as individuals who take seriously our responsibility for the earth and environment? Convert to LED bulbs as we replace burned out ones. Turn off our car engines as we wait in slow moving lines. Take 10-minute showers instead of 20. Recycle as much as we can. Turn out the lights every time we leave a room instead of leaving them on until whenever we return. You can come up with many other ways of reducing the negative impact we have on the

environment.

We might think we're just one or two who do such practices to reduce our impact, so what difference will that make overall. Every little bit helps. And think about what the results can be accomplished if all of us added up our little bits together. It can and would be significant. Care of the earth and environment are also a very important part of our stewardship.

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



ILC History Hub

IMMANUEL HISTORY –



PULPIT ADJUSTMENTS

The pulpit in the church sanctuary on First Street was considered to be too high to suit the comfort of the pastors, so it was lowered. Pastor Stubchaer asked that it be lowered still further because “he had to work twice as hard when delivering a sermon from a high pulpit than he did when standing lower down.” It was then placed at floor level. The lectern of our current pulpit was raised eight inches to suit the height of Pastor Lynn Broughton. It has not been lowered in the last fifty years because Immanuel has had a number of tall pastors including Pastors Ken Melby, Greg Billberg, and Sean Motley. A moveable platform stool has been provided for those pastors who find it difficult to see over the lectern while giving their sermons. Comfort is important when preaching.

--- Al Solomonson





What a beautiful day for our "God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday" event, 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's. We walked on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Participants: Pastor Niveen, Bob Henning, Mary McDonell, Linda Hulstrom, and Al Solomonson.

Thank you to all of our ILC Family for your generous donations to this important cause. We raised \$1,085.

Thank You

Thank you, Bob Henning, for repairing our mailbox (again but on the other side), for taking all those extinct electronics to the Good News Project, and for recording our services each Sunday. Thank you, Maggie & Sally, for leading worship services in the upcoming months. Thank you for you donating your items for Lutheran World Relief. We collected items for the School Kits (28) and Personal Care Kits (21).



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

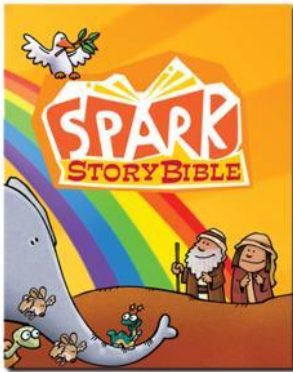
ILC November 2021 Newsletter. The next newsletter will be the November 2021 Edition. The deadline for submissions will be October 25, 2021.



We need volunteers for Sunday School and volunteers on Social Concerns committee. We also need volunteers to videotape the worship service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, Oct 7th, 2021 Bring Your Bible to Your School Day.



How to Celebrate Bring Your Bible to School Day

You can talk with your friends online through your social media websites about public schools and bibles and create a discussion forum about the topic, using #bringyourbibletoschoolday as a hashtag. You can distribute conversation cards to friends in schools and create games and challenges with your Christian friends about topics in the bible. Once you looked up those school policies, if you can, bring your bible to school and read it during recess. Share

with people your personal stories about your faith and listen to your friends' stories as well.



Saturday, October 9, 2021. Corey Busche and Tammy Plisch.
Friday, October 15, 2021. Maggi Westaby and Keenan Cadeau.

Saturday, October 9, 2021. Bill Cerny's Celebration of Life will be held at Sylvan Hill Park, Wausau from 4pm-7pm. There will be food and beverages. No gifts please. All are welcome.

Sunday, October 17, 2021. Pastor Bill Schruba will be the presiding minister for

this service.



Sunday, October 24, 2021. The communicants, Vinca Westaby, Mollie and Alex Munson, and Jerrin Nickolai, will receive their First Communion. Please come to celebrate with them during coffee hour.



Sunday, October 24, 2021. The next community dinner will be held at 1st Presbyterian Church, Wausau. Prep work begins at 10:30am. We need volunteers to prepare the meal and to distribute the meal. Look for the signup sheet in the Narthex.



Sunday, October 31, 2021. Confirmation service for Emily and Grace Kallio.

Sunday, October 31, 2021. Reformation Sunday. Please wear Red.



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.

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!



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>Heritage House of Portage 2685 Airport Road Portage, WI 53901 ▶ Esther Osterby, #43</p> <p>Stone Crest Residence 805 Parcher St Wausau, WI 54403 ▶ Joanne Cerny, #7</p> <p>Our House Memory Care 220 Campus Drive Wausau, WI 54403 ▶ Pat Stolen, #7</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. Birnamwood, WI 54414 ▶ Jeff Groethe (715) 449-3444</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>Ann Kurth 2806 Polzer Drive Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 298-1942</p>



Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

October 2021 Birthdays. The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in August. Happy Birthday to all of you! Margaret Johnson (10/04), Missy Reilly (10/04), Jorden Nickolai (10/08), Lilly Bong (10/09), Joanne Diestelhorst (10/09), Jeanette Petterson 10/11, Wendy Christopherson (10/13), Sydney Duxbury (10/13), Judy Kort (10/14), Joyce Lohrey (10/23), Dwala Smail, (10/23), Bob Doede (10/30), Sue Doede (10/31)

October 2021 Anniversaries: Gary & Patti Busche (39 years) 10/1, Mike & Margy Mayer (48 years) 10/28



In Other News From Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

Grief Share Ministry. Mt. Calvary is starting a Grief Share ministry this fall. We have started one group with nine participants and will be starting a second group in October.
Pastor Rich

Children's Ministry Coordinator at Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Rothschild. Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Rothschild, WI is hiring a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator. This is a key position responsible for the ministry of children birth through 5th grade. The coordinator will oversee all children's programs, effectively lead the children's ministry volunteers, and create an inclusive environment where all are welcome and accepted. The full job description can be found at <https://www.mtcalvaryrothschild.org>. To apply, send your resume to: pastorrich@mtcalvaryrothschild.org.



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						
October						
November						
December				\$0		

Totals **\$109,422.85** **\$142,589.66** **(\$33,167)** **\$10,111** **\$119,534**

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – July 12, 2021 (Meeting in person)

Members present: President Bob Henning, Pastor Niveen, Treasurer Matt Munson, financial secretary Patti Busche, worship Judy Kort, social concerns Kathy Knox, and stewardship Rick Lohr.

Members absent: VP Linda Hulstrom, Education Judy Nickolai & Properties Sally Scinto Robertson

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Bob Henning

Devotions were led by Bob Henning. “Tomorrow Starts Today”.

How much is your Pastor worth?

- Many times, the pastor is taken for granted
- They are overworked and underpaid
- But let them come up short once and they never stop hearing about it
- What bothers most is feelings of being taken for granted and not being appreciated.
- Your pastor should be financially compensated
- We need to express appreciation for the hard work of the pastor

Pastors Report:

The first day of Confirmation Camp at Waypost is done. Pastor will return to camp tomorrow. The rest of her report will be in the Congregational Meeting booklet.

Secretary’s report: Reviewed minutes from the 5/25/21 meeting. Add ‘tuning’ to the sentence about organ cleaning. Motion made to approve by Judy K.; 2nd Rick. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report. Matt provided his report. No questions. Motion to approve and hold for audit made by Rick, 2nd Patti. Treasurer’s report approved.

Financial Secretary report. Patti provided her report. Motion made by Matt to approve and hold for audit; 2nd by Judy K. Financial Secretary’s report approved.

Vice President report – Report will be provided in the Congregational Meeting booklet.

President's report

- Quote received and contract signed for Stuart's Contracting Services for roof repairs. They are scheduled to begin later this month.
- We should look into fixing or upgrading our bathrooms.
- Thank you to the Council for their cooperation during his 4-year term.

Education: Hope to resume Sunday School in September. Literature will be sent out for those that are reaching 1st Communion age.

Evangelism – No chair – no report.

Properties: Report will be provided in the Congregational Meeting booklet.

Stewardship: Committee has met and will begin working on the fall campaign.

Social concerns: 90 sack lunches were prepared for the last meal but only 50 were distributed. We were put on the schedule again for 7/18 and again for 7/25. Due to the congregational meeting, we declined the 7/25 date. For 7/18, we can re-use food left over from last time. We are scheduled again for 2 more times this year. Due to lack of volunteers, we are not sure we can commit. Pastor will be in charge for 8/22. We should also work to handle the October one. Adam will discuss with the Elks Board to see if they would help. He needs to know how many would be needed and what time commitment. After that discussion we can decide if we are able to continue to support for 2022. There are 15 churches plus the synagogue so we should only have to do it about once a quarter.

Worship: Nothing to report

Unfinished Business:

- Congregational Meeting: Bob has the preliminary meeting agenda/booklet and will send out the final to the council before the meeting. Need to include the current financial status and current budget for congregational approval.
- Asphalt quote received from American Asphalt to fix the manhole issue and repave the small lot on the west side of the building. Estimate is \$19,780. Fixing the manhole only would be \$2920. This is being referred to Properties to investigate other options.

New Business:

- Congregational picnic – need to discuss at next council meeting. Suggested that perhaps we do something in late August or in September.
- We should get the back parking lot resurfaced. Estimates need to be obtained.

- We should think about searching for renters to us the empty space in our building. The organization would need to be non-profit.
- There is proposal to hire a person to videotape Sunday services. Jackie has a job description. We will approach NTCA for students under the supervision of an instructor for \$25 per Sunday. We could do a hybrid of students and congregation volunteers. Our equipment is outdated so training will be needed. Motion to pursue hiring NTCA students to videotape was made by Rick Lohr; 2nd by Judy K. Motion was approved.

The next Council meeting will be August 16 at 6:05.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Busche

Financial Secretary

ILC Worship Services:

☛ The following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online 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, Bulletins and Sermons on Audio are all available right from the home page.)
- 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.)

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