

# Immanuel News

## February 2022



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**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.

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I had an opportunity to attend the Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA) Annual Meeting, Jan. 13 – 15, 2022. It was a long meeting, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. I will only refer to the sessions that were interesting.

**Paper: “One Baptism for the Remission of Sins”** The paper examined the contribution that the sacrament of baptism might play in an Eastern Orthodox eco-theology. The “one baptism for the remission of sins,” as the creed puts it, contributes to an eco-theology in ways that go beyond the remission of sins. An ecological reading emphasizes the cosmic dimensions implicit within baptism, especially when baptism is read in concert with creation narratives and connection with the role of the Spirit.

**Panel: “Diaconal Post-COVID Rescue Response.”** This panel presented a study and reflection on the ministry of the diaconate, male and female, reenergized and focused on addressing pastoral needs today. This panel examined the current needs and how the ministry of the diaconate can have a critical role in the work of Christ, as it has since the first seven deacons were ordained.

**Paper: “Deaconesses in the Orthodox Church Today: Consecrated in Africa, Considered Elsewhere.”**

The consecration of deaconesses in the Democratic Republic of Congo by the Patriarch of Alexandria in 2017 caught the attention of those supportive of, and antagonistic to, the revival of deaconess in the Orthodox Church throughout the world. Before and since these consecrations, other autocephalous Orthodox Churches have affirmed the need and prerogative to reinstitute the ordained order of deaconesses in the Orthodox Church, yet none has taken such a step.

**Panel: “Orthodoxy and Protestant Evangelicalism: Status of an Emerging Global Dialogue”**

This panel brought together theologians from both traditions to discuss current issues and developments in Orthodox-Evangelical relations and to suggest constructive ways the two very different communities can relate to each other on both the parish and academic levels.

**Paper “Russia’s Religious Geopolitics: Targeting Greece for Influence-Building for Orthodox Competition and Transatlantic Disruption”**

This paper explored Russia’s strategic conservatism as a mechanism for influence building in the Church of Greece and Mt. Athos. Russian Church-state actors’ focus on those two loci in Greece’s diverse Orthodox Ecosystem has two goals: to displace the primacy of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople as the leader of global Orthodox Christianity; and, to disrupt Greece’s ideological and strategic value for the Transatlantic Alliance. The paper interrogated two key events as emblematic of the overall post-Cold War historical trajectory of Russia’s influence building: the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, held on Crete in June 2016; and, the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s granting of the Tomos of Autocephaly in January 2019 to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

During the business meeting, the council of OTSA welcomed new members. They admitted me not as a full member but as an associate because I am not a member of the Orthodox Church. I am very excited to be part of OTSA, and I am looking forward to sharing my experience with you when an opportunity rises.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Sarras



## **ILC History Hub**

### **IMMANUEL HISTORY –**



#### **WHEN ONE PERSON WAS IN CHARGE OF THE IMMANUEL KITCHEN**

Norwegians are one ethnic group who are willing to make fun of themselves. Everyone enjoys an “Ole and Lena” story for example. Another humorous item revolves around the “church basement ladies.” Church kitchen activities were an important part of all protestant churches. Immanuel was no different. There were many gatherings in our basements through the years. It was a nice way for members to get to know each other and usually involved a bit of fundraising as well. Typically, one lady rose to the top of the leadership ladder and managed the kitchen. This was not done by an election, but somehow the ladies all recognized that one of their own was most qualified for the job. No humor was involved in the moment. That came later when people reflected on the kitchen labors that made the church hum.

Mrs. Andrew Larson (wives went by husband’s name in those days) was the manager of the kitchen for many years when the church was located on First and Franklin. Her cooking skills were readily acknowledged within the

congregation, and she was particularly adept at organizing for the food stand at the fair, a job that involved baking hundreds of pies using the church kitchen. Of course, she had many female members assisting her, but she was the one responsible. She was also famous for her Norwegian meatballs served at the annual lutefisk dinners, an event that was a good fund raiser for the congregation. Maybe someone today would be interested in her recipe of over eighty years ago. It is as follows: 1 ½ lbs. of round steak and ½ lb. of lean pork, ground together twice; 1 small onion grated; ½ tsp. of nutmeg; salt and pepper to taste; 2 level tbsp. of flour; ½ cup of milk. Add all ingredients to the meat and mix well. Form into balls and fry in ½ butter and ½ shortening until brown on both sides. Simmer for 1 hour. This will make 16-18 good sized Norwegian meat balls. This recipe was included as part of an interview with Mrs. Larson by the Wausau Record Herald about her culinary reputation. She requested that not much be said about her, a modesty that reflected the Norwegian Lutheran cultural values of the time.

Palma Lamphier took over the kitchen duties in the fifties and ran it with strict aplomb until about the early eighties. This was a time when the kitchen of the new church was used for many events, both inside the church and for groups from the outside. Palma had a hand in every meal prepared, many of which were for funerals. She and her husband, Al, also assumed the custodial duties of the building during this time. Her funeral lunches always featured a bountiful amount of red Jell-O salads. After Palma's death there were some women who hoped to take over, but the era of an acclaimed manager was over and soon many of our members and youth became familiar with the kitchen operation. Today there are fewer funeral lunches and virtually no large events that require major food preparation. The era of the importance of church basement ladies has almost disappeared.

--- Al Solomonson



**Thank You**

Bell Choir for sharing their music with us.  
Al Solomonson and Floyd Hallberg for shoveling snow.  
Maggie Westaby for leading worship services.

Bob Henning and Floyd Hallberg for recording the services.

**THANK YOU!** Dixie Burk for your inspirational card ministry. The church office receives phone calls from members about the cards they receive. It really means more than you know!

**COVID-19 Home Tests.** COVID-19 Home Tests are now available. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. You must order online at: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

**ILC March 2022 Newsletter.** The next newsletter will be the March 2022 Edition. The deadline for submissions will be February 21, 2022.

**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!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022, 10:30 am:** Adult Forum in Emmaus Room

**Sunday, February 13, 2022, 11:00 am.** Confirmation class.

**Monday, February 21, 2022, 6:00 pm: Council Meeting.**

**Sunday, February 27, 2022, 10:00 am:**

## Shrove Tuesday



**Shrove/Fat Tuesday will be on Sunday.**

Shrove Tuesday is the religious holiday for which pancake day is patterned. Throughout the Christian world, Shrove Tuesday is a day for feasting, before the 40 days fast of Lent. The name “Shrove Tuesday” comes from the custom of people making their confession, doing penance, and thus being “shriven” or absolved. The tradition of eating pancakes arose from the English custom in which all foods forbidden during Lent, such as fat and eggs, had to be used

up so they wouldn’t spoil. Thus, these ingredients were made into cakes, and the day became one of feasting and merrymaking. Mardi Gras, which literally means “Fat Tuesday”, is another form of the Shrove Tuesday holiday which proceeds Ash Wednesday.

ILC Fat Sunday will be after worship. Pancakes, Sausages, and Cookies will be provided!!! We need volunteers to cook, set up, and clean up. A freewill offering is welcome to cover the expenses. Please, check the signup sheet in the narthex.

**Sunday, February 27, 2022, 11:00 am. Confirmation class.**

**Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 1:00 pm.**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Christians all over the world will be gathering with their church communities to mark the start of this year’s journey through the wilderness and preparation for baptism.

For those of you who received the weekly bulletin or newsletter in the mail, you will receive ashes and the body of Christ in small separate bags.

**Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service.** Our church will join Grace United Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church, and the host church, First Presbyterian Church—406 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403—in observing Ash Wednesday. More information will be provided soon.

### **CHAIRS AND BOOKCASES NEEDED!**

Do you have any occasional chairs or bookcases in good condition that you are not using? Linda and the ILC children are remodeling the fish sandwich. Linda is looking for 4 to 6 colorful and comfortable occasional chairs. She will also need bookshelves. Please let Jackie in the office know what you have.

# Happy Birthday!

### **February 2022**

**Birthdays.** The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in January. Happy Birthday to all of you! Brittney Riehle (02/02), Art Dellenbach (02/05), Annabelle Kurth (02/10), Wayne Kallio (02/14), Brandon Wierzba (02/14), Jim Stolen (02/16), Franklin Lewitzke (02/18), Serenity Hulstrom (02/21), Kristen Hulstrom (02/22), Nancy Helling (02/25), Carolyn Viergutz (02/25)

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**February 2022 Anniversaries:** None

# Caring Corner

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

## Facility

**Riverview Towers, 500**  
Grand Ave., Wausau, WI  
54403

▶ **Jeff Groethe**

**Our House Memory Care**  
220 Campus Drive,  
Wausau, WI 54403

▶ **Pat Stolen, #7**

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220 Campus Drive,  
Wausau, WI 54403

▶ **Tom McDonell, #11**

**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

▶ **Grace Berg**  
Mountain Terrace Senior  
Living

3312 Terrace Court, Apt 7  
Wausau, WI 54401  
(715) 297-2846

▶ **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**  
Fairway Knoll  
N112 W17500 Mequon Rd  
Germantown, WI 53022

☞ 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. ☎

## 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	\$13,966		(\$5,323)	\$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	\$11,554	\$8,988		\$2,566	\$1,465.00	\$13,019
November	\$10,542	\$12,573		(\$2,031)	1665.9	\$12,208
December	\$19,987	\$11,717		\$8,270	798.3	\$20,786
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$164,364.72</b>	<b>\$184,390.49</b>		<b>(\$20,026)</b>	<b>\$15,252</b>	<b>\$179,616</b>

### Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – December 20, 2021

Members present: President Adam Doede, VP Maggie Westaby, Secretary Patti Busche, Financial Secretary Jane Reilly-Smith, worship Judy Kort, Properties Bob Henning, Judy Nikolai and social concerns Kathy Knox

Members absent: Treasurer Matt Munson & Stewardship Rick Lohr

An opening comment was made praising the generosity of our congregation.

Devotions on Matthew 1 vs 1-25. We are all exhausted and there is no longer time for meditation. But we find plenty of time do shopping, baking, etc. for Christmas. The Lord tells us he is going to bless us. We belong to him and not to the world. He will be with us always.

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m.by Adam Doede.

#### Church Office Report:

- Advent services went well. The Bells and Children's program was great. Thank you to all that made that happen.
- There will be a Bible study on Christian Nationalism.

- The sound system is working well and 2 wireless microphones have been purchased. We may need to purchase a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any issues should be resolved by Christmas.

Secretary's report: Reviewed minutes from the 11/15/21 meeting. Motion made to approve by Bob Henning; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Reilly-Smith. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report. Matt emailed his report and Bob read Matt's comments. Motion to approve and hold for audit made by Patti Busche & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Henning. Treasurer's report approved.

Financial Secretary report. Jane provided her report. The October grant from the Synod was put in Genesis but will be moved to the Contingency fund. Motion made by Bob Henning to approve and hold for audit; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Westaby. Financial Secretary's report approved.

Vice President -A duplicate elevator key needs to be made and put on the Head usher keys. A letter needs to be drafted on church letterhead requesting to make a duplicate key. An audit of the financial books needs to be done in spring.

President's report: Adam thanked everyone that made the Advent services and decorations possible. Reminder to call his cell if you have anything urgent.

Education – Judy wants to make in church Sunday School happen this fall.

Properties: Bob is trying to keep up with the heating system issues. Precise instructions on how to turn up and down the heat is needed to prevent issues. Malbrit has been contacted for guidance. A log of all systems and any maintenance on each is being created. There are plumbing problems in the boiler room. Some toilets throughout the building need maintenance. A long-term planning committee was suggested on what to do with the facility. Ongoing repairs should be done.

Social concerns: A large donation of food was taken to the Neighbors Place. We are collecting for Afghans through January. Mitten tree contributions will be taken

to the Neighbors Place. Community Dinner schedule came out and we are scheduled for 5 times, with the first being January 16.

Stewardship: Rick left comments for Adams to read. We received 44 out of 77 pledge cards back. Volunteer lists were provided to the committee chairs.

Worship: All set for Christmas Even and Christmas service on 12/26. Judy thanked the council for the Christmas gift.

Unfinished Business:

- Faith in Action office move – Adam will discuss the moving to Maggie’s office and the Counter’s room. We will need to line up furniture.
- LLC Formation – would be owned by a trust and not by someone on council. Could be owned by an attorney or non-member. Adam has some connections and will get more information/guidance from them.

New Business:

- Employee evaluations were held. Jackie would like an updated job description and council suggested she make her recommendations for our approval. Salary increases were approved for Jackie and Matt. Further discussion needed on Jill’s salary. Motion made by Bob Henning to approve increases and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Kort.

The next Council meeting date will be January 17 at 6:00 p.m.

The semi-annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Busche  
Secretary

## Crossways is Hiring!

Looking for a summer job that cares about you growing in faith and developing leadership skills? Crossways is looking for young adults who want to make an impact on the world through building community and relationships with campers of all ages. Camp is a fun, faith-filled, supportive place to use your gifts and talents to make a difference that will last a lifetime. Please consider sharing this opportunity with the young adults in your life. Applications are open now at <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/employment>



# ILC February Word Search

F A S T I N G O Z V E K R F O  
T M V W N G L B P C P B A G J  
I E O F E C D J N X T Y O F J  
G Z M S Y W R A V Y E U W V S  
Y X N P P R T T S L C N B E Y  
L K S S T N S D D T Q T A T L  
F V S K E A C T A M J F K C O  
C C K P R J T E H M H Q N L H  
Q A E N N X S I L X M S G Y U  
J R R X L Y N E O A N Y A F V  
Y Z C G A G N R M N O F C P M  
S S O R C T B B P D S U K U A  
K M B T O H G D V N D T Y P V  
M A S X D L H X W U G Y L R B  
I A B G H Q D O T I Z P K R F

Ash

Cross

Fasting

Holy

Lent

Repentance

Temptation

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