

# Immanuel News

## January 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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**Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2021**

*Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12.)*



## His Unfailing Presence<sup>1</sup>

Another year I enter  
Its history unknown;  
Oh, how my feet would tremble

To tread its paths alone!  
But I have heard a whisper,  
I know I shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest."  
What will the New Year bring me?  
I may not, must not know;  
Will it be love and rapture,  
Or loneliness and woe?  
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;  
I surely shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author

**Have a Blessed New Year!!!!!!**



*"Despite all of the ghastliness in the world, human beings are made for goodness. The ones that are held in high regard are not militarily powerful, nor even economically prosperous.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.learnreligions.com/prayerful-christian-new-years-poems-701098>

*They have a commitment to try and make the world a better place."* – Archbishop Desmond Tutu<sup>2</sup>

Desmond Mpilo Tutu is born in Klerksdorp, near Johannesburg on October 7, 1936. One of the world's best known advocates for peace and reconciliation, Archbishop Tutu travelled to Cyprus several times to encourage reconciliation between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities; to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories to promote a just and secure Middle East peace; to Côte d'Ivoire, where the Elders encouraged national reconciliation following the post-election violence of early 2011; to Sudan and South Sudan to highlight humanitarian needs and the importance of dialogue between political leaders; In 2014, he joined an Elders delegation to Iran, meeting President Rouhani and key Iranian figures to promote peaceful solutions to conflict and sectarian divisions in the region.

### **Anti-apartheid archbishop**

Desmond Tutu began his career as a high school teacher but turned to theology after the 1953 Bantu Education Act enforced racial segregation in all educational institutions in South Africa.

He was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1960, becoming the first black Anglican Dean of Johannesburg in 1975 and the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches four years later. An outspoken critic of the apartheid government, he insisted that racial segregation was against God's will. He soon became well-known internationally for his commitment to non-violence and support for economic sanctions against apartheid South Africa.

Desmond Tutu was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 "for his role as a unifying leader figure in the non-violent campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid in South Africa." In 1986 he was elected Archbishop of Cape Town, the highest position in the Anglican Church in South Africa. Widely regarded as

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<sup>2</sup> <https://theelders.org/profile/desmond-tutu>

'South Africa's moral conscience', he continued to speak out against the apartheid regime and organised many peaceful demonstrations with thousands marching beside him.

### **Truth and reconciliation**

In 1994, after the end of apartheid and the election of Nelson Mandela as President of South Africa, Desmond Tutu was appointed Chair of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate apartheid-era crimes. The model he established was based on truth as a foundation for forgiveness and reconciliation and became central in healing South Africa's divided society. Archbishop Tutu believes that: “without forgiveness there can be no future for a relationship between individuals or within and between nations.”

Tutu retired as Chair of the Commission in 1998 and has since shared his experience and advice with those undertaking their own truth and reconciliation processes in post-conflict societies, from Northern Ireland to the Solomon Islands.

### **Advocate for peace and justice**

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Desmond Tutu remained a passionate critic of injustice. Despite announcing his retirement from public life in 2010, he continues to stand up for those who are poor and oppressed, to raise awareness of global crises such as the AIDS pandemic and climate change, and to advance peace and reconciliation worldwide. Oct. 7, 2021 - Frail, in a wheelchair, Tutu attends his 90th birthday celebration at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town. Tutu dies in Cape Town on December 26, 2021.

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What is Epiphany? Epiphany is a church festival celebrated every January 6 that commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or, in the Eastern Church, the commemoration of the baptism of Christ.

## *Afghan Refugee Support*

**“God defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing”  
(Deuteronomy 10:18).**

The church council has voted to start a campaign to collect items to support the Afghan refugees in Wisconsin. Here is the list of items needed:

- Socks and underwear for men, women, and children in all sizes.
- New or very gently used and clean winter coats and hats for men and women, sizes small and medium. Please note: we are unable to accept any other clothing at this time. (LSS)
- Toiletries kits\*: personal items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes.
- Kitchen kits\*: pots and pans, tableware, mixing bowls, etc.
- Cleaning supplies kits\*: dish soap, laundry detergent, sponges.
- Linens kits: bath towels, sheets, blankets.

The deadline for collecting the items above is **January 31, 2022**. We will be asking for volunteers to assemble the kits. We will drop them at LSS Refugee Resettlement Office in Milwaukee, WI. If you are giving a monetary donation, please make your check payable to “Immanuel Lutheran Church” with LSS in the memo.

\*These individual kits will be securely packaged as individual kits.



## **U.S. TORNADOES**

On the night of Dec. 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Kentucky was impacted the most, with more than 70 people reported dead. Homes and businesses were destroyed, including a candle factory in Mayfield, Ky., where first responders are still searching for survivors. More

than 330,000 people are without electricity across multiple states. The full extent of the damage is expected to become clear in the coming days.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with partners in the affected areas, including the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, to respond to immediate needs. Given the initial damage assessments, recovery will likely take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany survivors until the response is complete.

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for “U.S. tornadoes” will be used entirely (100%) to assist those affected by tornadoes until the response is complete.** Together, we can support those who are on the long road to recovery. Please give today.

If you feel called to contribute to **U.S. tornadoes**, please write a check to **ILC** and write in the memo, “**U.S. tornadoes.**”



## **ILC History Hub**

### **IMMANUEL HISTORY –**



### **WHEN IMMANUEL PAID SOME PROPERTY TAXES**

Last month many members of Immanuel received property tax bills from their local municipal and town governments. It has always been the policy in the United States that religious organizations are exempt from paying taxes on their property. This exemption periodically has been questioned by some in our country. Aware of the potential unfairness of this exemption, Immanuel contributed \$250 in lieu of property taxes to the City of Wausau in the 1970s. Pastor Hoven suggested this to a council meeting in April, 1970. It was felt that the congregation gained the benefit of fire and police protection without paying

anything in return. Immanuel was the first church in Wausau to do this. This contribution was discontinued, however, sometime near the end of the decade.

--- Al Solomonson



**Thank You**

Holly and Dan Westaby for preparing the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas Eve.

Judy Kort for volunteering to play music for Advent and Christmas Eve.

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.

**ILC February 2022 Newsletter.** The next newsletter will be the February 2022 Edition. The deadline for submissions will be January 24, 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!



Dear Immanuel congregation, thank you so much for the sympathy card in the loss of our dad/grandpa/great-grandpa. It brought us to tears as we felt the love and support from our church family. We appreciate each one of you and your thoughtfulness. The poem was especially meaningful as we bought ornaments in memory of Kerry, after he passed away with either the same or a very similar poem enclosed with the ornament. God bless each of you and thank you again for your kindness.

With love,

*Joy Karnitz, Kristin Kallio & Family*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **Adult Forum in Emmaus Room at 10:30 am**

The Sin of White Supremacy Christianity, Racism, and Religious Diversity in America by Jeannine Hill Fletcher

How have Christian theologies of religious superiority underwritten ideologies of white supremacy in the United States? According to Hill Fletcher, the tendency of Christians to view themselves as the "chosen ones" has often been translated into racial categories as well. In other words, Christian supremacy has historically lent itself to white supremacy, with disastrous consequences.

How might we start to disentangle the two? Hill Fletcher proposes educational strategies that will help foster racial healing in America, the first of which is to demand of white Christians that they accept their responsibility for racist policies and structural discrimination in America.

The schedule will be as following:

1. Sunday, January 9, 2022. No Adult Forum
2. Sunday, January 23, 2022. The Symbolic Capital of New Testament Love
3. Sunday, February 6, 2022. Christian Love in a Weighted World

**Thursday, January 6, 2022, Epiphany.** We will celebrate it on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022.

**Sunday, January 16, 2022.** Community Dinner. We need volunteers.

**Monday, January 17, 2022.** Church Council Meeting

**Sunday, January 30, 2022.** Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

# Happy Birthday!

## January 2021

**Birthdays.** The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in January.

Happy Birthday to all of you! Dan Dellenbach (01/03), Jennifer Schafer (01/04), Sarah Doede (01/06), Susan Schwede (01/06), Harlan Grinde (01/09), Elaine Grinde (01/10), Connie Lewitzke (01/12), Linda Hulstrom (01/15), Marge Warner (01/22), Scott Schafer (01/25), Vern Diestelhorst (01/26), Corey Busche (01/29)

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**January 2021 Anniversaries:** Jerry & Judy Nickolai (39 years) 01/01, Bruce & Kathy Knox (46 years) 01/07, Jim & Pat Stolen (54 years) 01/20, Bob & Sue Doede (46 years) 01/24

# Caring Corner

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

## 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**

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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

▶ **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				\$0		

<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$144,377.51</b>	<b>\$172,673.75</b>		<b style="color: red;">(\$28,296)</b>	<b>\$14,453</b>	<b>\$158,831</b>
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### Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – November 15, 2021

Members present: President Adam Doede, Treasurer Matt Munson, Secretary Patti Busche, Financial Secretary Jane Reilly-Smith, worship Judy Kort, social concerns Kathy Knox, and stewardship Rick Lohr.

Members absent: VP Maggie Westaby, Education Judy Nickolai and Properties Bob Henning.

Devotions were led by Adam about a friend that recently passed away. The person was respected and looked up to but he was a humble man. He had struggles but handled them with grace and dignity. His last post was a prayer of gratitude. He was thankful for what he had and what he was spared from. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Make gratitude our baseline for what we have and what we are spared from.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Adam Doede.

#### Church Office Report:

- Synod Women’s gathering was held.

- We are collecting items for Afghan refugees such as personal and health kits, underwear and socks, winter coats & hats size small or medium, VISA or grocery store cards and kitchen items. A notice will be placed in the bulletin. Items will be delivered to LSS in Milwaukee by the office in Wausau sponsored by local churches and other organizations.
- Last confirmation class for the semester will be held this week.
- Thanksgiving service will be held at Immanuel
- The first advent service is Sunday, November 28.
- We are looking for suggested topics for Bible Study.
- Microphone – will need a new microphone at a cost of \$80. Motion made by Rick Lohr to purchase. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti.
- Maggie’s office has bad internet connection and it would cost \$200 to extend the internet. Suggestion to ask Faith in Action to move to Maggie’s office space and they could move their 2<sup>nd</sup> office to the counter’s room. Maggie and counters would move into church office. Rooms for FIA would need to be painted and we have a volunteer. Timeframe after 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Secretary’s report: Reviewed minutes from the 10/18/21 meeting. Motion made to approve by Rick Lohr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Munson. Minutes approved.

Forming LLC – Mark Munson joined the meeting and discussion was held about forming LLC so that we could rent out unused space in the building. Further discussion needed.

Treasurer report. Matt provided his report. Motion to approve and hold for audit made by Patti Busche & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Lohr. Treasurer’s report approved.

Financial Secretary report. Patti provided for Jane. Discussion held about creating a separate Contingency Fund and funds received from the East Central Synod would be placed in this category. Counter’s sheets will need to be updated. Motion made by Judy Kort to approve and hold for audit; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Munson. Financial Secretary’s report approved.

Vice President report - no report.

President's report: Adam reported that work is currently extremely busy for him. If you have an urgent issue for him to attend to, please text or call him.

Education – Teaching confirmation class which will resume after the first of the year. Making Sunday School kits for the Christmas Program.

Properties:

- Plowing was not done well Sunday. We need to make the expectations clearer.
- Ceiling tiles were replaced in the choir room
- Gas smell was noticed at church so WPS was contacted. CO2 level reviewed. Need to purchase additional CO2 detectors.

Social concerns: Community dinner was held with excess food that was distributed to needy. The Mitten tree has been put up.

Stewardship: 35 pledges received so far. Will provide list of volunteers from time and talent sheets to give to each committee chair. Will be sending out pledge reminders in 10 days.

Worship:

- Thanksgiving Eve service will be on 11/24 here at Immanuel. Will put out box of masks and urge all to wear for that service. Pie social will be held. Will have carryout boxes available.
- There will be no Wednesday night Advent services.
- Judy asked about remembering members who are alone for Thanksgiving. Will put notice in bulletin to call office if you would like to invite one of these members to your meal.

## Unfinished Business:

- LLC formation – table until more direction.

## New Business:

- Discussed custodian hours and payment. Agreed no changes need to current setup.
- Contingency fund discussed for extraordinary circumstances. Rick Lohr made a motion to set up a contingency fund to be used as needed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Kort.
- Discussed when to have future council meetings. While a day could not be identified when all would be available, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month worked for most.

The next Council meeting date will be December 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Kort and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Reilly-Smith. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

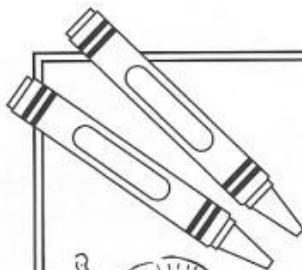
Patti Busche  
Secretary

**Next Council Meeting will be January 17, 2022 at 6pm.**

**The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is January 30, 2022**

### **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.



# Just for **KIDS**

## Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.  
Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam. 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 14:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_

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Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_



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

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

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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.***

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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