



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL 2025

Dear Fellow Disciples of Christ:

Here we are into April and the Lenten Season. I hope you enjoy going to the other church's Lenten services and making new friends. I have been to two so far. My hope is to make the round twice, so I get a better understanding of their culture. Here is another story from "Bits & Pieces" I want to share with you as to why I am doing what I am. The title is "Rush to Judgment".

In a Welsh folktale, a prince named Llywelyn the Great had a dog named Gelert. He also had a small baby.

One day he went out hunting and left Gelert to guard the child in his cradle. When he returned at the end of his hunt, he found the cradle overturned, the baby missing, and Gelert with blood all over his mouth.

Enraged, the prince took out his sword. He thought Gelert had killed his child, so he stabbed the dog over and over again until it too was dead.

Then he heard his child crying.

After a quick search Llywelyn found the baby under a bush, and he also found a wolf, dead. He realized that Gelert had not killed the child but defended him against the attack of the wolf, only to lose his own life because of the prince's rush to judgment,

Heartbroken, the prince buried Gelert in a hero's ceremony, but according to the legend he heard Gelert's dying yelp for the rest of his life.

Remember not to jump to conclusions until you have all the facts.

Over the next few months there will be a lot of rumors floating around as we continue our journey of merging and selling our building and grounds. Please stay informed and attend the informational meetings and any called congregational meetings, your input is important and respected. Also please read and look through the materials sent out from the church office.

HAPPY EASTER, TO EVERYONE AND REMEMBER THE NEW BEGINNINGS IT PROMISES!!!

***Yours in Christ,
Bob Henning, President***



**Immanuel Lutheran Church, 630 Adams Street,
Wausau, WI 54403**

- **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025** – Service at 10:30am.

**St. John Lutheran Church, 5304 44th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401**

- **Lenten Dinners at 5pm** (Every Wednesday in Lent – excluding Holy Week) March 5, 2025 – April 9, 2025
- **Lenten Services at 6:30pm** (Starting with Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025 – April 9, 2025)
- **Holy Week**
 - **Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:30pm** – Maundy Thursday Service
 - **Friday, April 18, 2025, at 6:30pm** – Good Friday Service
- **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025** – Services at 8am and 10:30am, breakfast at 9:00 am.

Mark Your Calendars!

AARP Volunteer Tax Aide Program. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation & the IRS sponsor the Tax-Aide program. IRS tax law-certified volunteers will prepare federal, Wisconsin, & Homestead Credit tax returns. The free service is open to anyone, with special consideration given to individuals w/low & moderate income & those aged 50 & over. If you live in Marathon County, please call (715) 298-5734 starting January 21, 2025, for additional information.

Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black

cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

The Men's Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

Happy Birthday!

The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in April! Joan Winterhoff (04/20), Thelma Bursik (04/10), Donny Busche (04/14), Stephen Weir (03/10), Nicki Busche (04/23), Phil Wanta (04/23), Patti Busche (04/25), Margy Mayer (04/25), Michael Schwede (04/29), Ruth Struck (04/30)

Happy Anniversary!

- Neil & Mary Munson (4/15)

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com



Thank you for your regular offerings. Donations support our regular ministry and mission. This makes a difference in the lives of many who are touched by our ministry every day. Your gifts also are an expression of your faith and an offering of thanksgiving to God.

There are several ways to make a gift:

- ✓ Mail a check to 630 Adams St. Wausau, WI 54403.
- ✓ Place your offering in the offering plate before worship service.
- ✓ You can leave your offering in the safe box at the entry door of the church parking lot.
- ✓ Use your bank's online bill pay service to send a contribution - this is usually free, and you don't need to pay for postage.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
2024 Income vs Expenses**

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposit
January	\$7,898	\$10,567		(\$2,668.97)	\$20.00	\$7,918.00
February	\$9,575	\$8,060		\$1,515.29	\$65	\$9,640.00
March				\$0.00		\$0.00
April				\$0.00		\$0.00
May				\$0.00		\$0.00
June				\$0.00		\$0.00
July				\$0.00		\$0.00
August				\$0.00		\$0.00
September				\$0.00		\$0.00
October				\$0.00		\$0.00
November				\$0.00		\$0.00
December				\$0.00		\$0.00
Totals	\$17,473.00	\$18,626.68		(\$1,153.68)	\$85.00	\$17,558.00

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting

ILC Church Council Meeting Minutes for January 2025, February 2025, and March 2025 will be available in a future issue of the ILC Newsletter.

Serving us in April 2025

April 2025 Worship Servers					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	WORSHIP LEADER
4/6/2025	Delores Kessel	Al Solomonson	Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Deacon Everett Schmidt
4/13/2025	Delores Kessel	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
4/20/2025	Karen Zuidema	Doug Helling	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
4/27/2025	Karen Zuidema	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko					

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

Facility

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

▶ **Jeff Groethe**

**Forest Park Village,
2901 N. 7th
Street#W503
Wausau, WI
(715) 675-3986**

▶ **Joan Bonstead**

**Rennes Health &
Rehab Center -
Weston**

▶ **Mrs. Mary Anne
Klinker**
4602 Barbican Ave,
#112
Weston, WI 54476
(715) 573-0715

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

**Mt. View Care Center
of Wausau, 2400
Marshall Street,
Wausau, WI 54403
715-848-4300**
**Judy Blanchfield,
#4007**

**Primrose Retirement
Community**
2100 Townline Rd,
Wausau, WI 54403:
▶ **Thelma Bursik, Apt
#101**
(715) 297-1785
▶ **Faye Schwarm Apt
#133**
(715) 842-7553

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

▶ **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. ☎

40 Days 40 Items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to “give up” something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to “take on” something new.

You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items in our community for many organizations. You will make a profound impact on your community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Please consider contributing the following shelf stable food to your local food bank, clothing or hygiene items to those that need it. You can bring these items to church and place them in the appropriate donation location, and we will sort and distribute at the end. Items collected will then be distributed amongst Neighbors Place, The Marty Bus, Women’s Community and Community Clothing Closet.

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| 1. Peanut Butter | 2. Socks |
| 3. Canned Meal with Pop Tops | 4. Canned Chicken/Tuna |
| 5. Pasta | 6. Spaghetti Sauce |
| 7. Cereal | 8. T-Shirts |
| 9. Canned Vegetables | 10. Canned Fruit |
| 11. Oatmeal | 12. Applesauce |
| 13. Pants | 14. Spices/Sauces |
| 15. Jelly | 16. Juice/Juice Boxes |
| 17. Flour, Sugar or Oil | 18. Sweatshirts |
| 19. Side Dishes | 20. Soup |
| 21. Popcorn/ Snacks | 22. Hamburger Helper |
| 23. New Tarps | 24. Baked Beans |
| 25. Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Pop Tarts | 26. Water |
| 27. Laundry Soap | 28. Toilet Paper |
| 29. New Underwear/Boxers | 30. Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| 31. Microwave Meals | 32. Crackers [i.e. Saltine or “Ritz”] |
| 33. Cake Mix with Frosting | 34. Walking Shoes without holes |

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| 35. Individual Drink Mixes ex. Propel | 36. Tooth brush/Toothpaste |
| 37. Paper Towel | 38. Bath Soap |
| 39. Shampoo/Conditioner | 40. Deodorant |

Please bring your donations to any of the four church locations listed below:
St. Stephens, Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

If you have questions feel free to reach out to Shauna Robinson, 608-514-4504,
nutband@gmail.com