



Immanuel News

MAY 2025

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you
may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans (NRSVUE)



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 MAY 2025

Welcome to May. Now that we have approved the sale of the building and grounds it is time to move on to the merger question while the bill of sale is being finalized. I hope you all do visit each of the three churches we are looking at. May 4, St Andrew in Village of Rib Mountain. May 11, St John's Town of Main. May 18, First English in Wausau. Also, I hope many of you did go to Lenten services at any of these three churches. I enjoyed all my visits and look forward to working with all of them as we try to find the right fit.

The story I have for you from "Bits & Pieces" is entitled "The Heaviest Burden".

One day a teacher gave her class an assignment: she told each child in the class to bring a bag of potatoes to school on Monday morning. She said that each potato should be given the name of a person the child hates. The more people the child hates, the more potatoes in his or her bag.

On Monday each child brought in a bag. Some bags had just one or two potatoes; other bags were almost full, and very heavy.

The teacher then told her students they had to carry their bags with them everywhere, even to the bathroom, for a full week.

The days passed slowly, but the students obeyed the teacher's instructions. After a while, though, they started to complain: the bags were heavy and awkward to carry, the potatoes were starting to stink, other students were making fun of them, they couldn't run or play with their friends because they had to carry their sacks everywhere.

Some of the children also complained that they were carrying bigger sacks than others. It wasn't fair that they have a heavier burden, they told the teacher. But she remained firm, and the class followed her instructions for the whole week.

Finally Friday came, and the teacher said they could put down their sacks and throw their potatoes away. Everyone eagerly disposed of their burdensome bags with relief and began to relax again.

Then the teacher asked: "How did you feel about carrying those potatoes with you all week?"

The students let all their frustrations out, once again complaining about the difficulties of lugging their sacks everywhere and putting up with the lingering smell that grew worse every day and followed them wherever they went.

The teacher finally told them the meaning behind the assignment: "This is what happens when you carry hate for another person in your heart. You carry it everywhere, and it weighs you down with every step you take, and the stench grows worse every day until you can barely stand it. The more hatred you carry,

the heavier your burden. But in the end, you can choose to set it down and be free. What will you choose?"

To me this is what Easter is all about and the entire church year. Christ died on the cross with no hate, but forgiveness and love for us, you and me. He said, pass your burdens unto me and let me carry them for you for my load is light and I love you. If your burden is heavy, set it down and share it with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Mark Your Calendars for these dates in May 2025:

The members of Immanuel Lutheran Church will be attending worship services at the following churches on the dates indicated in May 2025:

- **Sunday, May 4, 2025.** Worship service starts at 9:00am at **Saint Andrew Lutheran Church**. The address is 150202 County Rd. NN, Wausau, WI 54401
- **Sunday May 11, 2025.** Worship service starts at 9:00am at **St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**. The address is 5304 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401
- **Sunday, May 18, 2025.** Worship service starts at 9:00am at **First English Lutheran Church**. The address is 402 N 3rd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Remember, there will be NO services at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the three weeks listed above.

Offerings will continue during May despite no church services being held for the first three Sundays in May. 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 during this time:

- ✓ Mail a check to 630 Adams St. Wausau, WI 54403..
- ✓ 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.

I will be adding bulletins and newsletters for the above churches on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Narthex.

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 May! Vonnie Solomonson, (05/01), Floyd Hallberg (05/11), Reuben Roehl (05/15), Emily Kallio (05/20), Grace Kallio (05/20), Arzelee Drown (05/21), Mollie Munson, (05/24), Mueller, Sheri (05/29), Schmidt, Austin (05/29)

Happy Anniversary!

- Scobell, Lisa and Pat (05/24)

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

Upcoming Holidays:

Mother's Day Sunday, May 11, 2024

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025 (Office Closed)

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
2025 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	\$8,530	\$6,778		\$1,751.91	\$80.00	\$8,610.23
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	\$26,003.23	\$25,405.00		\$598.23	\$165.00	\$26,168.23

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting - March 23, 2025

Members Present: President - Bob Henning, Treasurer - Matt Munson, Stewardship - Rick Lohr, Secretary - Karen Spoehr, Financial Secretary - Patti Busche, Social Concerns - Kathy Knox, Properties – Bob Doede and Education – Pattie Bricko.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Secretary Report: no minutes available to review. Patti handed out notes from the 3/20/25 meeting with River City Church. Paper copies to be given to Len and Jeremy at coffee hour today as well as emailed to Daniel tomorrow.

Treasurer Report: Reports handed out. February showed a gain of \$1515 and a total loss year to date of \$1154. Patti Busche made the motion to accept and hold for audit, 2nd by Pattie Bricko. Motion passed. Also discussed the amount that Kathy Robinson should be reimbursed for mileage. She had been providing 1/2 of her mileage but thought we should be paying full mileage. Prior council discussion indicated we approved 100%. Karen made a motion that we pay full mileage back to 9/1/2024 and continue paying as long as Kathy is our worship leader. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Report was handed out. No questions. Motion to accept and hold for audit was made by Matt and seconded by Rick. Motion passed.

President's Report:

- Bob Doede will join council as Properties chair and Pattie Bricko will join as Education chair. Rick made a motion to accept Bob and Pattie as new council members. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.
- Discussed congregational meeting scheduled for 3/30/25. We will not be ready to vote on the sale of the building but will use it for updating the congregation.
- Update on attorney – we are waiting for Ruder Ware response on the bill of sale. They will be our attorney for the legal items we need handled.
- Updating congregation – it was suggested that we keep the congregation informed via paper mail. The mailing should include the notes from the 3/20/25 meeting, the letter we are expecting this week from Daniel Tyler and a summary of where we currently stand.
- Another congregational meeting will be scheduled for 4/27 at which time we hope to be ready to vote on the sale.
- Merger: Pastor Dara wants to meet with St. Andrew's first. They are working on completing the 25 questions form. First English – waiting to get a meeting scheduled with them.

Next council meeting – Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:00.

Motion to adjourn, made by Rick and 2nd by Patti. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Busche – Financial Secretary.

Serving us in May 2025

May 2025 Worship Servers					
Worship Leader					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	WORSHIP LEADER
5/4/2025					
5/11/2025					
5/18/2025					
5/25/2025	Karen Zuidema	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko					



Calling All Memories!

Share Your Immanuel Moments This Summer

As we move into the slower, sun-soaked days of summer, I would love to fill our June, July, and August newsletters with stories that celebrate the heart of our church—*you*, the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Do you have a special memory from your time here at Immanuel? A baptism, confirmation, wedding, potluck, Christmas program, or a simple moment that touched your heart? I would love to share these meaningful stories in our upcoming summer newsletters. Whether your memory is joyful, funny, heartfelt, or faith-filled, it's a part of our shared history—and we want to celebrate it together.

Please drop off or email your stories to the church office by the 20th of each month for the following newsletter edition.

Let's fill these pages with the stories of our journey together..

Blessings,
Jackie Loos

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

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☞ 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. ☎

WMC (Wausau Marathon County) Shelter

The new WMC (Wausau Marathon County) shelter is slated to begin services on May 1st. There was enough interest in serving this population that in cooperation with St Stephen members and Good Shepherd members, The Good Steward group will be hosting guests at the new shelter site - First United Methodist church - from 6 to 9pm on Monday May 19th. We will assist guests coming in to change clothes, store personal belongings, ***provide a meal*** and settle in for the night. The meal will need to be prepared elsewhere and come ready to serve in crockpots, nesco or packaged in aluminum disposable pans. Breakfast will be provided by the shelter.

So again, the details are:

Monday May 19, 2025, from 6-9PM

First United Methodist Church

Meal prepared elsewhere or ready to serve.

That's it! And we have committed to every 3rd Monday of the month until the end of the year 2025. We have folks who can't do all of them and that's OK! If we have enough interest we can look at taking on another Monday as well.

Please contact Shauna at (608) 514-4504.

Celebrating 65 Glorious Years!

Wausau Pro Musica

proudly presents

The Journey



Karen Zuidema, Artistic Director
Amy Yanzer, Accompanist

First Presbyterian Church
406 Grant Street, Wausau
Friday, May 9, 2025 7:00pm
Saturday, May 10, 2025 3:00pm

In lieu of tickets, a free will donation would be greatly appreciated.

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