

Immanuel News

NOVEMBER 2024



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 desk of our President Bob Henning

Dear Fellow Disciples of Christ,

Well, here we are entering November and getting ready for hunting season and Thanksgiving. I wish for those who hunt a safe and productive experience. I wish for all a very happy Thanksgiving.

As I was growing up this was always a special time of the year for me. A time to see family I hadn't seen in months. To gather around the table and share a meal with friends and family while giving thanks for the many blessings the Lord passed our way during the year and every day from sunrise to sunset. Once I got married and gained a new family, we use to rotate each year's Thanksgiving between the in-laws which meant we got to spend 3 to 4 days with each side of the family to catch up with events and blessings from the last visit. Now we still come together with gratitude and Thanksgiving by sharing a

meal, maybe a football game and great conversations always remembering what God has done for us.

In the book, “More of ... The Best of Bits & Pieces” I found this definition for gratitude:

Gratitude is something of which none of us give too much. For on the smiles, the thanks we give, our little gestures of appreciation, our neighbors build up their philosophy of life.

As we move forward this coming year let us move forward with gratitude and Thanksgiving for all the new friends and family we will be meeting. Let the Lord, who is with us always, lead us into these new relationships.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Henning, President



As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, November invites us into a season of gratitude and reflection. In a world filled with so many distractions, it's easy to overlook the blessings around us. Yet, God gently reminds us to turn our hearts toward Him in thanksgiving. Psalm 107:1 says, “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for

his steadfast love endures forever” (NRSV). This simple truth brings comfort in every season: God’s love is constant, and unwavering, and reaches us wherever we are. When we pause to give thanks, even for the small things—a warm home, a shared meal, a kind word—we recognize God's presence woven into each moment. Let’s carry this spirit of gratitude, trusting that in every high and low, God’s love surrounds us, filling our lives with hope and peace.



Thank you to all of our faithful stewards for handing in their Estimate of Giving Card and and charitable volunteer service survey. For those who haven't handed their's in yet, there is still time. Please return the card to the church in person, by mail, or text or email a photo of the card to 715-846-3536 - lohrfore@gmail.com.

Immanuel: Open for Business...(God's Business)

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.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, November 3, 2024. Daylight savings ends. Don't forget to change your clocks.



Sunday, November 3, 2024, All Saints Sunday Service. We will be lighting candles in remembrance.

	D.O.B.	D.O.D.
Charissa Ann (Helling) Woods	February 18, 1980	January 24, 2024
Dale Howard	July 16, 1932	March 26, 2024
JoAnne Cerny	June 29, 1931	April 14, 2024
Joan Bergeth	March 8, 1931	May 28, 2024
Grace Berg	July 7, 1937	June 23, 2024
Kenneth Strasser	December 24, 1931	July 21, 2024
Esther Osterby	September 18, 1926	August 7, 2024
Mike Mayer	June 23, 1945	September 13, 2024
Carol J. Hazen	December 8, 1934	September 13, 2024
Todd A. Kurth	July 12, 1962	September 26, 2024

★Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11, 2024. We would like to recognize and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of the men and women of ILC who have served in the armed forces.

- Joan Winterhoff, US Navy Nurse, Vietnam Era
- Harlan D. Grinde, USAF Pilot, 1956-1959; Naval Reserve Intelligence, 1968-1992
- Kathy Knox, US Army 1973 – 1992
- Glenn Rusch, U.S. Army, 1956-1958
- Frank Lewitzke, U.S. Marine Corp, 1951-1954
- Reuben Roehl, US Air Force, Feb 1943-Jan 1946
- Vern Diestelhorst, U.S. Navy, 1965-1969, Two deployments to Vietnam
- Bruce Knox, US Army 1973 – 1976

- Dan Westaby, U.S. Marine Corp, 1976-1980
- Floyd Hallberg, U.S. Naval Reserve, 1955-1957

It is that time of year! Time to start thinking about Christmas, and that means it's time for Poinsettias! Let's beautify our church for the holiday season. The order form is on the Narthex entry table. There are three choices: Red, Red Glitter and White. 4" pot is \$7 and 6" pot is \$11. Orders must be placed by **Sunday, November 10, 2024.**

Improve Your Balance: Prevent Falls Resource Fair

Join us on November 13, 2024, between 9:00 AM -11:30 AM at Lake View Conference Center (1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI Enter in Door 31, Use Parking Lot E or F) for an opportunity to visit with local community organizations on ways to better your balance and prevent falls. Learn more about strength and balance exercises, tips for making your home safer, assistive devices, medication and fall risk and what resources are available to keep you safe at home. Call 888-486-9545 for more information. Event is FREE! No advance registration required.

Thursday, November 28, 2024. Thanksgiving Day.

December 8, 2024, 9am: Christmas Cantata, Love at St Stephen Lutheran Church, 512 McClellan St., Wausau, WI 54403. Our own Joanne Diestelhorst will be participating.

Blue Christmas Service, Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. A prayerfully cultivated service for those who have lost loved ones, for those who find the holidays to be a lonely time and for those who would like to spend more time in prayer. This service will have candle lighting, music, prayers, and a sermon. All are welcome. Here is the address: St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,



5304 N 44th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401.

December 15, 2024, 9am: Christmas Cantata, Love at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Ave, Wausau, WI 54403. Our own Joanne Diestelhorst will be participating.



Greater Wausau Christian Services is seeking volunteers to assist the Chaplain of their elderly care to serve the area assisted living, nursing and memory care facilities with the spiritual needs. If you have a heart for people in care residences like this and would like to learn more about what you can do, please call Chaplain Russell Kampfer at (715) 491-6894. He will share with you the many opportunities available and offer one-on-one training.

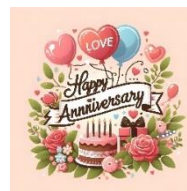
The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

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.



November 8 Roger Neiter
November 15 Lori Schwede
November 26 Dixie Burk
November 26 Gary Busche

A very Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating in November!



November 1 John and Dixie Burk (43 years)
November 2 Thomas and Sherri Mueller (38 years)
November 9 Doug and Wendy Christopherson (54 years)

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

Serving us in November 2024

November 2024					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
11/3/2024	Delores K.	Sue Schwede	Bruce Knox	BH	
11/10/2024	Karen Z.	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	BH	
11/17/2024	Delores K.	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	BH	
11/24/2024	Karen Z.	Doug Helling	Dan Westaby	BH	

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Diestelhorst, Pattie Bricko & Holly Westaby

Kathy Robinson and Bob Henning are here for the month of November.

Immanuel Lutheran Church 2024 Income vs Expenses

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposit
January	\$12,713	\$12,602		\$110.78	\$76.54	\$12,789.54
February	\$10,764	\$8,031		\$2,733.44	\$605	\$11,369.33
March	\$10,814	\$6,426		\$4,388.38	\$132.00	\$10,946.00
April	\$12,965	\$7,730		\$5,234.71	\$1,556.00	\$14,521.00
May	\$8,092	\$8,168		(\$76.17)	\$97.00	\$8,189.00
June	\$11,171	\$4,075		\$7,096.50	\$194.00	\$11,365.00
July	\$11,303	\$5,946		\$5,357.06	\$1,424.00	\$12,727.00
August	\$9,743	\$8,720		\$1,022.84	\$43.00	\$9,786.00
September	\$16,968	\$3,398		\$13,569.37	\$856.00	\$17,823.61
October				\$0.00		\$0.00
November				\$0.00		\$0.00
December				\$0.00		\$0.00

Totals \$104,532.94 \$65,096.03 \$39,436.91 \$4,983.54 \$109,516.48

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ILC Church Council Meeting Minutes will be included in an upcoming newsletter.

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**

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

▶ **Joan Bonstead**

Home

▶ **Mrs. Leora Mitchell**
228402 Lanner Ave
Wausau WI 54403
(715) 845-8373

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**
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(715) 842-7553

Home

▶ **Ann Kurth**
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