

Immanuel Image



October 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

Mark 9:30-37 Can the outsider be the insider?

Identifying an insider and outsider in the United States is a pressing problem. Certain groups are considered outsiders by another group who enjoys privileges and power. The outsider usually speaks with an accent, has a different color, race, culture and religion. Outsider might be a less educated person. There's a big gap between these two groups. We find this a problem in our church, home, and schools. Can the outsider be the insider?

Jesus and his disciples lived in an era where classism was deeply rooted in their culture and the Roman social structure. Social class in ancient Rome was hierarchical. Roman society was divided into the upper class and lower class. There was no middle class and little opportunity for

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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.

Pastor's Hours

Pastor Niveen is in her church office Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm. She is available to see people during the following days and times at ILC. If the following times are not convenient for you, please email Pastor Niveen or call the church office to set up a time.

Mon. 1:30-3pm | Tues. 10:30-11am | Wed. Visiting Homebound Parishioners | Thurs. 1:30-2pm | Fri. Sermon Day | Sat. Pastor Sabbath



✚ **Noisy Offering** - Save all your change for the first Sunday of each month. Social Concerns uses the money to help feed the needy in our area. If you have questions, please contact Marge Warner.

✚ **Holy Communion** is celebrated the first and third Sunday of each month. Please remember to sign the Friendship/Attendance pad that is in each pew when you are taking communion. This information is entered into the office computer.



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improving one's lot. The disciples were arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. They thought that they were the greatest among men. It seems that the disciples were trying to distinguish between insiders and outsiders in their community.

It was normal to have this discussion in the first century C.E.

Jesus turns his disciples' attention to the actual greatest. He talks about servanthood. Jesus goes further in his explanation by saying "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (v. 37). The child is a good example of one who would be regarded "last of all" within the social structure in the ancient world. Jesus invites his disciples to welcome the most vulnerable person in society. To welcome a powerless child is to welcome not only Jesus but also God the Father. In our context, a child represents the poor who depend on the government for their survival or could be people who are struggling with PTSD, HIV, mentally ill, addicts, or rebellious teens, and prisoners. These people are vulnerable, and Jesus asks us to welcome them in his name.

Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the one who appears to be outside may be an insider. "Furthermore, those who are confident of their status as insiders may put themselves outside by their treatment of weak believers or by self-indulgent behavior." Jesus turns our attention to true humility and true discipleship.



*Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras*

Immanuel's Endowment Committee

is accepting grant requests through October 31, 2018. The Endowment Committee oversees the ILC Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is a permanent invested fund, and a portion of the earnings on the Fund each year may be distributed "for religious purposes which enhance congregational life at Immanuel". The Fund may not be used for normal operating expenses. Preliminary indications are that we may have a total of about \$4,400 available to distribute this year. Grant requests are evaluated and awarded at the discretion of the Endowment Committee. Grant request forms are available in the church office. For further information you may call Bob Reinertson at (715) 551-6231.



Community Dinner will be served at First Presbyterian Church by ILC on Sunday, October 28th. Volunteers are always needed. We also need desserts and salads.

Watch for signup sheets of how you can help.



157 pounds of food was delivered to the Neighbor's Place on behalf of the generous members of ILC on 9/10/18.

**Article Deadline for
November Newsletter:
Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018**

Healing Service of the Nations

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Because of the continuing need for prayers of healing at home and around the world, ILC will have a special Service of Prayer for Healing of the Nations on Sunday, 10/14/18 at 9am. Our choir will join us.

We will place in front of the altar a tree that represents the tree of life and its leaves are for the healing of the nations in Revelation 22:2. A globe on a stand will be on the center of the floor, which will serve as the focus of the service. We will intercede on behalf of all the nations.

Worshippers are invited to come forward for personal prayer and for the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil by worship leaders in the front of the sanctuary. Worshippers are also given the option to remain alone in prayer. Invite your friends and family.



ILC Meetings

**Executive
Committee Meeting
– 6pm
Council Meeting –
6:35pm**

October 16, 2018

Reformation Sunday is on October 28, 2018. We will have communion.



Please wear red.

Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

Applications for the program open on **December 1**, and are due Feb. 15 each year, for service beginning that same August.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Young-Adults-in-Global-Mission>

Announcing Our New Church Website!

We are excited to announce the upcoming release of our new church website! Here visitors, as well as church members, will be able to find Pastor's sermons, bulletins, newsletters, information about our ministries, listen to recent sermons and stay up to date with current church events.

This new site is a great first step to grow our church's online presence. More and more people in our community are online and we look forward to making connections with those around us so that we might reach them with the gospel. Look forward to more details in the months ahead.

If you have something that you would like to be included in the new website, please contact Jackie.



Happy Birthday

Anniversary Wishes to the Special Couples

The following couples are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

ILC will again be collecting your 2019 calendars for the nursing homes. You may drop them off in the church office.

OCTOBER

- 2 Anna Tessmer
- 3 Norm Winterhoff
- 4 Margaret Johnson
- 4 Missy Reilly
- 5 Lisa Bergeth
- 8 Jordan Nickolai
- 9 Lilly Bong
- 9 Joanne Diestelhorst
- 9 Kristin Sibell
- 11 Jeanette Petterson
- 13 Wendy Christopherson
- 14 Judy Kort
- 17 Lory Krueger
- 23 Joyce Lohrey
- 23 Dwala Smail
- 30 Bob Doede
- 31 Sue Doede
- 31 Layne Heffner

October

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| 1 | Gary & Patti Busche | 36 years |
| 6 | Chris & Megan Bickford | 11 years |
| 7 | Mike & Jamie Rice-Heckendorf | 12 years |
| 21 | Scott & Barb Wipfli | 40 years |
| 28 | Mike & Margy Mayer | 45 years |



TV Worship Services
Charter Cable Channel 980
5:45 pm Tuesday & 9:15 am Thursday or online:
Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com
▶ (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran)

Music is an Outburst of the Soul

Choir practice has started. We will be singing and practicing the 3rd Sunday of each month. Practice is at 8:15am and 10:30am. COME AND JOIN the fun!

Starting this month, October, we will be practicing and sing for the worship service every first and third Sunday of the month.

We sing, we laugh, we praise the Lord and Enjoy each other's fellowship! All are welcome!

If you have questions, contact Kay Pope at 715-297-5577



Would you like to honor a loved one with flowers on the altar?



- ❖ If you are signed up for flowers, please call or email the church with your message for the bulletin by Tuesday at 3:00 pm.
- ❖ Remember to remind the florist, we are open Thursday 9am-3pm for delivery.
- ❖ When taking flowers home after the Sunday service, please don't throw away the little vase the flowers come in. Bring it back to the church office or set it outside the Sacristy on the table.

RINGING FOR CHRIST

Immanuel Bell Choir practice is Tuesdays at 5:30pm-6:30pm.

We would love to have new members.


We invite anyone interested to come and check us out on Tuesday evenings 5:30 - 6:30. Any questions, contact Joanne Diestelhorst at 715-573-7379



The Men's Discussion Group meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30 A.M. in the Koinonia. We socialize a bit with coffee and donuts after which we watch a short video pertinent to Christian history or issues. We then discuss the issues presented in the video. This year the topic will be "Great Figures in the New Testament." The session usually ends at 8:30 or a little after. We typically have seven in attendance. Two are non members. We welcome additions to our group.



Caring Corner

Psalm 71:9 "Do not cast me off in the time of old"  Here are our church friends who are not able to come to church as often as they would like, but would love to hear from you or receive cards in the mail.

Please call the church office if someone should be added to list. 

Facility

Bell Tower Residence

1500 O'Day St
Merrill, WI 54452

▶ **Barb Peterson**, Rm 209

Colonial Manor

1010 E. Wausau Ave, Wausau, WI
54403

▶ **Norm Winterhoff**

Island Place Apartments

400 River Dr.,
Wausau, WI 54403

▶ **Joan Lind**, Apt. #123

Primrose Retirement Community

2100 Townline Rd, Wausau, WI
54403

▶ **Thelma Bursik**, Apt #101

Riverview Terrace

540 E. Thomas St.
Wausau, WI 54401

▶ **Joyce Lohrey**, #207

Primrose Memory Care

7704 Franciscan Way
Weston, WI 54467

▶ **Carol Hettinga**, Rm 8

The Garden Apartments

801 Parcher St
Wausau, WI 54403

▶ **Delores Riege**, G105

▶ **Betty Jane Kettunen**
G103

Home

Glen & Carolyn Viergutz

N114 W17117 Cove Ct
Germantown, WI 53022

Joyce Strasser

1002 Dunbar Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Pat Stricker

1403 Stark Street
Wausau, WI 54403

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Wausau, WI 54401

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1805 Mathie Street
Wausau, WI 54403

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314 S. 13th Street
Wausau, WI 54403

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

▶ Sign up to receive...

ELCA Hunger Information

<http://www.elca.org/hunger>

ELCA Advocacy Alerts

<http://www.elca.org/advocacy>

LOPPW – Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin

<http://www.loppw.org/about-us/current-priorities/>

Faith in Action of Marathon County, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides supportive services, at **NO CHARGE**, to Marathon County seniors (60 and over), regardless of income, religious belief, or ethnic background. Interested in volunteering? Please call 715.848.8783



Coffee Fellowship. There are many open dates for fall and winter. We have an immediate opening for October 2, 2018.



COUNCIL MINUTES ~ August 13, 2018

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Present: President: Bob Henning, Treasurer: Phyllis Hustedt, & Matt Munson, Secretary: Linda Hulstrom, Financial Secretary: Patti Busche, Education: Judy Nickolai, Evangelism, Judi McGill, Property; Jerry Nickolai, Social Concerns; Marge Warner, Worship; Judy Kort, and Pastor Niveen

Absent: V. President: Jamie Rice Heckendorf

1. Devotions: Bob Henning

2. Call the meeting to order; President Bob Henning

3. Church officers' reports:

a. Secretary; Linda presented June Minutes, Motion by Phyllis, 2nd by Patti, Motion passed.

b. Treasurer: Phyllis presented Budget report, Current Position and Designated Funds for June. Motion to move and hold for Audit, plus add Income vs Expenses 2017 and 2018 report to date to the Newsletter, by Marge 2nd by Jerry, Motion passed.

c. Financial Secretary; Patti gave Report, Motion to move and hold for Audit by Judi, 2nd by Marge, Motion passed.

d. Vice President and President, no reports.

4. Committee Reports: Stewardship and Youth, no reports.

a. Education; Judy N noted Rally Day is September 16 and Sunday school will be every other Sunday. VBS for August 21-23 from 5-7:30 pm at First United Methodist. Dinner will be at 5 - 5:30 pm and families are invited. There will be a free will offering. Judy is looking for help with Sunday school.

b. Evangelism: Adding a note to Newsletter; if you or a family member wants Pastor to call on you, please call her. Also, a reminder for all to sign Communion book in pews. Judi M is having a hard time finding a way to put a member list together.

c. Social Concerns: Marge stated, at August 5th Community Dinner we served 97 people and had 14 helpers. "Tower of Love" for monthly donations to the Neighbors Place went well. July delivery was 62 pounds of Cereal and Breakfast food like pancake mix, syrup, boxes of Bars. August will be canned Meats or

protein of any kind. September will be healthy snacks and condiments. 20 shirts were given out to volunteers and there's a signup sheet for purchasing more. A Motion was made to skip the Crop Walk this year to help us focus on our goals, by Judi M, 2nd by Marge, Motion passed.

d. Worship: Judy Kort reported Altar Guild is having a real challenge with only 7 people. September 30 there will be a Congregational forum to get suggestions on how to help these faithful, hardworking members. Council has agreed, meeting will be in Sanctuary after service. Judy K will report in September on organ status.

5. Pastor's Report: Attached

6. Old Business:

a. Linda stated she will report sale of Adams St lot in August newsletter.

7. New Business:

a. Discussion regarding FIA lease, when does it expire and should we increase rent?

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Prayerfully submitted,

Linda Hulstrom
Council Secretary

* 9/18/18 Motion to accept Minutes as corrected by Judi M., 2nd by Jerry .N, Motion passed.

Immanuel Lutheran Church			
2018 Income vs Expenses			
Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes
January	\$ 13,488	\$ 6,473	
February	\$ 12,787	\$ 18,836	
March	\$ 12,767	\$ 19,240	
April	\$ 19,409	\$ 12,680	
May	\$ 17,879	\$ 14,396	
June	\$ 13,955	\$ 4,244	
July	\$ 13,701	\$ 18,598	
August	\$ 12,784	\$ 14,540	
September			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 116,770	\$ 109,007	\$ 7,763

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:45pm-6:45pm TV Worship CH 980	3	4 7:30am-8:30am Men's Discussion Group (Koinonia) 9:15am- 10:15am TV Worship CH 980	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 9am-10am Communion Worship Service, Noisy Offering 10:15am-11:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:45-11:30am Bible Study	8	9 5:45pm-6:45pm TV Worship CH 980	10	11 7:30am-8:30am Men's Discussion Group (Koinonia) 9:15am- 10:15am TV Worship CH 980	12 Church Office Closed	13
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28 9-10am Worship Service Reformation Sunday 10:15am-11:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am-11:15am Sunday School 2:30pm-5pm Community Dinner served at First Presbyterian Church	29	30 5:45pm-6:45pm TV Worship CH 980	31	Notes:		

Worship Leaders - October 2018

	Oct. 2nd	Oct. 14th	Oct. 21st	Oct. 28th
Acolyte	Kallio		Baylen Hulstrom	
Greeter	Neil & Mary Munson	Roger & Donna Neiter	Jerry & Judy Nickolai	Reuben Roehl
Assisting Minister	Bob Henning	Mary McDonell	Holly Westaby	Joanne Diestelhorst
Communion Assistant			Ashley Nickolai Jane Reilly-Smith	
Reader	Kristin Kallio	Rick Lohr	Joyce Lohr	Janci Treutel
Nursery	Judy Nickolai	Patti Busche	Deb Case	Sue Doede
Usher	Bruce Knox	Bob Doede	Mike Schwede	Dan Westaby
Video Taper	Jerry Nickolai	Bob Henning	Jamie Rice-Heckendorf	Floyd Hallberg
Flowers	Jamie Rice-Heckendorf	Clarence & Sally Johnson		
Coffee Fellowship				

Altar Guild will be Sally & Clarence Johnson.

Catering will be Pat Stolen.

All Saints Sunday will be November 4th. You may bring a picture of loved one or memento anytime between October 28th and November 4th. The congregation will be invited to light a candle. Pastor Niveen is willing to accompany family members to the cemetery for a special prayer. Contact Pastor Niveen to schedule a time.



The devotional books Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home for October - December have arrived. They will be in the Narthex.

Food Bank & Food Pantry MOST NEEDED FOODS

This is a list from The Neighbors' Place. You may bring items and place them in the basket outside the church office door or drop your fresh and perishable items off at The Neighbors' Place, 745 Scott St., Wausau.

Items for holiday meals | Fresh Fruit | Eggs | Milk and Dairy Products | Canned foods with pop-top lids | Meals in a can (soup, beef stew, chili) | Canned Protein: chicken, salmon and tuna | Canned fruit – no sugar added in its own juice or water | Low-sodium canned vegetables | Olive or canola oil | Spices | Low-sugar whole grain cereals like oatmeal, Cheerios and All Bran | Healthy low-sugar snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit) | 100% Juice Drinks | Whole Grain Pasta | Brown Rice | Can Openers | Small Zucchini & Cucumbers

Please consider donating foods that are low in sugar, fat, and sodium, contain whole grains, or are gluten free.



Hurricane Response Needed

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States and across the globe.

Most recently, Hurricane Florence has devastated our neighbors in the North and South Carolina, leaving millions without power, thousands of homes damaged or destroyed hundreds of road closures and 37 reported deaths.

Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

If you want to help, please make *checks payable to*

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau

Write "Hurricane Response" on your check's memo line. Our church will send the donation to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Red Poinsettias can be ordered thru ILC. They are 6.5" with foil wrapping. The cost is not known at this time. Orders must be into church office by November 14th. Watch for more information and signup sheet in Narthex.



Don't wait to register for midterm elections until November! As a people of faith, encourage engaged citizenship on National Voter Registration day. Register to vote from <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/> and stay up to date with tools at <https://elca.org/votes>

Bible Study

Sunday, October 7 and 14 at 10:45 am
at Emmaus Room.

We will explore the misinterpretation of Genesis 1-3 and its impact on our society and culture. We will study the creation and Fall Story. Who to blame for the Fall? Eve, Adam, God, or nobody? Did God really create the world within 6 days?

MEMBERS OF IMMANUEL: COME JOIN IN AS WE UPDATE AND REFRESH THE NEWSLETTER TITLE

A contest has been created for a fresh new updated title for the **IMMANUEL IMAGE** newsletter. There will be a gift basket awarded to the most creative entry.

So, put on your thinking cap and join in. Drop off your entry in the office, call Jackie or email her at info@immanuelwausau.org. Also, does anyone know how the newsletter got its name? Good trivia question. There's a chocolate bar (or apple if you prefer) for the first person to let Jackie know the answer.

A Gift That Keeps Giving

Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available once again. The olive oil is produced in Palestine and sold through a cooperative of olive farmers. It is considered to be some of the best olive oil you can buy. A 500 ml bottle sells for \$16.00. A bottle of olive oil would make a wonderful gift for your Thanksgiving host or for someone at Christmas.

This healthy cooking oil is just what you need for your own cooking. The oil can be purchased in the church office. All proceeds go to the cooperative. Please make checks payable to Claudette Harring.



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Handbell Choir Director: Joanne Diestelhorst
Choir Director: Kay Pope
Custodians: Paul Smith and Matt Munson
Sunday School: Judy Nickolai

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Property: Jerry Nickolai
Education: Judy Nickolai
Evangelism: Judi McGill
Worship: Judy Kort
Youth: Vacant
Stewardship: Kristin Kallio
Social Concerns: Marge Warner

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Bob Henning
Vice President: Jamie Rice-Heckendorf
Treasurer: Matthew Munson
Financial Secretary: Patti Busche
Secretary: Linda Hulstrom

Scheduled Meetings

10/16/18 6:00 pm Executive Committee
10/16/18 6:35pm Council Meeting

Our Sister Church

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