

hear our prayer.

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

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Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. We pray especially for Thelma, Esther, Barb, Pam, Kathrine-Sylvia, Jezel, Joelle, Ibrahim and Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Ted, Jamie and Mike and Pastor Mark. We pray for all who are impacted or are suffering from COVID-19. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call us into this community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead (*especially the apostle* Bartholomew,¹ Augustine, Bishop of Hippo,² and Moses the Black, monk and martyr³ whom the church will commemorate this week). Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,

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In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

**The Lord's Prayer
Sharing of Peace**

¹ Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

² **Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430**, was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

³ **Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400**, converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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Offering
Offertory
Offertory Prayer

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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Blessing
Closing Hymn
Dismissal

"Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!"

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Barb, Pam, Kathrine-Sylvia, Jezel, Joelle, Ibrahim and Odeh, Norm, April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis, Mary, Ashley, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff, Edie, Joan, Jamie & Mike, Ted, and Pastor Mark.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: nkalesto@gmail.com



Holy Communion is now available at ILC. This table is located by the front office. Each package contains the Body of Christ and a prayer. Pastor Niveen has blessed each one. All the packages were assembled using the highest sanitizing measures.

Secured Mailbox: There is one installed next to the church office. It is on the outside the building on the wall. You are encouraged to drop your offering there.

News

Friday, September 25, 2020/Saturday, September 26, 2020: Please mark your calendars! Each session starts at 3pm. There will be a Two Part Virtual Discussion with Jim Finnucan and a panel of Local Experts. Jim's book will be available on 9/1/20 at the Marathon County Public Library. Please share this information and follow NAOMI on FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/NAOMI4Justice/>

Saturday, September 26th, 2020: The East Central Synod of Wisconsin assembly will be on September 26th. Further assembly details and registration information will be coming in upcoming weeks.

Lutheran World Relief Kits - due to the current situation, we will not be collecting items for the Personal Care and School kits for LWR. We will be collecting monetary donations that will be sent to LWR in early September. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to the church office. Checks should be payable to Immanuel. We will send one check in early September. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Busche or Vonnie Solomonson.

ELCA partners with census for neighbor and ourselves.

Our communities are significantly shaped by census data, and Census 2020 will update these numbers for the first time in 10 years. The ELCA is an official partner of the 2020 Census to encourage the most accurate count possible.

It's so important that we take 10 minutes to respond to 9 simple questions that will deliver 10 years of benefits to our community. ELCA is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, and can also respond by phone or mail. Respond to the 2020 Census to help inform the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to communities each year for things like health care, emergency services, infrastructure, education, and food assistance.

Because of COVID-19, Pastor Niveen will be working from home in the coming months. She will be at the church occasionally and upon your request. However, she is only a phone call away and the church office will remain open Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm. If you want to speak with Pastor Niveen, simply call the church office and leave a message. Pastor Niveen has access to voice mail and checks voice mail on a regular basis. You may also email her at Pastor.Immanuel.Wausau@gmail.com

In-Person Worship Service today (Masks Required). In addition to in-person worship services, the following ILC services and ministries will continue to be online and Spectrum TV:

Our Facebook Page: @ILCWausau	Our YouTube Channel: Search “Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau Wisconsin, Inc.”
Our Website: http://www.immanuelwausau.org (Click on Video Gallery)	Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 11:00am on Sunday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
<i>Would you like to read for our video worship services? Please contact Jackie to set this up. Thank you!</i>	

Weekly devotional: Pastor Niveen shares a weekly YOGA video each Wednesday. Find the video for this week on our website: <http://immanuelwausau.org/weekly-devotionals>

Men’s group meets on Wednsdays (subject to change) at 8:30 AM at Marathon Park at the shelter on the west wing of the park across from the RV and camping area. Bring your own chair. Men’s group do social distancing. Contact Rick Lohr if you have any questions.