

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, Pastor Mark (Dixie brother), and Jamie and Mike. 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.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (*especially* Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, who died in 1872¹, and the church will commemorate this week). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Offertory "We Give Thee but Thine Own" #686

Offertory Prayer

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #810

Blessing

Closing Hymn "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" #538 (Sing Twice)

¹ Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

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Dismissal

Prayer Concerns: Thelma, Esther, Barb, 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 (Dixie Burk's Brother).

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

Sunday, September 13, 2020. We are preparing to launch ILC's **September 13, 2020** campaign to emphasize and draw focus to our mission in using our hands, talents, energy and compassion to support God's Work in our community. Please check your email for information on this. There will also be additional details in the September 2020 Newsletter.

Sunday, September 20, 2020. Creation-Focused Worship Service. This service will be supported by Lutherans Restoring Creation, a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This is accomplished by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all.

Friday, September 25, 2020/Saturday, September 26, 2020: Please mark your calendars! NAOMI is providing a three-session discussion on Jim Finnucan's book, "Wild Counselor". Each session starts at 3pm. There will be a Two-Part Virtual Discussion with Jim Finnucan and a panel of Local Experts. The 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 and write in the memo LWR. 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.

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 with Christ 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.

Community Dinner was held on August 23, 2020. We served 63 dinners. Thank you to **Linda Swenson, Bob Doede, Jill Preston, Pastor Niveen, Vern Diestelhorst, Bob Henning, Mary and Tom McDonell** for your help and donations. Thank you to **Townline Market** for the delicious ham for our sandwiches and the donation of the containers for our salads. I appreciate all your help and support. ~~ *Joanne Diestelhorst*

Joanne Diestelhorst. Thank you for organizing and coordinating the community dinner. We appreciate you and the community does too!