

Immanuel News



April 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

"And if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14 NRSV).

The argument that Jesus Christ's resurrection is similar to Greco-Roman methodology is prevalent. Some biblical scholars argue that since Christianity developed in a Greco-Roman world, it must be influenced by Greco-Roman mythology. We can find many stories about dying and rising gods. For instance, these scholars parallel the death and resurrection of gods like Osiris, Mithras and Adonis with Christ's death and resurrection. They also argue, if we consider these gods as a product of human imagination why do we not say the same about Jesus Christ.

Resurrection from the biblical perspective is different from myths. Greek myths were written down by Greek poet Homer in the form of poems. They are timeless, which means they do not belong to a specific time. These myths demonstrate the concept of continuity that dominated the worldview of people in antiquity. In continuity, gods, nature and human are one in essence. The concept of continuity is absent in the Bible. The Scripture emphasizes that God is present in the world but not the

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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, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9am-3pm.

She visits Homebound Parishioners on Wednesday.

Friday is Sermon Day.

Saturday is Pastor's Sabbath.

Please email Pastor Niveen or call the church office to set up a time for a meeting.



✚ **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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same as the world and does not share God's essence with human and nature. In Greek mythology the symbols that represent gods are gods. Myths had passed from generation to the next in form of songs. Creating a myth is a long process of a developing oral tradition. It was developed over thousands of years. Violence is a dominant theme in mythology. Gods fight with each other all the time. Humans can become gods for a while and return to humanity. Heroes and heroines follow their passion and lust. Gods have intercourse with humans and usually have consorts.

This is not the case of the story of Jesus Christ. Jesus in the Bible is radically different from the gods and heroes of Greek mythology. The historicity of resurrection is different. For example, the Gospels give detailed information about Jesus' resurrection. The time and names of women are detailed in the narrative. The group of women discovered the empty tomb on the first day of the week. The oral tradition of Christ's resurrection did not develop over centuries. The core narrative is still the same. Unlike Greek mythology, Jesus' ministry, crucifixion and resurrection are placed in a specific time in history. We know for example that Jesus was crucified when the Jews were celebrating the Passover. The Gospels also connect well-known people in history with Jesus Christ: Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas and the high priest Caiaphas met Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is fact. As the apostle, Paul says, "And if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14 NRSV). The transformation of the Apostles and the boldness of the Christian martyrs who were willing to be tortured and died for their belief are a testimony for the resurrection. Those Christians were convinced that Jesus rose from the dead. For this reason, let us rejoice and continue to sing the Paschal hymn:

"Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
Bestowing life!"

Yours in the risen Lord Jesus Christ,



Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Lenten Bible Study: We are going to study the Passion of Jesus Christ and cover the following topic:

April 14 - Did the Passion Week of Jesus last a week?

The Bible study starts at 10:45am in Emmaus Room.



Lent 2019. The theme for Lent is “Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”. The scripture readings each week will explore dimensions of God’s love for us and the love of Christ we share. ILC will be participating in a round robin.

Wednesday services will be at **1:00 pm** in the sanctuary and **6:00 pm** in the chapel.

April 3	Dan Sire	St. John Lutheran Church
April 10	Niveen Sarras	Immanuel Lutheran Church

Holy Week services will be held in the sanctuary:

April 14 9:00 am Palm Sunday

April 18 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday, with washing of hands or feet and Communion

April 19 1:30 pm: Good Friday

April 20 6:00 pm: Easter Vigil, Communion

April 21 9:00 am: Easter, Communion

**Article Deadline for May-June Newsletter:
Monday, April 25, 2019**

RINGING FOR CHRIST

Immanuel Bell Choir practice is Tuesdays at 5:30pm-6:30pm. We would love to have new members.

You may hear us play the 4th Sunday each month. Mark your calendars!

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



Immanuel Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship not only makes the journey endurable and even enjoyable; it also helps keep us healthy.

Men's Discussion Group - Al Solomonson

The Men's Discussion Group meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30 A.M. in the Koinonia.

Dorcas Circle - Claudette Harring

You are always welcome to join our group. Please email Jackie at info@immanuelwausau.org for more information.

All Women of Immanuel - Vonnie Solomonson

You are always welcome to join our group. Please email Jackie at info@immanuelwausau.org for more information.

Are you a quilter or would you like to learn? Join the ILC quilters each Thursday at 9:00am until May 16th. They meet on the 2nd floor – education wing. If you have questions, contact Kathy Knox.



Follow Immanuel Lutheran Church
on Facebook:
[@ILCWausau](https://www.facebook.com/ILCWausau)

TV Worship Services : Charter Cable Channel 980

5:45 pm Tuesday & 9:15 am Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: waam.viebit.com

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting - February 19, 2019

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

Absent: V. President: Jamie Rice-Heckendorf, Stewardship: Rick Lohr.

Devotions by Judy K.

Call the meeting to order by Bob Henning at 6:50 pm.

Church officer reports:

Secretary: Jan Minutes were presented and Motion made to Accept Minutes by Patti, 2nd by Judi M, Motion approved.

Treasurer: Matt provided Council with Profit & Loss Budget Performance report for Jan. He also presented the Current Position and Designated Funds report. Motion was made by Jerry to accept and hold Treasurer's report for audit, 2nd by Linda. Motion passed. Pastor requested she would like to have her contract match the numbers in the P & L Budget Performance.

Financial Secretary: Patti reviewed Jan report. Motion was made by Judi M to accept the Jan report and hold for audit, 2nd by Judy N Motion passed.

Vice President: No reports

President: noted he has talked with Jackie about keeping up a 15-month calendar in the front office, that's viewable to all members. This calendar will have all church activities & events on it.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: Judi said January Blood Drive was successful for a 1st one. She's looking at another in March.

Properties: Jerry noted he addressed these items in Jan/Feb: Gathering room water, arrange for snow cleanup - Larry, arrange for parking lot cleanup – Randy Wagner, faucet repair in nursery, general bathroom sink repair. Added a microphone for choir in organ loft.

Social Concerns: We served 72 meals at Jan Community Dinner. 38 pounds of food was donated to Neighbors Place from Super Bowl.

Worship: Ash Wednesday services will be at 1 & 6 pm.

Pastor: Volunteers needed to serve as Assisting Ministers and Reader's. Synod will assist us in reviewing our Council structure. We are in incubator stage of deciding what is best for ILC.

Bible study has been more popular. She has been asked to be a voting member in Milwaukee at Meeting. She suggested a "Get to know your Pastor" time.

Old Business:

Organizing a Committee for Crossways Camping Ministry for a 6-week training course. If you're interested in joining to help in planning for the upcoming year, see Bob Henning.

Audit Committee will report to Council in March.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

Prayerfully submitted by Linda Hulstrom, Council Secretary.

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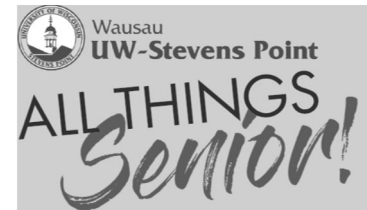
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* Minutes approved at Council Meeting 3-19-2019 Motion by _____ 2nd by _____, Motion passed.

Immanuel Lutheran Church—2019 Income vs Expenses

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds	
					Income	Total Deposit
January	\$10,357	\$14,789		(\$4,432)	\$2,094	\$12,451
February	\$10,253	\$12,330		(\$2,077)		
March				\$0		
April				\$0		
May				\$0		
June				\$0		
July				\$0		
August				\$0		
September				\$0		
October				\$0		
November				\$0		
December				\$0		
Totals	\$20,610.00	\$27,118.52		(\$6,509)	\$2,094	\$12,451

Join us on Monday, May 20th, for All Things Senior! A one-day educational workshop providing Seniors the ability to grow and connect to the many resources and opportunities in and around Marathon County. This community, collaborative opportunity is being held on the Wausau campus of the UW-Stevens Point, formerly the UWMC. Our day begins with humorist Wisconsin Public Radio personality, Zorba Paster. A senior himself – his enthusiasm and contagious laugh have made him a favorite with health conscious public radio listeners for over a decade. Choose from 3 different interactive workshop sessions. Due to our community partners and sponsors, we are able to offer this event at \$25/person. For those in need, scholarship opportunities are available. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 20th, for All Things Senior or at the UW-Stevens Point at Wausau Campus, formerly UWMC. For questions or assistance with registration, please contact Continuing Education at 715-261-



Other News

Shattered Dreams, Resiliency—Finding Hope (A community seminar for grief, healing and hope). This seminar will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 7pm-9pm at Holiday Inn & Suites—Cedar Creek, 1000 Imperial Avenue, Rothschild, WI. For additional information, please contact Sally Johnson.

NAOMI Annual Support Breakfast—April 9, 2019. This will be held from 7am-8:30am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd., Wausau. Come enjoy a delicious hot breakfast with other interested community members to learn about all of NAOMI’s upcoming work and how you can show your support.

NAOMI Member Updates—June 18, August 20, October 15 and December 17, 2019 from 6:30pm-8pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Get brief updates on all of NAOMI’s work, plus a ‘deeper dive’ learning and input opportunity on one focus area each meeting. Follow NAOMI on Facebook.

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. 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. ☎️

Facility

Bell Tower Residence
1500 O'Day St
Merrill, WI 54452
▶ **Barb Peterson**, Rm 209

Our House Assisted Living
220 West Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
▶ **Joan Lind**, Rm 7

Riverview Terrace
540 E. Thomas St.
Wausau, WI 54401
▶ **Joyce Lohrey**, #207

Colonial Manor
1010 E. Wausau Ave
Wausau, WI 54403
▶ **Norm Winterhoff**

Primrose Retirement Community
2100 Townline Rd
Wausau, WI 54403
▶ **Thelma Bursik**, Apt #101

Primrose Memory Care
7704 Franciscan Way
Weston, WI 54467
▶ **Carol Hettinga**, Rm 8

Home

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2806 Polzer Drive
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April



04/05	Babs Fabry	04/20	Stephen Weir
04/05	Isaiah Framke	04/22	Chris Krueger
04/07	Colin Warner	04/23	Nicki Busche
04/08	Joan Winterhoff	04/23	Carl Wanta
04/10	Thelma Bursik	04/23	Phil Wanta
04/10	Vinca Westaby	04/24	Wayne Rajek
04/10	Maria Wierzba	04/25	Patti Busche
04/12	Bille Baker	04/25	Margy Mayer
04/14	Donny Busche	04/26	Karen Kranz
04/15	Erica Taylor	04/26	Bob Reinertson
04/16	Linda Knott	04/26	Cindy Schilling
04/18	Olivia Hulstrom	04/29	Michael Schwede
04/19	Allison Lenselink	04/30	Ruth Struck



Anniversary Wishes to the Special Couples

The following couples are celebrating their
Wedding Anniversary

April

15	Neil & Mary Munson	52 years
29	Michael & Heather Gilles	30 years

Congratulations!

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Pianist: Marino Taylor
Handbell Choir Director: Joanne Diestelhorst
Choir Director: Kay Pope
Custodians: Paul Smith and Jill Preston
Sunday School: Judy Nickolai

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Property: Jerry Nickolai
Education: Judy Nickolai
Evangelism: Judi McGill
Worship: Judy Kort
Youth: Vacant
Stewardship: Rick Lohr
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

4/16/19	6pm	Executive Committee
4/16/19	6:35pm	Council Meeting

Our Sister Church

Lobatla Parish,
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