

From the Pastor's Desk

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another” (John 13:24-).

Global religious intolerance continues. We are shocked by the tragedies that killed Christians in Sri Lanka, Muslims in New Zealand, and Jews in California. People are afraid of retaliation that will cause more harm. The Catholic Church in Sri Lanka has decided to cancel Sunday Masses until further notice. What a tragedy. People are staying home and afraid to go to church for fear of another attack. Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Christians violence are increasing across the world. More traditional forms of anti-Semitism have re-emerged in the United States. We are upset by the anti-Semitic attack on Chabad of Poway synagogue in California.

Interfaith dialogue in local communities is needed now much more than ever before because it helps us to overcome our differences. Getting to know my neighbors from different cultures and different religions will help us to understand one another and to work together for peace. Our children need to grow in a peaceful community where everyone is re-

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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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Website: WWW.IMMANUELWAUSAU.ORG

Office Hours: 9am-3pm Mon.-Thurs.
Closed Friday.



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

...e. We cannot spread peace and advocate for religious tolerance amid anti-Semitism, Islamoph...
...a, and anti-Christian rhetoric.

...esus commands us to "Love one another. As I have loved you." Jesus means divine love, agape...
...e does not exclude the Jews or Muslims from this love. Jesus commands us to approach our sis...
...rs and brothers who are different than us with love, agape love, which means to have the best...
...terest in our mind toward our neighbor.

...esus' resurrection teaches us that love is stronger than sin and death. Jesus defeated sin and...
...eath, and he calls to implement this victory by resisting the sin of anti-Semitism and Islamophob...
...nd he calls us to love one another. This love entails us to speak up against any attempt to depriv...
...y person of their dignity. All of us are created according to God's image, including Arabs, Afri-...
...ans, and Americans. All of us deserve love and respect.

...ours in Christ,



...ev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Mark Your Calendar:

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| May 5, 2019: Recognition and blessing of ...ar Guild during service. | June 2, 2019. Recognition and blessing of the Quilters ...Group. |
| May 12, 2019. Recognition and blessing of ...women. | June 9, 2019. Recognition and blessing of the Audit ...Committee. |
| May 19, 2019. Recognition and blessing of ...ll Choir and Choir. | June 16, 2019. Recognition and blessing of all men. |
| May 26, 2019. Recognition and blessing of ...e Counting Staff. | June 23, 2019. Recognition and blessing of all our ...Ushers, Worship and Communion Assistants. |
| | June 30, 2019. Recognition and blessing of our News- ...letter Assembly Team. |

Additional Worship Service. Starting May 5, 2019, there will be
...n additional worship service at 11am and monthly thereafter.
...ne additional worship services will be at 11am on the 1st Sunday
...f each month

Greetings! It sure has been a long winter and things are starting to look like spring! With many plants preparing to bloom, another exciting sight is the bloom taking place at Greater Wausau Christian Services!

As the Board of Directors, we have been blessed with many people who help to spread the word of all that GWCS does for our community. Not to go unnoticed GWCS' services wouldn't be possible without your congregation's funding.

We recently were able to meet with the leaders of a newer church in the Wausau area called The Cross. This church shares the same passion we do about working with inmates! One key point shared by Pastor Yaou Yang at one of our board meetings was, "Our life becomes comfortable and we forget about God. We use God as our crutch."

This was touching to everyone but is an unfortunate truth that we tend to see in society today. Hopefully, through the continuous outreach of our board members, we can help to touch more lives in our community to make the center of our life focus on God again. Please continue to pray for the support and strength that is needed to make GWCS more visible in our community. We are always looking for additional volunteers in any capacity and are beyond thankful for your continued support to help us to spread the word of God to others.

It has been said for some time that we are one of Wausau's best kept secrets and we are doing our best to share this secret! We have been actively working with local non-profits like Open Door, Neighbor's Place and additional resources to help expand our ministry. We are also looking at bringing on an intern to help with the marketing of GWCS to make more people aware of our ministry and of our partnering congregations. For more information, visit www.gwcservices.org.

Our Mission Statement: Greater Wausau Christian Services is a community of congregations that brings Christian compassion and hope to individuals and families in elder care facilities, the Marathon County Jail, and the Marathon County Juvenile Facility.

GWCS | 319 4th St, Wausau, WI 54403 | 715-842-5635 | gwcs@mail.com

Entrance is located off 5th Street next to the Open Door. On the web: Visit www.gwcservices.org or 'like' us on Facebook at Greater Wausau Christian Services

Other News

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.



Spring cleaning of ILC kitchen will be Friday ~May 10th from 9-11:30 lunch will be provided for our helpers. Please help if you can.



**Article Deadline for July-August Newsletter:
Monday, June 17**

Immanuel Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 19, 2019 immediately following worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast



We will need **men** to volunteer.



their honor. We will need **women** to volunteer.



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 in the Fall.

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. The last meeting will be May 23, 2019. They will resume the group discussions in the fall.

Porcas Circle - Claudette Harring

Stay tuned for Fall meeting information.

All Women of Immanuel - Vonnie Solomonson

You are always welcome to join our group.

Sarah Circle - Mary McDonell & Vonnie Solomonson

Meets at 1pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. The May meeting will be May 23, 2019 at 1:30am at 2510 Restaurant. Watch the bulletin for the date and the time. The circle does not meet during the summer months.

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 Kathrynnox.

Follow Immanuel Lutheran Church on Facebook:

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

- . Devotions by Matt
- . Call the meeting to order by Bob Henning at 6:42 pm
- . Church officer reports:
 - a. Secretary: Feb Minutes were presented and Motion made to Accept Minutes as corrected by Patti, 2nd by Judi M, Motion approved.
 - b. Treasurer: Matt provided Council with Profit & Loss Budget Performance report for Feb. He also presented the Current Position and Designated Funds report. Motion was made by Rick to accept and hold Treasurer's report for audit, 2nd by Judi M., Motion passed.
 - c. Financial Secretary: Patti reviewed Feb report. Motion was made by Judy K. to accept the report and hold for audit, 2nd by Matt, Motion passed.
 - d. Vice President: Reports there's a vacancy for Council Secretary and Education, at this time.
 - e. President: he said he will check with Church Mutual if they have a presentation on active shooter training
- . Committee Reports:
 - a. Properties: as stated by Jamie, Jerry addressed these items: snow removal twice, leak by westside door along with main floor and lower level halls. Carpeting was cleaned in Gathering Room from leaking and cost \$390. Estimate for cleaning Fellowship Hall carpet is \$500.
 - b. Social Concerns: We donated 72 pounds at Feb to Neighbors Place. April 28 is next Community Dinner.
 - d. Stewardship: Rick said he attended a Stewardship meeting in Shawano on Mar 9th regarding raising money in a tough environment. No reports for: Evangelism, Worship or Pastor.
- . Adjourned at 7:30 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

Prayerfully submitted,

Linda Hulstrom, Council Secretary

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) | 1441.56 | \$11,695 |
| March | \$15,304 | \$15,018 | | \$286 | 774 | \$16,078 |
| Totals | \$35,914.00 | \$42,136.60 | | (\$6,223) | \$4,309 | \$40,223 |

Social Concerns Spring Challenge. It's the Pick Up 10 Spring Challenge. Please bring 10 items (see list) for a donation to the Neighbor's Place. Drop off your items in the Narthex through June 1st. Your donation, no matter how many items, is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to helping those in need in our community. Here is a most requested item list from their website: 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 and brown rice.

05/03 Derald Johnson
 05/07 Bethany Ann Meyer
 05/08 Bria Sanders
 05/08 Sally Scinto-Reinertson
 05/09 Thomas Mueller
 05/11 Floyd Hallberg
 05/11 Barbara Peterson
 05/12 Karen Wagner
 05/15 Tom Mack
 05/15 Judy Nickolai
 05/15 Reuben Roehl
 05/16 Joy Wanta
 05/18 Katrina Meyer
 05/20 Emily Kallio
 05/20 Grace Kallio
 05/21 Arzelee Drown
 05/21 Jan Mack
 05/21 Leora Mitchell
 05/21 Maggie Westaby
 05/24 Mollie Munson
 05/25 Claudette Harring
 05/26 Janci Treutel
 05/27 Michael Gilles
 05/27 Sheri Mueller
 05/29 Lyla Lauersdorf
 05/29 Austin Schmidt



06/03 Joan Bonstead
 06/03 Jacob Rajek
 06/03 Mary Rolfson
 06/05 Joy Karnitz
 06/07 Travis Norwood
 06/09 Justin Taylor
 06/10 Kristin Kallio
 06/10 Eugene Lamphier
 06/11 Karen Anderson
 06/11 Doug Christopherson
 06/14 Robert Kranz
 06/15 Neil Munson
 06/23 Mike Mayer
 06/24 Jeff Kurth
 06/24 Donna Neiter
 06/29 JoAnne Cerny
 06/29 Hannah Weir
 06/30 Skylar Heffner



Anniversary Wishes To These Special Couples!

| | May | | June (Continued) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 04 Patrick & Lisa Scobell | 33 years | 9 Harlan & Elaine Grinde | 57 years |
| 07 LeRoy and Margaret Johnson | 69 years | 13 Roger & Donna Neiter | 44 years |
| | | 17 John & Deborah Case | 30 years |
| | June | 18 Tom & Diane Lenz | 32 years |
| | | 21 Justin & Ashley Nickolai | 11 years |
| 06 Art & Deb Dellenbach | 38 years | 22 Duane & Pattie Bricko | 45 years |
| 06 Carl & Joy Wanta | 38 years | 28 Glen & Carolyn Viergutz | 61 years |
| 06 Doug & Nancy Helling | 50 years | 29 Tom & Jan Mack | 62 years |

Here are our church members 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

Facility

Bell Tower Residence

1500 O'Day St
Merrill, WI 54452
▶ **Barb Peterson**, Rm 313

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

Bell Tower Residence

1500 O'Day St
Merrill, WI 54452
▶ **Carol Hettinga**, Rm 307

Home

Glen & Carolyn

Wiergutz
1114 W17117 Cove Ct
Germantown, WI 53022

Pat Stricker

1403 Stark Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Judy Blanchfield

1805 Mathie Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Bill & JoAnne Cerny

3201 N. 13th Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Dale & Ann Kurth

2806 Polzer Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Dear Brothers & Sisters, Pastor Sean Motley is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his ordination this year. To commemorate this special occasion I am asking you to help create a keepsake album for him. Please write a note to be included in the album. This could recall a fond memory, special moment, humorous incident, or private joke in your relationship with Pastor Sean. Also, please share a photo (or 2 or 3) of his service in ministry with you, your family or your congregation. This could be a baptism, wedding, confirmation, youth trip, or other meaningful photo as you choose. Please send photos and notes via email to pastorsean25@gmail.com or if you prefer you may send them via USPS mail to: Colleen Motley, 856 Hollywood Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Please respond by June 1, 2019. Thank you so much for helping Pastor Sean to celebrate and remember the love, grace, and blessings God bestowed upon him through your ministry with him.



Yours in Christ,

Colleen Motley

Thank you. Social Concerns committee, and all those who volunteered for the community dinner

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Property: Jerry Nickolai
Education: Judy Nickolai
Evangelism: Vacant
Worship: Judy Kort
Youth: Vacant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Scheduled Meetings

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|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| 5/19/19 | 10:35am | Semi-Annual Congregational |
| 6/19/19 | 6pm | Executive Committee |
| 6/19/19 | 6:35pm | Council Meeting |