

Immanuel News

September 2021



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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear ILC family,

Grace and peace to you. I am excited because summer is finally over! The heat exhausted me and affected my garden. This summer I have watered my garden much more than last year. Autumn is more relaxing and peaceful. Its magical color drives me to take hiking trips regularly; "Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art." Deborah Ann Belka wrote a wonderful poem, A Purpose under the Son.

Its fragrance has faded,
along with its sweet bloom
bright and sunny days
will soon be winter's gloom.
But in the trees I can see,
Autumn leaves awaken . . .
as from their summer perch
they are rustled and shaken.
As they fall to the ground,

in heaps of gold and crimson
I'm reminded what in my Bible
about the seasons are written.

For under God's heaven,
there's a time for everything
whether it is the Fall of life
or the youthful time of Spring.
Each season God has a reason
a purpose under the sun
and eternity awaits for those
who find salvation in His Son!

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-22  
To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven:

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras, Ph.D

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Maggi Westaby!!!!!!



**We need volunteers for Sunday School, Chair of Properties to replace Sally Scinto-Reinertson, and volunteers on Social Concerns committee.**

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## ILC 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, Bulletins and Sermons on Audio are all available right from the home page.)
  - Spectrum TV Cable Channel 980 at 5:45 PM Tuesday & 9:15 AM Thursday or online: Wausau Area Access Media: [waam.viebit.com](http://waam.viebit.com) (Left side, scroll to Immanuel Lutheran.)
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**Happy Labor Day (Monday, September 6, 2021).** “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.” (Colossians 3:23)

The Church office will be closed on September 6, 2021.

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Pastor Sarras will offer First Communion instruction to children of age between 9-12 on Sunday, September 12 and 26, 2021, at 10:30 AM at Emmaus room.

The communicants will receive their First Communion during Sunday worship service on October 3, 2021.

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The Bishop asks the candidates for Confirmation a few questions.



Confirmation class will start on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 6 PM either in person at Trinity Lutheran Church or on zoom. Depending on the rise of Covid – 19, Pastor Niveen and Vicar Patrick will determine how to meet each week.



**Grandparents Day** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. <sup>5</sup> “To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?” Isaiah 46:4-5

**Lutheran World Relief:** It feels good to be able to get out and shop for items for LWR. We are collecting items for Personal Care and School Kits. The items are sent to those in need in the U.S. and around the world. Our talented quilters are also involved in these donations. Please look for the collection boxes near the office and have all items there by Monday, September 13, 2021.

### **Personal Care Kit Items:**

- Dark colored light weight bath towels, bath size bars of soap, STURDY combs, nail clippers and STURDY toothbrushes.

### **School Kit Items:**

- 70 sheet wide lined spiral notebooks, rulers (centimeters and inches), pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, No. 2 pencils, ballpoint pens (blue or black), crayons (16 or 24 count) and large pink or green erasers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Vonnie Solomonson or Patti Busche if you have questions.

**Are you a bag lady (Blessed and Gifted)? If so, you will want to join Pastor Niveen at the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at Crossways, Imago Dei Village in Clintonville, WI.** All women in our congregation



are encouraged to attend. Registration details and forms are available at the Narthex. We need to collect personal and feminine hygiene products along with gently used handbags, etc. Pastor Niveen will take the bags to the retreat. This is an exciting way to share your love of Christ with others in need. The cost is \$30. There are scholarships available for this event.

**Give now for earthquake relief in Haiti:** A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Aug. 14. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life. Your gifts will support earthquake survivors. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

<https://community.elca.org/haiti-crisis>

### God's Work. Our Hands. Saturday, September 25, 2021



We are going to participate in the “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” on Saturday, September 25, 2021. This event is part of “God’s work. Our hands,” which is on Sunday, September 12, 2021. We will celebrate “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday on Saturday, September 25, 2021. To participate in the walk, we need to raise \$600. Our team will be called (of course): Immanuel Lutheran Church. For more information or to join the team please go to our website and click on the link or use the link here:

[http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=14913&pg=personal&px=19801613](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14913&pg=personal&px=19801613). To only **donate**, please write a check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and in the memo enter: “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” by Sunday, September 19, 2021. This deadline can not be extended.



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LSS Refugee is right now working with those on the front lines of the Afghan crisis in the U.S to better understand the need for support in

Wisconsin.

LSS will not have specific information for another week or two on the number of refugees we will serve in our state, however, we do know that Afghans are not eligible for regular refugee services because of their urgent evacuation.

The need for FoodShare, medical coverage, and W-2 is clear, however, Afghans are not guaranteed access to these government services. Pastor Niveen has been briefed on ways to help LSS Refugee support the Afghanistan people in need of our expert services right now. Please talk to her if you would like to help.



### **Is It Time To Grow Deeper? Lay School Registration Now Open**

Registration is open for the Lay School of Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The school meets monthly on Friday evenings and/or Saturday mornings in both Wausau and Appleton and offers courses to dive deeper in faith and knowledge of scripture and is a chance to worship, learn, and engage with people from all across our regional church. Taught by local

pastors, synod staff, and seminary faculty, students can take classes a la carte, or commit to a two year certificate program. Classes begin September 17-18, 2021. To learn more, talk to your pastor or visit [www.ecswlayschool.org](http://www.ecswlayschool.org).



The Center of Addiction & Faith will hold its third Addiction & Faith Conference, Oct. 7-9 in Bloomington, Minn., to give faith communities tools for responding to the addiction crisis. Registration is open for in-person and virtual attendance

at [www.addictionandfaithconference.com](http://www.addictionandfaithconference.com). The center grew out of the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy. The Rev. Ed Treat was an active Lutheran pastor in 2018, when he held the first Addiction & Faith Conference. The success encouraged him to leave parish ministry after 25 years and dedicate himself full-time to the Center of Addiction & Faith, which became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2020.

Living Lutheran **Did You Know?** You can listen to Living Lutheran magazine. Issues online at <https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

## ILC History Hub

### IMMANUEL HISTORY –



### IMMANUEL'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

A beautiful and artistic hallmark of Immanuel's sanctuary is its stained glass windows. These windows have usually warranted a glancing look over the years as members occupied the nearby pews. But they really merit a lengthier and studied view, a circumstance not often followed as members vacate the sanctuary at the end of the worship service. When the church building was completed in late 1949, the east and west windows were fitted with plain glass. It was anticipated, however, that stained glass would replace these plain



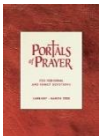
windows shortly. This was done by 1952 and the project was financed by member donations for each window. For example, the south (and most expensive) window was given in memory of the John Pearson family by Miss Bertha Pearson.

These windows are filled with symbolism. The east and west windows feature the tenets of the Lord's Prayer, with the middle windows on each side respectively featuring the Annunciation and the Baptism of Jesus. The chancel windows, high above the altar, repeat the words of the Communion. The large south window over the main entrance features Christ the King.

I think these stained glass windows are simply beautiful and are a real credit to the members of seventy years ago who deemed it appropriate and necessary to add this art form to our sanctuary. They rival any other church edifice in our community in terms of the use of Christian symbolism and the artistic beauty achieved by the stained glass artist.

--- Al Solomonson

**Noisy Offering.** Just a reminder that there is a large silver bowl by the church office entrance for your noisy (coin) offerings. Thank you in advance for doing this.



**The devotional books Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home for October-December 2021 have arrived. They will be on the pew near the office entrance. If you would like to have one or both mailed to you, please call the church office.**

*Thank You*

**Church Council who organized the church picnic.**

**Ben Harring and Mary McDonell for counting.**

**To all of you who prepared the Community Dinner. We were able to prepare 69 meals. Judy Kort for the beautiful music you play for us during worship service. Bob Henning and Adam Doede for cleaning up the leak in the wedding room in the basement.**

**ILC October 2021 Newsletter.** The next newsletter will be the October 2021 Edition. The deadline for submissions will be September 27, 2021.

### **A Canaan Olive Oil Update.**

In the last year, the value of the dollar has dropped by 15% against the local currency in Palestine. In addition, farm gate prices increased by 15%, the 2020 olive harvest season was exceptionally low compared to previous years, the Canaan products were significantly undervalued in the market in previous years, and actions to correct the issue by adjusting prices were never taken. Of course, the impact of COVID 19 resulted in restrictions to their business and to the farmers also.

As a result of these factors, Canaan has needed to make necessary financial adjustments. The price of the olive oil as increased. We will now buy a bottle at a cost of **\$25.00**. While the increase is significant, please consider that you are not merely buying olive oil. You are also investing in the welfare of the Palestinian farm families, making their lives less burdensome. You are providing hope.



Our olive oil ministry will continue, God's Work, Our Hands.



### **Upcoming Weddings at ILC**

Corey Busche and Tammy Plisch on October 9, 2021.

Maggi Westaby and Keenan Cadeau on October 15, 2021.



**New website coming soon! The East Central Synod of Wisconsin website is under construction. The URL is: <http://www.ecsw.org>.**

## 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. ☎

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| <p><b>Bell Tower Residence</b><br/>1500 O'Day St<br/>Merrill, WI 54452<br/>▶ <b>Carol Hettinga</b>, Rm 307<br/>(715) 359-0197</p> <p><b>Riverview Terrace</b><br/>540 E. Thomas St.<br/>Wausau, WI 54401<br/>▶ <b>Joyce Lohrey</b>, #207<br/>(715) 675-4073</p> <p><b>Heritage House of Portage</b><br/>2685 Airport Road<br/>Portage, WI 53901<br/>▶ <b>Esther Osterby</b>, #43</p> <p><b>Stone Crest Residence</b><br/>805 Parcher St<br/>Wausau, WI 54403<br/>▶ <b>Joanne Cerny</b>, #7</p> <p><b>Our House Memory Care</b><br/>220 Campus Drive<br/>Wausau, WI 54403<br/>▶ <b>Pat Stolen</b>, #7</p> | <p><b>Primrose Retirement Community</b><br/>2100 Townline Rd<br/>Wausau, WI 54403<br/>▶ <b>Thelma Bursik</b>, Apt #101<br/>(715)297-1785<br/>▶ <b>Charlotte Traeger</b>, Apt #215<br/>(715) 298-9421<br/>▶ <b>Judy Blanchfield</b>, Apt #132<br/>(715) 845-3744<br/>▶ <b>Kathy Groethe</b>, Apt #219<br/>(715) 841-0130</p> <p><b>Autumn Lane Family Care</b><br/>384 Lyons Rd.<br/>Birnamwood, WI 54414<br/>▶ <b>Jeff Groethe</b><br/>(715) 449-3444</p> | <p><b>Carolyn Viergutz</b><br/>N114 W17117 Cove Ct<br/>Germantown, WI 53022</p> <p><b>Pat Stricker</b><br/>1403 Stark Street<br/>Wausau, WI 54403<br/>(715) 842-1304</p> <p><b>Jeanette Petterson</b><br/>605 Eagle Nest Blvd.<br/>Apt. 208<br/>Rothschild, WI 54474<br/>(715) 359-0449</p> <p><b>Ann Kurth</b><br/>2806 Polzer Drive<br/>Wausau, WI 54401<br/>(715) 298-1942</p> |



**September 2021 Birthdays.** The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in August. Happy Birthday to all of you! Alex (Natalie) Munson 09/01, Clarence Johnson 09/02, Mason Duxbury 09/03, Bonnie Dern 09/10, Adam Doede 09/13, Erica Case 09/15, Christian Duxbury 09/16, Jennifer Schmidt 09/17, Esther Osterby 09/18, Heather Gilles 09/22, Phyllis Hustedt 09/24, Adriana Fisher 09/25, Jill Preston 09/27, Kathryn Knox 09/30

**September 2021 Anniversaries:** Bob & Sally Scinto-Reinertson (44 years) 09/04, Jordan & Karma Nickolai (5 years) 09/09, Dustin & Kristen Hulstrom (15 years) 9/16, Wayne & Karen Rajek (32 years) 09/16, Tom & Mary McDonell (50 years) 09/25, Wayne & Kristin Kallio (19 years) 09/28

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### *From the Stewardship Committee*

Well, it's that time of year. Summer is in its closing weeks. Autumn is soon arriving. Our thoughts turn to a great variety of things. For the Stewardship Committee, one thought is to begin thinking about the Fall stewardship emphasis.

As we do so, we want to take this opportunity to think a bit about the larger meaning of stewardship, not just the monetary part. We're reminded that a steward is someone who is in charge of and responsible for that which belongs to someone else.

As Christians, we believe and understand that someone else is God. He has gifted us with the vast immensity of the universe, the planet we call earth, the environment in which we live and all the people who travel this journey of life with us. We are the stewards of all God’s gifts to us. Everything belongs to Him. We are the current stewards of all that is His.

## ILC Income/Expense Report

| Month         | Income Received    | Expenses Paid       | Notes | Difference        | Spec Funds income | Total Deposit    |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| January       | \$15,154           | \$50,569            |       | (\$35,415)        | \$1,435           | \$16,589         |
| February      | \$10,412           | \$6,836             |       | \$3,577           | \$1,769           | \$12,181         |
| March         | \$21,050.25        | \$8,461.32          |       | \$12,589          | \$1,380.00        | \$22,430         |
| April         | \$12,822           | \$23,946            |       | (\$11,124)        | \$1,286.08        | \$14,108         |
| May           | \$8,643            | \$13,926            |       | (\$5,283)         | \$566.31          | \$9,209          |
| June          | \$17,323           | \$10,224            |       | \$7,100           | \$1,235.00        | \$18,558         |
| July          | \$12,997           | \$13,475            |       | (\$478)           | \$960.00          | \$13,957         |
| August        |                    |                     |       |                   |                   |                  |
| September     |                    |                     |       |                   |                   |                  |
| October       |                    |                     |       |                   |                   |                  |
| November      |                    |                     |       |                   |                   |                  |
| December      |                    |                     |       | \$0               |                   |                  |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$98,401.85</b> | <b>\$127,435.88</b> |       | <b>(\$29,034)</b> | <b>\$8,631</b>    | <b>\$107,033</b> |

### Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – May 5, 2021 Meeting via Zoom

Members present: President Bob Henning, Treasurer Matt Munson, financial secretary Patti Busche, worship Judy Kort, social concerns Kathy Knox, properties Sally Scinto Reinertson  
The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Bob Henning.

No Pastors Report.

Secretary’s report: Reviewed minutes from the 3/16/21 meeting. Motion made to approve by Judy K; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Approved without objections.

Treasurer report. Matt provided his report. He received the bill for Pastor’s salary and payment will be reflected on the April statements. Overall, we are still doing good. Motion to approve and hold for audit made by Patti; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. Approved without objections.

Financial Secretary report. Patti provided her report. Generous donations made for World Hunger. More received in April. Motion made by Sally to approve and hold for audit report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Approved without objections.

Vice President report – written report provided to Bob. Linda thanks Pastor and Jackie for getting the new technology set up to record the services. Also, thanks to Jill for her special cleaning care during this time. Thanks to Al Solomonson for writing the special memories that are in the newsletter. We are in need of volunteers on most of the committees. This commitment would only be 1 – 2 hours a week. Are still in need of organizer(s) for the Community Dinners. Usually only 3 – 4 volunteers are needed to put this together/serve, especially during COVID19 restrictions.

Candidates for open positions on council:

President – Adam Doede

Vice President – open

Financial Secretary – Janie Reilly-Smith

Secretary – open

Properties – Sally Scinto Reinertson

Social Concerns – Kathy Knox

Greater Wausau Christian Services – Bob Henning

President's report- Bob assisted with properties help. The motors installed on the boiler were not proper motors. Lights in one of the woman's bathroom were fixed by replacing a switch. He met with DunRite and looked at the condition of the roof and took pictures. The DunRite representative recommended we work with a contractor that specializes in flat roofs such as Traska or Stuart's Contracting Services.

Education: no report

Evangelism – No chair – no report.

Properties: Estimate from Malbrit for \$5100 to do the needed repairs to the boiler. Sally would also like the fan motors in the old boiler room inspected as they keep tripping the circuit breaker which shuts the system down. Sally made motion to use \$4800 from Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) which is in the General fund as well as \$300 from the building budget to cover the circulating pumps. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy K. Approved without objections. Also discussed getting an estimate on the roof from Stuart's. Sally made a motion to contact Stuart's for estimate. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti. Approved without objections.

Stewardship: no report

Social concerns: nothing to report.

Worship: a request has been made by a member of the congregation to bring back coffee hour on a small-scale basis in the gathering room. Council approved for the member to proceed.

New Business:

- Semi Annual Meeting – suggested the meeting be run virtually but to email and mail out ballots. Would like this in place by the end of June. It was suggested that we first sent out communication on what we would like to accomplish and how this will work. The target to have the new council in place is August 1. The congregation also needs to approve the action of the council on the 2021 budget. There would not be any committee reports included.
- Malbrit work – contact them to get this work scheduled before the next meeting. That way we can approve any additional funds needed for the fan motors work.
- Would like to have an estimate from Stuart’s on the roof before the next meeting so we can vote on it.
- Synod offering – Pastor emailed request that we contribute to the Synod Assembly. Council approved \$200 donation to be taken from General fund (Pastor Hoven).

The scheduled for May 25 at 6:05.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Busche

Financial Secretary

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## ILC End of Summer Puzzle

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| <p>Add or subtract the numbers below each line to figure out what word should be printed there. When you have done them all, you will have a Bible verse.</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>6+6      2+1      7+3</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>3+1    8-5      11-4</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>11+6      5+3</b> . Deuteronomy 4:2b</p> | <p><b>KEY:</b>    3 = the      4 = of      7 = Lord<br/>             8 = God    10 = commandments<br/>             12 = keep    17 = your</p> |
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***Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. The address is: c/o Justice Pule, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa.***

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