

Immanuel News

May 2022



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.

Dear beloved Immanuel Lutheran church members. Grace and peace to you. I am glad to inform you that I received my green card. Thank you very much for your support and for accompanying me on this challenging journey. Despite being a difficult journey, I experienced God's grace every moment. I am also grateful to our synod, who sponsored my Green Card. I am incredibly thankful to our former Bishop Jerry Mansholt and our current Bishop Anne Addison-Albright, who worked with my lawyer. I am also grateful to our Church-Wide office in Chicago for supporting me and providing excellent guidance.

My Green Card allows me to return to my country and reenter the United States without any problem. I have not seen my family for over 12 years. I am leaving on Sunday May 8 after service and I plan to return on June 1. I am taking the opportunity of Maggie's availability to work in our church office until we receive a new administrative assistant. Maggie will stay with us until the end of May. Therefore, I need to travel during May.

I will make sure that your spiritual needs are met. I will coordinate with other pastors in the area to cover for me in an emergency. I will also rely on our lay ministers to lead the worship services.

I do not have the right words to express how grateful I am to you. May the Lord bless you. Amen!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras



Proposed BYLAW change: This removes the term limits due to the lack of volunteers to serve on Council. The information to be removed has the strike through. This will be voted on at the semi-annual meeting.

C10.05 The members of the Congregational Council shall be elected by written ballot at the annual meeting to service for two (2) years or until their successors are elected. ~~Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than two (2) full terms consecutively. A member appointed to fill a vacancy of one (1) year or less shall be eligible to two (2) consecutive terms. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.~~



Adding New Worship Service

The church council voted on March 21, 2022, to add an additional worship service for those who cannot attend Sunday service at 9:00 am. We need your opinion. Here are the options (please select 1):

<input type="checkbox"/>	First Sunday of the month at 11:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday, twice a month at 1:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Recommendation:

Please let the church office know your preference either by email, phone, or mail.

ILC Summer 2022 Newsletter. The next newsletter will be the Summer 2022 Edition (for June, July, and August). The deadline for submissions will be June 25, 2022.

Do you have extra or unused greeting cards? If so, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

Donations donated! We donated tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and canned food to The Women's Community. Thank you for your support.



ILC History Hub

IMMANUEL HISTORY –



Article from AI

IMMANUEL MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENTERED THE MINISTRY

Congregations take pride in having members who have answered the call to enter the ministry, and Immanuel has had quite a few in its 139 year history. Brothers Einar and Elmer Larson entered the Lutheran ministry about 100 years ago. Cecil Tellekson and Harry Baker were local teachers who became very active in the Immanuel congregation, and, influenced by Pastor Quello, entered the seminary during World War II. Immanuel supported both of them through a Student Assistance Fund, the first congregation in the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America (NLCA) to establish such a support vehicle. The practice of supporting seminary students from the congregation has continued to the present. Jack Olson was ordained in 1950, only months after the current building at 630 Adams was completed. Sally Nelson, a part time student and clerical worker, joined Immanuel through adult baptism and entered the seminary upon graduation from UWSP. She was ordained at Immanuel in 1991. Soon, Maggie Westaby, baptized, confirmed, and married at Immanuel, will enter the Lutheran ministry. Again, the Immanuel congregation takes pride in Maggie's accomplishment as she becomes the seventh member in its history to enter the ministry. The three years of theological education plus a year of internship are challenging ones but a necessary pathway to a well-educated clergy.

--Al Solomonson



Thank You

Judy Kort for playing the piano & organ during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!



Altar Guild for all of your hard work to prepare the sanctuary during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!



Thank You! To everyone who helped and who offered to help with the Community Dinner. 75 meals were distributed (cold cut sandwich, granola bar, fruit, chips, and water. Food that remained was delivered to the Mission Church on Bridge St. They were very grateful, especially for the fresh fruit. This dinner was financed through Thrivent's Community Impact Program.



The next ILC Community Dinners are June 26th Aug 28th and Oct 23rd

Jackie Loos for your years of dedicated service to Immanuel Lutheran Church! We look forward to hosting a coffee hour in your honor, details to come. ♥



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.

A Canaan Olive Oil is Available in the Church Office.

Olive Oil is Here! Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$25.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative. In addition to using it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!

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 has 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Monday, May 2, 2022, Pastor Sarras is taking all the donations for bunk beds to First English Lutheran Church in Appleton. You still have a chance to donate full-size quilts or bed sheets until May 8th.

Friday, May 6, 2022, Wausau Pro Musica presents **Voices from a Northern Path** concert starts at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church 406 Grant Street, Wausau. In lieu of tickets, a suggested \$10 donation would be appreciated.

Sunday, May 8, 2022, **Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday & Songfest!**
Please share with us your favorite hymns

Friday - Saturday, May 13—14, 2022, synod assembly. Judy Kort and Joyce Lohr will represent our church. Pastor Niveen will attend the meeting online from Palestine.

Sunday, May 15, 2022, Bob Henning will lead the worship service.

Sunday, May 22, 2022, Sally Scinto-Reinertson will lead the worship service.

Sunday, May 29, 2022, Rick Lohre and Al Solomonson will lead the worship service.

Monday, May 30, 2022, Memorial Day. Church will be closed.

A Memorial Day Prayer by Margaret Cagle

Dear God, today is Memorial Day
Down here on earth below.
I thank You for these heroes.
To them, honor I will show.

In this grave lies Uncle Dan.
He died in World War Two.
I know it's been a while, Lord.
He's been up there with You.

He may not see these flowers
I place upon his grave,
But it is my way to remember,
For his country his life he gave

This sea of many white crosses,
God, they bring tears to my eyes.
Under each one of the crosses,
A fallen hero's body lies.
Many of these men are with You.
Lord, I'll remember the women too.
They fought and died for our nation.
Dear God, they are heroes true.

Lord, I honor these fallen sons.
Some are even my own kin.
Thanks for sending Your Son for me.
I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 9:00 am service, Day of Pentecost, Temple Talk in lieu of sermon by Pastor Jennifer Hoffman, she will talk about lay school. Pastor Hoffman is available to answer any questions during coffee hour.

Sunday, June 5, 2022, Maggie's Graduation, Central Lutheran Church 333 S 12th St. Minneapolis at 3:00 pm. All are invited. As of now masks are required.

Happy Birthday!

May 2022 Birthdays.

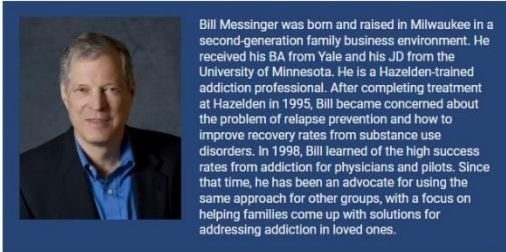
The following individuals are celebrating their birthday in May. Happy Birthday to all of you!

Vonnie Solomonson (5/1), Sally Scinto-Reinertson (5/8), Thomas Mueller (5/9), Floyd Halberg (5/11), Judy Nickolai (5/15), Reuben Roehl (5/15), Emily Kallio (5/20), Grace Kallio (5/20), Arzelee Drown (5/21), Leora Mitchell (5/21), Maggie Westaby (5/21), Mollie Munson (5/24), Claudette Harring (5/25), Janci Treutel (5/26), Mike Gilles (5/27), Sheri Mueller (5/27), Lyla Lauersdorf (5/29), Austin Schmidt (5/29)



Thursday, April 28
11:00--12 noon Central Time

with follow-up 30-minute Zoom discussion.
[Register Now](#)



Addiction & Relapse: A New Paradigm for Recovery

The Center of Addiction & Faith is presenting a one-hour free webinar on April 28, 2022, 11:00am -12 Noon Central Time with a followup 30-minute Zoom discussion.

With fentanyl showing up in every kind of street drug, relapse following treatment is

becoming increasingly dangerous. Relapse is widely accepted as the norm following treatment, but does it need to be? There are evidence-based practices that work very well to prevent relapse, but those practices are not regularly applied in the field.

Bill Messinger, retired attorney and recovery coach, will help us understand the state of current relapse prevention practices and what we can do to improve outcomes. He will help us understand how faith communities could play an important supportive role helping people on their journey back to wholeness. Join us for this free webinar and discussion on this life and death issue. The webinar is for everyone, clergy and lay.



Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel
Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque
Lay School Faculty Member

Retires upon the conclusion of the 2021-2022 Academic Year
We rejoice with Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel of the ECSW who retires from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque IA after 26 years of faithful teaching. Dr. Ann has served at Wartburg Seminary as Professor of Hebrew Bible since 1997, as Director of the Center for Theology and Land since 2010, and as holder of the Rev. Dr. Frank L. & Joyce S. Benz Chair in Scripture since 2014. As Dr. Fritschel concludes this chapter, she

anticipates enjoying a new chapter of life that includes part-time parish ministry and tutoring in the public school system, among other things. From the beginning of her time as a member of the Wartburg faculty, she has also been a pillar of the lay school in our synod since its beginnings. A retirement celebration with evening prayer is planned for May 5th. Bishop Anne, Lay school director, Pr. Jen Hoffman, and Pr. Jenn Pockat are looking forward to celebrating with her and the Wartburg community in person. Dr. Ann's legacy runs deep in this synod as countless rostered and lay leaders have learned from her wisdom and knowledge of the scriptures over the years.



CRITICAL HOUSING INCREASES IN BUDGET: Since the original overdue deadline of the budget passed last October, hundreds of Lutherans contacted their members to end the inaction and include increases in critical needs such as housing aid and homeless assistance. In the final version, advocates succeeded in obtaining increases in [several low-income spending accounts](#), including a boost of more than \$4 billion in housing assistance.

This comes at a critical time as inflation costs and the shortage of available housing are meeting historic highs. In the coming days and weeks, as congressional committees prepare a bill for the current fiscal cycle, ELCA advocacy will be amplifying opportunities to take action on core priorities and principles in the federal budget.



Caring Corner

Psalm 71:9 "Do not cast me off in the time of old"

Facility

Riverview Towers, 500
Grand Ave., Wausau, WI
54403

▶ **Jeff Groethe**

Our House Memory Care
220 Campus Drive,
Wausau, WI 54403

▶ **Pat Stolen, #7**

Our House Memory Care
220 Campus Drive,
Wausau, WI 54403

▶ **Tom McDonell, #11**

Stone Crest Residence,
805 Parcher St, Wausau,
WI 54403

▶ **Joanne Cerny, #7**

Heritage House of
Portage, 2685 Airport
Road, Portage, WI 53901

▶ **Esther Osterby, #43**

Riverview Terrace, 540 E.
Thomas St., Wausau, WI
54401 (715) 675-4073

▶ **Joyce Lohrey, #207**

Bell Tower Residence,
1500 O'Day St, Merrill, WI
54452 (715) 359-0197

▶ **Carol Hettinga, Rm 307**

Our House Senior Living,
210 West Campus Drive,
Wausau, WI 54401

▶ **Joan Bergeth, #6**

Primrose Memory Care of
Wausau, 7704 Franciscan
Way, Weston, WI

▶ **Judy Blanchfield, Apt**
#22

Primrose Retirement
Community

2100 Townline Rd,
Wausau, WI 54403:

▶ **Thelma Bursik, Apt**
#101

(715)297-1785

▶ **Charlotte Traeger, Apt**
#215

(715) 298-9421

▶ **Kathy Groethe, Apt**
#219

(715) 841-0130

Home

▶ **Grace Berg**
Mountain Terrace Senior
Living

3312 Terrace Court, Apt 7
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 297-2846

▶ **Ann Kurth**
2806 Polzer Drive
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 298-1942

▶ **Jeanette Petterson**
605 Eagle Nest Blvd.
Apt. 208
Rothschild, WI 54474
(715) 359-0449

▶ **Pat Stricker**
1403 Stark Street
Wausau, WI 54403
(715) 842-1304

▶ **Carolyn Viergutz**
Fairway Knoll
N112 W17500 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI 53022

☞ 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. ☎

ILC Income/Expense Report

Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposit
\$14,458		\$686.00	\$1,185	\$16,329.00
\$12,345		\$4,845.89	\$905	\$18,095.99
\$15,767.55		\$2,147.01	\$1,060.64	\$18,975.20
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\$42,570.66

\$7,678.90

\$3,151

\$53,400.19

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – March 21, 2022

Members present: President Adam Doede, Pastor Niveen, Treasurer Matt Munson, Secretary Patti Busche, Financial Secretary Jane Reilly-Smith, worship Judy Kort, Properties Bob Henning, Education Judy Nickolai, Social Concerns Kathy Knox and Stewardship Rick Lohr.

Members absent: Jane Reilly Smith and Maggie Westaby

Devotions on Ephesians 2: 8-9 Saved by grace. We are surprised in some situations and forget that God will give us hardships. We forget faith. Hardships is God working in us to work all things for good. Give our struggles and burdens to God. Recognize God's gift of grace through these struggles. Have faith in God no matter what.

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Adam.

Pastor's Report:

- A memorial lunch for Corrine Ehlke will be held April 5 at her daughter's request.
- Naomi currently doesn't have a representative. Need to decide if we want to continue to support Naomi (\$200) and have a representative. Adam contact Sally Scinto-Reinertson to discuss her experience as representative.
- Pastor finished class on coaching ministry and is now licensed.
- Also finished class on Luther Theology and New Testament & received certificate.
- Published 2nd article – this is on Prodigal Son
- Request has been received to move or have a later church service. Some members with health issues have difficult time coming for 9:00. Possible options are:
 - Add 11:00 a.m. service or at 1:00 or 2:00 on Wednesday
 - Move the Sunday service to start at 10:00

Suggestion was made to put article in newsletter to get feedback especially from those that would benefit most.

Properties: Furnace inspections continue. Extra motor is not work repairing. Parking lot needs repair this summer to prevent water from going into cracks. New desk obtained for VP office. Toilet in Bride's room has been fixed but sink needs repair. Received notice of violation of sprinkler inspection but we do not have any sprinklers in the building. Bob will look into putting a shutoff valve for the stove to prevent gas leakage.

Secretary's report: Reviewed minutes from the 1/20/22 meeting. Motion made to approve by Judy Kort; 2nd by Rick Lohr. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report. There was a net gain for February. Motion to approve and hold for audit made by Rick Lohr & 2nd by Patti Busche. Treasurer's report approved.

Financial Secretary report. No report.

Vice President: Maggie has resigned her position. Need to find replacement.

President's report: no report

Education – no report

Social concerns: Quilting hasn't been done for 2 years and there are 6 finished quilts with others that just need finishing. Plan to give finished quilts to Bunk Bed project and to Colonial Manor. There are a lot of cut squares to be made into quilts.

Stewardship: no report

Worship: Wednesday Lenten services have been good. Will have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Pastor would like to have seder meal on Maundy Thursday with a service all held in the fellowship hall. Meal to consist of spices, meat & bread. Will put out signup sheet.

Unfinished Business:

- Faith in Action office move – Move on hold as it is not necessary at this time.
- LLC Formation – Adam di some reaching out. Synod did not give any answer. Suggestion received to contact Wald Reilly as they deal in this. It would cost under \$5000 for the process. We could schedule consult with them. Spoke to VP at First Weber who handle commercial real estate. Suggest a walk through be done to analyze the potential.
- Knox Box – marked off place by back door and working in installing.
- Building maintenance committee – Bob still working on putting the committee together.

New Business:

1. VP vacancy – what is the protocol? Need to review bylaws.
2. Staffing issues have been addressed.
3. Administrative Assistant updated job description has been received and will be distributed to council for review.
4. ILC membership – we are in crisis mode. We all need to be on the same page and be non-confrontational.
5. Audit committee – review bylaws to determine if non-member can be part of the audit.

The next Council meeting date will be April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Moved 1 week earlier due to Easter.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy N b; 2nd by Matt.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Busche
Secretay



Sunday 9am Worship Assistants

May 2022

DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER
Sunday, 5/1/22	Karen Zuidema	Sally Scinto-Reinetston	Bob Doede	Volunteer
Sunday, 5/8/22	Judy Kort	Sue Schwede	Bruce Knox	Volunteer
*Sunday, 5/15/22	Judy Kort	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Volunteer
*Sunday, 5/22/22	Karen Zuidema	Holly Westaby	Dan Westaby	Volunteer
*Sunday, 5/29/22	Karen Zuidema	Joyce Lohr	Bob Doede	Volunteer

Altar Guild will be Sally Johnson

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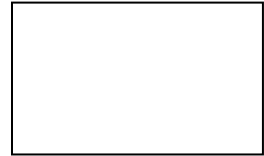
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**If you would like to read or usher for the month of June, please email
info.immanuel.wausau@gmail.com**



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TV Worship Services:
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5:45 pm Tuesday & 9:15 am Thursday