

Immanuel News

OCTOBER 2024



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 desk of our President Bob Henning

Dear Fellow Disciples of Christ,

Where did September go? I spent most of my time in and out of the hospital with some time for recovery. Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers. As we move into October and continue to discern our future, the discussions with other churches and possible community partners will also continue.

We are still in need of a council Vice-president and Secretary. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact me at: Email: rhenning4065@gmail.com or 715-539-7205.

October is the month we begin to help you to lay out a plan for your stewardship commitment for 2025. Your continued commitment is greatly appreciated. Here is another story from "Bits & Pieces" to help us think about why we do what we do. The GOOD CORN: A farmer's corn won awards every year for its excellence. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him about his consistent success and learned something interesting - the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors? Don't they enter the same competition against your corn each year?" the reporter asked.

"Well, yes," said the farmer. "But listen: The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, that cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I want to grow good corn, I have to help my neighbors grow good corn too."

So it is with our lives. People who want to live good lives must help enrich the lives of others, because the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. Those who choose to be happy should help others find happiness. The welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

God's Work, Our Hands.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Henning, President

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IMMANUEL HISTORY



IMMANUEL'S PASTOR IN WORLD WAR I

The following account is taken from the centennial history of Immanuel from information that was researched and written by Harlan Grinde. Pastor Severin Thompson served Immanuel through much of the Great War after Pastor O.T. Boe resigned for health reasons in September of 1917. Thompson's relationship with the congregation was not a positive one. He had a large family and asked that more rooms be added to the parsonage, an expenditure that the congregation could not afford. He also asked that the congregation contribute to the Soldiers Fund and for the congregation to participate in the Federated Charities of Wausau. Again, the members of Immanuel felt that their budget simply did not allow it. Thompson spent considerable time serving on the Marathon War Fund committee, time that many members felt took away from his duties as pastor. Immanuel had 35 young men serving in the military, so its reticence in support of war time organizations was simply that the congregation did not have the funds. Near the end of his brief tenure the financial contributions were insufficient to pay the pastor's salary, and Thompson resigned in 1919. He threatened to sue the congregation if he did not obtain the salary owed to him. Immanuel finally managed to pay him the full amount, but the memory of his time at Immanuel was stained.

-- Al Solomonson



It's that time of year again! Time to meditate, pray, and lay out a plan of your stewardship plans for 2025! Remember, it is a time of reflection on your role in the Immanuel congregation and an aid for the church council in planning for next year. We appreciate your enthusiastic cooperation!

Immanuel: Open for Business...(God's Business)

1. Watch for our ads in October.
2. Your letter and "Estimate of Giving" cards will be sent out on October 17, 2024.

3. Immanuel Jeopardy Game - - Sunday, October 20, 2024, during the coffee hour before church. High stakes game? Big prizes? Well, at least fun!
4. Commitment Sunday and Stewardship Celebratory Coffee - - Sunday, November 3, 2024.

Questions or comments? Direct them to your friendly stewardship committee members: Rick Lohr, Jim Stolen, Neil Munson, or Bruce Knox. They probably won't have the answers, but you can have an enjoyable conversation.



October Devotional: A Future with Hope

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

As we enter October, a season marked by the transition of a vibrant summer to the stillness of fall, this verse reminds us that God's plans for our lives go beyond the seasons we experience. Whether we are in a season of joy or struggle, the Lord assures us that His plans are rooted in love and goodness.

Even when situations seem uncertain or challenging, we can trust that God is working behind the scenes, weaving together a future filled with hope and peace. In every change of season, may we rest in the assurance that His plans are steadfast, unshaken, and filled with hope.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take time out during October to thank our pastors and worship leaders for all the ministry they do.



Did you know anyone can provide flowers for the Altar? Flowers may be from your own garden, from the Farmers' Market or from a florist. Notify the church office of the date and any acknowledgement to be printed in the bulletin. If needed the Altar Guild has vases to loan. Contact: Kathy Knox, 715-675-7812

Thank you for your regular offerings. Donations support our regular ministry and mission. This makes a difference in the lives of many who are touched by our ministry every day. Your gifts also are an expression of your faith and an offering of thanksgiving to God.



There are several ways to make a gift:

- ✓ Mail a check to 630 Adams St. Wausau, WI 54403.
- ✓ Place your offering in the offering plate before worship service.
- ✓ You can leave your offering in the safe box at the entry door of the church parking lot.
- ✓ Use your bank's online bill pay service to send a contribution - this is usually free, and you don't need to pay for postage.



Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 19th: Highland Community Church Women's Fall Conference is from 9AM to 4 PM. Registration opens on September 1st, contact Sue at 715-842-5683 or go to HCC-Register.com

Coats and Other Items for Kids. All items collected will be distributed to Wausau & DC Everest schools through **October 27, 2024**. The drop off table is set up in the Gathering Room. Listing of items needed (gently used or new – sizes for little kids to adult kids): Coats, Jackets, Snow Pants, Sweatshirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Boots and **NEW Underwear and Socks.**

December 8, 2024, 9am: Christmas Cantata, Love at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Ave, Wausau, WI 54403. Our own Joanne Diestelhorst will be participating.

December 15, 2024, 9am: Christmas Cantata, Love at St Stephen Lutheran Church, 512 McClellan St, Wausau, WI 54403. Our own Joanne Diestelhorst will be participating.

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

A very Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating in September!

Margaret Johnson (10/04), Missy Reilly (10/04), Joanne Diestelhorst (10/09), Jeanette Petterson (10/11), Wendy Christopherson (10/13), Judy Kort (10/14), Bob Doede (10/30), Sue Doede (10/31)



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

Gary and Patti Busche (10/01), 42 years

Update regarding Immanuel's sister congregation Lobatla Lutheran from Ben & Claudette Harring: *We had a call from Justice Pule on Sunday. Some of you will remember him, the first from South Africa to visit Immanuel. He and his family are well, and he now has five grandchildren. We had failed to reach him many times in the past few years. We found out his phone no. had changed, and his computer was unreliable, mostly due to frequent power outages. No one has a P.O. Box currently, so snail mail is out. They have a pastor who had been with them for three years. This is a change from the past when pastors were moved every two years. The pastor is Elijah Lekwate. The church no longer has a choir, which*

Justice used to direct. Their membership has declined. There is a Zionist stronghold that apparently has been attracting some. So, they struggle. If anyone would like to send Justice or the church an email, his address is as follows: pulejustice74@gmail.com.

Serving us in October 2024

October 2024					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION
10/6/2024	Delores K.	Al Solomonson	Dan Westaby	BH	
10/13/2024	Karen Z.	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	BH	
10/20/2024	Delores K.	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	BH	
10/27/2024	Judy K.	Doug Helling	Dan Westaby	BH	
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Diestelhorst, Pattie Bricko & Holly Westaby					

Kathy Robinson is here for the month of October

Immanuel Lutheran Church 2024 Income vs Expenses

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposit
January	\$12,713	\$12,602		\$110.78	\$76.54	\$12,789.54
February	\$10,764	\$8,031		\$2,733.44	\$605	\$11,369.33
March	\$10,814	\$6,426		\$4,388.38	\$132.00	\$10,946.00
April	\$12,965	\$7,730		\$5,234.71	\$1,556.00	\$14,521.00
May	\$8,092	\$8,168		(\$76.17)	\$97.00	\$8,189.00
June	\$11,171	\$4,075		\$7,096.50	\$194.00	\$11,365.00
July	\$11,303	\$5,946		\$5,357.06	\$1,424.00	\$12,727.00
August	\$9,743	\$8,720		\$1,022.84	\$43.00	\$9,786.00
September				\$0.00		\$0.00
October				\$0.00		\$0.00
November				\$0.00		\$0.00
December				\$0.00		\$0.00

Totals	\$87,565.33	\$61,697.79	\$25,867.54	\$4,127.54	\$91,692.87
			\$25,868		

ILC Church Council Meeting Minutes will be included in an upcoming newsletter.

Caring Corner

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

Facility

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307

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