

Immanuel News

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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.

From the desk of our President Bob Henning

Dear Fellow Disciples of Christ,

Well, we have made it through the "Round Robin Services" with remarkable success and can look forward to another "Round Robin Project" this coming Fall or Winter. I do not have all the final numbers yet, but I do know that the average number attending was around 150+. As we continue our journey without a Pastor, we are continuing our discussion with other churches and possible community partners.

At the Semi-annual Meeting on August 18, 2024, the members present approved the hiring of a new Administrative Secretary so we could go back to our normal office hours. We gave a big thank you to Holly Westaby for filling

that position along with Karen Spoehr helping on Tuesdays until we could find someone. On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the Church Council Meeting, we found out that Jackie Loos was interested in coming back. The Council offered her the job, and she accepted and will start on Monday, September 9, 2024. The members present also approved continuing the exploration of a part-time person to lead us in our worship services, 10-15 hours per week. I will be contacting the Synod Office to assist us in this matter. Thanks to all the members who showed up for the meeting and gave guidance in the matters of the congregation.

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. This reminds me of another story from "Bits & Pieces" entitled "The Big Fire".

Long ago, a huge fire erupted in a forest. All the animals fled in terror. A wolf spotted a hummingbird high overhead. The bird flew back and forth several times until the wolf asked what it was doing. "I am going to the lake," the hummingbird said. "I draw some water into my beak, and then I throw it on the fire to extinguish it."

The wolf laughed. "Do you really think you can put this big fire out all by yourself?"

"The forest is my home," the hummingbird said. "It feeds and shelters me and my family. Maybe I can't put out the fire, but I can do my part."

The forest spirits, hearing the hummingbird, were moved by its devotion to the forest. In response, they sent a downpour of rain, which put an end to the great fire.

Grandparents who tell this story to their grandchildren say, "Do you want to bring miracles into your life? Then do your part."

God has a plan for our future and will reveal it in time. I plan to keep doing my part with the hope that each of you will also continue to do your part. God bless each and every one of you as our journey continues.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Henning, President

Al Solomonson is taking a break this month and will return with more historical facts in the coming months.

Here are some facts about the Labor Day Holiday!!!

The first Monday in September is celebrated nationally as Labor Day. So how did we get the holiday and why is no one quite sure who created it?

The Labor Day holiday grew out of the late 19th century organized labor movement, and it quickly became a national holiday as the labor movement assumed a prominent role in American society. Here's how it all started, with the facts, as we know them, supplied by the Labor Department, the Library Of Congress, and other sources.

- 1. The idea first became public in 1882.** In September 1882, the unions of New York City decided to have a parade to celebrate their members being in unions, and to show support for all unions. At least 20,000 people were there, and the workers had to give up a day's pay to attend.
- 2. The New York parade inspired other unions.** Other regions started having parades, and by 1887, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Colorado made Labor Day a state holiday.
- 3. How did the Haymarket Affair influence Labor Day?** On May 4, 1886, a bomb exploded at a union rally in Chicago's Haymarket Square, which led to violence that killed seven police officers and four others. The incident also led to May 1 being celebrated in most nations as Workers Day. The U.S. government chose Labor Day instead to avoid a celebration on May 1 and New York's unions had already picked the first Monday in September for their holiday.
- 4. Two people with similar names are credited with that first New York City event.** Matthew Maguire, a machinist, and Peter McGuire, a carpenter, have been linked to the 1882 parade. The men were from rival unions; in 2011, Linda Stinson, a former U.S. Department of Labor's historian, said she didn't

know which man should be credited - partially because people over the years confused them because of their similar-sounding names.

5. Grover Cleveland helped make Labor Day a national holiday. After violence related to the Pullman railroad strike, President Cleveland and lawmakers in Washington wanted a federal holiday to celebrate labor - and not a holiday celebrated on May 1. Cleveland signed an act in 1894 establishing the federal holiday; most states had already passed laws establishing a Labor Day holiday by that point. Sen. James Henderson Kyle of South Dakota introduced S. 730 to make Labor Day a federal legal holiday on the first Monday of September. It was approved on June 28, 1894.

6. The holiday has evolved over the years. In the late 19th century, celebrations focused on parades in urban areas. Now the holiday is a celebration that honors organized labor with fewer parades, and more activities. It also marks the perceived end of the summer season.

7. Can you wear white after Labor Day? This old tradition goes back to the late Victorian era, where it was a fashion faux pas to wear any white clothing after the summer officially ended on Labor Day. The tradition isn't really followed anymore. [EmilyPost.com explains the logic](https://www.emilypost.com/explains-the-logic) behind the fashion trend – white indicated you were still in vacation mode at your summer cottage.

8. Labor Day is the unofficial end of Hot Dog season. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans will eat 7 billion hot dogs.

9. How many people are union members today? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 14.8 million union members in the workforce in 2017. There were 17.7 million in 1983.

10. What is the biggest union today? The National Education Association has about 3 million people who are members, including inactive and lifetime members.

Grace is a Gift.....

When we work an eight-hour day and receive eight hours' pay for our efforts, that is a WAGE.

When we compete with an opponent and receive a trophy for our superior performance, that is a PRIZE.

When we receive something in recognition for our service or achievement, that is an AWARD.

But when we can earn no wage, can win no prize and deserve no award--- Yet we receive such a gift---that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is **GRACE**.



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.



Lutheran World Relief: 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. We have many items leftover, so the need list is short. Collection bins are by the West window in the Narthex. **Please have items here by September 23.** Monetary donations are also gladly accepted. Please specify Personal Care Kits or School Kits on your check payable to Immanuel.

Personal Care Kit Items: Dark colored light weight bath towels, bath size bars of soap, and STURDY toothbrushes.

School Kit Items: 70 sheet wide lined spiral notebooks and UNSHARPENED No. 2 pencils.

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

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!

September 2nd Labor Day, ILC office will be closed.

September 9th Jackie Loos returns to the ILC office!!!

September 15th at 1:30 University Chamber Choir at Zion Lutheran in Wausau. This is a free event and open to the public.

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

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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

**Alex Munson 9/01, Bonnie Dern 9/10, Adam Doede 9/13,
Jill Preston, 9/27, Kathy Knox 9/30.**



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- **Kristin & Wayne Kallio (9/28), 22 Years**

Serving us in September

September 2024

DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	COMMUNION	
9/1/2024	Delores K.	Al Solomonson	Bruce Knox	BH		
9/8/2024	Karen Z.	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	BH	Kathy Robinson Joanne set up	Doug H will help w/ communion
9/15/2024	Delores K.	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	BH		
9/22/2024	Karen Z.	Doug Helling	Dan Westaby	BH		
9/29/2024	Judy Kort	Vern Diestelhorst	Dan Westaby	BH		
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Diestelhorst, Pattie Bricko & Holly Westaby						
Kathy Robinson Here the month of September						

Caring Corner

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

Facility

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