



# Immanuel News

SUMMER 2025

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.  
2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NRSV



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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.

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SUMMER 2025***

Welcome to June and summer. Hard to believe that almost half the year is over. We continue to move forward with the sale of the building and grounds and our merger with another church. I hope May was a good month for you to explore the three churches we are looking at for a merger. Straw poll was taken on June 1, 2025, with 22 members responding and showed that: 3 attended 1 of the churches; 10 attended 2 of the churches; and 9 attended all 3 of the churches. Thanks to all who responded and provided input at this time. The council's merger team has met with St John's and St Andrew's merger teams so far. The council's team will meet with First English's team in the next couple weeks. Our next council meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2025, at which time we will set the date for the Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the merger, knowing that it takes 3 weeks to make this meeting official. Therefore, we are looking at sometime in early July.

A big thank you to all of you for hanging in there during this process. I know this has all been very hard and tiring, but we know that God has been with us all the way. He has a plan and His love for us will comfort us as He takes our hand and leads us forward.

***Yours in Christ,  
Bob Henning, President***

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**Mark Your Calendars for these dates:**

***Happy Father's Day Sunday June 15th, 2024***



**Monday, June 16, 2025: The ILC Church Council Meeting.** During the meeting a date will be determined when the members of ILC congregation will vote on which Church to merge with.

**Sunday, June 22, 2025:** Bob Henning will be our Worship Leader. He will lead us in a very special service called: “The History Board – Our Legacy.” Be sure to bring your special memories to share with the ILC Congregation. Also feel free to submit your favorite hymns and Jackie will incorporate those in the service.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day: Note the ILC office will be closed.**



**Great News!** I am so excited to share with all the members of ILC that the Marathon Historical Society has graciously agreed to archive and preserve a significant portion of our church’s historical documents, photographs, media, textiles, and other cherished items. This collaboration ensures our rich heritage and precious memories will be safeguarded and accessible for future generations. What a blessing to know our story will continue.

### **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.

**The Men’s Discussion Group** meets on 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.

## **Happy Birthday!**



### **June 2025 Birthdays!**

Joan Bonstead (6/3), Mary Rolfson (6/3), Joy Karnitz (6/5), Kristin Kallio (6/10), Doug Christopherson (6/11), David Reinhardt (6/14), Neil Munson (6/15), Donna Neiter (6/24), Hannah Weir (6/29)

### **July 2025 Birthdays!**

Deb Dellenbach (7/8)

### **August 2025 Birthdays!**

Al Spoehr (8/1), Joseph Schwede (8/03), Stephen Feck (8/05), Judith Blanchfield (8/8), Don Smail, (8/12), Mary Munson (8/15), Janet Rohde (8/17), Pattie Bricko (8/19), Erin Doede (8/23), Andrea Schafer (8/23), Mitch Scobell (8/24), Janice Reinhardt (8/25), Bob Henning (8/27), Al Solomonson (8/31)



## **Happy Anniversary!**

### **June Anniversaries!**

- Art & Deb Dellenbach (6/6)
- Doug & Nancy Helling (6/8)
- Harlan & Elaine Grinde (6/9)
- Roger & Donna Neiter (6/13)

### **July Anniversaries!**

- Adam & Kristin Doede (7/4)
- Michael & Sue Schwede (7/19)
- Karen & Al Spoehr (7/24)

### **August Anniversaries!**

- Rick & Joyce Lohr (8/2)
- Vern & Joanne Diestelhorst (8/4)
- Don & Bonnie Dern (8/12)
- Al & Vonnie Solomonson (8/20)
- David & Janice Reinhardt (8/25)

*Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com*

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2025 Income vs Expenses**

Month	Income Received	Expenses Paid	Notes	Difference	Spec Funds income	Total Deposit
January	\$7,898	\$10,567		(\$2,668.97)	\$20.00	\$7,918.00
February	\$9,575	\$8,060		\$1,515.29	\$65	\$9,640.00
March	\$8,530	\$6,778		\$1,751.91	\$80.00	\$8,610.23
April	\$7,220	\$16,354		(\$9,133.93)	\$95.00	\$7,315.00
May				\$0.00		\$0.00
June				\$0.00		\$0.00
July				\$0.00		\$0.00
August				\$0.00		\$0.00
September				\$0.00		\$0.00
October				\$0.00		\$0.00
November				\$0.00		\$0.00
December				\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$33,223.23</b>	<b>\$41,758.93</b>		<b>(\$8,535.70)</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>	<b>\$33,483.23</b>

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting - April 22, 2025**

Members Present: President - Bob Henning, Treasurer - Matt Munson, Stewardship - Rick Lohr, Financial Secretary - Patti Busche, Social Concerns - Kathy Knox, Properties – Bob Doede and Education – Pattie Bricko.

Absent: Secretary – Karen Sporer

Guest: Delores Kessell – Homme Home Board member

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Homme Home Request: State won't allow new residents until requirements met for additional smoke detectors in currently unoccupied spaces. They are losing money due to the empty beds. \$150,000 was already spent to update smoke detectors but additional work is needed. They have implemented 24 hour/day fire watch. They need help with daily expenses and fire detection work. They are licensed for 75 residents and had 57 residents. They have since lost more and cannot fill the rooms due to the hold by the state. They draw residents from a large area with many from Wittenberg and Antigo. Any questions contact Delores at [djkessell@gmail.com](mailto:djkessell@gmail.com).

Devotions were led by Patti Busche – D.I.S.C.I.P.L.E

Secretary Report: notes from 3/23/25 meetings. No changes. Rick made motion to accept the meeting notes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: February reports were passed out. Confirmed that monies in Special Funds can be disbursed with approval from Church Council. Rick made motion to approve Treasurer reports and hold for audit; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti Busche. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Report was handed out. No questions. Motion to accept and hold for audit was made by Rick and seconded by Matt. Motion passed.

President's Report:

- Ruder Ware has been hired as attorney. Will create bill of sale for building/property if sale to River City is approved.
- April 26 – ELCA Bishop and Pastor Dara will be in town and will meet with each church. We are excused from meeting due to current status.
- Synod assembly is June 7. Bob Henning is willing to attend. Rick made motion to cover expenses for Bob H. to attend synod assembly. Patti Busche 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Worship Committee: the Easter service was very nice.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sale of building and property River City Church: Resolution for congregational meeting was reviewed. No changes. Motion to approve resolution for congregation vote made by Rick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. Motion passed. The vote will be a ballot vote.
2. Merger with other churches: Dara should have met with First English. Waiting for St. Andrew's to provide time to meet. Will meet with First English after their new minister is here. Plan is to focus hard on this after May 18 which is the last date for our church visits.

New Business:

1. Disposition of personal property (items donated or purchased by members): Discussion on who to approve removal of items was had as some items were removed and Altar Guild was not made aware but had planned to use for Easter. Also, because concerns were expressed that outside party was interested in items. All requests must go through church office. Priority was set as:
  - a. Immanuel members
  - b. Church we merge with
  - c. ELCA churches – deadline date will be determined
  - d. River City Church

Historical items – Local historical society, some seminaries accept these items also.

2. Kathy Robinson appreciation: Discussed providing a grant to Kathy for her educational fees. Monies could come from Pastoral Sabbatical, Education and Adult Studies funds. The money would be sent directly to Wartburg College. Kathy Knox made a motion that we give a grant of \$10,000 to Kathy/Wartburg out of the funds mentioned. Patti Busche 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
3. Homme Home request: Discussed that this could be a legacy grant. Homme Home was supported greatly by ILC in the past both with money and resident birthday parties. Bob H. had suggested we make donation of \$150,00. Rick made a motion to bring the request before the congregation. The resolution should indicate the need and that this could be part of ILC legacy. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
- 4.

Next council meeting – Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00.

Motion to adjourn, made by Patti Busche and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Busche – Financial Secretary

## Serving Us (June, July and August)

It is challenging to publish The Worship Servers schedule for July and August at this time. I have published the June 2025 Schedule below:

<b>June 2025 Worship Servers</b>					
<b>Worship Leader</b>					
<b>DATE</b>	<b>PIANIST / ORGANIST</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>USHER / GREETERS</b>	<b>VIDEO TAPER</b>	<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>
6/1/2025	Delores K.	Al Solomonson	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Pastor Maggie
6/8/2025	Dan Larson	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	Pastor Tryphine
6/15/2025	Delores K.	Doug Helling	Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Pastor Tryphine
6/22/2025		Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Bob Henning
6/29/2025		Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
<b>Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Brcko</b>					



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

**Facility**

**Riverview Towers, 500**  
Grand Ave., Wausau,  
WI 54403  
▶ **Jeff Groethe**

**Forest Park Village,**  
2901 N. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Street#W503  
Wausau, WI  
(715) 675-3986  
▶ **Joan Bonstead**

**Bell Tower Residence,**  
1500 O'Day St, Merrill,  
WI 54452 (715) 359-  
0197  
▶ **Carol Hettinga, Rm**  
307

**Mt. View Care Center**  
**of Wausau, 2400**  
Marshall Street,  
Wausau, WI 54403  
**715-848-4300**  
**Judy Blanchfield,**  
#4007

**Primrose Retirement**  
**Community**  
2100 Townline Rd,  
Wausau, WI 54403:  
▶ **Thelma Bursik, Apt**  
#101  
(715) 297-1785  
▶ **Faye Schwarm Apt**  
#133  
(715) 842-7553

**Home**

▶ **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

▶ **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. ☎

## **Notes from Shauna:**

**WMC Shelter – Wausau PD.** the WMC shelter is being run by the Wausau PD as a temporary shelter. I am looking for volunteers for the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month if they are interested in helping. No experience necessary just need to be 18yr old. If it's their first time volunteering please arrive by 5:40pm for a tour and assignment otherwise 5:45-9pm the shelter needs volunteers. I am a Team Lead every Monday and Thursday. Please let me know if you have questions.

We need a few supplies as well at the shelter if someone has items to donate I will pick up. We are looking for new socks/underwear of all sizes for men (boxers preferred) and women, creamer, sugar, lotion, men's/women's body wash, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes/combs, breakfast bars such as pop tarts or Nutri grain bars not something hard/chewy.

## **Updated announcements on organizations that we have been working with in the community.**

I just want to send a heartfelt THANK YOU to those who have helped with donations to the WMC Shelter thus far as well as volunteering there on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (sign up sheet outside church office at SSLC on the board) as well as to those who pick up days that our group has not signed up for. Thanks to Kathy R at SSLC for the meal this past Monday and to Kris from GS for the wonderful Choc Chip bars. This would not be possible without your assistance. The current need of the shelter is cases of bottled water, lotion, Men's boxer underwear, Women's underwear, disposable coffee cups as well as sugar and creamer for coffee. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them to church. If you'd prefer to do a monetary donation please make a memo on check or a note that states its for WMC supplies. If you have any questions please contact me.

We are looking for someone to make sweet treats on June 16th for approx 60 people. If you are interested in making a sweet treat for WMC shelter please

sign up on the board outside the office. You can bring them to church on the 15th and I can take them over on the 16th.

The Martys bus is in need of a few items, they are requesting assistance with. 5X and 6 X mens tee shirts, tank tops and shorts for men in size 38,40 and 42, umbrellas/ponchos, sunglasses, bike lights, and sunscreen as well as a car battery for an 86 Toyota Camry (if you can help with this please contact me before purchasing to verify it hasn't already been received). These items can be new or gently used/clean. If you have any of these items please label them and drop them off at the church when you are able or the Bus on Wed and Fri from 11:30-1:30. Please contact Shauna with questions 608-514-4504.

SIDE NOTE: If these items come in and you need me to collect them please let me know otherwise we can arrange a pickup or a drop off with someone who goes to these locations.

*Pattie Bricko found this word search below among the hundreds of documents we sifted through. Enjoy.*

## HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND ? ? ? ?

In these remarks are hidden the names of fifteen books of the Bible. It's a lulu. Kept me looking so hard for the facts, I missed the revelations. I was in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalized. The truth will come to numbers of our readers; to some it will be a job; to others it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy ones to spot, and others hard to judge. So we admit it usually results in loud lamentations. One Lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles over it.