

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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"Inspired by God's grace to love and serve all"

Pastor's Message ~ Lent: Entering the Wilderness

Mark 1:12-13

"And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."

Lent begins this year on February 17th, with Ash Wednesday. I can't help but think about the dust and dirt and grime and uncertainty that has been piling up upon us since March of 2020. It is hard to even imagine at times that we have begun a new year, that there is a vaccine, although slow in coming to most of us, that we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel, even if it is just a flicker.

All of this comes as we are just about to enter the wilderness of Lent, the starkness of winter, the letting go of things we just cannot control.

In Mark's gospel it is written that right after Jesus is baptized and called the Beloved, he is immediately driven into the wilderness and tempted by Satan. We often recall this story when we speak of our own wilderness experiences. Wilderness experiences are not easy. They are filled with darkness, discomfort, sorrow and pain. However, wilderness experiences are necessary if we are to go deeper and experience God's undying love for us.

What I love about the above verse is God does not leave Jesus alone in the wilderness, God provided the angels to wait on him. This is also true for us as well, God provides 'angels' — others to help us in our wilderness experience; we are never alone.

This Lent as you enter your wilderness experience, remember the One who invites you into the wilderness is with you on this journey. Jan Richardson, artist and poet, invites us into the words of her poems in her book Circle of Grace, showing us that we are not alone, that God will meet us in our wilderness, in our sorrow and in our pain.

Will You Meet Us? (For Ash Wednesday)

Will you meet us in the ashes, will you meet us in the ache,
and show your face within our sorrow, and offer us your word of grace:
that you are life within the dying,
that you abide within the dust,
that you are what survives the burning,
that you arise to make us new.
And in our aching, you are breathing;
and in our weeping, you are here
within the hands that bear your blessing,
enfolding us within your love.

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Yours in Christ +

Pastor Tammy



— Amen —

Messages

BY CATHERINE MALOTKY

GOD, YOUR PEOPLE HAVE LONG IMAGINED, discerned and wondered about who you are and how you interact with us and our world. Our stories probe and interpret, but when we get right down to it, your ways are mysterious. We can't know.

But we see glimpses. Our hearts tell us. We give witness. And we remember in the baptism you shared and the meal you initiated. We see you. We feel you. You come to us, as you did in Jesus, our Morning Star. You are the light of our world, honored in this Epiphany season. You call us to hope. You light the way toward a more merciful and just world. You call us to follow.

Our ancestors in faith also investigated and heard who you are. Sometimes your message was delivered by angels. Curious, strange, sometimes gentle, sometimes brutal angels. Because our spiritual ancestors believed, they could hear.

Now we have had our lives upended. A virus, so tiny it can hang in the air, threatens our health and well-being. For more than a year it has found unwitting hosts among the global "us." So many have succumbed. Death or long-term complications are possible, hovering around our every move.

Climate chaos stirs the waters and the winds, the rain and the fire. We are no less threatened by the elemental powers of the earth, pushed off balance by our blindness, our assumptions about the earth's capacity to just keep producing for the sake of human progress.

Both the virus and the climate have laid bare the deep inequities in our social enterprise. While some have the privilege of waiting it out, others toil in

danger of exposure every day. While some move to (or are grateful they live in) safer neighborhoods—on higher ground, less overtly violent, less densely populated, more welcoming—others face stark, limited options because there is no money or their color is unwelcome. While some rely on their good health to get them through, others struggle in food deserts, stranded far from good medical care, limited from the start by health challenges, including a lack of health insurance.

In times like these, we may hope for a miracle, that some angel might come and straighten it all out. We would like to avoid the hard work of repentance and reconciliation if we can. Of course! But one of God's messengers might come to us, just as the prophet Nathan comes to David (2 Samuel 12). David has murdered the beautiful Bathsheba's husband, taking Bathsheba for his own. He has used his power to coerce a woman he desired. (Nathan uses the analogy of a rich man stealing his poor neighbor's only lamb and slaughtering it.) David has also covered his tracks with callous pro-

nouncements about collateral damage (2 Samuel 11:25). Nathan's accusation is both subtle and clear.

David, caught, repents of his wrongs. What if God's message to us is similar? A hard word. An accusation and an implied demand to change our ways. Could we bear it? Could we believe it? Could we see and hear God's love amid that demand? In the light of Christ, could we repent?

God's mercy is endless; God's justice is a bulwark for us all. Is that you, God? Are you calling us to hear and follow? In Jesus' name. Amen. 🌿



PRESIDING BISHOP

CONNECTED, GENEROUS, FREE *to* SERVE

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



Dear church,

We have been living with this pandemic for nearly a year. So much has changed. Bubbles, personal protective equipment, social distancing and one-way grocery aisles are part of our lexicon and everyday experience. Who knew, a year ago, that face masks would be advertised as ideal stocking stuffers? Our homes have become offices, schools and gyms. Our commutes have been cut down from hours of traffic to walking over to the dining room table. I do not look forward to the weekly summary from my iPhone that tells me how many hours a day I am staring at a screen.

But the pandemic has also revealed the remarkable resilience and creativity of this church. Within weeks of shelter-in-place restrictions, thousands of our congregations converted to online worship, Bible studies and coffee hours. As the economy stuttered and people lost jobs, you stepped up the work of your food pantries. When kids needed internet access to go to virtual school, you became neighborhood hot spots.

We became more connected. And the gospel was heard by people who, in the "Before Times," would never have come to church. There is a story about the devil bragging to a pastor, saying that the pandemic was the devil's tool to close all the churches—to which the pastor replied, "We have opened a church in every home."

You have been generous. In March and April we began to hear concern from our bishops about synod ministries. What would happen to camps and campus ministries? What would happen to congregations that were anchors in communities and were already stressed before the pandemic? We offered Daily Bread grants—\$500 from the churchwide organization/\$500 from the local congregation. We hoped that 50 congregations might be able to raise the matching funds. So far 374 grants have been awarded. Working with synod bishops we launched the COVID-19 Appeal, which is designed to support key ministries in synods. You stepped up and in eight months have given over \$1.7 million. These grants have been distributed to ministries in 62 of our 65 synods.

Now it's 2021. The pandemic is still with us. Yes, there are vaccines and distribution is being sorted out. There is an end in sight. But now is not the time to let down our guard. We'll keep washing our hands, wearing masks and avoiding crowds. We will do this for ourselves and for each other. We will respect the disease and give thanks to God for the gift of science. And we will continue to worship, pray and serve.

The pandemic has also taught us something about ourselves. Though we are physically distant, we are connected. Paul put it this way in a letter to the Corinthians: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:26-27).

It is our joyful duty to care for one another, particularly the most vulnerable. It is an act of faithfulness when we limit ourselves so that the pandemic is brought to heel. It is an act of love when we restrict our travel or wear a mask. As Martin Luther pointed out in *The Freedom of a Christian*, it is the freedom we have in Christ that makes us servants of all.

There is a model of such self-giving, self-limiting love. "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:4-8).

I pray that we all live in such freedom. †

Peace. Be well.

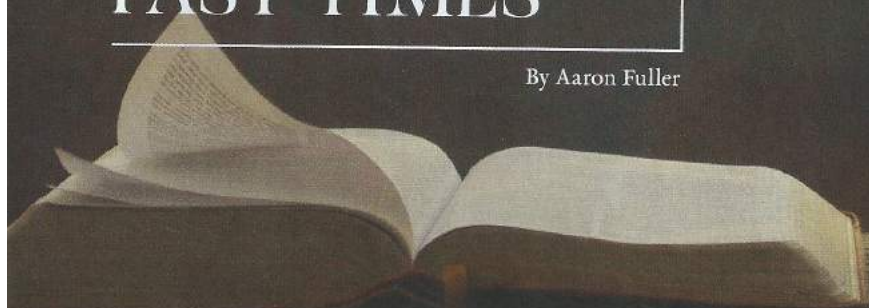
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A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Her email address is bishop@elca.org.

REFLECTION

AN ESSENTIAL GOSPEL *for* FAST TIMES

By Aaron Fuller



Does anyone else feel as if life is moving too quickly? Perhaps this is an odd question to ask in the middle of a pandemic, when we are physically restricted not just to where we can go, but how quickly we can accomplish things.

In addition to processing decisions to perform daily tasks, we're thinking about managing risks to our health and that of others. We're thinking about the state of our society and politics. We're thinking about the need for racial justice, gender equity, inclusion of all sexual orientations, and the broken relationships and suffering associated with inequality.

Our thoughts and emotions suggest life is moving at a frenetic pace—so much so, it's overwhelming.

The 2021 lectionary features Mark's Gospel, which is known for its truncated narrative. This style lends to a sense that we're being rushed through the Jesus story. There's no birth story, no mention of Jesus' childhood nor lengthy sermons on mountaintops. We get a Jesus who arrives on the scene and is immediately baptized by John. He's then driven into the wilderness and resists Satan's temptation, starts calling his disciples, takes on demons and casts them out, and heals the sick. This all happens in the first chapter!

As a former college wrestler, I was taught the saying "Slow is fast." The concept behind it is that slowing down and focusing on what is essential allows one to perform better in competition. This saying has carried me through life and faith. When life's pace seems overwhelming, I slow myself down to focus on what is essential and, as a result, I respond to life's trials in a more whole and authentic way.

Mark is a Gospel for those of us living in chaotic times and for those whose spirits are neglected because

of that. It gives us the essentials of who Jesus is—a healer, liberator and savior. It also assures us of what Jesus does for us.

Sometimes I think it's better for me to know what Jesus does for me rather than to reflect too much on what I should accomplish. I don't need to think about what it takes to be a good disciple. I just need to respond to Jesus' command: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people" (Mark 1:17). I don't need to figure out how to overcome my inner demons. I can draw strength from Jesus' words: "Be silent and come out of him!" (Mark 1:25). I don't need to push myself to be healed or forgiven in a particular way. I just need to hear Jesus say: "Be made clean!" (Mark 1:41).

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When we consider our lives in this time, perhaps Jesus' essential words from Mark slow us down and, strengthened by these assurances, help us respond better to life's challenges. †



**Thank you to our Food
Pantry Volunteers!!**



Thank you's

Thank you Cory Dellenbach, Charlie Strong, Brittany Landphier, and our awesome band who made the Christmas Eve Service very special.

Thank you Glenn Johnson and Butch Gregory for painting the Gathering Room.

Thank you Charlie Strong for setting up arrangements for new speakers to be put in.

Thank you to Char Bierman and family for shoveling snow in January.

Thank you to those who provide meals for Frederick Place and those who donate items from their Wish List.

Thank you to all members of Immanuel who continue to use their gifts and talents to further the kingdom of God. (Especially those who work behind the scenes and are not seen.) You are appreciated!!



Thank you from Karen Franke and Heritage House for the Christmas "Giving Tree" Gifts.



Thank you to the congregation for the restaurant gift card for Christmas this year. It is so kind and appreciated!
Sheree, Brittany, Randy and Pastor Tammy

Thank you to all members of Immanuel for the cards, the gift bag at Christmas, thoughts and prayers. Depression can do some awful things to a person and I appreciate all the support I have received. Thank you to all who have helped.
Nancy Blumreich

Thank you from Mike Harvey for all the prayers and cards during his recovery process; they were much appreciated.

Thank you to all who have sent cards, offered prayers, and expressed condolences with regards to the passing of my mother.
Keith Mayo





Northwoods Memory Café

...where friends gather together

The Northwoods Café is a gathering place for people with memory loss and their care partners. Come for refreshments, conversation, activities, programs – and most of all a place to be with friends. **Cancelled**
Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 1st Thursday 8:30 – noon. 21 Timber Drive, Rhinelander. For more information or to register, call the church at **715-362-5910**.
 This program is **FREE!! Registration is appreciated, but not required!**



NAMI Northern Lakes

Providing support, education and advocacy for people living with mental illness and their families in Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties. Monthly meetings: open to anyone; 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at First Methodist Church, Rhinelander. Northern Lakes Center located in Trinity Lutheran Church, Rhinelander. Closed until further notice.



WI FACE MASK WARRIORS

WI Face Masks Warriors – are currently operating out of Immanuel's Fellowship Hall. They could use your assistance with making masks and working on other small tasks.

If you can assist, please call Kathy Cutforth at 715-499-0138.



Mission Statement: We are a collection of volunteers providing free, hand-made cloth face masks to those who are the most vulnerable and least supported within our communities from the state of Wisconsin.

Snow Shoveling/ Snow blowing

We need help with keeping the sidewalks clear of snow this winter.

If you would like willing to take a month please let Brittany know.

Email immanuelsecretary2015@gmail.com or call 715-202-0637

Thank you!!



Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

It may be 2021, but it still feels like 2020, as if we are in the 13th month of a year that refuses to end since not much has changed. We are still in a pandemic. Congregation leaders continue to discern the logistics and timing of in-person worship and ministry efforts. Please trust and respect their difficult discernment even as I know churches in your neighborhood may well be following different metrics. Your pastor and leadership have your safety as a priority, and paying attention to the advice of the health department and the number of available

ICU beds is a faithful response to our current challenges.

Thankfully, there is a vaccine. And in some ways, this makes people even more anxious – impatient to get it, impatient to see results, impatient to return to “normal” worship, economy, and so much more.

All in good time.

And truthfully, we are distracted from that impatience as we worry and wonder about the challenges to the democratic systems of our great republic. Last Wednesday, January 6, on a day when we celebrate Epiphany, rioters breached our nation’s Capitol building; destroying and defacing, looting and injuring. Five people died. Some say security guards were complicit, some say they were over-run. Some watched what was happening with satisfaction. Some watched with horror. There is a lot I do not understand about all that went on. There is even more that grieves me: the violence and the lies that drove it, the blatant racism, the partnering of “Jesus Saves” signs with a noose and gallows and calls to hang Vice President Pence, the beating of police officers by those who carried flags in support of police. It was an Epiphany moment that gave the whole country new clarity as to the depth of our divisions, the power of disinformation to deceive, and hypocrisy.

Where do we go from here? As people of faith, as Christians who believe and proclaim the law of love in Christ, I want to offer a clear word about what I do know.

Racism is a sin.

White supremacy is sinful and in direct opposition to the Christian witness. It is an ideology incited by the father of lies and has no place in communities of faith or people that proclaim themselves to be Christian.

I do not know what is going to happen in the next week, ten days, or ten months. But I remain hopeful that the Church, and our congregations, are filled with the Holy Spirit of Christ to embody a voice of reason and truth, create spaces for rational discourse where we can meaningfully discuss our disagreements, and be a unifying influence that will nurture healing, patience, and compassion.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

The Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church -

Mom has been a member of this church most of her adult life. The love and support shown is so refreshing. From the assistance with raking her lawn to the much needed cards during this pandemic - the church may not be the people it houses that matter.

Please accept this donation on behalf of Mom. This is the least we can do.

Thank you to all of you who have made Immanuel Lutheran a special place that made Mom's life more fulfilling.

Scott, Sue, & Bruce
Adams



In Loving Memory
AMY VIRGINIA ADAMS
1920 - 2020

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Announces Summer Plans

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is excited to announce its plans for Summer Camp 2021! The following programs are in the works:

June 27 - July 2: Youth Week, grades 3-8*

July 6-9: Mini Week, grades 1-8* and Onsite Day Camp grades K-5*

July 11-16: Youth Week, grades 3-6* and High School Week grades 9-12*

July 18-23: Intergenerational Ala Carte Week, all ages

July 25-30: Intergenerational Ala Carte Week, all ages

August 1-13: Supported Rentals, all ages

**indicates grade completed*

Registration will open on February 1, 2021. Capacities will be limited. Stay tuned for more information which will be posted on the camp's website (www.fortunelake.org) and social media (www.facebook.com/FortuneLakeLutheranCamp).

Fortune Lake is keenly aware of the continuing concern around COVID-19, and is working tirelessly to implement best practices to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. New protocols will include a large emphasis on smaller cabin groups, increased cleaning and sanitizing measures, and full compliance with regional, state and federal recommendations.



Did you know?....

As I am writing this, my mind weighs heavy on the events in this country in the last couple of weeks. I believe that we are blessed to live in the United States of America. We have freedoms that are the envy of many people in the world. We can and are encouraged to vote and choose the leaders that represent us. And these leaders have serious responsibilities. Sadly, our country and our leaders are greatly divided. Our neighbors may have very different ideas and beliefs than we as Christians profess.

Our democracy and therefore our very freedoms have been challenged. Many of our elected leaders are being threatened. Racism and white supremacy seems to be growing. This is wrong. Our Bishop Finegan states: "I remain hopeful that the Church, and our congregations are filled with the Holy Spirit of Christ to embody a voice of reason and truth." We believe that all people are children of God. We need to follow what is true.

Pray that our divisions can be overcome. Pray that this country can be unified. Pray that patience and compassion can overcome hatred.

This is Stewardship!
JoAnne Barrix

ACES is Rhinelander's Association of Churches for Emergency Support. It is the gathering of Rhinelander Churches to show the love of Christ in tangible ways to those in need.

The purpose of the Association of Churches for Emergency Support (ACES) is to coordinate emergency aid, utilize a pool of funds, draw a connection between the Rhinelander areas churches and public service agencies, and to divide the administrative tasks that come with providing such aid. In essence, our goal is to see emergency aid delivered to people, who are in need, in the most efficient, effective and Christ-like manner.

Several churches participate in ACES, both through volunteer hours and finances. Any church wishing to join in participation can inquire with the Executive Committee and will be allowed to do so after the committee's approval. Membership dues are individually based on the resources of the participating church.

Churches are responsible to recruit, retain, and release competent volunteers to represent ACES and all of its members. That volunteer will handle all calls, issue vouchers, and document interactions of the requests coming into Rhinelander's ACES. Each shift is for two weeks. After the two week period, both the outgoing and incoming church volunteers must meet to verify all paperwork and voucher inventory as well as deliver the phone and current client needs. Training sessions are offered and mandatory for all volunteers. All volunteers will have clear expectations, procedures, and resources to accomplish their integral role.

At the time of this writing, unfortunately, we are still experiencing the Corona Virus pandemic. It is a very scary time, and we are finding clients in situations they never dreamed would happen to them. Landlords could start issuing eviction notices as June 1, 2020. There was a program called WRAP (Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program) which when a client called for assistance, Amanda Jahn from Salvation Army had them go to the website and fill out the application. If after this was done and the client still needed assistance, then they were told to call back. The WRAP program was depleted as of the end of October 2020. WPS is still not issuing disconnects, but for the clients that are being proactive on their bills, ACES and the SA are providing help. Clients are first told to call WPS and set up a payment plan and then call back if needed. ACES are not meeting clients face to face. Dianne Syms is taking the calls from the ACES phone, and Amanda Jahn from Salvation Army is taking care of clients as Dianne relays the information from the calls from the clients. Due to some cases where an ACES check will only do instead of an ACES voucher then ACES helps the clients. ACES had an executive meeting on May 28, 2020, and it was decided this will be our procedure until further notice.

We did receive 123 calls for the 4th quarter and 414 calls for the year of 2020. Between ACES and Salvation Army we are doing our best to help these clients. Most calls were for rent and some have been for car issues. We did help a veteran with friends surprising him with tarring his mobile home roof. He was so gracious, and you could feel the presence of God as we met with him at Home Depot. This is what ACES is all about.

Due to very generous donations from special people, this ministry can continue to help these clients. This is very much appreciated.

May God continue to keep you safe and well.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Dianne Syms, ACES Treasurer

The TABLE

Thank you to all those who helped get the meal ready for curbside pick up!



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes: December 09, 2020

Attendance: **President** Cory Dellenbach, **Vice President** Darlene Machtan, **Secretary** Bill Mattson, Charlie Strong, Gene Frane, JoAnne Barrix, Jackie Waldorf, Glenn Johnson, Becky Eades, Deb Rinka, Matt Johnson, **Pastor** Tammy Barthels, **Treasurer** Brian Willoughby

Opening

President Cory opened the virtual meeting at 6:03 pm.

Devotion by Bill (Prayers for our earth; embrace with tenderness all that exists.....)

Action—Motion/Second/Carried...Approved the minutes from the November 11 Council Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tammy submitted her monthly report summarizing contacts, activities, meetings, official pastoral services, correspondence, outreach, and thank you cards mailed. Thank you, Pastor, serving, leading from the heart.

Long Term: Items

1. Worship. Virtual worship continues to get better and better. Pastor recording from the sanctuary is a blessing and Thanksgiving eve services were especially well received. We will continue to develop our live streaming capabilities.
2. Participation of Members. Conversation centered on the generosity of members with respect to our Christmas gift-giving outreach. Warm and deep thanks to all.
3. Managing Property. Gene discussed the possibility of establishing a secure lock box with a mail slot on the outside of the church. Brittany and Pastor would be able to empty it frequently to pick up important messages and gifts therein.

Short Term: New Business Items:

1. Amendments to the Constitution. A continuing resolution is proposed to allow member voting in the virtual mode until the end of the calendar year 2021.

Action—Motion/Second/Carried...Approved to accept the continuing resolution until the last day of 2021.

THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSTITUTION:

C10.08.A20. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, and in our continued care for one another, the December 2020 congregational meeting for voting in council members and any Congregational Annual Meeting in 2021 may be held by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, via Zoom, or similar, so as to provide an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. An annual report will be generated and distributed in both hardcopy and electronic forms. Notice of this meeting will comply with C10.03 of this constitution. Electronic recording of the meeting will take place and be made available upon request. Enacted by the Congregation Council at its regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in compliance with C18.02 of this constitution.

2. Live Streaming. Discussion centered on the improved technology of live streaming equipment for enhancing our virtual Zoom services. Better sound, better video, and an upgrade to our Zoom linkages will be possible with live streaming. Cory and Charlie will meet to discuss and plan for upgrades in all of our virtual services. The committee thanked Cory and Charlie for their invaluable input.
3. Christmas Worship Service. There will be a 4:30 pm Christmas Eve worship that will include our traditional darkened Silent Night. Communion will be offered on December 20 after worship in the parking lot, and on Monday through Wednesday 11am-2pm in the pastor's office. The synod will offer Christmas Day worship services.
4. Family House Update. The urgent plumbing work has been completed. Furnace updates have not yet happened. Glenn and others will continue to monitor and help again when requested.
5. Painting. Dry wall repairs and window replacements have made it necessary to repaint walls in the Nursery and the Gathering Room and perhaps the hallways. Glenn volunteered to lead the charge after others have selected appropriate neutral paints.
6. Council minutes, budget updates. This monthly information will be forwarded to council members several days before the monthly council meetings to allow more careful reviews and facilitate conduct of the meetings.
7. Budget update. Matt reported that the current budget is in good condition. The stewardship committee is consid-

ering roughly 5% raises for personnel in 2021, realizing that there were no cost of living adjustments given this past year. The 2021 annual budget is projected to be about \$188,700 which is \$4700 higher than the 2020 budget.

Miscellany. New Executive Council members will be appointed in January 2021.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Closing Prayer by Pastor (May God be always with and besides you...)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Mattson, Council Secretary

A sincere thanks to the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Christmas gifts given to the residents of Heritage House. All gifts were greatly appreciated!
Beth Meyer, administrator
And staff at Heritage House

To: The Immanuel Students
From: Jan Lambele
Date: 1/10/21

Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you for the lovely
"Christmas gift" from my
favorite group of people -
-- Kids.

As a retired educator I
miss my former students
so much.

Thank you for remembering
those of us who can't
get any more.

I loved your note and
the "goodies."

Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you. Mrs. Lambele



Holiday Stables Sleigh Rides

\$20/person

45-60 min

10-12 ppl

Call: 406-425-1260

Every day
of
the week!



Ministries

Are you looking for ministries that you can be involved in, especially during this time of pandemic? Immanuel is still active in many community ministries, AND there are also ministries within the church that you can be involved with. Here are a few

Nath Meals – 4th Wednesday of the month. You can make the meal at home and deliver it to Fredrick Place by 5:30. Call the office at 715-362-5910 or email Brittany at immanuelsecretary2015@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Food Pantry – 2nd Saturday of the month, from 10:30-1. Contact Darlene Machtan at machtdar@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Blood Drive – If you can donate blood or are interested in helping at the blood drive which is usually held in March, July, and November contact Jackie Waldorf at sassyjackson@hotmail.com

Office Volunteer – If you are interested in helping with mailings, folding and labeling newsletters, etc., contact Brittany at immanuelsecretary2015@gmail.com to volunteer.

Painting Volunteer – We are taking this opportunity during Covid to freshen up the walls and give them a new coat of paint. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Glenn Johnson at Gjohnson30@new.rr.com or at 920-850-3473.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers – If you are able to snow shovel/snow plow the sidewalks at Immanuel, please contact the office at immanuelsecretary2015@gmail.com or 715-362-5910. We are in need of volunteers for April.

New Executive Council & Officers

President - Matthew Johnson

Vice President - Becky Eades

Secretary - JoAnne Barrix

Treasurer - Brian Willoughby

Darlene Machtan, Debbie Rinka,

Keith Snyder, Charlie Strong,

Glenn Johnson, Gene Frane,

Mary Wolf, Bill Mattson, Jackie Waldorf

Wish List

Frederick Place - Most Needed Items

1. Ibuprofen
2. Tylenol
3. Benadryl
4. Masking Tape
5. Eyedrops for dry eyes
6. Q-Tips
7. Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
8. Toasters
9. Coffee Maker
10. Women's Razors



Household items are given to residents when they leave Frederick Place

 <p>NATH Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing</p>	<p>Providing Safe Housing & Basic Needs ♥ Promoting Self-Sufficiency & Independent Living</p>	 <p>Frederick Place</p>	<p>204 West Frederick Street Rhinelander, WI 54601 Office Phone: (715) 369-9777 FAX: (715) 369-5174 nathnorthwoods@gmail.com www.nathnorthwoods.com</p>
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Our new Immanuel Cookbook is finished!!!

Please email Brittany @ immanuelsecretary2015@gmail.com to order your copy!
All proceeds will go to Immanuel Youth.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<div>Pastor Tammy on Retreat Feb. 1– Feb. 6</div> <div>Pastor Devon Barrix on Call: 715-277-4983 or cell: 715-490-6153</div>					
			2pm Confirmation “Angels Around Us”			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship	10-1pm Pastor Text Study 7pm AA & Alanon	1-2pm Pastor Zoom with Bishop 4:30pm Stewardship	2pm Youth “Angels Around Us” 6pm Council	10am Record Worship	Pastor’s Sabbath	10:30-1:00 Food Pantry
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 Worship	7pm AA & Alanon Newsletter Articles Due!!!	1-2pm Pastor Zoom with Bishop 6-8 Women’s Circle	7pm Ash Wednesday Worship with UCC on Zoom	10am Record Worship	Pastor’s Sabbath	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 Worship	10-1pm Pastor Text Study 7pm Mutual Ministry 7pm AA & Alanon	11:30 Zoom Headwater Conference 1-2pm Pastor Zoom with Bishop	12pm Zoom Prayer Service 4:30 Meal @ Frederick Place 7pm Zoom Lent Worship Service	10am Record Worship	Pastor’s Sabbath	
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9:00 Worship						
All Nursing home worship services are cancelled this month!						

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

December 2020

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$25,076.50
Offerings	23,334.81
Expenses	(26,181.61)
Ending Balance	\$22,229.70

BENEVOLENCE:

December Offering	\$ 1,766.27
2020 Pledge	\$18,500.00
YTD Remittance	\$20,453.64

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$17,093.39
Offerings	\$ 2,954.00
Expenses	(\$ 0)
Ending Balance	\$20,047.39

Expenses exceeded the income by \$2,846.80, but that was expected since the Christmas projects money was disbursed and more sound system equipment was purchased.

December Attendance:

	9:00 a.m.	Other	Total
12/6	44	24	68
12/13	47	23	70
12/20	55	34	89
12/27	38	13	51

Our average online Sunday attendance for the month of December was 70.

Christmas	4:30 p.m.	Other
	66	45

Total for Christmas was 111.



2/3	Bill & Sheri Mattson
2/7	Bryan & Jessica Meyer
2/24	Bill & Kathy Maule
2/25	Andy and Tara Kress

2/1	Joshua Kral	2/13	Jacob Schulz
2/1	Shauna Drossart	2/14	Tina Schmitz
2/5	Brian Willoughby	2/16	Bernie Dart
2/6	Harper Drossart	2/16	Ronald Johnson
2/8	Darlene Piasecki	2/18	Matthew Furyk
2/10	Lily Fortier	2/19	Marlin White
2/10	Will Fortier	2/20	Terri Johnson
2/12	Ronald Palm	2/23	Tom Montgomery
2/12	Jacob Wilmot	2/28	Tucker Kral
		2/28	Anita Snyder

May Your Day Be Special!

If you were omitted or listed in error, please contact the church office at 715-362-5910. Thank you!

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(you will need the meeting ID and the password)

Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Zoom
Virtual Worship with UCC

Wednesday February 24,
March 3, 10, 17, 24,
12:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual Prayer
Service
7:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual Worship

If you do not receive the weekly Zoom link for Worship, or the Monday communication email, please call the office and update your email address.
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