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

Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

Over the years I have had the privilege of meeting with parents to discuss the baptism of their child. This is exciting, for the Church believes baptism is not just a cute ceremony usually for babies, but a "means of grace" with God bestowing the gift of salvation. Luther wrote that God bestows salvation for all who believe in the promise of God to do so. So, in the case of the baptism of the very young, parents promise to raise their precious children in the Christian faith. Before the baptism, I invite the parents, and the godparents, to come for a time of instruction. Godparents promise to encourage the parents with the faith formation of their child. When we meet, I begin by asking their thoughts about baptism. After a brief discussion we go over the baptism service as found in the hymnal. Then I pass out copies of the Catechism and we read the portion on baptism as well as the Apostles' Creed. This preparation usually takes about one hour.

I wondered if this preparation was not enough. It is becoming common, unfortunately, for parents not active at all in the church, maybe they only attend at Christmas, to seek baptism for their children. Nevertheless, I am happy the parents, active or inactive in church, have sought baptism for their children. The preparation time, however short, does give me time to share the good news of Jesus, our Lord and Savior who commanded the church to baptize and make disciples. I could be considered easy going, but there is one issue when I am strict. I ask parents and godparents if they have been baptized. If the answer was 'no', I would delay the baptism. The unbaptized parent or godparent must be baptized, and this would first require a time of instruction. Some may question my conviction wondering if it is wise to make this a requirement. I could be accused, I suppose, of forcing someone to be baptized. It is a fair criticism, but I always return to the thought of how you can be supportive of baptism when you are not baptized yourself. It would be like asking someone to coach basketball for a school team who never played the game or showed the slightest interest in the game.

In my first parish in Saskatchewan, parents came to me requesting baptism for their twin boys who at the time must have been six years old. But their dad had not been baptized. It was a test for me. So, I took a deep breath and suggested a baptism festival with the twin boys and their dad. Now the dad was a big man, well over six feet tall. He was a farmer who would rather talk about grain prices and tractor mechanics than lessons from the Bible. He found joy in deer hunting and not necessarily in attending church. What would I do if he refused to have anything to do with his own baptism. But to my surprise, and delight, he agreed to be baptized.

The Sunday came for the baptisms: the twin boys were smiling, I was smiling, but their dad was not. He was poker faced and I wondered what he was thinking. I felt he was uncomfortable with the public nature of the service. He may have felt people were staring at him, but the congregation does not have a spectator role and only watch. Every member is like a godparent, joyful and supportive. When I asked the important question, "Emil, do you desire to be baptized?", he answered 'yes', but sort of. He growled the word 'Yeah', and for a moment I thought he was going to slug me. But he did not hit me, and the baptism finished without a problem. After the service Emil did have a comment saying, "that was not so bad." I felt that was the closest I would ever get for a word of affirmation. Emil may have rather been on a tractor that Sunday, but I trust the Holy Spirit would get through to him about the gift of baptism.

In my second Canadian parish in Viking, Alberta (not far from Edmonton) a couple came to me to schedule a date for their newborn daughter's baptism. The parents were well-known in the congregation. They chose for a godparent the baby's aunt. She was the younger sister of the mother and to my surprise I found out she had not been baptized. So, I kept to my practice of requiring her baptism. But there was great hesitation bordering on an outright refusal. I was bullheaded and so was the proposed godparent. The parents were also bullheaded because they refused to find another godparent. So, what happens when you have all this bullheadedness? Nothing happened.

The baptism was delayed, and I was worried hoping I did not stir up a hornet's nest. But thankfully the young lady agreed take instruction and prepare for her baptism. When the time for instruction was finished a date was finally set for the baptism of baby and godparent. How could anything go wrong?

When the Sunday came for the baptism, I began to panic. It was almost time for the service to start and there was no godparent present. Finally she arrived, and she looked terrible. Instead of a confident profession of faith, I feared she was going to faint. I was tempted to rush the service before she had an attack of nausea. If she was sick, why wasn't I told, and the baptism could have been postponed.

After the service, the young lady's parents gave an explanation: Yes, she was sick but not with a cold or a case of the flu. She was hungover. She had attended a party the night before, and over indulged. When she got home, she planted herself in bed with no intention of going anywhere, even to church. But her parents were not having any excuses. She had promised to be baptized herself, and serve as a godparent for her niece, and she was going to church come hell, high water, or hangover. Sometimes baptisms are not pretty, but no matter. The real power and effect of baptism come from the word of God.

I share these stories as we enter the season of Lent. Lent is a time of renewal as we ponder what Jesus has accomplished for us by his death and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote in baptism we are crucified and buried with Christ. This brings great hope for although we still struggle with the power of sin, we are no longer under its dominion. Baptism ever inspires repentance because it returns us to Jesus and the mercy of forgiveness. Baptism reminds us that we are marked with the cross of Jesus forever. We know now that nothing will ever separate us from the love of Jesus. Our baptisms are like Israel crossing the Red Sea, from slavery to the Promised Land. Baptism promises us a way even when we think there is no way. The Holy Spirit, a blessing from baptism, keeps reminding our spirits not to be slaves of fear. For we are beloved children of God. As the children of God, we are to grow and be more and more like Jesus. This is the newness of life, powered by Jesus' resurrection. As members of the church, we are bound together by the love of Jesus who calls us to follow and sacrifice for the sake of one another. As the church, we are to encourage, console, and build up one another.

There is so much anger and anxiety around us. But baptized we do not give up for Jesus provides the grace to guide us each day. We do not lose hope for baptism reminds us there is nothing stronger than God's love for us. We are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit meaning God is ever at work for us, befriending us, forgiving us, and never forsaking us.

Pastoral Visits

Immanuel Lutheran Church has welcomed Pastor John Kuziej as our Administrative Interim Pastor. He is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits. Please feel free to contact him if you have these needs. He has office hours at Immanuel on Tuesdays from 10:00 am until noon and is also available by appointment.

Newsletter Available Electronically

If you would rather read the newsletter electronically, you can access a copy on our website @ immanuelrhinelander.org/newsletter

"You do well
if you really fulfill the royal law
according to the scripture,
'You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.'"

~James 2:8

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Have you heard the phrase, "Birds of a feather flock together?" This little saying acknowledges what we all know; we gravitate towards the familiar and the comfortable. We like to be with people who think like us, behave like us, believe the same things as us, maybe even look like us. It's natural. I suppose some anthropologist could give a long treatise on herd mentality or the role such affinity plays in survival.

Other observers of societal norms would offer that social media has intensified this phenomenon. Online algorithms supply us with posts that affirm our foregone conclusions. Worse, there are more than a few memes out there that characterize anyone with an opposing view as being fair game for mockery or dismissed as unworthy. Beware of viewpoints being portrayed in the extreme, with no room for nuance or grey area.

It is becoming more and more rare that people gather with birds of another feather, where their world view or assumptions or convictions are challenged. People talk about echo chambers, where we proclaim what we believe to be true only to hear it echo back to us as proof.

The thing is, if we only surround ourselves with people who agree with us, if we never encounter a contrary opinion and explore it for its valid points, if we avoid conversations that invite deeper thinking, broader understanding, or a push back against what we consciously or unconsciously believe to be true then we have stopped learning and our lack of engagement contributes to the polarization of our society and the underlying anger that results from feeling misunderstood.

A remedy for this is intentional engagement and deep listening, not to argue a point or change someone's mind, but to understand the reasons that support another perspective. To that end, our Synod will be offering a Lenten Kaleidoscope Challenge. Our NGLS Kaleidoscope in Christ task force seeks to provide more opportunities for our synod to see others through the eyes of Jesus so that we can better, as James and elsewhere in scripture urges, "love your neighbor as yourself."

Because it is more than a little difficult to love what we do not understand or stay present with topics or people that make us uncomfortable.

So during Lent, you are invited to engage the resources on our website under The Kaleidoscope Challenge. Short videos, articles, movies, and books are linked there for you to watch, read, and study. I encourage you to consciously lower your defenses, raise your awareness, and learn something new about racial equity, our indigenous neighbors, and the LGBTQIA+ community. And you are invited to join a small group of people every week via zoom to process and discuss the resources for that week. What do you have questions about? What surprised you? What challenged you? What pricked your compassion? Your curiosity? Your emotions?

On our synod website, www.nglsynod.org, you can register for the cohort of your choosing. A variety of leaders, dates, and times are available.

Lutheran World Relief responds with help following the devastating Earthquakes in Turkey

Thanks to incredibly compassionate people like you, aid is on the way to survivors of the earthquakes in Turkey.

Urgently needed supplies are on the way to the hardest hit towns so that children, women and men don't have to wait for the relief they so desperately need. And because the need is so great and supply inventory is running low, you are airlifting additional aid.

Emergency shipments being sent includes: LWR Quilts, Baby Care kits and Personal Care Kits that people like you so lovingly assembled. First aid kits to care for the injured. Other critical supplies like heating stoves, thermal blankets and tents to comfort families who are sleeping outside in freezing temperatures.

The kindness of people like you makes this swift response possible. But the need still greatly exceeds the aid available.

Donate online or MAIL CHECKS TO:
Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD
21297-1061
800-597-5972

Welcome Our New Member!

Linda Kau joined Immanuel on Sunday, January 29th. Linda was born in Milwaukee and baptized and confirmed in Crandon. Linda is retired from the US Forest Service after 14 years. She formerly owned and operated a Subway restaurant. Currently she works part-time at the YMCA and also when needed at the Hodag Dome. Linda enjoys reading books, book clubs, Bible study groups, crocheting, knitting and doing crafts with her granddaughters. She has three granddaughters ages 10, 11, and 14 and attends their activities of basketball, baseball and volleyball, along with dance recitals and plays. Linda also enjoys spending time with friends, having weekly coffees and exercising when motivated. :) She is also a grandmother to a spoiled dog and two cats who love Gramma's treats! Please welcome Linda to Immanuel!

Good news about Memory Café!!

Immanuel has been approved by RSVP as a site for Memory Café. We anticipate opening April 6th, the first Thursday of the month. Memory Café is held from 10:30 am to Noon. For further inquiries or information contact Sue Kirby at 715.490.2192.

Join us for in-person worship Sundays at 9:00 am
All are Welcome! Or join online

1) Through YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYfWH9caWNuzOxf9T9JgecQ (or search Immanuel Rhinelander) on YouTube.

2) Through our website: www.immanuelrhinelander.org/worship (you'll also find the bulletin and lessons here).

3) Through our phone app. Just click on the "worship" button at the bottom of the screen.

The live stream will begin at about 8:55.

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am - NOON

Spring Break is March 13—17.
Office hours may be affected.
If making a special trip in to the office, please call 715.362.5910 to see if the office is open. Thank you!

SNOW SHOVELING

Volunteers are needed to shovel snow this winter. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the office.

Thank You for Serving

Thank you Kevin Kirby for snow removal in January and February.

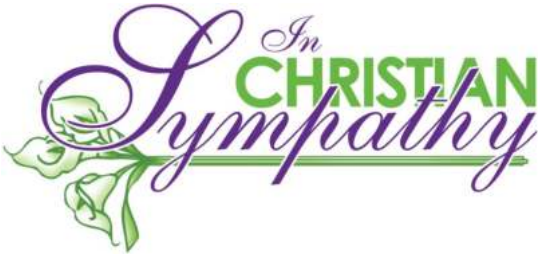
Thank you to Darlene Machtan for your time served as our Council President and for writing our weekly email following Pastor Tammy's retirement. Your wit and wisdom have been greatly appreciated!.

Thank you also to Keith Snyder and Becky Eades for your time served on Council. Thank you to all our Council Members for serving.

Thank you to Rich Laddusire, John Plautz and Linda Kau for filling our Council vacancies.

Thank you to John Plautz for taking care of our paper and cardboard recyclables every month.

Thank you to all the members of Immanuel who continue to use their gifts and talents to further the kingdom of God. (Especially those who work behind the scenes!)



We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Sharon Anne Meyer of Rhinelander who passed away unexpectedly on February 5, 2023. Cards of condolence may be sent to her son, Bryan, at 1124 S. Oneida Ave, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

We offer our deepest condolences to Tina Schmitz and her family for the loss of two family members. Tina's grandmother, Mabel Zunker, passed away on February 10, 2023 and her father, Lester Zunker, passed away on February 14, 2023. Cards of condolence may be sent to Tina and Jerry Schmitz at 7168 Long Lake Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

With deepest appreciation…

Hi All,
I've been reflecting on Pastor John's sermon and just wanted to thank all of you for all the love and support you have given and continue to give to me since my divorce. It truly is a hard thing to go through and I've felt the love and support many times over.
God bless,
Mary Wolf

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and concerns. They are appreciated very much.
Jean Milz

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2023

Council Members Present: President: Darlene Machtan, Vice-President: Becky Eades, Secretary: JoAnne Barrix, Charlie Strong, Kristine Mladucky, Christy Dellenbach, Glenn Johnson, Mary Wolf, Tina Schmitz, Fred McCue, Pastor John Kuziej.

Opening
President Darlene opened the combination Zoom and in-person meeting at 6:01 pm.

Devotion by JoAnne from Luke 12. God's promise is that even when we face life's challenges, God is there to sustain us with His love.

Action – Motion/Second/Carried... Approved the minutes from the December 14, 2022 council meeting with two abstentions.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John reported that he is doing the work of an interim pastor. He has been having weekly office hours, taking communion to shut-ins, and held a service at Friendly Village. Pulpit Supply is stable. Pastor John asked about plans for Lenten services. Worship and Music Committee will have to meet, but at this time we are planning Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm and Worship at 7:00 pm. We would like to use the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Dave Kroll will lead the music.

Long-Term Items: (Great Commission Schedule and Constitution article C12.04)
1. Make Disciples: Teach and Baptize – Jeremiah and Katherine Bellow are doing work of Immanuel.
2. Administer and Oversee Financial Affairs and Budget – We have done well in 2022 and are carrying a balance of $50,239.40 in the General Fund into 2023.
3. Evaluate Ministry: We feel that we are doing well in transition. As for finding a new Pastor we must wait and pray at this time. Cory will contact the Synod office to see if there have been any changes.
4. Submit ant Discuss Annual Report: Reports have been submitted by the Council President, Stewardship, Outreach, Covid, Mutual Ministry, Youth and Education, WELCA and ACES. Darlene will check with the Property Committee about a report.

Short-Term Items:

Old Business:

1. Memory Cafe – Darlene signed the paperwork required by Oneida County. Sue Kirby will be attending a meeting on January 26th and will then contact volunteers to inform them of plans. Start-up is hopefully in March or April.
2. Call Committee Progress: Wait and Pray
3. AA Meeting Space Request: Stewardship Committee looked into a building use agreement and could not find one. Matt Johnson has agreed to work on an agreement that would include contact information for groups. Glenn has been in contact with the individual requesting the meeting space and will get the agreement signed when we have it.
4. The Table and NATH meals: The Table went well with a few issues. NATH meal for January is Mary Peterson and Anita Foss, February is Women's Circle. Council signed up for March and Outreach signed up for April.

New Business:

1. 2023 Budget: JoAnne reported the changes that were made by the Stewardship Committee. The final total for "planned" expenses is $194,280.00. This does not mean that we will spend this amount, it is a conservative budget that plans for the call of a new Pastor within the year. **Action – Motion/Second/ Carried...**Approve the recommended budget prepared by the Stewardship Committee.
2. Staff Evaluations: JoAnne did the evaluations for Kari and Randy and Brian did the evaluation for Sheree. Each person received a superior rating.
3. Council Vacancies: The Nominating Committee has proposed JoAnne Barrix (second term), Rich Laddusire, and John Plautz. We are still looking for a 4th person.

4. Annual Congregation Meeting/ Election date and Installation of Council Members – January 29th: This will be a combination in-person and Zoom meeting. Cory will not be available. Charlie will set up Zoom in the sanctuary with the large TV. Darlene may or may not be able to lead the meeting.
5. Live Stream/music scheduling issues: We have been having trouble getting volunteers for live streaming and music. JoAnne is willing to do music most Sundays. It is more important to have music for the service, than live-stream. There have been some issues with trouble-shooting that has some people concerned about running it. It is what it is and there will be some times when live-stream will not be available.
6. Snow removal: Kevin Kirby has stepped up to see that snow is removed from the sidewalks and doorways for January, most of February and March. Thank you Kevin!
7. Transfer from General Fund to Benevolence: Stewardship Committee is recommending that we approve transfer of $619.10 from the General Fund to Benevolence to meet our pledge to the Synod. It was stated that half of the $19,000.00 commitment goes on to the ELCA greater church. **Action – Motion/Second/ Carried:...**Approve the transfer of money from the General Fund to the Benevolence Fund.
8. Fortune Lake Youth Camp Scholarships: **Action – Motion/Second...**Approve supporting camp scholarships for all youth wanting to go to Fortune lake by paying 50% of the cost. Discussion: Cost is about $400.00 per person for a week of camp. There is also a discount for registering on line before April 1st. This would qualify for use of the Endowment Fund and we should be contributing about $3,000.00 to $5,000.00 per year to support ministries. Motion was amended to provide 100% of cost . **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...**Approve providing Fortune Lake Camp Scholarships for all youth desiring to attend at 100% of cost. One abstention.
9. Kitchen Garbage: A reminder to put all kitchen garbage in outside dumpster as cleaning is weekly and we need to avoid pests.
10. Car Hop 2023: Discussion: We will need new leadership and more youth participation to put this on. We have enough adult help to put it on, but youth are the question. We may need to change the plan and make it simpler by working with local businesses. The Youth Committee will discuss with the youth and come back with a proposal. It may be helpful to look back and find out how much profit there is with the current project.

Comments/Discussion Committee Actions:

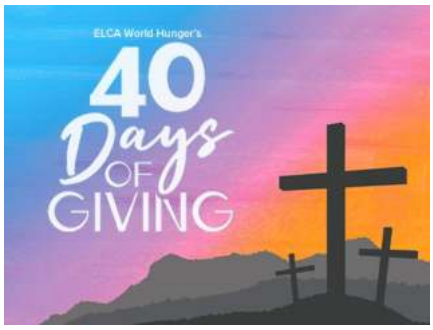
January Open and Close: JoAnne Devotion- JoAnne
February Open and Close: Kristine Devotion – Kristine
March Open and Close: Mary Devotion – Mary
Blood Drive is scheduled for March 23, 2-6 PM

Adjournment: Action – Motion/Second/Carried... The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm following the closing prayer.

Closing Prayer: by JoAnne

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnne Barrix, Council Secretary

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving



The 40 days of Lent are a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. These are not easy times for many of us. Yet Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world. We know by faith that God is at work, drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world.

Connect your congregation to the church's global work to end hunger and poverty during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, which begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. Visit ELCA.org/40Days for resources including a devotional calendar, a study guide, an action guide and a Lenten email series.

Helping To Build A Hunger-Free Community

RHINELANDER AREA FOOD PANTRY
RAFP
627 Coon Street
Rhinelander, WI

Thank you to our October Food Pantry crew for sharing the love of Christ through serving! Volunteering is a great way to show the love of Christ to those in our community. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Darlene Machtan. Immanuel volunteers the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:45 am—11:30 am.

SOUP SUPPERS

Immanuel will be having soup suppers again before our midweek Lenten services. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so be sure and sign up to provide your favorite soup, bread, and/or dessert. Join us for soup and fellowship at 6:00 pm. with services to follow at 7:00 pm.

EQUITY CHALLENGE
NOW IS THE TIME: TO LISTEN, LOVE, FEED, READ

In describing Jesus, the Gospel of Matthew at 12:20 quotes Isaiah saying "He will not break a bruised reed." Our darker skinned brothers and sisters and the tribal members who lived here before we came, are bruised daily by being seen and treated as "less than" by those of us who are White and by the White superiority embedded in our institutions. Jesus was fierce about injustice because he was gentle to those who were bruised by the world. Like Jesus, we can be gentle with others by doing what he did: relating through their stories. As March can be dreary here, what better way to spend some time than reading a good book? So here is a list of books that can help us listen to those whose lives are bruised.

"Homegoing" by Yaa Gaisi
This is a historical novel that tells the story of two half-sisters Effia and Esi, born into different villages in Ghana. Effia marries a wealthy English slave trader and lives in Cape Coast Castle, while Esi is captured during a raid and sold into slavery and brought to the United States. The novel is deeply moving, tracing the lives of seven generations, culminating in a descendant of each sister helping each other overcome their fears.

"Horse" by Geraldine Brooks
A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Set in Kentucky in 1850, an enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

"Rising out of Hatred" by Eric Saslow
Rising Out of Hatred tells the story of how white-supremacist ideas migrated from the far-right fringe to the White House through the intensely personal saga of one man who eventually disavowed everything he was taught to believe, at tremendous personal cost. With great empathy and narrative verve, Eli Saslow asks what Derek Black's story can tell us about America's increasingly divided nature.

"The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich
Thomas Washashk is the night watchman at the jewel bearing plant, the first factory located near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a Chippewa Council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new "emancipation" bill on its way through Congress. It is in 1953 and the other council members know the bill isn't about freedom; Congress is fed up with Indians. The bill is a "Termination" that threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land and their very identity. How can the government abandon treaties made in good faith with them "for as long as the grasses grow, and the rivers run"?

Jesus said "listen to me", "love your neighbor", and "feed my sheep." We can do these things by listening, loving, and feeding the people Jesus would listen to, love, and feed. In the process, we discover our commonality.

Submitted by Susan Anderson

Did you know?.....

Speaking of stewardship, did you know that we have some new council members? I would first like to recognize our outgoing council members: Darlene Machtan, Becky Eades and Keith Snyder. Thank you for your ideas, energy and service to Immanuel. I know that you will continue your involvement in other ministries. Our new council members are John Plautz, Rich Laddusire and Linda Kau. I appreciate their willingness to represent our members on Council and Committees. Thank you!

Our new officers are Kristine Mladucky as Secretary, Deb Rinka as Vice-President and me (JoAnne Barrix) as President. I believe that I can speak for everyone on Council that we are open to new ideas and ministries. It is unfortunate that we do not have our own called Pastor, but that does not mean that we take a break from serving. In fact, as we did before Pastor Tammy came to us, we need to each decide how we can step up during this time of transition.

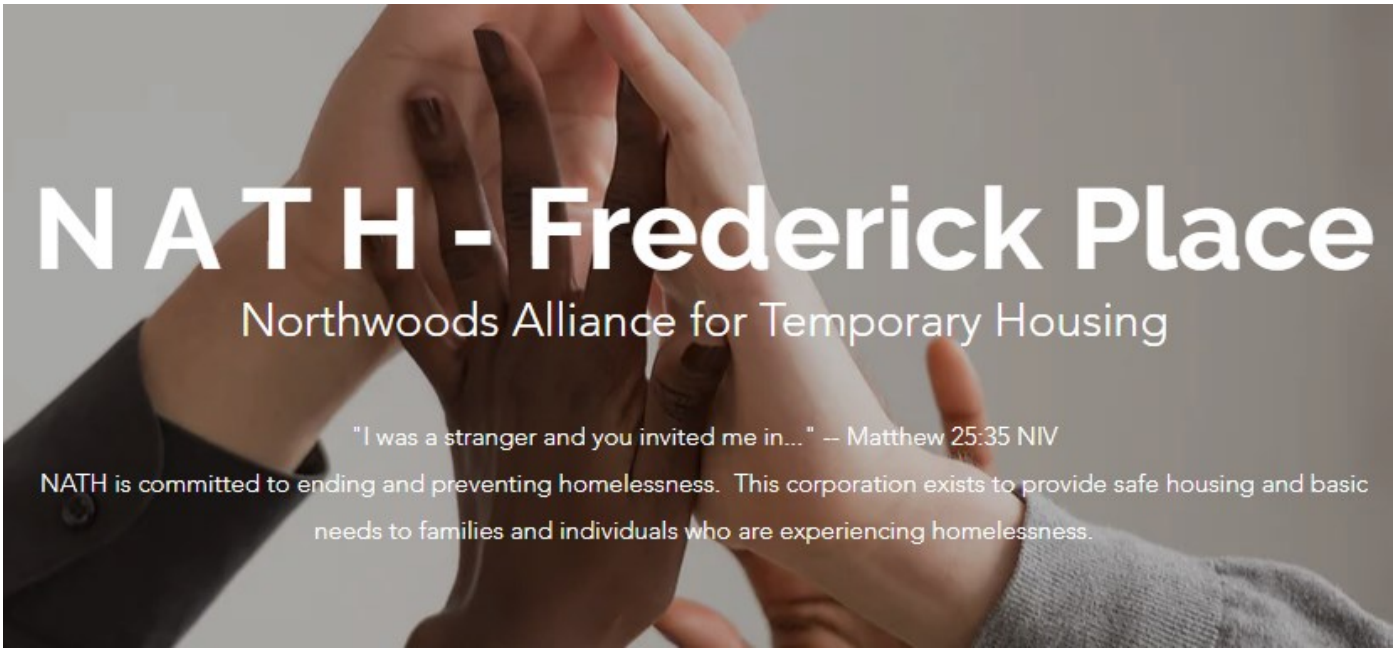
Some discussions that were had at our "first" meeting included plans for the upcoming Lenten season. We are planning to bring back our Soup Suppers before our Wednesday night worship services. We are excited about using the Holden Evening Prayer service with Dave Kroll leading and Brittany Landphier on the piano. The first service is coming up fast, March 1st, so be sure and sign up to provide your favorite soup, bread and/or dessert. Shall we go back to 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services for Easter? Can we get enough help to have an Easter Breakfast? It sounds like a great fellowship event.

Just a couple of other things... There is an idea to have a spring and fall clean up for the church, inside and out. We need a coordinator or two and volunteers. We also decided to discontinue the Monday email. Pastor Tammy started this because of Covid, when the church was closed down completely. Darlene was wonderful to continue this during her tenure as President. But, most of the information is covered in the monthly newsletter and the weekly bulletin and can be seen on the Web site. We have also been asked if we would like to head up the Gig for God this year. Any ideas?

Just remember...we need ideas, leaders and workers. We need people to come back to in-person worship services. Covid disrupted our lives, but it is time to get back. Immanuel is known for our outreach and benevolence. Please keep up the good work!

...This is Stewardship!

By JoAnne Barrix



NATH WISH LIST

Household items are given to residents when they leave Frederick Place so they have to be replaced often.

1. *Swiffer Wet Pads*
2. *Naproxen*
3. *Disinfectant Spray*
4. *Measuring Cups & Spoons*
5. *Ladles, Serving Spoons, Slotted Spoons, Turner/Spatulas, Potato Mashers*
6. *Alarm Clocks*
7. *WINTER gloves*
8. *Can Openers*
9. *Pizza Cutters*

NATH MEALS

The past year of groups signing up for the 4th Wednesday NATH dinners has worked very well. There is a new calendar on the stand by the TV to sign up for 2023. Please, when your groups meet put this in your discussion and sign up for the month of your choice.

If you have any questions or need help please call me at 715-362-2544. Thank you for your cooperation in this ministry!

Sue Larsen

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:oo pm. at First Methodist Church, Rhinelander. Northern Lakes Center located in Trinity Lutheran Church, Rhinelander.

NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

OUR HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11:00 am TO 3:00 pm.

Please call Linda at 715-420-1700 or e-mail at northernlakescenter@gmail.com if you are in need of anything.

March 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			6:00 pm-7:00 pm Confirmation Class **6:00 pm Soup Supper** **7:00 pm Lenten Service**	**OFFICE HOURS** **9:00 am—NOON**	7:00 pm AA	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Worship Communion **Choir Practice to follow** Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej	**7:00 pm** AA & Al--Anon	**OFFICE HOURS** **9:00 am—NOON** **PASTOR JOHN OFFICE HOURS** **10:00 am —NOON** 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group **5:00 pm** Stewardship	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting **6:00 pm Soup Supper** **7:00 pm Lenten Service** **Council Meeting following worship**	**OFFICE HOURS** **9:00 am—NOON**	7:00 pm AA	**8:45 am—11:30 am** Food Pantry
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Worship **Choir Practice to follow** Worship Leader: Matthew Johnson	**7:00 pm** AA & Al--Anon **Newsletter Articles Due!!!**	**OFFICE HOURS MAY VARY—SPRING BREAK** **PASTOR JOHN OFFICE HOURS** **10:00 am —NOON** 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	10:00 am WELCA Bible Study Mocha on the Mount—All are welcome! 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Confirmation Class **6:00 pm Soup Supper** **7:00 pm Lenten Service**	**OFFICE HOURS MAY VARY—SPRING BREAK**	7:00 pm AA	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 am Worship Communion **Choir Practice to follow** Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej	**7:00 pm** AA & Al--Anon	**OFFICE HOURS** **9:00 am—NOON** **PASTOR JOHN OFFICE HOURS** **10:00 am —NOON** 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting **4:30 pm** Meal @ Frederick Place **6:00 pm Soup Supper** **7:00 pm Lenten Service**	**OFFICE HOURS** **9:00 am—NOON** **BLOOD DRIVE** **2:00pm—6:00 pm**	7:00 pm AA	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 am Worship **Choir Practice to follow** Worship Leader: Karen Carter	**7:00 pm** AA & Al--Anon	**OFFICE HOURS** **9:00 am—NOON** **PASTOR JOHN OFFICE HOURS** **10:00 am —NOON** 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting **6:00 pm Soup Supper** **7:00 pm Lenten Service**		7:00 pm AA	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 2023

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	$50,239.40
Offerings	$11,610.07
Expenses	($ 7,767.95)
Ending Balance	**$54,081.52**

BENEVOLENCE:

January Offering	$ 854.00
2022 Pledge	$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	$ 854.00

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	$45,768.72
Offerings	$ 866.89
Expenses	$ 4,473.33
Ending Balance	**$42,162.28**

INCOME exceeded the EXPENSES by $3,842.12

January Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
1/1	25	49	
1/8	27	49	
1/15	30	9	
1/22	32		
1/29	29		

We will have a complete attendance count in next month's newsletter. Thank you!

3/13	Glenn & Priscilla Johnson
3/26	Roger & Patricia Westphal

3/2	Jason Kral	**3/18**	Mary Peterson
3/4	Gene Frane	**3/18**	Charles Strong
3/5	Joshua Wood	**3/19**	Rose Dohrmann
3/6	William Maule	**3/21**	Roger Westphal
3/6	Terry Strong	**3/25**	Peter Furyk
3/8	Zoey Kral	**3/27**	Thomas Duffy
3/10	Cory Dellenbach	**3/28**	Quentin Milz
3/10	Phyllis Krueger	**3/28**	Linda Kau
3/12	Kathryn Borski	**3/30**	Janice Lambele
3/15	Sheree Vanden Heuvel	**3/30**	Nancy Richmond
		3/31	Rachael Cornelius

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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6:00 pm
Soup Supper

March 1 ~ 7:00 pm
March 8 ~ 7:00 pm
March 15 ~ 7:00 pm
March 22 ~ 7:00 pm
March 29 ~ 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday ~ April 2 @ 9:00 am
Maundy Thursday ~ April 6 @ 7:00 pm
Good Friday ~ April 7 @ 7:00 pm