

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

Ash Wednesday began the season of Lent on February 14th. This year it fell on Valentine's Day. I saw a message from another church I liked: "Come to the Ash Wednesday service and discover where steadfast love is found." The romantic love promoted on Valentine's Day cannot compare to the love of God which is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Immanuel Lutheran hosted an Ash Wednesday service with First Congregational United Church of Christ. A combined choir sang beautifully. Members from the two congregations participated in the service by reading scripture and prayers. Pastor Myles and I invited the congregation to come and receive the mark of the ashes with the words, "remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," It was a solemn service. But it was not sad. It was encouraging to acknowledge our frailty and our need for grace from God, and patience with one another. The cross of ashes on the forehead traces the mark of the cross received in Holy Baptism. Baptism is overflowing with promises. Although sinners, the Holy Spirit leads us to the cross of Jesus and the assurance of forgiveness. Ever though we must all die, baptism proclaims that in Jesus Christ we shall live.

Lent is a time of faith renewal. You are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening services at Immanuel. It is a wonderful time to be nourished physically with a homemade soup supper at 6:00, and fed spiritually with worship at 7:00 pm. With so many bad things happening in the world, good it is to gather for prayer and seek "grace to help in time of every need."

The most important time in the church calendar is Holy Week. This week begins Sunday, March 24th. We begin with the procession of palms singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor", joining the praise of all disciples for Jesus. He entered Jerusalem humbly headed not for an earthly crown, but a crown of thorns and the throne of the cross. The beginning of Holy Week is called by two names, Palm Sunday and Sunday of the Passion. This year the Passion according to Saint Mark will be read. It is a long reading, but may we not worry about the length. Enter the reading, asking the Holy Spirit to richly bless as you listen to the story of your salvation.

The Passion reading begins with the anointing at Bethany. Jesus was a dinner guest at the home of Simon the leper. A woman was present who anointed Jesus' head with expensive ointment. This caused an uproar among some who complained this was a waste of money. The ointment could have been sold for a lot of money, and then the funds given to the poor. It sounded so righteous. But Jesus was angry. He put his foot down and told the grippers to leave the woman alone. What the woman did was not a waste, for Jesus it was a deed of compassion and deep understanding. Jesus said the woman was doing a very holy deed: anointing his body beforehand for burial. Jesus then said, "wherever the good news is proclaimed in the world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her," As a congregation, we do many things to help the poor. But there are also individual acts of kindness that provide the deepest comfort for someone in distress.

The reading continues and we hear of the failure of Jesus' closest followers. Judas agrees to betray Jesus. Peter, despite his boasts to never leave Jesus' side, will deny that he ever knew him. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed for strength. It is a shocking scene of Jesus crushed by anxiety and grief. He knew the suffering ahead. Yet he prayed, "Father, not my will, but your will be done." Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to support him at this difficult hour, but the three disciples fell asleep. And when Jesus was arrested, all the disciples abandon him and run for their lives.

Jesus was condemned to death “under Pontius Pilate”. Crucifixion was pure torture and terror. Making things worse was mockery. Jesus’ detractors were having a good laugh saying, “He saved others but cannot save himself.” But that was why Jesus came into the world, to prove the love of God; he would not save himself but save us from being dominated and defeated by the powers of sin, death, and the devil. In Mark’s gospel we only hear Jesus cry out from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.” Maybe you have felt forsaken by God in a time of suffering and grief. But may the cross make it clear that our Savior knows suffering, and is present to support in the most troubling of times.

When Jesus dies, two dramatic events happen. First, the curtain in the Temple was torn from top to bottom. Was this a sign of God’s anger at the death of his son, or was it a sign of the heavenly Father’s sorrow? And a Roman Centurian, the commanding officer at the crucifixion, made the confession, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” On the Sunday of Passion, we stand at the foot of the cross and make our confession: This is the Son of God, who became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. He died for me out of great, immeasurable love.

On Good Friday we will hear the Passion According to John. We might think, why another long reading of Jesus’ suffering and death. Was not the Passion According to the gospel of Mark enough? John’s gospel offers another perspective. In John’s gospel, Jesus is not pictured as the helpless one nailed to the cross by his enemies. In John’s gospel, Jesus is in full control. We hear of no betrayal. Jesus carried his own cross. At his trial before Pilate, Jesus answered the governor’s question, “What is truth?” Jesus’ mission was to make the love of God the Father known. Jesus is the King with a kingdom not of this world. When Jesus breathed his last on the cross, he did not utter a cry of defeat. He proclaimed a powerful word of victory: “It is finished!”; Jesus has completed all things for our salvation, proving beyond any doubt that God loves the world.

On Ash Wednesday, two girls surprised me with a Valentine. In a neatly printed note, Haven and Liz thanked me for the cookies, and for being funny and kind. They also gave me a gift bag with items they found here-and-there in the church. I received a pencil and a personal bottle of hand sanitizer, good and practical gifts. Also included were two crosses. One was a necklace which I wore for the evening service. Another was a picture of a cross with words, “Let there be light”. The girls said they wanted to find something with a Bible verse. I was truly touched by their smiles and kindness. But just think of their insight: the gift pack on Ash Wednesday contained two crosses. The cross of Jesus is an important theme for Lent. And then a simple paper cross with words, “Let there be light”. How insightful is that! The cross and resurrection of Jesus bring us to a new creation with light no darkness can overcome. May you take full advantage of worship during Lent, midweek services, and most importantly, Holy Week. May the light of the cross, the steadfast love of God, be your guide to God’s abundant grace.

2024 Synod Assembly

Online registration is projected to be open March 1st, 2024.

Synod Assembly this year will be a one day gathering in hybrid fashion by conference on Saturday, May 18th. **Voting members are needed to represent our congregation.**

If you are interested, please contact anyone on the congregation council.



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We kindly request you register in advance.
Thank you!

Immanuel Youth Gathering Pretzel Fundraiser!

The youth will be selling frozen pretzels before and after service on 03/10/24, 03/17/24, and 03/24/24 to raise money for the Youth Gathering in July. Pretzels will be available for pick up on Sunday 04/21/24. Please consider supporting the youth in this endeavor!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On February 14 the combined choirs of Immanuel and First Congregational UCC offered special music during our Ash Wednesday service. Thank you to all who provided special music!

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR OUR YOUTH

The youth hosted a spaghetti dinner (God's Love Dinner) fundraiser for the youth gathering. Thank you to all that attended and supported our youth!





FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

2024 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 9-14	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 16-21	Intergenerational Week (all ages) New! Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$475
Week 3	June 23-28	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$475
Week 4	June 30-July 2	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$225
	June 30-July 3	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$305 No charge
Week 5	July 7-10	+Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
Week 5 +Outdoor Week!	July 7-12	+Villager (Grades 3-4) +Vagabond (Grades 5-6) +Venturer (Grades 7-8) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
	Week 6	July 14-17	New! Evergreen Camp (Adults 55+)
Week 7	July 21-26	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9) LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
	July 22-25	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$130
Week 8	July 28-Aug 2	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$445
	July 30-Aug 2	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9 ^Water Week!	August 4-7	^Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) ^Villager (Grades 3-4) ^Vagabond (Grades 5-6) ^Venturer (Grades 7-8)	\$305

Scholarships Available

*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

More info at FortuneLake.org

WARM FOR WINTER!

Now is the time to clean out your closets and bring your boots, mittens, hats, jackets, or other warm for winter items and place in the Warm for Winter box in the narthex to be distributed at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.



2024 Offering Envelopes

From our Financial Secretary:

Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

If you don't have envelopes and would like some, please contact Sheree Vanden Heuvel

@ finimmanuel@gmail.com

Thank You for Serving

A great big thank to all that purchased cinnamon rolls, attended the spaghetti dinner or donated to the youth's fundraising efforts for the youth gathering. We have a big goal to reach but we are off to a good start. Please keep an eye out for additional fundraisers in the coming months.

Giving Tree Thank You

Thank you for your kindness from your friends at Heritage House.
Thank you so much for Christmas. Michelle, Kris, Tracy
Very thoughtful and much appreciated. Deb
Thank you so much for everything. Tim

Thank you for the donation of three beautiful quilts!
These are so appreciated by the clients!
Tri-County Council

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!)



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

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday &
Thursday
9:00 am-NOON



THE TUESDAY MORNING CREW MEETS EVERY TUESDAY MORNING TO PERFORM ODD JOBS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH. PLEASE REACH OUT TO JOHN PLAUTZ IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP! 715-367-3762
jeplautz@hotmail.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 10th, 2024

Hybrid Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Attendees: JoAnne Barrix, Mary Wolf, Kristine Mladucky, Tina Schmitz, John Plautz, Glenn Johnson, Richard Laddusire, Christy Dellenbach, Linda Kau, Darlene Machtan, Charlie Strong and Pastor John.

Absent: Brian Willoughby

Devotions: Kristine “He keeps the key”

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous approval of meeting minutes from December 13th as printed.

Pastor/Ministry Report:

- The Ministerial Meeting discussed the “Love Rhinelander” program on 6/1/24 and ecumenical work force to share what are churches doing. A meeting with participating congregations at Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday February 22nd at 6:30 pm. Mary & Linda will discuss with Outreach committee to determine our involvement.
- This past Tuesday led worship at Milestone Senior Living, greatly appreciated.

Long Term Items:

- Make Disciples: Teach and Baptize (3 times per year)
- Administer and oversee financial affairs and budget (quarterly):
Proposed 2024 budget discussed below.
- Evaluate ministry (semi-annually):
 - Reports are written
 - A lot is going on in the community for involvement
 - Our interim is going well.
- Submit and discuss annual report (annually): Is in the works. Kari will post on-line Thursday before the annual meeting.

Short Term Items:

1. Facilities update: Working on patch work, painting will follow.
2. Call Committee: The Candidate mentioned in last month’s minutes took another call as we were starting our process.
3. Council Positions: Mary, Tina, and Glen will re-up for another 2-year term. Bill Anderson volunteered to fill empty the position.
4. 2024 Budget: Only highlighting the differences from last year
 - Gas & Electric will increase from \$8,000 to \$10,500
 - Elevator & Boiler will increase from \$1,400 to \$1,800
 - Property/Liability Insurance will increase from \$6,400 to \$7,400
 - Secretaries will decrease will from \$30,620 to \$20,000
 - Total change will be a decrease from \$194,280 to \$187,560 a decrease of \$6,720

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous approval of Proposed Budget for 2024

5. Benevolence Giving: Originally concerned about not meeting our commitment, but we had a fantastic December and exceeded our commitment and raised a total of \$19,248.35!
6. Annual Meeting: January 21st, 2024, and Installation of Council January 28th.

New Business:

1. Synod Youth Committee: Cory approached Stewardship to completely fund attendees. Normally \$475/ea., but if paid early will be \$450. Currently we have a total of two interested = \$900 and will be covered by the endowment fund. Will determine if others are interested.
2. NATH meal on January 24th: Mary – lasagna, Kristine – salad, Tina – dessert, Darlene – bread, Linda – milk/juice, Jo Anne veggies & dip.

Comments/Discussion/Committee actions:

1. Music needs to meet to plan for lent. Would like to do the Holden Evening Prayer Service, need to contact Dave & Brittney.
2. Outreach: The Table went well.
3. Ash Wednesday – Where? Need to be determined.
4. Cory shared by an email year-end 2023 information for Live Stream and our Website (highlights below)
 - Livestream 1,795 viewers (down about 1,000 from 2022) expected due to more in-person attendance. Averaged 8 live stream viewers per service. Most watch via You Tube, then website, and last the Church App. (1-2 per week).
 - 9 used the App. Hopefully more will use, it is a valuable tool to get news out fast if we need to with push notifications (free for life, won contest through Tithely our online giving)
 - Online giving is used (8 regularly via Tithely.) In 2023 collected \$30,223.04 via online with 216 gifts from 11 people.
 - Website traffic had 638 new visitors in 2023 (continues up, visitors about double), most finding us via specific google search. Most visited:
 1. Main page
 2. Livestream
 3. About Us
 4. Newsletter.
 - A new website design will be coming in a few weeks!

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous Adjournment at 6:36 PM
Closing Lord's Prayer

Open & Close/Devotions:

January: Kristine (O&C/D)
February: Linda (O&C/D)
March: Tina (O&C/D)
April: Darlene (O&C/D)

Respectfully Submitted
Kristine G. Mladucky

NATH meals:

February – Karen Stroede & Anita Foss
March – Outreach
April – Worship and Music

Immanuel Lutheran Church Special Council Meeting Minutes January 28th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 8:43 am.

Attendees: Brian Willoughby JoAnne Barrix, Mary Wolf, Kristine Mladucky, John Plautz, Glenn Johnson, Christy Dellenbach, Bill Anderson and Darlene Machtan

Absent: Tina Schmitz, Richard Laddusire, Linda Kau, and Charlie Strong.

New Business:

COPIER:

Discussion regarding copier breakdown and our choices: fix (\$1,300-\$1,500 for 10+ yr. old), lease (\$130.91 for 60 Months), or buy new \$5,460.29.

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous approval to buy a new copier for \$5,460.29 with a \$25/Quarter for parts/maintenance.

A special congregational meeting will be needed to approve since it is over our threshold. First announcement today (January 28th) in church, second announcement before the service on February 4th, with the special meeting following the service.

LAPTOP:

It has been brought to our attention that the laptop that Sheree (Financial Secretary) is using is having issues and is at the end of its normal life cycle.

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous approval to buy a new Laptop with updated needed software (QuickBooks) not to exceed \$1,000.

The General Fund will be used for both expenditures.

SEWING MACHINE:

John Plautz brought to our attention that there is an older sewing machine in a cabinet in the balcony/loft area. He will bring it down to the quilting room. Not sure of the working condition, one suggestion was to use it as a display for the quilts.

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous Adjournment at 8:50 am

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Mladucky, Council Secretary

Youth Leader Training Opportunity part of FLLC Jr./Sr. High Retreat April 20, 2024 * 9:00 a.m. – noon CT

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting its annual Jr./Sr. High Youth Retreat April 19-20 for 7th-12th graders. In recent years, the NGLS and FLLC have collaborated to provide an adult component at this retreat to provide training opportunities and help youth leaders in our synod network and share resources. This spring, our adult time together will focus on suicide awareness and prevention for youth. Adults from across the NGLS are invited to bring a carload of kids to the retreat and stay for the weekend, or just attend the Saturday morning workshop. Soul Shop™ is a training designed for youth leaders, pastors, lay professionals, volunteers, Sunday School teachers, and Christian educators to learn about and address the unique needs of youth ages 11 to 18 who are impacted by suicide. This training will take place **Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. – noon (Central Time) at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**, followed by lunch in the dining hall. There is **no fee** to attend this training thanks to a generous grant provided by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. To make sure we have enough materials and lunch prepared, **please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org by Friday, April 12**. Additional details about registering yourself and/or youth for the entire retreat will be available at [Year-Round Retreats – Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp](#).

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 9:58 am by President JoAnne Barrix.

A quorum was declared.

The Church Council has made a recommendation to purchase a new copier from EO Johnson for \$5,460.29 with maintenance costs of \$25.00 per quarter for parts and maintenance.

Discussion: Leasing the copier for 5 years would cost \$7,854.60. At the end of the 5 years we would not have a copier. A new copier should last us for 10 to 12 years with light use. There was a question about where the money would come from. It would come from the General Fund.

Motion/Second/Carried unanimous approval of the recommendation from Council.

Motion/Second/Carried unanimous approval of adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnne Barrix Acting Secretary

Help Wanted -Now Hiring!!

Does spending time with youth in the church sound exciting? Or do you enjoy refreshing your memory on bible stories you heard as a kid or learning new stories? Crafting, games, conversation and fun... Faith Explorers is where it is at.

After many years our current FE teachers are nearing "retirement" and are in need of teachers to close out this "school" year (ending May 12) and for the fall when classes resume.

On the job training is offered, scheduling is flexible accommodating to your personal preference.

Please contact Sarah Willoughby or Becky Eades for more details.



EQUITY CHALLENGE

DOMINATORS OR STEWARDS?

Then God said, “Let us make people in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” Genesis 1:26.

“We are all thankful to our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our mother, we send greetings and thanks. Now our minds are one.” Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Greetings to the Natural World.

The address continues to speak **TO** the waters, **TO** the plants, **TO** the fish, **TO** the food plants, **TO** the medicine herbs, **TO** the animals, **TO** the trees, **TO** the birds, **TO** the four winds, **TO** the thunderers (grandfathers), **TO** the sun, **TO** Grandmother moon, **TO** the stars, **TO** the enlightened teachers, **TO** the creator, ending each thanks with the words “Now our minds are one.” The words are spoken as if to another person, a living being, someone to be honored, respected, held as sacred, someone considered family. This is the language of mutual nurturing, of living in harmony, of the interdependence of all of creation. This is the perspective of the Indigenous People who lived here before us.

Then we came, bringing a different view of the land and all that is upon it. We cut the trees where the animals and the birds lived. We damned the free flowing rivers, taking water for crops. We gouged holes in the earth and sunk pipes in the ground to “extract” what was below the surface. We saw the land as a thing, as non-living, as an object to own, as existing for our use and benefit, as an entitlement. Now we are separated from the earth rather than connected. Now we are alienated from the animals and plants upon which we depend for life. Now we are antagonistic to one another. Now we are not one. Now it is time to give up domination and become stewards like the Anishinabenaki here before us and the Bodwewadmi (Potawatomi) who are with us now.

Submitted by Susan Anderson

Civic Life and Faith draft Social Statement now available

Between now and Sept. 30, 2024, you are invited to study and give feedback on the Civic Life and Faith Social Statement draft by filling out an online survey or attending a hearing in your synod, as available. To access the draft and the survey, and to find information on how to host a hearing in your synod, go to www.elca.org/civicsandfaith.

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Pastor Kari: 715.437.0770



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RAFP
627 Coon Street
Rhinelanders, WI

Thank you to our February 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.





Did you know?...

I am writing this the day after Ash Wednesday. The service with the First Congregational United Church of Christ started making me think about stewardship. The evening, for me, began with a church council meeting. I am so pleased and impressed with the members of our council. Our vacancies were easily filled after concerns that we would have to lower the number of members on the council. With a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings we have great attendance.

At 6:00 we joined with members of the UCC congregation for a great spaghetti dinner organized and prepared by our youth. I thank our youth leaders for helping with this wonderful fundraiser for our group going to New Orleans this summer. After dinner our choirs joined for a quick practice before the service. Marilyn Norden played the organ and piano for the service and Mary Peterson (from UCC) led the choir. It was so nice to have such a large choir. Johanna Dellenbach was a reader for the service. She is so poised and clear as she reads. She has a gift.

As my mind thinks more about stewardship, I think about our members that faithfully attend our services at Milestone, Friendly Village and Rennes. We are so blessed to have Pastor John as our interim pastor. His messages are truly intergenerational as he speaks to our children and our seniors. A few months ago, we were considering pairing with another group to have enough people to volunteer at the Food Pantry. For the past few months we have had a great turnout of volunteers. All areas are fully staffed. We have our Lenten services and soup suppers coming up. I noticed that the sign up for soup is filling rapidly.

Everywhere I look at Immanuel, between quilters, band, choir, readers, ushers, worshippers and on and on I see stewardship of many, many gifts. One other note. I received a letter from Katherine and Jeremiah Below with an update on a mission trip that they took with a group from the Peace Lutheran Campus Center. I believe that some of the seeds for their faith were planted in them here at Immanuel.

....This is Stewardship!

By JoAnne Barrix

Children's Sermon

Pastor John delivering the children's sermon to Ivan with acolyte Natalie looking on.





NATH - Frederick Place

Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing

"I was a stranger and you invited me in..." – Matthew 25:35 NIV

NATH is committed to ending and preventing homelessness. This corporation exists to provide safe housing and basic needs to families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

NATH MEALS

Our ministry groups have been providing the monthly NATH (Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing) meals and this has been working well.

Please consider signing your group up to provide a meal in 2024!

To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or you can call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

Thank you for your cooperation in this ministry!

NAMI Northern Lakes

Peer Support Group is held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Center in the Lower Level of Trinity Lutheran Church, from 1 - 2 PM. You may also join these groups via Zoom. There is a Peer Support Group for women, or anyone who identifies as such in a significant way, on Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 PM, in the same location. This group is in-person only. Call 715-420-1700 or email contact@naminorthernlakes.org for more information.

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Iris Place

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24/7

Mental Health Crisis Line

988

Warm Line

1-414-777-4729

7 pm to 11 pm Wed.-Mon.

Solstice Warm Line

1-608-244-5077

24/7



March 2024

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21 W Timber Drive, Rhinelander

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Worship Communion Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej 10:00 am Faith Explorers	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 6pm Soup Supper 7pm LENTEN SERVICE	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON 10:30 am—Noon MEMORY CAFÉ	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	8:45 am— 11:30 am Food Pantry
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9:00 am Worship Worship Leader: Matthew Johnson YOUTH PRETZEL FUNDRAISER 10:00 am Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE CLOSED PASTOR JOHN Milestone Nursing Home Service 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 5:00 pm Stewardship 10:00 am—3:00 pm St. Augustine's Council Retreat	10:00 am WELCA Bible Study (2nd Wednesday of the month) 1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting 5:00 pm Council 6pm Soup Supper 7pm LENTEN SERVICE	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Newsletter Articles Due!!!</div>	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	THE TUESDAY MORNING CREW MEETS EVERY TUESDAY TO DO ODD JOBS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH. PLEASE REACH OUT TO JOHN PLAUTZ IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP! 715-367-3762 jeplautz@hotmail.com
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 am Worship Communion Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Heykes YOUTH PRETZEL FUNDRAISER 10:00 am Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON PASTOR JOHN Friendly Village Nursing Home Service 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting 6pm Soup Supper 7pm LENTEN SERVICE	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej YOUTH PRETZEL FUNDRAISER 10:00 am Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON PASTOR JOHN Rennes Nursing Home Service 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am— NOON 1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Meal @ Frederick Place	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	
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8:00 am Easter Worship Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Easter Worship						

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 2024

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$95,567.19
Offerings	\$18,239.14
\$1,306.60 is moved to Building Fund	
Expenses	(\$ 9,284.39)
Ending Balance	\$104,521.94

BENEVOLENCE:

January Offering	\$ 2,523.79
2024 Pledge	\$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	\$ 2,523.79

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$32,890.44
Offerings	\$ 1,306.60
Expenses	\$ 159.95
Ending Balance	\$34,037.09

**INCOME exceeded the
EXPENSES by \$8,954.75.**



January 2024 Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
01/07	50	49	99
01/14	30	50	80
01/21	35	40	75
01/28	42	49	91

Our average worship attendance for the month of January was 86.

Join us for in-person worship Sundays at 9:00 am or join online. All Are Welcome!

- 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 am.

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

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



May Your Day Be Special!

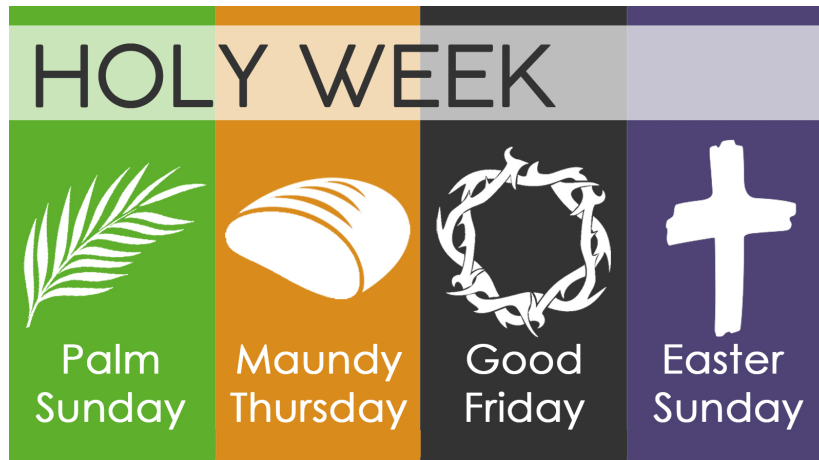
If you were omitted or listed in error, please contact the church office at 715-362-5910. Thank you!

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Palm Sunday ~ March 24 @ 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday ~ March 28 @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday ~ March 29 @ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday ~ March 31 @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast ~ between services