

# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

## Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

Our Synod Assembly is coming up in May. An important item on the program is the Synod wide offering for World Hunger. This offering is a beautiful example of the meaning “Synod”—our journey together. Congregations of the Synod are committed to the journey of alleviating hunger both at home and in the world. The offering can be measured by the dollar sign and we are curious to see the total. The monetary measure is always generous for which we are grateful. I would say an even greater sign is the work of the Holy Spirit reminding us of Jesus’ word, “I was hungry, and you gave me food”. Jesus’ appeal is for the heart of the church to remain merciful remembering God’s love for the neighbor next door, and for the hungry neighbor in the world.

At the Assembly two awards are presented. There is the “Bread Basket” award, given to an individual committed to feeding the hungry by action and advocacy. There is the “Big Bear” award given to a congregation in the Synod for their dedication to work like a weekly community meal program, supporting a local food pantry, working with youth groups to overcome hunger, to name a few examples. The Big Bear award is based on a play on words. In Galatians 6:2 it says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” The recipient congregation receives a statue of a bear and keeps it for a year.

I was chairman of the World Hunger Sub-committee for seventeen years. At every Synod Assembly I would have my 15 seconds of fame. I would be called before the Assembly and announce the award recipients. Immanuel Lutheran Church received the Big Bear one year, recognizing its Annual Bike Ride for World Hunger. Over the years this bike ride raised thousands of dollars for the E.L.C.A. Hunger Appeal. Members of Immanuel have a heart to help the hungry. There are willing volunteers who help at the Rhinelander Food Pantry, and different groups take turns providing a monthly meal for Frederick Place.

Over the years I have heard people complain about raising money for the E.L.C.A. Hunger Appeal or Lutheran World Relief. There is the wish that donations help only local charities. There is the concern that money not given to local causes may not be well spent. There is the fear of poor management, even corruption preventing funds to truly help the needy. I have checked a watch dog organization called Charity Navigator. This organization checks several categories of accountability. It concluded that one can give funds to the Hunger Appeal and Lutheran World Relief confident that the money will benefit the poor and needy.

Nicholas Kristof writes a column for the New York Times. I look forward to his writings since he often spends time overseas reporting on countries where there is danger of food insecurity and health risks due to lack of medicines and medical care. Lately he has been reporting about the Sudan, where a Civil War has created food shortages and appalling inhumane treatment of innocent people. In a current column he questions the wisdom of the dismantling of the main U.S. Foreign Aid organization, U.S.A.I.D. He challenged a statement from a government official who said, "No one has died as a result of a brief pause to do a sanity check on foreign aid funding. No one." Nicholas countered by saying, "That Isn't True". He has recently been to the Sudan where people on the edge of survival have died when aid assistance was suddenly stopped. Nicholas wrote, "Some of you may be thinking: This is very sad, but why is it our job to keep kids alive in poor countries?"

He gave two answers. First, he wrote foreign aid to provide food and medicine is an example of soft power. Soft power means the reputation of the United States is enhanced by providing non-military assistance. The United States shows care when it sets up medical clinics in remote areas of poor countries and ships food to areas afflicted by famine and drought. The second answer has to do with a moral code: aid is given not just for self interest but that it is the right, humanitarian thing to do. He wrote, "We can heal the sick and save children's lives inexpensively: America spends just 0.24 percent of gross national income on humanitarian aid. We properly honor a firefighter who saves a single child, but three cheers for us as taxpayers for rescuing millions of children around the world from starvation and disease."

We hear a lot about DOGE: department of government efficiency. If this department can make foreign assistance more efficient and effective, more power to it. But if the "D" stands for 'destruction' of food and medicine programs for the poor, it is just wrong. It is the height of cruelty to take food away from a starving child or deprive medicine that would save a child's life. As the Church, we are motivated by the cross. The cross revealed the servant love of Jesus who came to this world on a mission of salvation and not condemnation. The cross is not about efficiency. Jesus resisted all the temptations of the devil to make his time on earth easy, entertaining, and self-enriching. Jesus came to serve. He got down on his hands and knees to wash the disciples' feet and give an example of humble service. He obediently went to the cross to draw us to him with the powerful force of God's love. Gathered together to Jesus, we are his people, we are the church in the world sent on daily missions of compassion. The power to serve comes from Jesus' resurrection. Even in a world where there is still too much death and destruction, we are a people guided by the hope of a new creation where DOGE, Death, and destruction will be no more. There is much need in the world but we do not lose hope for we know who is with us always, our Savior Jesus, risen from the dead and our Lord.

# A DEEPER SPIRITUALITY WITHIN THE HEART

April 25-27, 2025



Presented by Tammy Barthels and Steven Korzinek

## What prevents us from living deeper within our heart and soul?

We will explore the many facets of our layered self that keeps us from being connected to our deeper authentic selves. We will focus on being present each moment with loving intent, so each participant can look at the God given Light within.

***Tammy Barthels** is a retired minister with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, spiritual director, and seeker of Truth. She has been a presenter of Retreats for over 20 years. Her mission is to assist others on their Journey as they seek to find their Inner Truth. She welcomes the opportunity to listen to your sacred stories, share and walk with you as we journey toward wholeness with God together.*

***Steven Korzinek** is an Intuitive Life Coach with over 20 years' experience working with all populations as a Case Manager, a Youth Minister, and as a Life Coach. He has facilitated various groups and retreats, and has mentored many adults and teenagers. Steven has always pursued his calling from the Spirit, and has consistently had an office within clinical settings to do this work.*

**Investment: \$240**

**Check-in begins at 3:00 pm on Friday, followed by orientation at 5:45 and supper at 6:00.  
The retreat concludes Sunday after the Noon Meal.**

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## *Thank You for Serving*

*To our Quilters—thank you!!!*

Thank you for the recent donation of three BEAUTIFUL quilts to Tri-County! Your kindness and commitment to our cause make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. With your help, we can reach more individuals and spread awareness, creating a safer and more informed community. Together, we are making a meaningful impact. If you ever wish to learn more about our programs or get involved further, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Timberly, Assistant Director



Thank you to our Pastor and staff members: Interim Pastor John Kuziej, Financial Secretary Sheree Vanden Heuvel, Custodian Randy Barthels and Administrative Assistant Kari Britton for sharing your gifts and talents during the call process.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who serve on Sunday morning—ushering, reading, assisting with altar guild and communion, providing coffee treats, operating our livestream, etc. You are appreciated!

*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](http://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](mailto:jeplautz@hotmail.com)

# IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes February 12th, 2025

Council Members Present: President – JoAnne Barrix, Vice-President – Glenn Johnson, Secretary – Kristine Mladucky, Mary Wolf, Christy Dellenbach, Pastor John Kuziej, Terry Strong, Bill Anderson, Richard Laddusire, and Devon Vanden Heuvel.

Absent: John Plautz, Tina Schmitz and Linda Kau.

**Opening** JoAnne Barrix opened the hybrid meeting at 6:00 pm.

**Devotion** Kristine, "Show up in every moment"

**Action – Motion/Second/Carried...** Approved the Council Meeting minutes from January 8th, 2024. Unanimous.

## **Pastor's Report:**

1. Lent is a busy season and trying to balance time with leading care facilities services, Sunday services, and Wednesday evening services.
2. Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly will be Thursday, May 15 – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Website: <https://nglsynod.org/synod-assembly/>. We will need 2 lay representatives and the cost of registration, lodging, and meals will be covered by our congregation. Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The theme this year for the World Hunger offering at the assembly is, Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 "Cast out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth."
4. The Bread Basket (NGLS individuals making an exemplary effort in the area of hunger ministry) and Big Bear Award (NGLS groups making exemplary efforts in hunger ministry) will be presented at the assembly. Think of nominations, forms on the synod website.

## **Long-Term Items:**

1. Witness: Sharing the Gospel (3x per year)
2. Goals: Review & Discuss
3. Create or modify long-range plan and set goals (annually)

## **Short-Term Items:**

### A. Old Business

- 1) Facilities update of 5-year maintenance plan: none
- 2) Call Committee Update: none
- 3) Ash Wednesday Service: UCC Congregational Church will host on 3/5/2025 at 12:30 pm. Joined choirs will sing.
- 4) Lenten Services: Soup will be served at 6pm with the church service at 7pm. Dave Kroll & Brittney Landphier will lead the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

### B. New Business:

- 1) Election of Officers: the nominee for Vice President, Christy Dellenbach, and Secretary, Richard Laddusire.
- 2) Committee Representatives: JoAnne (Music/Worship & Stewardship), Mary (Outreach), Kristine (Music/Worship/Outreach), Bill (Outreach), Glen (Stewardship), Devon (Property), Terry (Property), Richard (Worship/Music), Christy (Worship & Music, Education), Tina (Worship & Music), Linda (Outreach), and John (Property)
- 3) Check Signing will need to be updated with the new President and Vice President.
- 4) Easter Services: 8 & 10:30 am with brunch in between.
- 5) **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...** Approve request from AA to host a workshop on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm. Unanimous.

C. Comments/Discussion/Committee Actions:

- 1) **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...** Approve getting a quote and possible options to upgrade audio/visual/streaming/music technology. Unanimous.
- 2) Fortune Lake Fundraiser "2<sup>nd</sup> Light the Fire." Looking for hosts (5/31 or 6/1) for camp fire gatherings to raise funds for summer camp.
- 3) Sign up for our Blood Drive at the Rhinelander Veterans Center on 1002 Coon Street on March 28.

**Devotions/Open/Close**

March – Mary (D) Glen (O/C)

April – Tina (D/O/C)

May – Bill (D/O/C)

**NATH Meals**

March – Council:

Mary, Lasagna

Tina, Dessert

Kristine, Salad

Linda, Bread

Milk Drinks?

April – Pastor John

May – Mary Peterson

**Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine Mladucky, Council Secretary

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Special Council Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 8:43 am.

Attendees: Bill Anderson, Devon Vanden Heuvel, Linda Kau, Kristine Mladucky, Mary Wolf, Jo Anne Barrix

Absent: Tina Schmitz, Richard Laddusire, Glenn Johnson, Christy Dellenbach, John Plautz, Terry Strong

**New Business:**

**Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/Carried** Approval of Executive Council Member candidates: President, Bill Anderson; Vice President, Christy Dellenbach; Secretary, Richard Laddusire; Treasurer, Brian Willoughby. Unanimous

Adjourned at 8:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine Mladucky, Departing Council Secretary

# AN ANCIENT CREED IS *RELEVANT*

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



During spring and summer of the year 325, bishops from across the church gathered in Nicaea for the church's first ecumenical council. At 325 years, the church was still relatively young and fluid. There were many schools of thought about the nature of the Trinity and the three persons of the Trinity. Some taught that the God of the Old Testament is a different god than the God of the New Testament (Marcionism), that Jesus only appeared to be human (Docetism), that Jesus didn't have a human mind or soul but only a human body (Apollinarianism), that there are three modes of God (Modalism), that Jesus is not fully divine but is a created being (Arianism), and a whole host of others. Confusing.

Constantine had recently become the sole ruler of the Roman Empire. He wanted to unify the church and solidify the relationship between church and state. The competing theories about the nature of God, particularly Arianism, was frustrating Constantine's vision of a united church and a united empire. So he summoned the bishops to sort it out. The Trinity is a complex idea to start with, but putting 300 bishops with strongly held beliefs in a room was bound to cause conflict. One (apocryphal) story was that St. Nicholas punched out Arius, the author of Arianism. Our congregational meetings, synod assemblies and churchwide assemblies seem tame by comparison.

The hoped-for outcome was to have a unified understanding of the faith. The result was the Nicene Creed, used by churches around the world and across the centuries. This elegant statement of belief gives a clear exposition of who God is and how God chooses to be God for the sake of the world.

The Nicene Creed also places each one of us in a global—in fact, cosmic—context. “We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.” Sometimes it helps to look beyond ourselves and the here and now and get caught up in God's breathtaking vastness. We aren't alone. We are part of a great company of the faithful—past, present and future.

Many of Emperor Constantine's goals for the Council of Nicaea were met, but not all of them. Perhaps human language is too small or human intellect too limited to comprehend the mystery of the Trinity or to put it into words. Soon a dispute arose about the nature of the Spirit. Originally the creed stated: “We believe in the Holy Spirit ... who proceeds from the Father.” Only later was the clause “who proceeds from the Father and the Son” added. The Latin word for this is *filioque*. The Western church insisted on it. The Eastern church rejected it. This led to the split between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches in 1054.

This year we mark the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. For 40 years Lutherans and Orthodox have been in dialogue about the Nicene Creed. The “Joint Statement on the Filioque” was approved by the Joint Commission on Theological Dialogue in May 2024. This controversy was found to be no longer church-dividing.

So what? What relevance does an ancient argument between academics have to do with the real world? Here's what. If an over 1,000-year-old argument that bitterly divided the church can be resolved, then there is hope that the most complex issues that split the church can be engaged and overcome through careful listening and dialogue. We don't have to be divided. Division is a human invention, not divine.

There was another issue that the council didn't resolve—establishing a uniform date for Easter. It so happens every once in a while that Easter falls on the same date for the West and for the East. This Easter during the 1700th year anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, the whole church, West and East, will celebrate the Resurrection on the same day. God is smiling. †

A message from the ELCA presiding bishop. Her email address is [bishop@elca.org](mailto:bishop@elca.org).



# 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](http://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 a.m.

## Registration for Summer Camp 2025 at Fortune Lake is now open!

This year's theme: "God's Word Comes Near" is based on Romans 10:8. With our traditional Youth Camps, Victory camp, Intergenerational Camps, and the return of Evergreen Camp for adults age 55+, there's something for everyone!



# FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 8-13	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$645
Week 2	June 15-20	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$490
Week 3	June 22-27	High School Week (Grades 9-12)   LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$490
Week 4	June 29-July 2	All Staff Reunion 3-night Event (with Special 1-day Event June 29!)	See website
Week 5	July 6-11	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$460
	July 13-15	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$230
Week 6	July 13-16	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   MashUp (Grades 4-8)	\$320
	July 13-18	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$460
Week 7	July 20-25	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9)   Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9)   Dungeons & Dragons Camp (Grades 6-9) LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$460 \$490
	July 21-24	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$135
Week 8	July 27-Aug 1	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$460
	July 28-31	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$135
	July 29-Aug 1	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9	August 4-7	Evergreen Camp (ages 55+)	See website

*Scholarships Available*

*Everybody is welcome at camp regardless of ability to pay!*

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

More info at [FortuneLake.org](http://FortuneLake.org)

2025 SCHEDULE

# Helping To Build A Hunger-Free Community



**RAFP**

627 Coon Street  
Rhinelander, WI

Thank you to our March 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.



## EQUITY CHALLENGE

### ABUNDANT LIFE

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that [you] may have life, and have it abundantly [to the full].” John 10:10.*

Our abundant life is dependent upon the sun for the process of photosynthesis. In photosynthesis, plants take in carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) and water (H<sup>2</sup>O) from the air and soil. Within the plant cell, the water is oxidized, meaning it loses electrons, while the carbon dioxide is reduced, meaning it gains electrons. This transforms the water into oxygen and the carbon dioxide into glucose. The glucose provides the plant with energy to grow and thrive, feeding itself, and in turn feeding us and the animals we eat. Without the sun, we would die.

The sun shines on the just and the unjust, the apathetic and the devout, the very rich and the very poor. It shines in Mongolia and in Australia, in Canada and Ethiopia. It shines in all the diverse places of the world. It shines equitably in all places; it sends its rays everywhere ; it is inclusive. The sun makes no judgment on who is worthy and who is not worthy.

Just as we are dependent on the sun for abundant life, we are also dependent on the Son of God for abundant life. The Son lifts us up when we are down, comforts us in our sorrows, sustains us in adversity, grieves when we turn away, rejoices when we are kind and merciful, and celebrates with us when we embrace all whom he embraced, when we advocate for equity for those he championed, and when we include those whom he included. During this season of Lent, we have been reminded that “We are dust, and to dust we shall return,” reminded of our mortality, and our dependence on the Son. When we follow the ways of Jesus, we are fed, we grow, and we thrive. And the treasures of abundant life, equity, compassion, and community, are ours.

Submitted by Susan Anderson

### Donate your old eyeglasses, sunglasses and more!

Immanuel has decided to do an eyeglasses, sunglasses, cellphone, hearing aids and tablets ministry. Please drop off any of these items in the Lion's containers as provided. Thank you for this consideration. Any questions please contact Dianne Syms.



## Did You Know?...

On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, I was planning to get to church early to set up for communion. All was going well as I was getting ready. The dogs cooperated with a quick “out”. I had time for a bowl of cereal. I gathered my choir bag of music and hopped in the car. As soon as I pushed the start button, an alert came on the dash. CHECK TIRE—0 TIRE PRESSURE. No, this can't be. Must be a faulty sensor. I got out and looked and sure enough, one of my rear tires was as flat as a tire can be flat.

Ok, I can take the truck. The truck is in an outbuilding. I don't drive it very often. In fact I haven't driven it in months. First, disconnect the trickle charger and close the hood. I transferred my bags to the rear seat and started the truck. CHECK REAR TIRE PRESSURE came up on the dash. Low tires from sitting over the winter. I quickly turned on the air compressor and dragged the hose to the back tires. I filled the tires and was on my way, finally.

Well, I am a stewart. What was I going to do? Who could I call? Could I get the tire off by myself? These were the questions that ran through my mind as I drove to town. So of course when I got to church, this was the first thing that I told everyone. However, wanting to be self sufficient, I did not ask for help. But, members of Immanuel, offered their help without hesitation. Even though I live in McNaughton. Even though it was Sunday. Even though it would be an inconvenience, my church family came to my rescue.

Sunday afternoon the tire was removed and put in the truck. Monday morning I took the tire to town and got it patched. ( I had picked up a nail.) Monday afternoon the tire was back on the car. Problem solved. THANK YOU to all of you that offered your help. You are truly good stewards in your service to others.

....**This is Stewardship!**

By JoAnne Barrix

**NORTHWOODS ALLIANCE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING INVITES YOU**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 2025**  
**BILL MILLER GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
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EVENT Starts at 11 AM  
Shotgun Start Noon

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# 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 2025!

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

NAMI Northern Lakes is a group of Northwoods volunteers that provides support, education and advocacy in Forest, Vilas and Oneida Counties, on behalf of individuals and families affected by mental illness. All NAMI programs are free. Donations are welcome.

*Don't suffer in silence. We can help each other, with compassion and knowledge.*

### 24/7 Free Crisis Counselors

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### A Kind Voice

1-800-876-2399

10 am to 11 pm every day.

### Iris Place

1-920-815-3217

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



National Alliance on Mental Illness

# April 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  10:00 am PASTOR <b>JOHN Grace Lodge</b> <b>Nursing Home</b> <b>Service</b>	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting   6pm SOUP SUPPER 7pm LENTEN SERVICE  <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  10:30—Noon <b>MEMORY CAFÉ</b>	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group  7:00 pm AA	<b>9AM TO 3PM</b> <b>AA BIG GROUP</b> <b>MEETING</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>9:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Communion</b>  Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Heykes  Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  10:00 am PASTOR <b>JOHN Milestone</b> <b>Nursing Home</b> <b>Service</b>  <b>5pm Stewardship</b> <b>Meeting</b>	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting   6pm SOUP SUPPER 7pm LENTEN SERVICE  <b>5:30pm</b> <b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>Newsletter</b>  <b>Articles</b>  <b>Due!!!</b> </div>	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group  7:00 pm AA	<b>8:45 am—</b> <b>11:30 am Food</b> <b>Pantry</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>9:00 am</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>WORSHIP</b>  Worship Leader: Nancy Heykes  Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  10:00 am PASTOR <b>JOHN Friendly</b> <b>Village Nursing</b> <b>Home Service</b>	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting  <b>10:00 am WELCA</b> <b>Bible Study (2nd</b> <b>Wednesday of the</b> <b>month)</b>	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  7pm MAUNDY <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SERVICE</b>	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group  7pm GOOD <b>FRIDAY SERVICE</b>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>8 &amp; 10:30 am</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>WORSHIP</b>  <b>EASTER BRUNCH</b> <b>BETWEEN SERVICES</b>  Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  10:00 am PASTOR <b>JOHN Rennes</b> <b>Nursing Home</b> <b>Service</b>  6:00 pm Women's Bible Study & Dinner Call Sheree for location 715-360-3176	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting   4:30 pm Meal @ Frederick Place	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group  7:00 pm AA	<b>THE TUESDAY</b> <b>MORNING CREW MEETS</b> <b>EVERY</b> <b>TUESDAY TO DO ODD</b> <b>JOBS NEEDED TO</b> <b>MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH.</b> <b>PLEASE REACH OUT TO</b> <b>JOHN PLAUTZ IF YOU</b> <b>ARE ABLE TO HELP!</b> <b>715-367-3762</b> <b>jeplautz@hotmail.com</b>
27	28	29	30			
<b>9:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b>  Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej  Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>9:00 am—NOON</b>  10:00 am <b>PASTOR JOHN</b>	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting			

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

February 2025

### GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$77,065.54
Adjusted by \$129.80 tax check correction	
Offerings	\$11,679.05
\$1,146.10 is moved to Building Fund	
Expenses	(\$ 9,104.30)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$79,640.29</b>

### BENEVOLENCE:

February Offering	\$ 1,993.79
Plus \$85 to World Hunger	
2025 Pledge	\$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	\$ 5,771.69

### BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$24,696.57
Offerings	\$ 1,146.10
Expenses	(\$ 867.73)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$24,974.94</b>

The INCOME exceeded the EXPENSES by \$4,812.10 this month.

CD=\$60,000.00

**Homeless Shelter Needs**

- Postage Stamps
- Cab Cards
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Copy Paper
- Dishwasher Detergent
- AAA Batteries
- Kitchen Size Trash Liners
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
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4/9	Scott & Rebecca Eades
4/14	Jonathan & Savannah Keckeisen
4/20	James & Jean Wood

4/1	Duane Snyder	4/15	Kevin Kirby
4/4	Allison Fortier	4/16	Sandra Kolbe
4/6	Jake Morrison	4/16	Brenda O'Rourke
4/7	Butch Gregory	4/17	Richard Fortier
4/8	Karen Bergsbaken	4/18	Kathy Maule
4/8	Lexi Morrison	4/22	Havi Snyder
4/8	Jean Wood	4/23	Julianne Duffy
4/9	Joyce Palm	4/26	Brock Snyder
4/13	Edna Snyder	4/28	Jessica Meyer
4/14	Scott Borski	4/29	Lawrence Levijoki
4/14	Scott Eades		

*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 ~ April 13 @ 9:00 am**

**Maundy Thursday ~ April 17 @ 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday ~ April 18 @ 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday ~ April 20 @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am**

**Easter Breakfast ~ between services**