

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Pastor's Message ~ Lent, a 40 Day Journey

Psalm 51:1

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love."

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. By observing 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

There is a simplicity inherent in baptism, where one is naked before God's power made real in word and water. When the focus is on the baptismal nature of Lent, the season doesn't have to sound like a dirge.

In our religious imagination, we recognize that our worship space is the container for the living activity of word and sacrament. The places we worship become sacramental objects, like the communion chalice and baptismal font. The very activity contained by the vessel is the liturgy. We can prepare, design, decorate, and hope all we want, but the very activity of worship is the consecrating action for any space. Reflecting on and moving forward from our shared experience during this COVID-19 pandemic, it is clear worship can happen in the unlikeliest of places, and any space can be set apart and made sacred with a shift in intention.

Dimensions of worship life during Lent that both shape and are shaped by our space are baptismal imagery, journey, a longing for the safety of home. May these themes guide preparations of the holy space in the sanctuary and in our hearts as we prepare for this holy season, remembering the vessel of Lent contains both emptiness and hope.

During Lent allow the visual sense to move to the background so other senses may come to the forefront. Each of our Lenten services will focus on a sense. Experience this journey through all of them. The season of Lent also has a spirit of restlessness associated with a journey. We must move through time instead of fast-forwarding to the destination. There is a sense of passage to a place both familiar and utterly new. Jesus journeys to the wilderness only to be moved to surreal vistas of other kingdoms and the unexpected view from the top of the temple.

Lent is an opportunity for a disruptive break in how we see, move, hear, and breathe in our worship space. This disruption heightens our awareness and anticipation of the approaching upheaval. May God bless you on your Lenten Journey.

May you know that you are never alone, but that God walks with you always, in the wilderness and in the joy. (Resource: Sundays and Seasons Year C, 2022)

Yours in Christ +

Pastor Tammy



The Alpha Epiphany: Life Is A Ceaseless Exchanging Of Gifts

The ancient wisdoms of many indigenous religions, Buddhism, and Christianity share a core belief that an awakened self arises after the death of small self, the childish, egocentric self.

These wisdoms teach that the small self is a harmful delusion of an independent being that must be replaced by the true self, the interbeing self, which is interexistent with all other life, and all things past, present, and future. The unique and universal interbeing self is an earth-shaking, foundational epiphany. Robin

Wall Kimmerer, in her lovingly spiritual book, *Braiding Sweet Grass* (2013), tells of North American indigenous creation stories and sacred gratitude ceremonies where the cosmic interbeing self is derived from their cosmology and is understood as a flux, an ebb and flow, a ceaseless exchanging of gifts. Human interbeings humbly accept the gifts of physical and spiritual nourishments from the other interbeings in exchange for their deep and unstinting gratitude, expressed by reciprocating with gifts and devout promises to cherish, protect and perpetuate all of creation's many bestowers. Is the wind's gift its fresh air, the cloud's gift its rain, the tree's and mountain's gifts their majesty, shelter, and wisdom, and the plant's and animal's gifts their food, clothing and medicine? Yes, and much more. The streams of human interbeing gift exchanges are imagined not only moment to moment but also forward for at least seven generations.



Renowned primate biologist Jane Goodall believes that our divined wisdoms depend upon using our intellect to weigh the consequences of our actions while thinking compassionately of the whole. In other words, wisdom is both thinking with our head and understanding with our heart. Buddhism teaches from the very first lesson of its Diamond Sutra texts that the beginning of enlightenment is losing self, the deluded, small self. There is only the interbeing self, which understands that it is a temporary, but important vessel carrying the heritage of all ancestors and conveying it forward to all descendants. It's also simultaneously interbeing with all other life and nonlife on earth and in the cosmos. The New Testament speaks primarily about elevating human-to-human interbeing exchanges. For example, 1 Corinthians 13 reaffirms the alpha epiphany when it talks of abandoning childish thinking, and carefully describes selfless interbeing as unconditional love, a kind and patient, enduring love for all others. And, really, isn't this the capstone message of Jesus to humanity: transform yourselves, love one another, and follow me. May God help us to live as resurrected interbeings who lovingly and compassionately serve one another and the entirety of creation. A wise philosopher proclaimed that the meaning of life is to find your gifts and to give them away. At the level of community, Jane Goodall concludes that the ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of environment that it gifts to its children.

Submitted by Bill Mattson



Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

I had the honor of installing Pastor Catherine Ford at Faith Lutheran in Three Lakes, WI on Sunday, January 9. Not only was this a long-awaited event for Faith because they had been

without a pastor for more than two years, but the event needed to be rescheduled because of weather.

So it was with great joy that the congregation gathered, both online and a few in person, masked and spread out in the pews, to celebrate this new partnership of pastor and congregation.

In the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we schedule our installations of new pastors in the afternoon so that neighboring clergy can also attend, offering their support and a visible reminder that the church is more than one congregation, so that as a whole synod we rejoice together. The color of the day is always red in acknowledgement of the work of the Spirit that forged the new partnership and brought us all to this moment of celebration.

And just after the Installation Rite is completed, I present the new pastor to the congregation. When the applause has faded, I invite the pastoral leaders who are present to introduce themselves and offer a word of greeting.

At the installation of Pastor Ford, her mentor, Pastor Kari Vadis, was the first to speak. And into this moment still glowing warmly with good wishes and fresh from enthusiastic applause, Pastor Vadis recounts what was said at her installation. To the newly installed Pastor Ford, she says, "Here is your congregation." And as everyone smiles, she adds, "They will disappoint you. They will let you down."

I confess this is not what I was expecting. I wondered where she was going with this. It was like a bucket of cold water being dumped on the good feels and warm happiness of the moment. But then, she went on. "Yes, they will disappoint you. But love them

anyway. Forgive them, anyway." And then she added as she addressed the congregation, "Here is your pastor. She will let you down. She will disappoint you. Love her anyway. Forgive her anyway."

I do not know who said this to Pastor Kari at her installation, but these wise words continue to resonate.

The relationship of pastoral leader to congregation, and congregation to pastoral leader, indeed any relationship that we are in, cannot move forward without forgiveness and love. And in our current times, this has never been more true than now.

We have all suffered disappointments. Between adaptations and adjustments, pandemic protocols and sickness, loss of traditions and loss of loved ones, we are weary. And the reality is, we are not done with this yet.

I believe congregations are well practiced now at making decisions together. You know your context, your vaccination rate, and the rate of compliance when it comes to wearing a mask. If I can provide any more clarity to what you already know, I offer this:

- Continue, if possible, with an online worship option.
- Stay home if you feel sick, even if you only have a cold.
- Get vaccinated, if possible. While it will not prevent a person from getting COVID-19, it will diminish the possibility of hospitalization and death.
- Decide together if in-person worship is advisable, given vaccination rates in the congregation and the burden on the local healthcare system.
- Continue to love and forgive each other, even as we are weary and disappointed.

As the year of our Lord 2022 continues, we find our strength from the presence of Christ in each other. God gives us what we need for the challenges we face now, and the challenges ahead. And together we move forward, one step at a time.

Yours in Christ, Bishop Katherine Finegan

Approved: Two Updates In COVID Protocols For Immanuel Worship Services

The COVID Advisory Team recommended two changes in our COVID safety practices during worship services to Council on the 9th of February, both of which Council approved unanimously for immediate implementation.

1. Social interactions in the gathering space will be permitted before and after worship services. Congregants are still advised to practice social distancing and wear masks. No coffee or food will be served.

2. Singing at the end of each worship service will be permitted. This means that congregants may once again sing the descending or final hymn. However, Council still advises that all of us should remain masked. The words for the descending hymn will be found printed in the bulletin.



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NAMI Northern Lakes

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



WE ARE OPEN AGAIN!!!! OUR HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 11 AM TO 3 PM.

DUE TO CURRENT CONCERNS WITH ONEIDA COUNTY COVID CASES, MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE WHO ENTERS REGARDLESS OF VACCINE STATUS.

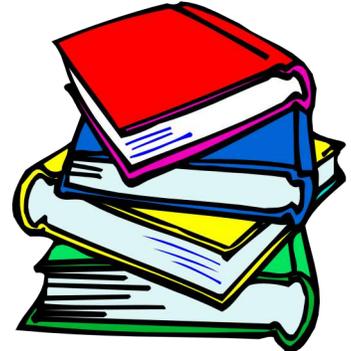
Please call Linda at [715-420-1700](tel:715-420-1700) or e-mail at northernlakescenter@gmail.com if you are in need of anything.

Monthly Book Share

Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the “Rules” -Dr. Jacqueline Bussie

Quick View

The author reveals the unwritten “rules” and clichés of faith as stifling, unsustainable, and dishonest. She instead calls for a faith that laments, loves, laughs, longs, and lives, but never lies. Stories of human connection and action show how to move toward *outlaw Christianity*, which the author defines as “a new, life-giving faith for those who ache for a more authentic relationship with God and other people by no longer having to hide their doubt, anger, grief, scars, or questions.”



What the Author Says (book excerpt)

This is why we need community-to remind one another God really does love us. Christians call this the church. Every church should have over its door the wonderful bumper sticker I once saw (and immediately bought and placed on my office door): *God Bless the Whole World: No Exceptions*. Nothing sucks more than to realize that for many people, church is the place where they’ve learned who they should reject, and feel righteous doing so. If the church does not proclaim God’s outrageous and wild love, or if it excludes a single soul from the scope of this radical love wake-up call, then the church has failed not only itself but all of us. The church’s first calling is to announce the good news-the news that you are loved in spite of everything, in spite of the crap you and everyone else have done or left undone. The church fails to deliver this good news every day, and it rips my heart into jigsaw pieces. But frustration is no excuse for allowing such absurd failure to continue.

What Others Say

“Now Jacqueline Bussie, a theologian of the church, shares her experience and gives voice to all who have been caught in the belief that doubt is faithlessness and anger toward God is blasphemy. Quite the opposite, Dr. Bussie argues, doubt and anger are real expressions of a living faith. Outlaw Christian might break the rules, but it opens up the possibility of deeper faith.” -Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

What I Learned

Sharing our stories, in an honest and vulnerable way, creates space to grow connections to God and one another. Dr. Bussie offers an alternative path toward authentic faith as she offers permission to lament and doubt and reveal our true selves to God and one another. This is not done through shallow platitudes and clichés (“God has a plan!”, “Everything happens for a reason!”). Instead, we are called to accompany others in their grief or hurt or anger, thereby opening a path to hope on the other side. The book offers a radical change in mindset for what it means to be true siblings in Christ. A powerful, life-changing read!

Submitted by Matthew Johnson

Thank You for Serving

Thank you to Terry Strong for plowing our parking lot.

Thank you to Randy Barthels and Devon Vanden Heuvel for shoveling snow in January.

Thank you to all who volunteer at the Food Pantry.

Thank you to Matthew Johnson for pulpit supplying while Pastor was gone at the ECCSR program.

Thank you to Bill Mattson, Susan Anderson, JoAnne Barrix, Matthew Johnson and all who write articles for the newsletter.

Thank you to all who make meals for NATH.

Thank you to all who volunteer at worship services, your spiritual gifts are greatly 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!)



Mike Cornelius would like to thank everyone who offered prayers, sent cards and condolences on the death of his brother John. They were much appreciated!

Mike and Darlene Piasecki would like to thank everyone who offered prayers, and sent cards on the death of their sister-in-law Gerri. They were much appreciated!

Our deepest sympathy.....

to Gloria Moore and family on the death of Gloria's husband, Chet.

to Mike & Darlene Piasecki on the death of their sister-in-law, Gerri Scovern.

to Mike Cornelius and family on the death of Mike's brother, John.



Pastoral care

Pastor is willing to visit you in your home, wearing a mask and social distancing. If you would like to have her give you a home visit, please call the office to schedule a time.

Save the Dates

#FrederickPlaceBids

Facebook auctions will run
March 4 - 6, March 11 - 13 &
March 18 - 20

Auctions will take place from
3pm on Friday until 3pm on Sunday.

All proceeds from the
auctions will assist
NATH in reaching their
2022 annual operating
budget of \$326,298.



Rules for Bidding

ONLY bid on an image that states "bid here."

Bids will not be accepted prior to 3pm the day
the auction begins.

Please make sure to increase the bid by the
appropriate increment.

If there is a duplicate bid the bid that was
placed first will be accepted.

No bids will be accepted after 3pm the day
the auction ends.

You have 3 business days to make payment
arrangements.

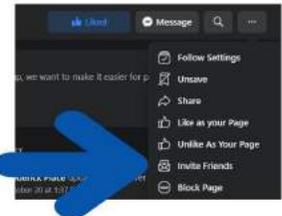
Thank You & Happy Bidding!

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AUCTIONS START

FRIDAY - MARCH 4TH @ 3PM!

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Place Facebook Page and
open it



Click on the "More" arrow to
show other options including
photos



Once you see the albums you
will click on each album to
see the bid page and photos



Once you see the bid page
and photos you will click on
the bid page to open it up



You will place your bid in the
comment section of the bid
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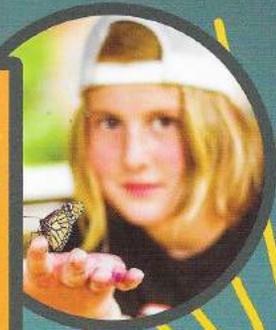


If your bids are not in order
you will have to change from
"Most Relevant" to "Newest"

NATH WISH LIST

1. #10 SELF SEALING ENVELOPES
2. ALUMINUM FOIL
3. COFFEE
4. KITCHEN GARBAGE CANS (10 OR 13 GALLON)
5. BLACK RETRACTABLE BALLPOINT PENS
6. ANTI-NAUSEA MEDICATION
7. GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC FREEZER BAGS
8. BLANKETS OR THROWS (TWIN OR FULL)

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


FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP 2022






We need camp more than ever! In the past two years, we learned the importance of nurturing communities, human interaction, time spent in God's creation, and faith in an ever-present God, especially in difficult times. All of these things are experienced daily through outdoor ministry at Fortune Lake.

For Summer 2022, in addition to classic programs, you'll notice the return of some specialty programs and great new opportunities. We have learned a lot, and we will continue to prioritize health and safety while providing the camp experiences our young people, and adults, need.

We've missed you, **Victory Campers**, and we can't wait to welcome you back! Active adults with developmental disabilities are invited to join us for this week at camp.

Art Camp and Nightowls, favorite youth programs, are back by popular demand!

Our traveling ministry teams will be touring the region once again bringing vacation Bible school to life in your communities with **Congregational Day Camps**. Contact us soon, spots are filling quickly!

We've merged **Women & Kids Week, Family Camp, and Grandparent Camp** into an inclusive five-night program called **Intergenerational Camp** for individual adults and families of all kinds. Past participants will find elements they know and love, offered in June or July.

Youth can join us for a week of all the fun of camp plus creating, building challenges, and all things **LEGO®!**

Our unique **Musical Theatre Camp** is for anyone, youth or adult, who is interested in playing an active role—on stage or behind the scenes—in our original musical *One Wonderful Day* at the historic Crystal Theatre. We've been waiting to bring you this experience since 2020, and it's going to be better than we even imagined!

We're closing out the summer with a **three-night opportunity for our standard youth programs**. If your family's summer schedule is especially full, this may be the perfect option for you.

There's truly something for everyone! Make plans to join us at camp in Summer 2022!

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Disappointment & Opportunity Announcing a Hybrid Synod Assembly for 2022!



The Synod Council has voted in support of a hybrid Synod Assembly for 2022. Much as we would all like to gather together at Finlandia, which has been the plan since 2019, the uncertainties of the future spurred the council to consider other options. While disappointed in yet another change, this move presents the synod with new opportunities.

The vision of a hybrid assembly includes the following:

- Each conference designates a host church that has a large space and screen/technology/ wifi capacity.
- Voting members from that conference meet in person at that church on Saturday May 14.
- Coffee, snacks and lunch will be served.
- Each conference's host church will be connected to a Synod "base of operations" and to each other through Zoom.
- Each voting member needs to have a smart phone, tablet, or laptop in order to vote electronically.
- The Synod Assembly planning team, along with Synod staff and conference leaders, will strategize all the necessary details of food, technology, host church duties, voting, worship, voting member engagement, and more.
- Like last year, workshops will be online the week prior to assembly and open to all.

By meeting in host churches, we can still be in person, but not in such a large group. We save on travel and hotel costs and still get our work done. And should circumstances require it, we can more easily pivot to an online only assembly. Watch for more information as it becomes available

RHINELANDER COMMUNITY CLOSET

Sponsored by Headwaters, Inc.



The Rhinelander Community Closet reopened in December and is located in the lower level of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Deanna Barlow, the Service Coordinator for Headwaters, shared that they would be expanding the type of items offered. Not only will the closet offer career type clothing for men and women, but they will also have winter clothing available for adults and children.

Currently they are working on building inventory for household goods and toys; availability is completely dependent on donations though. The closet is free to anyone—there is no proof of income required – they simply ask that you only take what you need and do not take for resale.

Donations can be dropped off in the lower level of the church on Thursdays from 9am-12pm—or can be dropped off at Headwaters, Inc. located at 1441 E. Timber Dr., Monday to Thursday between 10am and 3pm. The Rhinelander Community Closet is open every Thursday from 9am to 12pm.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS AT 2AM
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**

Equity Challenge

“History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived; but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.” – Maya Angelou March 6, 2020

Bent over double, unable to stand, naked, chained, nauseas from the stench of human waste, the rolling of the ship, starving. Forcibly captured, trekking to the coast bound to one another; taken away from home, family, friends, from the sun on my skin, the land I love, the language I understand, all the while not knowing, not knowing where I am going, not knowing what will happen to me...only knowing this, now, is misery.

This misery describes the journey of 12 million Africans who came to the Americas and beginning in 1519 to our country; 2 million dying crossing the ocean. Our ancestors came to this land by choice, not forced by enslavers. Yes, the Irish, Italians, eastern Europeans faced discrimination in finding jobs and housing. Yet all eventually became part of the melting pot that is the United States.

Darker skins can't melt, are always visible, distinguishable, standing out in a group. The terror of the first ancestors journey continued after arrival in the forced labor, lashings, the poverty of slavery, in the lynchings after the Civil War that promised freedom, in the “white only” signs of the south and the ghettos of the north, in the fear of a beloved child being shot because of the fear of not white skin, and now in new laws that make it a crime to give someone standing in line to vote a bottle of water and closing voting places close to home. The miracle is that people of color love our country, want to be part of it, and challenge us to our highest ideals. In the words of the 2020 Inaugural poet:

**That even as we grieved we grew,
That even as we hurt, we hoped
That even as we tired, we tried**

**That we'll be forever tied together, victorious
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division**

Amanda Gorman, January 20, 2020

Submitted by Susan Anderson



SNOW SHOVELING

We are looking for volunteers to shovel snow in March and April. If you are interested, please call the church office @ 715-362-5910. Thank you for shoveling!

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2022

Council Members Present: Vice-President: Becky Eades, Secretary: JoAnne Barrix, Glenn Johnson, Mary Wolf, Darlene Machtan, Charlie Strong, Bill Mattson, Christy Dellenbach, Fred McCue, Kristine Mladucky, Pastor Tammy Barthels.

Opening Darlene Machtan opened the virtual meeting at 6:03 PM.

Devotion by Mary Wolf: A new year, a fresh start, put the past behind and have a new life in Christ.

Action – Motion/Second/Carried...Approved the minutes from the December 8, 2021 council meeting.

Pastor's Report: For the benefit of the new council members, Pastor Tammy did a short review of the Pastor's Report. New Council Member Installation: New Council members Christy Dellenbach, Fred McCue and Kristine Mladucky were installed. They may now cast votes. May they all grow from their experience on council.

Long-Term Items: (Great Commission Schedule and Constitution article C12.o4)

1. Make Disciples: Teach and Baptize (3xyear): Darlene commented about using gifts and encouraging all to be the hands and feet of Jesus.
2. Administer and Oversee financial affairs and budget (quarterly): Budget approval under new business.
3. Evaluate Ministry (2xyear): We reviewed the mission statement – Inspired by God's grace to love and serve all. Several of Immanuel's ministries were reviewed: NATH meals, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, The Table, World Hunger. With these ministries we feed the body and spirit. Darlene would like to repeat the Gig for God on God's Work Our Hands Sunday in September.
4. Submit and discuss annual report (annual): All reports are in. The Annual Report for 2021 will be available for members on January 23rd . The Budget will be available on the 16th of January.

Short-Term Items:

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement: A) Ministerial focus: Immanuel Involvement? - Pastor Tammy presented much information about what is happening in the churches that are involved. They include: Immanuel, Trinity, Nativity, First Methodist, St Augustine, UCC and Calvary Baptist. Airpro, Print Pac, and Superior Diesel are willing to train and employ. Social Services and the ELCA Synod are involved. There are about 5,000 people remaining at Fort McCoy. Can Rhinelander support this? Are we called as a congregation? There will be another meeting with more information on February 1st at 10 AM.
2. COVID team update: Bill gave a history of the team and an update on the current recommendations. He also explained the recommendations of the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The council decided to continue as we have with current restrictions.
3. 2022 Budget Approval: Considering Covid we are doing well with the budget. People have truly stepped up with the special appeal, volunteering and giving. The Tithely app is also available for giving. It was recommended to have a supply of envelopes available for general fund, benevolence and building fund for any that may have forgotten to bring their own envelopes. **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...**Submit the 2022 Budget for approval of the congregation at the annual meeting.
4. Election of 2022 council officers: **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...**Unanimous ballot for Darlene Machtan as President, Becky Eades as Vice-President, JoAnne Barrix as Secretary and Brian Willoughby as Treasurer.
5. Open/Close Schedule: Darlene and Pastor Tammy will prepare a spread sheet of open/close and devotions for the council meetings. Darlene volunteered to open/close in February and Bill volunteered for devotion.

Next Scheduled meeting: February 9, 2022 at 6 PM

Upcoming events: Annual meeting on January 30th following worship. Hybrid: Zoom and in-person.

Closing Prayer: Mary closed with a Thank-you prayer

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, JoAnne Barrix, Council Secretary

March 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			1pm Quilting 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	9:30am Headwater Conference Immanuel Host 6pm COVID Advisory Team Meeting	Pastor's Sabbath	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 Worship Communion	7pm AA & Alanon	2pm - 6pm BLOOD DRIVE Call Jackie Waldorf for an appointment 6pm Stewardship	Noon LENTEN SERVICE 1pm Quilting 7pm LENTEN SERVICE Council Meeting		Pastor's Sabbath	10:30-1:00 Food Pantry DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS AT 2AM SUNDAY TURN CLOCKS AHEAD
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 Worship DID YOU TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD?	7pm AA & Alanon	10am "Mocha on the Mount" Book Study	Noon LENTEN SERVICE 1pm Quilting 7pm LENTEN SERVICE	Newsletter Articles Due!!!	Pastor's Sabbath	
OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 10AM—3PM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON VACATION						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 Worship Communion	7pm AA & Alanon	6pm Women's Circle	Noon LENTEN SERVICE 1pm Quilting 4:30 Meal @ Frederick Place 7pm LENTEN SERVICE		Pastor's Sabbath	
27	28	29	30	31		
9:00 Worship	7pm AA & Alanon		Noon LENTEN SERVICE 1pm Quilting 7pm LENTEN SERVICE			

All Nursing home worship services are cancelled this month!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 2022

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$21,348.69
Offerings	\$15,176.98
Expenses	(\$17,844.72)
Ending Balance	\$18,680.95

BENEVOLENCE:

January Offering	\$ 1,030.00
2022 Pledge	\$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	\$ 1,030.00

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$30,297.86
Offerings	\$ 2,999.89
Expenses	(\$ 442.48)
Ending Balance	\$32,855.27

Expenses exceeded the **income** by \$2,667.74.

January Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total	Total
01/02	35	80		115
01/09	29	82		111
01/16	30	X	<i>Technical issues</i>	
01/23	37	63		100
01/30	29	74		103

Our average worship attendance for the month of January was 107.

CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

December 2021 Financials
INCOME exceeded the EXPENSES by \$4,957.40.



3/2	Jason Kral		
3/4	Gene Frane	3/18	Mary Peterson
3/5	Joshua Wood	3/18	Charles Strong
3/6	William Maule	3/19	Rose Dohrmann
3/6	Terry Strong	3/21	Roger Westphal
3/8	Zoey Kral	3/25	Peter Furyk
3/10	Cory Dellenbach	3/27	Thomas Duffy
3/10	Phyllis Krueger	3/28	Quentin Milz
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
3/31	Dave & Lisa Kroll

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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LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday - March 2, 7:00 pm In-person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 9th - Noon Prayer Service In-person
7:00 pm In-person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 16th - Noon Prayer Service In-person
7:00 pm In-person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 23rd - Noon Prayer Service In-person
7:00 pm In-person and Live Stream

Wednesday, March 30th - Noon Prayer Service In-person
7:00 pm In-person and Live Stream

Wednesday, April 6th - Noon Prayer Service In-person
7:00 pm In-person and Live Stream

Palm Sunday, April 10th - 9:00 am In-Person and Live Stream

Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 pm In-Person and Live Stream

Good Friday, April 15th, 7:00 pm In-Person and Live Stream

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 16th 7:00 pm In-Person only

EASTER - Sunday, April 17th

8:00 am - In person only—*Please call the office to sign up.*

10:30 am - In-Person and Live Stream—*Please call the office to sign up.*