

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

On the radio I was listening to an interview with Francis Collins, former director of the National Institute of Health. You may remember hearing about him during the COVID crisis of 2020. The interview focused on a health crisis of his own, prostate cancer. He spoke very clearly about how it felt to hear this diagnosis. Francis Collins is a medical doctor and understands all the medical terms about the disease. Despite being a highly trained medical professional, he is a human being. He was upfront and honest about how a cancer diagnosis changed his world. Fortunately, his prognosis is good with effective treatments ahead. He also mentioned a solid support system of not only family but friends and colleagues. Then the surprise came. Some of his colleagues offered more than 'thoughts and prayers'. They told him "We love you." Offering a person during a health crisis 'thoughts and prayers' is fine if one is sincere with offering prayers. But there is the danger the phrase thoughts and prayers may lack sincerity. But when someone you do not expect speaks of love, you discover how deeply he or she cares.

Throughout the seven Sundays of Easter, we have heard readings from the First Letter of John (1 John) on love. For example, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is who we are." Another example from the Fourth Sunday of Easter, "We know love by this, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." This tutorial on love courtesy readings from 1 John prepares us for two important festivals coming in the month of May.

The Festival of the Ascension of our Lord is forty days after Easter. Jesus, risen from the dead, spent time with his followers blessing them with peace and showing skeptics his hands and side. The risen Savior must show them the wounds of the cross. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, so they knew it was necessary for him to suffer and die for the sins of the world, and that such a death defeats the power of sin. Followers live under grace with forgiveness as an ever-present gift. Jesus told his followers that they were to be apostles, or the ones sent out to proclaim the good news of repentance and forgiveness.

Ascension meant that Jesus would no longer be seen but this did not mean he was gone for good. Jesus told his followers in the Gospel of John that it is good for him to be gone: "it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you." The Advocate promised is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also called the "Spirit of truth." The Holy Spirit's job number one is to reveal and teach the good news of Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life for us. The First Nations version of the New Testament puts it nicely, Jesus said, "I am sending you the Spirit of Truth, the one who is coming from the Father. He will walk close by your side, representing me, and telling the truth about me." The festival of the Ascension tells us Jesus went away-he ascended into heaven-but the promise is Jesus comes to us through the work of the Holy Spirit. Martin Luther taught the Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts by hearing the gospel or good news of Jesus. The Holy Spirit uses the gospel word to create faith into trust, a living relationship with Jesus. The Holy Spirit brings joy because Jesus said, "abide in my love." When we stray, sin, and screw up, Jesus is not angry with us, he only loves us, and he seeks to draw us to him with the powerful pull of his cross-proven love.

Fifty days after Easter the church celebrates Pentecost. The altar banners are red for this day. Some congregations invite worshippers to wear red on Pentecost: get in the spirit as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit! In my former parish people were asked to bring a red geranium to church to set the chancel on fire with a blaze of red flowers. A key reading for Pentecost Sunday is Acts, chapter 2. With the sound of a mighty, rushing wind, the disciples rise from prayer and

head outside to speak of the mighty acts of God. Whatever the nationalities present, they heard of God's mighty grace in their own languages. Jesus had promised power from on high. This power is the gift of the Holy Spirit. This power from on high is still given today. But this power is far different from any worldly understanding. The kingdoms of the world understand power as gaining advantage over others. The Holy Spirit teaches us the power of the kingdom of God is righteousness, joy, and peace-power for the sake of others.

At the beginning we heard of the love of God the Father given to us, that we are called children of God. Every day may we know that the Holy Spirit reminds our spirits that we are God's precious children. The Holy Spirit does not want us to be slaves to fear, but faithful followers of Jesus. The first and foremost fruit of the Holy Spirit is love. May our outreach, in whatever form, be inspired by love for others. We can do this because "we love, because God first loved us, and gave us Jesus who forgives us and longs to be in fellowship with us. Jesus has given us, his church, a wonderful calling, to represent him in this hurting world. Anne LaMott has a new book, "Somehow: Thoughts on Love." She tells the story about a ministry of her little church. The church ladies got together and filled lavender bags with items felt to be needed by homeless folks. Anne took a bunch of these bags and placed them in the front seat of her car. When she spots someone in need, she pulls over her car and hands out a bag. She spotted a man she knew who was having a rough patch in his life. Anne handed him a bag, and the man said, "You are so kind to me. Kindness is how I feel the movement of God." May the Holy Spirit inspire the Church (that's us!) so we represent Jesus and serve so people may know the movement of God, God's movement of mercy and grace.

SPRING CONCERT

May 4th at 2pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ featuring the Northwoods Choraliers, Rhinelander Male Chorus, and Hymns & Hers.

A free will offering will be taken.



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.



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ~John 12: 24



Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

The season of gardening is almost upon us. When I was a child, my mother would cajole, plead, and bribe me and my siblings to take a turn weeding in the garden. I always resisted, disliking not only the bending in the hot sun, but the time away from play, even as I had just complained that there was nothing to do.

After my family and I moved to Republic, my husband and I agreed to try gardening. As we planned and planted, I regretted not having paid more attention to all the wisdom that I know my mother had about gardening, but I was too reluctant a student.

It was a surprise to me then, as I weeded the garden, when I unintentionally uprooted a green bean seed that had already sprouted, and what surprised me was how the seed was literally disappearing into the sprout. As I held this disturbed sprout in my dirty hand, I could see that the seed had been split open by the urgent growth of this little tendril shoot that sprung from the mysterious depth of the center of this seed, no bigger than....well....a bean seed. The two halves of the seed that flanked the sprout were pushed to the sides, up and away, and they were getting smaller as the sprout gathered what remained of the seed into itself for upward growth.



I had never seen a seed sprout, not that I could remember, not that I had ever paid attention. And I was newly in awe of the miracle that God provides with seeds

and dark earth, water and sun. And then to think that

this small sprout would, and indeed did, grow into a bush full of green beans, despite all the weeds that surrounded it. One small seed was transformed into a gallon freezer bag full of long and plump green beans, beans that graced our table at more than a few meals, where my children could count on me to say, just as my mother had, "These beans are from the garden."

God is in the business of new life and transformation, most particularly, transforming death into life. And we are both privileged and burdened to witness the current and ongoing transformation of the Church. Death is hard. We suffer it. We would rather not die. And yet, there is no Easter without Good Friday.



This Spring, in this Easter season of new life, the congregation of St. James in Marinette, WI will give new life to the Church as their church closes. Its end will also be a beginning as it loses itself in support of other ministries and participation in other communities of faith. And yet, St. James will never be lost. It will be remembered and honored as any beloved whose life we celebrate. As in all things, it had a beginning and it will have an end, that God transforms into beginning again.

Just as Jesus the Christ was transformed. Through the open and empty tomb, we are given the clear message that death is not the final word. The grain that was buried for three days is still bearing fruit – as the faithful gather, as they are equipped, as they are sent to plant seeds of faith – seeds that lose themselves in new growth and yield a harvest to a world hungry for the presence of God in Christ Jesus.

May God bless your seed sowing efforts, both in the dirt of your garden and in the world.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

Thank You for Serving

Thank you to everyone who purchased lilies, tulips and daffodils to beautify our sanctuary for Easter!

Thank you to Cory Dellenbach and all our volunteers who participated in making our Easter breakfast a success!

To everyone who works behind the scenes and volunteers in so many ways—we thank you!

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!)



THANK YOU!

Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the recent donation of three beautiful quilts! These homemade touches really make a difference in someone's day. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Tri-County Council on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault

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 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes --- March 13, 2024

Council Members Present: President – JoAnne Barrix, Vice-President – Glenn Johnson, Secretary – Kristine Mladucky, Mary Wolf, Darlene Machtan, Christy Dellenbach, Tina Schmitz, Bill Anderson, Richard Laddusire, John Plautz and Pastor John Kuziej

Opening JoAnne Barrix opened the hybrid meeting at 5:30 pm.

Devotion by Tina *“Follow Jesus to know where you are going”*. Jesus is our guiding light and divine compass.

Action – Motion/Second/Carried... Approved the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting. Unanimous.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor John will be conducting 6 services during Holy Week.

Long-Term Items:

1. Care for (love) one another (3x/yr.)
2. Seek full participation...(Qrtly): our caring (item #1) and participation (item #2) have been going well and growing! Some examples include Food Pantry, Senior Living & Nursing Facility Tuesday 10:00 am Services, NATH meals/wish list, Lenten Soup dinners, The Table, ushers and readers...
3. Seek & encourage prep for church careers (2X/yr.): We continue to encourage and support Matthew Johnson in his studies. If you are interested in a church career, please contact us and we will help you get started.

Short-Term Items:

Old Business:

1. Facilities Update:
 - a. Our contractor for the roof will start sometime in July or August, and will get an update in June.
 - b. Painting will continue in mid-April.
 - c. The boiler valve will be fixed in May.
 - d. Gene and John are currently working on a 5-year plan and budget and when completed will present to Stewardship & Council to prioritize.
2. Call committee Update: No new updates, but when it does the committee is ready to move quickly. Keep supporting us with prayer.

New Business:

1. Committee Selection Update:
 - Stewardship – Glenn, Darlene, JoAnne
 - Worship and Music – Christy, Tina, Darlene, JoAnne, Charlie, Richard
 - Outreach and Social Ministry – Mary, Linda, Bill, Kristine
 - Youth and Education – Christy
 - Property – John and Richard
2. Pictures of Darlene and Bill are needed for our board. Mary will take pictures this Sunday.

Comments and Committee Actions:

1. OUTREACH: Easter services will be at 8 and 10:30 am. Cory is leading the breakfast schedule, be sure to sign-up.
2. OUTREACH: Mary attended the “Love Rhinelander Meeting” (the event will be June 1st). It’s a one-day event where local church volunteer participation works on area projects. Currently ideas are being discussed: painting fire hydrants, beautifying Crescent and High School flower gardens, picking up trash in Pioneer Park, and hosting a picnic after for volunteers. Next meeting will be announced sometime mid-April. Contact Mary Wolf if you are interested in joining the “Immanuel Crew.”
3. Synod Assembly Hybrid meeting is Saturday, May 18th at Ascension in Minocqua. We need 2 volunteers (can attend virtually). Please contact any of us if you are interested in representing Immanuel.
4. Pulpit Supply: Matthew Johnson informed us he might have found us a 4th Sunday leader, Adam Matyska (member of Ascension). Pastor John will contact.
5. STEWARDSHIP:
 - a. Endowment fund gained \$11,000 in 2023 (with \$1,300 spent). Asking if there are needs to be considered for funding.
 - b. The Constitution needs to be updated (last update 2019). The Synod updated in 2022 with changes we need to consider. Asking to create a short-term committee with leadership background. Currently Darlene and JoAnne have volunteered, other possibilities would be Cory and Matt.
6. Darlene shared that during the Spaghetti Dinner she spoke with someone and learned of a \$5,000 grant (from the Congregational Church) for Incarceration (Jail) ministry (i.e. GED education). Will research and inform us of possible outreach opportunity.

Closing Prayer: Tina “Prayer of Peace”

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Mladucky, Council Secretary

Donate your old eyeglasses, sunglasses and more!

“I was listening to a news report about a great need in poor countries. People need glasses, and the story was about the reading glasses that you can buy cheaply in the drug store. The story told about a woman from Bangladesh who raised cattle. She was enabled to increase her income when she got a pair of reading glasses. She was able to plant crops for the market. She could see what she was doing when she weeded her garden plots. She was able to see the seeds and keep them straight. And the improved vision helped her with record keeping.”

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.



Women’s Bible Studies

Wednesday Bible Study
Group (2nd Wednesday of
each month @ 10:00am)

Sue Larsen—

715-362-2544,

larsesus@charter.net

Tuesday Bible Study Group
(3rd Tuesday of each
month @ 6:00 pm)

Sheree Vanden Heuvel—

715-360-3176,

finimmanuel@gmail.com

EQUITY CHALLENGE

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common...there wasn't a needy person among them, for as many as owned land or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold..., and it was distributed to each as any had need." Acts 4:32-35

This month's challenge focuses on how we came to "own" land individually rather than collectively as some the early Acts Christians did. Natives whom we have displaced viewed the land as holy, the source of all life to be protected for the seventh generation to come. Our government and our immigrant ancestors viewed land as an unoccupied resource for use by new European arrivals. With the influx of many White settlers, conflicts erupted with the Natives. Treaties negotiated, broken and renegotiated, did not bring peace.

To deal with the atrocity of removing Indigenous Tribes from their homes, Congress passed the Dawes General Allotment Act. The Act divided reservations into tracts to be "owned" individually, yet held in trust for 25 years by our government while Natives became "civilized," learning to use the land for farming or grazing. Any tracts not claimed were sold to white settlers. Proponents of the Act believed that the process of allotment would bolster Protestant ideals of hard work and people's enjoyment of the fruits of their own labors, in contrast to tribal customs of always sharing with neighbors, friends and kin as in Acts.

The Sunday after Easter, we sang *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*. A corollary point is: Do we, individually, as a church or through government policies really want "...to Walk as a Child of the Light, ... to follow Jesus", (ELW 815), providing for those in need as he did? Which view of the land and caring for others do you think is more like Christ would have us act?

Submitted by SusanAnderson



BRET & FRISK
+ Nate Sheppard

04
MAY
5:00PM

TICKETS \$50
PER PERSON

AT THE PINES EVENT CENTER

PROCEEDS BENEFITING
NATH- FREDERICK PLACE

LIVE MUSIC
HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS
BASKET RAFFLES
50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets available through friends
of NATH. Call or stop in!

Call 715-369-9277 for more information.

Take a Hike!

It's time to get out and enjoy the Northwoods a bit! As part of Synod Assembly activities this year, each of the eight conferences in the Northern Great Lakes Synod is doing a hike between May 11 and 18.

The Hikes are being done in collaboration with U.P. Wild. The Hikes are open to anyone (you don't have to attend Synod Assembly to participate).

Our conference (Conference 3) hike will take place on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua.

This is a great event for youth and families! For more information on the hike for our conference, contact Pastor Grant Van Lishout at grantvanlishout@gmail.com.

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

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

Several churches participate in ACES, both through volunteer hours and finances. Any church wishing to join in participation can inquire with the Executive Committee and will be allowed to do so after the committees approval. Membership dues are individually based on the resources of the participating church. Churches participating currently are, Calvary Baptist, Immanuel, Trinity, UCC, Nativity, Grace Foursquare, United Methodist and Saint Augustine.

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

For the 1st quarter of 2024 most of the ACES and SA funds were used for rent. Due to no WPS disconnects the need for this help was not really needed even though there were a few clients. Once the disconnects start again in April I am sure this service will be needed again and we will try to help as many clients as we can. We try to provide as much rental help as needed so to help clients not to go homeless.

This quarter ACES was able to help with car repair, propane, rent and furniture and diapers and wipes and a plumbing bill. Nativity vouchers were given out for help with furniture and clothing and any other need the client might have. Goodwill cards were replenished and now we will also be able to help with this. Salvation Army monies were used for rent so ACES money can be used for other various emergency needs. A special donation was made to NATH to help with CAB rides.

This quarter ACES was blessed with special donations of \$178.00 along with donations from our wonderful churches that keep this ministry going. This community indeed does God's work.

We did receive 86 calls this quarter and 86 calls for the year. Between ACES and Salvation Army we are doing our best to help these clients. May God continue to keep all safe and well.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Dianne Syms or Mary Meek.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Dianne Syms, ACES Treasurer

Helping To Build A Hunger-Free Community



RAFP

627 Coon Street
Rhinelander, WI

Thank you to our April 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.



SERVED!
50 homes
106 individuals
4244 pounds of food distributed

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Emerson Grace Schmitz, daughter of Rachael & Adam Schmitz, and granddaughter of Jerry & Tina Schmitz, and Dennis & Kathy Wolfgram was baptized on Sunday, April 14. Emerson's sponsors are Jackson Zunker & Ashley Walker. We welcome her into the Body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Did You Know?...

Synod Assembly is coming up on May 18th. One of the preparations for Synod Assembly is collection of donations for World Hunger. In the past, we have put out a large container in which people can put their donations. Kind of easy to pass by.

At our April Council meeting, someone had the idea of a “noisy offering.” We decided to start on April 14th and do “noisy offerings” until May 12th. I found a couple of metal pails and asked Lizzie and Bo to go around and collect from anyone that has change, bills or checks to offer. Hands were raised, people called out and the offerings clinked and were stuffed into the pails. The results...WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!

For those of you that were not there, we still have four more Sundays of “noisy offerings”. Be sure to be ready with your loose change and any other way that you can donate. Give all at once or spread it out. The kids do a great job and this shows them a good example of the generosity of our congregation. Of course, as we hear of all the warring and conflict in the world, we need to support the organizations that are providing food for the innocent needy. This is important now more than ever.

See this as a challenge to raise as much money as Immanuel can for World Hunger.

....This is Stewardship!

By JoAnne Barrix

Welcome Our New Member, Dauna Gollhardt!



Hello!
I moved from Green Bay to Rhinelander in 2022. I enjoy being in the Rhinelander area and living closer to my children.

I look forward to being a member of

Immanuel and meeting more of my new church community members.

Hope to see you soon.

Dauna

(Editors note: Recent new members, Bill and Karen Anderson, are Dauna's daughter and son-in-law.)

Children's Sermon with Pastor John





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

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

Text "HOPELINE" to 741741

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

May 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>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</p>			<p>1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting</p> <p>6:00 pm NO Confirmation class tonight</p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON</p> <p>10:30 am—Noon MEMORY CAFÉ</p>	<p>8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group</p> <p>7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>2:00 pm SPRING CONCERT at First Congregational Church featuring:</p> <p>Northwoods Choraliers Hymns & Hers Nicolet Male Chorus</p> <p>Free will offering</p>
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

March 2024

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$103,870.13
Offerings	\$ 15,306.58
\$1,763.29 is moved to Building Fund	
Expenses	(\$ 14,367.57)
Ending Balance	\$104,809.14

BENEVOLENCE:

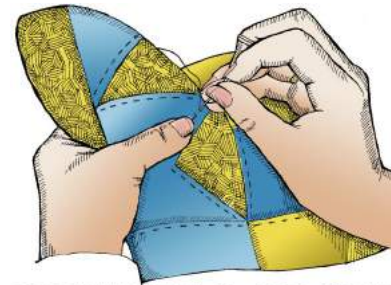
March Offering	\$ 1,990.10
(+ \$10 to Food Pantry)	
2024 Pledge	\$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	\$ 6,017.68

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$38,332.27
Offerings	\$ 1,763.29
Expenses	(\$ 325.20)
Ending Balance	\$39,770.36

The INCOME exceeded the EXPENSES by \$939.01 this month.

**THE QUILTING GROUP IS IN NEED
OF CLEAN, LIGHTLY USED SHEETS
OF ANY SIZE AND
OF ANY FABRIC.
THANK YOU!**



QUILTING GROUP



5/2	Joshua Willoughby	5/22	Callie Kress
5/5	Zachary Wilmot	5/23	Scott Kirby
5/7	Cal Ewert	5/23	Madison Gregory
5/8	Patricia Westphal	5/25	Randy Barthels
5/8	Ella Mae D'Aprix	5/25	Bruce Gary
5/13	Pastor Tammy Barthels	5/25	Michelle Gerdes
5/13	Barb Hopkins	5/26	Catherine Bessey
5/14	Glenn Johnson	5/26	Tyler Morrison
5/14	Jonathan Keckeisen	5/27	Brittany Landphier
5/16	Kris White	5/31	Dawn Jacobson
5/20	Allie Johnson	5/31	David Kroll
5/21	Dan Jolin		

5/5	Butch & Mary Gregory
5/11	Kevin & Brenda O'Rourke
5/15	Sheree & Devon Vanden Heuvel
5/15	Jason & Char Bierman
5/21	Mike & Darlene Piasecki

*May Your Day
Be Special!*

*If you were omitted or listed in error,
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1) Through YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYfWH9caWNuzOxf9T9JgecQ>
(or search Immanuel Rhineland) on YouTube.

2) Through our website:

www.immanuelrhineland.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.