

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

One time I asked a newcomer what he thought of the worship service. He was honest and told me he did not like the service. It made him feel worse than before. I asked him to explain: he found the service morbid because he heard too much about human sinfulness. I wonder what he would think about an Ash Wednesday service. This service begins Lent with Psalm 51 and the words "Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb." That is not the only verse of the Psalm for we also hear of God's steadfast love, compassion and mercy. The Psalm is a meditation about the depth of our sinfulness and our need for God's grace.

The season of Lent reminds us that we do not want a band-aid forgiveness, some quick assurance from heaven. We ask to be truly repentant with our prayer, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." The season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, speaks uncomfortable words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return". In other words, no one escapes death. Now the service really sounds morbid with all the talk of sin and death. But I would suggest the season of Lent does not begin with a morbid word designed to frighten us. Instead, we are given a clear and honest reminder of our mortality. May this lead us to live our lives confident of God's steadfast love. This love is a servant love, revealed by Jesus who obediently went to the cross for our salvation. This is no church sentiment to be taken for granted. Salvation is God's gracious work of healing and rescue. In another reading from Ash Wednesday we hear, "Be reconciled to God. For our sake he made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." What amazing grace! No one can deny the truth of their sinfulness. The word of God known as the Law brings knowledge of sin showing us where we have disobeyed. But the Law is not the last word. The final word is the gospel, the good news of Jesus for us and not against us. God loves us so dearly that God is not an impartial judge. God is totally partial toward us. God's will is compassion, the healing of our souls. The Bible says God desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. Jesus became sin to save us, that is Jesus took our sins, the world's sins upon himself. This is righteousness or God's grace to make us right, to reconcile us to himself.

The season of Lent will conclude with Passion Week, what Jesus went through for us. We hear of his suffering, mockery, and the cruelty of the cross. Jesus will be forsaken and go through hell for us. Jesus will defeat the powers of sin, death and the devil. All this proves that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Salvation is a gift through faith, trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord. It is by grace that we are saved through faith; this is not our own doing, but the gift of God.

The apostle Paul will write that we are not to accept the grace of God in vain. Salvation means a new life, a new and clean heart and a right spirit. Daily repentance guides us not to take God's grace for granted. Repentance each day renews the cleansing promise of baptism, the forgiveness of sins. So refreshed, we follow Jesus who shows us a multitude of ways to love and care for one another. Repentance reminds us of the gift of prayer. My dog taught me something fundamental about prayer. I will be working in my office and Obie (my shepherd-mix dog) will come in and just nozzle up to me. Even though I may be busy, he wants to know that I love him, and he needs to be petted for a time. Prayer is to confidently come before God with our concerns, but fundamentally we come to be assured that we are loved. Psalm 138 says, "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will bow down before you and praise your name because of your steadfast love and faithfulness. When I called, you answered me, you increased my strength within me." Many are the burdens we carry. With challenges and questions in our lives, faith can grow faint. Prayer assures us of God giving us the strength we need for each day.

Lent begins with a reminder of our mortality. This is not meant to be morbid, but a call to seek God's help and mercy. We want our lives to be lives of righteousness, confident of our salvation by grace through faith, and guided to follow Jesus with lives of compassion for others

ASH WEDNESDAY / SOUP SUPPERS/ LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service

March 5 @ 12:30 p.m. —

at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 135 E. Larch Street.

Soup Suppers

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



Midweek Holden Evening Prayer Lenten Services

Wednesday March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9.

GOOD NEWS!

Living Lutheran's print magazine is returning. Click to subscribe today!



We heard you — and listened. We have found a way to bring *Living Lutheran* back to print in a quarterly fashion. Each issue (spring, summer, fall and winter) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community.

The cost for one year will be \$19.95 for an individual subscription and \$17 per subscriber for a congregation group subscription (minimum of 10 copies). To start receiving the print magazine, individuals and congregations can sign up at livinglutheran.org/subscribe. For congregation plans, enter the name of your church at this site, along with the email of the person who will be overseeing the subscription plan.

Calling all our Pastor Musicians!

Do you play guitar or a woodwind or a brass instrument? Percussion? Sing well? Join our NGLS Pastor Band! The Pastor Band will provide musical leadership at our closing assembly worship.

Synod Assembly Choir

Come sing with the Synod Assembly choir and help lead the Synod Assembly opening worship at **Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming** in sung prayer and praise. There will be 2 rehearsals. We encourage you to attend at least 1 rehearsal prior to the assembly worship. Tonya Perry and Lucas Wickstrom are directing this year. All are welcome!

Rehearsals:

May 7, 2025 - 5:30 pm EST at Messiah Lutheran in Marquette, MI.

May 14 - 6:30 pm EST at Bethany Lutheran in Ishpeming

If you're interested in being in the Pastor Band, **contact Lucas Wickstrom**, our resident pastor herder, at Lucas@Lucas.net or **906-204-6800**.

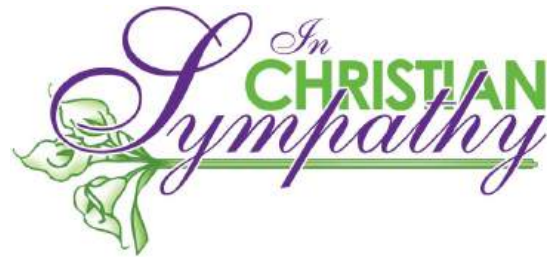
Thank You for Serving

Thank you to Cory Dellenbach for all your behind the scenes serving—preparing the livestream with music for our service, updating our webpage, updating our online worship numbers, etc., etc. Your service to Immanuel is 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!)

Our deepest condolences to Luann Robins on the passing of her daughter, Elizabeth. Cards of condolence may be sent to Luann at Rennes Health & Rehab Center, 1970 Navajo Street, Rhinelander.



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 January 8, 2025

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

Absent: John Plautz and Linda Kau

Opening JoAnne Barrix opened the hybrid meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Devotion Kristine, Matthew 5:48

Action – Motion/Second/Carried... Approved the Council Meeting minutes from December 11th, 2024. Unanimous.

Pastor's Report:

- Worshiped at Grace Lodge for the first time (will continue on 1st Tue. of every month).
- Received transfer request of Kohnhorst family to Trinity.
- Concerns of cold/flu season and "sharing of the peace." Discussion and decided to announce that if you are uncomfortable, you do not have to participate and shake hands. Will make sure masks and sanitizers are available.

Long-Term Items:

- Make Disciples: Teach and Baptize (3x/yr): Thank you to our staff leading Faith Explorers.
- Administer and oversee financial affairs and budget (Quarterly): Being processed.
- Evaluate Ministry (Semi-annually): GREAT turnout for Christmas Eve Service, but we received one person's negative feedback.
 - Difficulty finding a parking spot.
 - Thought door on Timber was locked (it was unlocked, but the door sticks when it is cold outside... will let Tue. crew know). *Discussed having Greeters (in addition to Ushers) at each door entry to assist (open doors) and inform newcomers of our church layout. The plan is to do this for services that are usually well attended (i.e. holidays, special programs). Do we need to put signage on doors?*
 - We ran out of bulletins and candles, no one shared. *Next year will print out more bulletins, and mention Hymnal numbers before we sing. Make sure all candles are out and visible. (Ushers not aware that the extra candles were stored in the credenza with Little Church on top).*
 - Did not feel "welcomed" and had difficulty finding a place to sit. *Make sure we have at least two Ushers, and assist with finding open seating even if they come in late. Overall, be mindful and aware.*
- Submit and discuss annual reports (annually). Not all reports are in. Kari working on it.

Short-Term Items:

Old Business:

- Facilities Update:
 - Brian W. will contact the Landscape committee to discuss needs.
- Call Committee Update: no update, keep praying.
- 2025 Budget: Similar to last year.
 - Benevolence was short (18,690.79) for 2024 until someone met the difference of \$309.21. Amount will stay the same for 2025.
 - Postage/Printing will increase from \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00
 - Property/Liability Insurance will increase from \$7,400.00 to \$10,000.00.

- Personnel (Secretaries) will stay the same \$20,000.00 even with the approved 2.6% raise.
- **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...**Approved \$4,500 for ceiling repair by Bob Moore Construction. Unanimous.
- Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 26th, 2025. PLEASE NOTE: Kari needs reports from committees the 1st week of January.
- Have 2 Council vacancies. Devon Vanden Heuvel accepted to be nominated. Would like one more.

New Business:

- Camp Scholarships: They are available from our Endowment budget. Will determine as needed.
- NATH meals: see below, ALWAYS looking for volunteers!
- Outreach: Great turnout for "The Table". Adults and youth participated from our congregation.
- Ash Wednesday on March 5th will be hosted by the First Congregational United Church of Christ, address: 135 E Larch St (by High School).
- Lenten Services will be the same as last year. 6pm soup dinner and 7pm service.

Comments/Discussion/Committee Actions:

Outreach was contacted by the Community Blood Center and asked that our blood drive be physically moved from our location to the Veterans Center. **Action – Motion/Second/Carried...**Approved moving our Blood Drive to the Veterans Center and we would continue to host and promote. Unanimous.

Open/Close/Devotions

February – Kristine (O/C/D)
 March – Glen (O/C/D)
 April – Tina (O/C/D)

NATH Meals

January – Mary Peterson
 February – Confirmation & Youth
 March – Council:
 Mary, Lasagna
 Tina, Dessert
 Kristine, Salad
 Linda, Bread
 Milk Drinks?

April – Bring up at Annual Meeting or Volunteers.

Save the Date!

The Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly will be held Thursday-Saturday, **May 15-17, 2025**. Opening worship will take place at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday sessions will be held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Congregations are encouraged to elect their voting members to Synod Assembly at their Annual Meeting.

Closing Prayer: Lord’s Prayer

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristine Mladucky, Council Secretary

BLOOD DRIVE



THE NORTHWOODS VETERANS GROUPS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Rhinelander Veterans Center
1002 Coon St., Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

To schedule your life-saving appointment, please call Jackie Waldorf at (715) 482-0513, The Community Blood Center at (800) 280-4102 or scan the QR code.



Friday, March 28
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

All donors receive free lunch featuring, homemade chicken noodle soup, pulled pork sandwiches and cake for dessert.

We kindly request you schedule in advance, thank you!



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & ACE/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) <i>New!</i> 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.

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!

2025 SCHEDULE

More info at FortuneLake.org

A Welcome Letter from
Rev. Sharolyn Swenson



Dear Ones in the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Grace and peace be with you, through Christ, our Lord. Greetings! I am Pastor Sharolyn Swenson, and it is with joy and hope I look forward to being your new Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop for the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA.

I have lived in Austin, Texas, most of my life and my whole time in ministry, serving God with congregations growing through seasons of transitions. Through this work, I have come to recognize we all are experiencing God's radical love, by being made new. I have walked with many congregations through seasons of unknown, exciting, and life-giving change. It is in this spirit of adventure and trust, I take this leap of faith, to come, serve with and live among you, for the sake of Christ, in a hopeful and changing world.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Texas at Arlington. (Thus really excited about the abundance of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in the Great Lakes area.) My call to ministry grew through my work as a Godly Play storyteller and Trainer (a model of faith nurture and spiritual guidance with children) that led to a graduate Certificate in the Spiritual Guidance of Children from General Seminary (Episcopal) in New York City, and ultimately a call to ordained ministry. My Master of Divinity degree is from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and while I'm a lifelong Lutheran, and spent a year in residency at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for further Lutheran formation.

I have served my synod on the Candidacy and Congregational Vitality committees, as well as a Austin Seminary Pastoral Leadership in Public Life fellow.

My heart is full for family and nature. I have three daughters in my life and heart: Navy, lived near Kilimanjaro, Tanzania as a director of a school, and now lives and goes to school in Austin. Summer, also lives in Austin, attends college, and is a dance teacher. Hope lived and died with leukemia, at the age of three, in 2000. Spending time in nature is a passion of mine, and I can't wait to see what the U.P. has in store. It seems absolutely beautiful. I enjoy gardening, hiking, kayaking, and camping. I'm eager to learn about new trees, growing seasons, and ecosystems.

I have found myself reflecting quite a lot on the imagery of bees, as I discern the activity of [Director of Evangelical Mission](#) and Assistant to the Bishop. The work of one bee is to go out and see God's gifts of the soil, the flowering fruit, and help pollinate other plants and return to the hive, in a centripetal loop of life in an ecosystem. The work is both solitary and interconnected, in hope and trust of God's abundant flourishing life for all. It works in seasons of birth, growth, and death...in the field, in the hive. It is the work of connecting many diverse expressions of life, for the common good. It is how I imagine our work together will be, through our love for God, one another, and creation.

Practically speaking, I will move to the Marquette area in late December, so that I can begin our work together in early January. I like to be called "Pastor Sharolyn" (it rhymes with Carolyn) and I use she/her pronouns. I hear it gets pretty cold up there...so I got a coat. I trust we will figure out the rest together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sharolyn

Article provided by :

Northern Light Great Lakes Synod Newsletter

Helping To Build A Hunger-Free Community



RAFP

627 Coon Street
Rhinelander, WI

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



5,180 pounds of food served!

EQUITY CHALLENGE

The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this (*build the tower of Babel*) then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." Genesis 11:6

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God....all things are possible with God." Mark 11:25, 27b.

Outside on a spring day with the clover in full bloom, my son kept chasing and poking at the bees hovering over the clover. Without regard to my repeated pleas not to play with the bees because they would sting him, he persisted. Then I heard, "He bit me!" My son learned a lesson about bee behavior, and I learned a lesson about using words another knows and can understand.

The enslaved came from many African nations speaking numerous languages and could not understand each other. The enslaved learned a new language to talk to each other and the "proper English" needed to comprehend orders given by their enslavers. Today many people of color "code switch", changing from black dialect with each other to white English when speaking with us.

Now our families, churches, and organizations are divided by the language we use to speak about societal issues. Jesus taught us to put God first and to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we do not talk to each other about important matters, we separate ourselves from each other. He also taught us to trust him to guide us through difficult situations. Are we so afraid that we do not want to risk conversations that would be hard? Are we so convinced of the rightness of our views that we are being prideful like the tower builders at Babel?

Can we have the courage and the wisdom to learn a new language like the enslaved did so we can find common ground with each other? The rich young ruler in Mark 11 says he has followed all the commandments; yet Jesus reminds him that we must be willing to examine what we hold dear in order to truly follow Jesus. Can we risk changing our language and our views so we can have a life of community together? Or shall we cling to our positions, like the rich young man clung to his wealth, and go away sad at the brokenness of our families, churches, and government? God is ready, willing, and able to help us.

There is a podcast called Code Switch that addresses the subject of race with empathy and humor. Available free on Spotify.

Submitted by Susan Anderson

Did You Know?...

It seems that not everyone is aware of how our different funds at Immanuel are put to use. On our giving envelopes there are three main funds: General, Building and Benevolence. When we specify that our giving is for the General Fund, that money is used for “paying the bills”, in several areas. These areas are: Education, Utilities and Building, Worship, Office and Administration and Personnel. Some of the more expensive line items in our General Fund Budget are: Gas and Electric, Property and Liability Insurance and salaries for staff and hopefully a Pastor. For accounting purposes, Benevolence is a line item of the General Fund, but all giving for benevolence (synod support, disaster relief, food pantry, world hunger appeals, Fortune Lake Camp and Answer the Call) is designated specifically for each of those needs.

Building Fund giving relates specifically to building upgrades and maintenance. Most of the money that was paid for our recent roofing project came from the Building Fund. We also had expenses in 2024 that covered electrical work and tree and shrub removal. Ongoing giving for this fund proves invaluable when we have large projects like the roof section replacement. The money was “in the bank” and we did not have to have a special fund raiser or take out a loan.

Immanuel also has separate Memorial and Endowment Funds. Memorial Funds are generally designated for a specific purpose. There were Memorial Fund monies that were designated for the roof. When a member of Immanuel passes away, donations can be made in their memory for things that were important to that loved one. Immanuel's Endowment Fund is not designated, but growth above the principal can be used for any number of ministries, be they within our walls, or to benefit the community.

I have belonged to some churches that do not separate the funds the way we do at Immanuel. In those churches, most giving is not designated. That leaves the leaders of the congregation to decide where the giving is most needed. Basically, at Immanuel, each giver makes that decision. In 2025, our congregation voted to approve commitment of \$19,000 to the Synod for their use and that of the greater ELCA. It has been the decision to remain at this amount and not increase. Of course, if more than that amount is given for benevolence, it will be passed on to the Synod. However, I do need to point out that our benevolence does include special appeals. Total benevolence giving was \$22,772.41 in 2024. Thank you for your continued generosity.

...This is Stewardship!

By JoAnne Barrix

SERVING OTHERS

Our worship services are always in need of volunteers—
sign-up sheets are located in the narthex.

Currently we have several areas where we could use your help:

Offering Counters—if you are interested, and not already on a team, please contact JoAnne Barrix. Training will be provided.

Altar Guild—if you are interested in helping to set up for communion, please contact JoAnne Barrix.

Livestream—If you are interested in helping livestream our services each week, training will be provided, please contact Cory Dellenbach.



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
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



March 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:00 am Worship Communion Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON 10:00 am PASTOR JOHN Grace Lodge Nursing Home Service	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting 12:30pm Ash Wednesday Service at UCC Confirmation Class participants should attend 3 Lenten services	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	8:45 am— 11:30 am Food Pantry
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Worship Worship Leader: Nancy Heykes Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON 10:00 am PASTOR JOHN Milestone Nursing Home Service 5pm Stewardship Meeting	1:00 pm— 3:00 pm Quilting 10:00 am WELCA Bible Study (2nd Wednesday of the month) 6pm Council Meeting 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 2025

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$72,383.24
Offerings	\$17,747.22
Expenses	(\$12,935.12)
Ending Balance	\$77,195.34

BENEVOLENCE:

December Offering	\$ 3,777.90
2024 Pledge	\$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	\$ 3,777.90

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$21,311.86
Offerings	\$ 3,589.21
Expenses	(\$ 204.50)
Ending Balance	\$24,696.57

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

CD=\$60,000.00



3/2	Jason Kral	3/18	Mary Peterson
3/4	Gene Frane	3/18	Charles Strong
3/5	Joshua Wood	3/18	Karen Anderson
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	3/28	Quentin Milz
3/10	Phyllis Krueger	3/28	Linda Kau
3/12	Kathryn Borski	3/30	Janice Lambele
3/15	Sheree Vanden Heuvel	3/30	Nancy Richmond
		3/31	Rachael Cornelius



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

December 2024 Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
12/01	40	57	97
12/08	36	59	95
12/15	67	48	115
Children's Christmas Program			
12/22	37	65	102
12/24	141	36	177
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service			
12/29	21	35	56

Our average worship attendance for the month of December was 93.

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.



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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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 a.m.