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

Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

November Newsletter

Sometimes I stay up to watch the late show comedians; there are days when I really need comic relief! The other night I was watching Jimmy Kimmel do his opening monologue. He was commenting on the current political chaos in the country. He mentioned how presidential politics now is different than other years. This year the rhetoric can be vicious. Falsehoods are pedaled. The atmosphere is not only divisive but tense. So, Kimmel asked, "What is wrong with this country?" He said, would it not be nice if we could just unplug this country, and then restart it again. I did this with my washing machine once. The lid was locked in place. So, how could wash my clothes? I called the repairman hoping to have him come ASAP. But he told me to unplug the machine, wait a few seconds, and then plug it back in. I did what he said, and low and behold, the problem was solved.

I thought this unplug and plug in again is not only good for machines. What about our spiritual lives? Let us unplug from self-criticism and plug into self-compassion. Let us unplug from the blurred vision of impatience and plug into the clear vision creation's beauty often overlooked. Let us unplug from griping and blaming and plug into gratitude and blessing. Let us unplug from worry and plug into the worship of the Creator who promised to never leave or forsake us.

In this month we celebrate Thanksgiving. For many of us, this is a time to gather with loved ones and enjoy a feast. Some of us will watch football. Many of us will nap. Others will be raring to go and shop for Christmas gifts. Despite all the festivities it can be time of spiritual awakening: unplugging from the worry machine and plugging into gratitude for all the blessings we have for each day. A Thanksgiving worship service will provide such an opportunity. Thanksgiving worship at Immanuel will be on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th at 7:00 pm.

The gospel reading for Thanksgiving worship guides us to unplug from fear and plug into faith. Before I comment on the reading, I must mention the verses just before the reading. The gospel text is Matthew 6:25-34. Before that text Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters: for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Jesus knew that money was the greatest competitor to faithful worship of our gracious God and Creator.

The gospel reading for Thanksgiving begins, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life." I think we can catch the drift of Jesus' thought: if wealth is what we serve, then perhaps we will end up worrying about our life. Jesus said do not worry about food, drink, and clothing. These are the necessities our heavenly Father knows we need. Jesus gave examples from nature: God feeds the birds of the air. Jesus said look at the lilies of the field or any flower of the field. God clothes them with a beauty that far surpasses anything from the clothing store. Jesus said, 'Can any of us add an hour to our span of life by worrying'? I remember this text studied in Bible class. A young farmer was deeply troubled by what Jesus said. The man said if he did not worry, he would not take good care of his family and his farm. He just about accused Jesus of teaching irresponsibility. Jesus was not teaching forsaking your family and abandoning the work of your hands. Remember what Jesus said

earlier, you cannot serve God and wealth. In other words, money cannot be your god. It may be the greatest temptation: even the devil tempted Jesus with all the wealth of the world. Wealth can lead from worry to anxiety and the fear of never having enough. In the New Testament the word for greed literally means “having more”. Serving wealth can fill us with many things, yet we still end up feeling like we are running on empty.

Jesus accused his audience of having little faith. We cannot quantify faith by looking at a chart, like how many minutes do you pray a day, or how many Bible verses do you know. The quality of faith is key: trust Jesus who knows all about us human beings. Jesus knows we will worry about our lives and livelihoods but let Jesus worry with us, so we know we are not alone to meet the challenges of each day. He said “Come to me, be yoked to me and I will carry life’s burdens with you, so you are not overwhelmed and pooped out. Jesus said, ‘rest in me’ and not your bank account. Jesus said, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Sunday worship can act like a weekly corrective, so we unplug from serving wealth or life consisting in the abundance of possessions, and plugging into faith, trusting Jesus who for our sake became poor on the cross that we be rich in the forgiveness of sins and salvation by grace. On many Sundays we celebrate a thanksgiving meal we call Holy Communion. Holy Communion is known as Eucharist or Thanksgiving. Jesus, who embodies the mercy, love, and compassion of God, comes to lift us up, plug us into his Kingdom of righteousness, and so strengthens us to show compassion for others who need to be loved and lifted up. The evangelical hymn sings there is wonder working power in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus. The foundation of our faith is in thanksgiving, thankful for the love of Jesus who bears our burdens, so we have empathy and compassion for one another. A most blessed and happy thanksgiving!



THANKSGIVING EVE ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Immanuel is hosting the
Thanksgiving Eve Service
on Wednesday, November 27, 2024
@ 7:00 pm.

It is time to make lefse!

The dates will be:

Friday November 1, 2024 (making potatoes)

Saturday November 2, 2024 (baking)

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. The lefse bake sale will be Saturday, December 7, 2024 @ 9:00 am. for coffee and samples and the sale begins at 9:30 am.



Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Syms.

Thank you to Tina Schmitz and Gene Frane for taking the Lutheran World Relief kits to Wausau on Saturday, October 5, 2024. You are a blessing and are appreciated.

Immanuel shipped:

50 school kits (*Thank you to the congregation for helping with supplies.*)

75 personal care Kits (*Thank you to the Johnson's for their Thrivent money.*)

86 Quilts (*Thank you to the quilters for your dedication and hard work.*)

Such important ministries we are blessed to be able to provide.

Thank you.

Dianne Syms and WELCA



Thank You for Serving

Thank you to our participants for our meals made for NATH. We are covered for this year and the sign up for next year is up and running for next year in the narthex. Please check with your groups and plan your month. Remember, if you need help, several members from our congregation are not in a group but have offered to help. FYI, I spoke with Abby, director at NATH, and asked about our December meal which is Christmas Day. They have a lot donated on Christmas so a meal is not necessary but anyone so inclined is welcome to donate. Please pray for the homeless and struggling in our world. If you have any questions regarding meals please contact me, Sue Larsen, at 715.362.2544.



Thank you to the following people who kept our lawn mowed:

June—Dale Schlieve and Dan Jolin

July—John Plautz

August, September and October—Beth Ann Walton

Additional thanks to our Garden and Grounds crew led by Kathy Maule.

We appreciate your help in keeping our church well maintained.

Thank you for your generous donation for the beautification efforts and flowers in Downtown Rhinelander. These efforts enhance our downtown and make it a beautiful place for visitors and locals. Community support like yours makes this popular tradition possible to continue. Your involvement in Downtown Rhinelander is truly appreciated.
Downtown Rhinelander Donation Team

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!)

Newsletter Available Electronically

If you would rather read the newsletter electronically, you can access a copy on our website @ immanuelrhinelander.org/newsletter

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday &
Thursday
9:00 am-NOON



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes

September 11, 2024

Hybrid Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: JoAnne Barrix-President, Glenn Johnson-V.P., Kristine Mladucky-Secretary, Mary Wolf, Tina Schmitz, John Plautz, Christy Dellenbach

Absent: Richard Laddusire, Linda Kau, Darlene Machtan, Charlie Strong, Bill Anderson and Pastor John.

Devotions: JoAnne "God Knows"

Motion/2nd/Carried unanimous approval of meeting minutes from August 14th, 2024.

Pastor/Ministry Report: None

Long-Term Items

- Make Disciples: Teach and Baptize (3 times per year): Confirmation, and Faith Explorers starting back up.
- Seek full participation of members in Disciple-making, Witnessing, and Caring ministries (quarterly): A few mentioned...Food Pantry, Volunteers stepping up to do readings, Nursing/Senior Facility services 3X/month.
- Seek and encourage people to prepare for church careers (semi-annually): Ask for prayers.

Short-Term Items

Old Business

1. Facilities update:
 - Roof complete and inspected. Estimate was \$70,789.41, and final total cost \$69,689.41. The remaining bill was \$47,889.00 (divided as follows: Building fund \$20,867.75, Memorial \$13,037.38, and Endowment \$13,983.87).
 - Outside Electrical work is complete. Estimate of \$3,800 to \$4,500. This will leave about \$18,000 in the Building fund.
 - John Plautz will get an estimate to fix the ceiling in the Gathering Area.
 - Dispute on whose property the hole in the parking lot belongs to. Property will need a survey and will work with Devon Vanden Heuvel.
 - A boom lift is needed to repair west side of church where the glass is slipping, also painting and pressure washing outside.
 - Circuit breaker issues in the gathering room. John Plautz with John Mladucky will work to resolve.
2. Call Committee: No Update. We continue to pray for someone to answer our call.
3. God's Work our Hands: An extra NATH meal on September 18th. Mary Wolf volunteered to make her famous Lasagna, and need more volunteers to supply additional dinner items.
4. Answer the Call: \$236 donations with only 20 people in church that day. Will ask for additional donations this Sunday.
5. Church spruce up inside and out: September 22nd. A thank you to Mary Wolf who has already started inside!

New Business

1. Faith Explorers (3 years to 5th grade): Glad to announce the following volunteers to lead the program this school year starting September 22, 2024: Becky Eades, Sara Willoughby, Sheree Vanden Heuvel, and Shauna Drossart
2. Fall Stewardship Emphasis: Decided to have a brunch and perhaps a skit. The date will either be November 10th or 17th.
3. Ecumenical Music Fest will be at 3:00 pm on November 10th at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 125 E. King Street. Chili and cornbread dinner to follow. Free will offerings at the event for the following organizations: NAMI, Tri-County Council on DVSA & Lily's House, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Northwood's.

Comments/Discussion/Committee actions:

1. Gabrielle Theilman from Aspirus Hospice contacted us to ask if we would print in our newsletter a volunteer opportunity. **Motion/2nd/Carried** unanimous approval to allow Aspirus Hospice to use space in our newsletter for volunteer opportunities with their organization.
2. Open & Close/Devotions:
 - September: JoAnne
 - October: Bill
 - November: Tina & Glen (1st Sunday)
 - December: Christy & Kristine
4. NATH meals:
 - September 18th: Mary bringing Lasagna and ?
 - September: Beth Ann Walton
 - October: Sue Larsen
 - November: Bill and Karen Anderson
 - December:

Closing Prayer: JoAnne "Disciples Prayer"

Adjournment time: 6:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine Mladucky - 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.



ELECTION

As we all know, there will be an election on November 5th. I urge everyone eligible to vote to register and vote in this election. Your vote is important in the democratic process to elect government officials. Wouldn't it be nice if government officials shared our values and practiced our Christian principles? Take a look at the candidates in this election and what they have said and what they have done previously. Their actions will reflect how they will behave once elected. Do you agree with their previous statements and actions? Do they reflect the Christian values that we want in our government?

Here are some thoughts to consider in looking at the candidates for office:

Does the candidate:

- Show that each person matters?
- Treat others justly, equitably and with compassion?
- Accept others as they are?
- Show honesty and truthfulness?
- Envision a world where peace, liberty and justice prevail?
- Believe that all living things are connected and deserving of our respect?

The country will have to live with results of the election for the next 2, 4, or 6 years depending on the position or longer depending on the laws they pass. With an informed electorate, we will have a better government.

Your vote matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Laddusire, Council Member

**THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW TIMES THAT THE
PARKING LOT DOORS HAVE BEEN LEFT
UNLOCKED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE
CHURCH IF YOU ARE THE LAST TO LEAVE.
PLEASE TEST BOTH DOOR HANDLES TO BE
CERTAIN THEY ARE BOTH LOCKED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**





THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER
connecting lives | sharing life

BLOOD DRIVE

 **EVERY 2
SECONDS**
SOMEONE IN THE U.S. NEEDS BLOOD.

AND IN JUST ABOUT AN HOUR,

**YOU CAN
HELP**



PROVIDE LIFESAVING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PATIENTS IN NEED.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

21 W Timber Drive Rhineland, WI 54501

**Tuesday, November 26th
2:00PM - 6:00 PM**

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

We kindly request that you schedule in advance, thank you!

All donors will receive a 5 dollar Trig's Gift Card

Helping To Build A Hunger-Free Community

**RAFP**

627 Coon Street
Rhineland, WI

Thank you to our October Food Pantry crew for sharing the love of Christ through serving 58 families! 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.



To help stock the shelves at the pantry, the Rhineland Area Food Pantry encourages you to organize a food drive at your place of business, with your community groups, churches, schools, neighborhoods or clubs. If you would like to host a food drive, contact RAFP at 715-369-7237. Individual donations are always appreciated.

Food Items to Donate:

Peanut Butter (Regular & Low Sugar)
Bread, Muffin & Pancake Mix
Canned Meat
Cooking Oils
Coffee & Tea

Jelly & Jam (Low Sugar & Sugar Free)
Canned Soup, Stews & Chili
Boxed Meals
Condiments & Dressings
Juice (Regular & Low Sugar)

EQUITY CHALLENGE

Our Northern Great Lakes Book Club on race and indigenous people justice issues recently talked about Michele Norris's book *Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Really Think about Race and Identity*. The material for the book came from the Race Card Project in which she left postcards in hundreds of places with this prompt:

Race
Your Story
6 Words
Please Send

Here are some of the responses:

You're pretty for a Black girl.
White privilege; earned it; enjoy it.
Lady, I don't want your purse.
Black babies cost less to adopt.
Prayed God would make me White.
Can someone help me find my privilege.
I'm a Yooper, not all hicks.

Can you think of your own 6 word response to the prompt? Mine is: I'm afraid of unknown black men. Then I wondered what Jesus's 6 word answer would be. Since he often told a story when asked a question, I thought about what stories he might tell in response to the 6 words listed above.

The Good Samaritan? (Luke 10:25-37)

The Beatitudes? (Matthew 5:3-10)

The request of James and John? Mark 10:35-45

The Rich Young Man? Mark 10:17-31.

What is clean and unclean? Mark 7:1-8.

A Lamp on a Stand? Mark 4:21-25.

What do you think Jesus's 6 word answer would be to the prompt?

One possibility is: Put God first. Love your neighbor.

Submitted by Susan Anderson

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.

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 3rd quarter of 2024 ACES and SA funds were used for many different needs. It does seem the need for housing and rent is increasing in Rhinelander. Unfortunately it also seems there is not enough affordable housing in Rhinelander so it has become difficult for our clients. Disconnects continued along with evictions so this need is very much in demand. Homelessness is also a concern and finding motels for clients, in fact Salvation Army ran out of funding for this purpose for September.

This quarter ACES money was able to help with car repair, rent, WPS and furniture and diapers and wipes and brake repair and pharmacy. One client also had an emergency septic need. Nativity vouchers were given out for help with furniture and clothing and any other need the client might have. Goodwill cards were also given out especially for families with many children.

This quarter ACES was blessed with special donations of \$960.15 along with donations from our wonderful churches that keep this ministry going. This community indeed does God's work.

We did receive 112 calls this quarter and 318 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. Thank you again for your continued support.

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

Income/Expense Comparison by Category

1/1/2024 thru 12/31/2024

Category

	10/1/2024	7/1/2024	4/1/2024	1/1/2024	YTD THRU	2024	Cost of
	12/31/2024	9/30/2024	6/30/2024	3/31/2024	12/31/2024	OTHER VOUCHERS	Vouchers
INCOME							
ACES INCOME							
TOTAL ACES INCOME:Church Donation	\$0.00	\$2,080.50	\$4,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$7,330.50	Nativity	3 \$150.00
ACES INCOME: Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$17.44	\$764.71	\$178.00	\$960.15	Goodwill	0 \$0.00
TOTAL ACES INCOME	\$0.00	\$2,097.94	\$4,764.71	\$1,428.00	\$8,290.65	Sal. Army	19 \$5,677.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$2,097.94	\$4,764.71	\$1,428.00	\$8,290.65		
EXPENSES							
ACES EXPENSES							
ACES EXPENSES: Cell phone	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$225.00	Sal. Army	35 \$9,228.15
ACES EXPENSES: Office Supplies, P O Box, 501 C application	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$272.80	\$0.00	\$272.80		
ACES EXPENSES: 990 N Filing, 501C annual report fee	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	3rd Quarter 2024	
ACES EXPENSES: Annual Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.72	\$0.00	\$69.72	Nativity	7 \$350.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$417.52	\$125.00	\$642.52	Goodwill	40 \$1,000.00
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests						Sal. Army	21 \$6,031.00
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Request: Rent Payment	\$0.00	\$6,100.00	\$300.00	\$850.00	\$7,250.00		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Insulation for a truck	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.46	\$28.46		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Trinity Christmas client	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: NATH Taxi Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Special Approval SA gas	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Vehicle service repair/ins.	\$0.00	\$193.95	\$500.00	\$160.00	\$853.95	4th quarter 2024	
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: pharmacy	\$0.00	\$97.89	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$117.89		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Diapers/Wipes	\$0.00	\$268.33	\$76.74	\$61.63	\$406.70		
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Propane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307.95	\$307.95	Nativity	0 \$0.00
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: frontier phone/internet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.13	\$360.13	Goodwill	0 \$0.00
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Water Heater/Well pump	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$943.39	\$0.00	\$1,543.39	Sal. Army	0 \$0.00
ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: furniture/refrigerator	\$0.00	\$167.30	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$267.30		
TOTAL ACES EXPENSES: CLIENT Check Requests	\$0.00	\$7,627.47	\$2,040.13	\$2,868.17	\$12,535.77		0 \$0.00
ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS							
ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: Taxi rides for NATH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nativity	16 \$800.00
ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: Gas Vouchers	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	Goodwill	54 \$1,350.00
ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: McDonalds Gift Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Sal. Army	75 \$20,936.15
ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: Aldi's gift cards	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		145 \$23,086.15
ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: Bus transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL ACES EXPENSES: Vouchers	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00		
TOTAL ACES EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$8,127.47	\$2,457.65	\$2,993.17	\$13,578.29		
1st quarter			3rd quarter				
calls	86		calls	112			
clients helped	86		clients helped	112			
2nd quarter			4th quarter		ytd	318	
calls	120		calls	0	helped	318	
clients helped	120		clients helped	0			

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: HURRICANE HELENE

Friends:

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 26 and has ravaged communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Now, it is time to do what we do best: roll up our sleeves and get to work.

You've seen the news. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions remain without power and cell service.

"We can't yet know what we're facing in terms of damage ... but I do know [this]," says the Rev. Timothy Smith, bishop of the North Carolina Synod. "Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with our synod, along with other helpers, will be there for the long haul, and we will rally around our congregations, camps and communities."

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809,

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Where needed most" or "Hurricane Response" on your check's memo line



Ecumenical Music Fest

November 10, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Nativity of Our Lord Church
125 E. King Street

Chili and corn bread dinner to follow

Free will offerings will be accepted at
the event and supper to benefit the
following non-profit organizations:



TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL
ON DVSA & LILYS HOUSE



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE NORTHWOODS



THE HODAG
HUNNIES
performed for
the Memory
Café meeting in
October.



Did You Know?...

The Stewardship Committee is in the midst of planning our Fall Stewardship Emphasis. I would like to invite you to attend this year's Stewardship Sunday on November 10th. The service will include special music, messages and liturgy that reminds us of who we are as stewards of all that God has provided for us. Following the worship service, and as a small thank you for your past, current and future generosity, our Stewardship and Outreach Committees will provide a brunch. Jesus spent a lot of time breaking bread with his friends and followers and showed us that fellowship is an important aspect of stewardship.

By this time, you have probably received your special Stewardship Mailing which includes a Time and Talent brochure and Estimate of Giving Form. These remind you of all of the opportunities each of us has to volunteer for the many varied ministries that Immanuel supports and provides. Immanuel's ministries depend on your monetary gifts and perhaps even more important is how you will share your time and abilities. Think about the spiritual gifts that God has given you and volunteer to use them.

Please take the time to pray, consider and fill out these forms and return them in the offering plate on November 10th. Having this information allows our committees and council to plan for ministries in the upcoming year. When we return to the Lord, what he has first provided for us, our faith is strengthened. As our faith is strengthened, we can readily say: *"Here I am, Lord"*.

If you cannot be in worship on November 10th, please return your forms anytime before or after that date as soon as possible.

Thank you!

....This is Stewardship!

By JoAnne Barrix

WARM FOR WINTER

DROP AND DISTRIBUTION IS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

135 E. LARCH STREET

(Distribution is no longer at Friendly Village)

The distribution schedule for 2024-2025 is below. During the times when the pantry is not open, it is available on an emergency basis to anyone in need. You can find us at Warm for Winter on Facebook and reach out with the Facebook private messenger.

Warm for Winter is open for distribution on these days:

Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 - 4-6

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024 - 9:30-11:30

Monday, Dec. 9, 2024 - 4-6

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 - 9:30-11:30

Monday, Jan. 13, 2025 - 4-6

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 - 9:30-11:30

Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 - 4-6

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 - 9:30-11:30

Monday, Mar. 10, 2025 - 4-6

Saturday, Mar. 29, 2025 - 9:30-11:30.



**If you would like to volunteer to be a part of Warm for Winter,
please call Darla Jansen at 608-345-7305.**



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

November 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church 715-362-5910
21 W Timber Drive, Rhinelander

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					LEFSE MAKING 8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	LEFSE BAKING
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Worship Communion ALL SAINTS Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON PASTOR JOHN OFFICE HOURS 10:00 am—NOON	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting 6pm Confirmation Class	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON 10:30—NOON Memory Café	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	8:45 am—11:30 am Food Pantry
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 am Worship Worship Leader: Nancy Heykes STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON 10:00 am PASTOR JOHN Milestone Nursing Home Service 5:00 pm Stewardship	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting 10:00 am WELCA Bible Study (2nd Wednesday of the month) 6:00 pm Council	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON <div> Newsletter Articles Due!!! </div>	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 am Worship Communion Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Heykes Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON PASTOR JOHN OFFICE HOURS 10:00 am—NOON 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study & Dinner Call Sheree for location 715-360-3176	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting 6pm Confirmation Class	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 am Worship Worship Leader: Rev. John Kuziej Faith Explorers	7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon	OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am—NOON 2:00-6:00 pm BLOOD DRIVE 10:00 am PASTOR JOHN Rennes Nursing Home Service	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Meal @ Frederick Place 7:00 THANKSGIVING EVE ECUMENICAL SERVICE	OFFICE CLOSED HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!	8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group 7:00 pm AA	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

September 2024

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$52,155.78
Offerings	\$46,321.94
\$1,092.60 is moved to Building Fund	
Expenses	(\$41,776.32)
Ending Balance	\$56,701.40

BENEVOLENCE:

September Offering	\$ 1,196.29
2024 Pledge	\$19,000.00
YTD Remittance	\$13,192.92

BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$43,554.28
Offerings	\$ 1,092.60
Expenses	\$20,867.75
Ending Balance	\$23,779.13

The INCOME exceeded the
EXPENSES by \$4,545.62
this month.

CD = \$60,000.00



June 2024 Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
06/02	40	35	75
06/09	36	49	85
06/16 Father's Day	43	106	149
06/23	28	29	57
06/30	40	28	68

July 2024 Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
07/07	37	26	63
07/14	19	40	59
07/21	31	28	59
07/28	28	37	65

August 2024 Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
08/04 Outdoor Picnic			52
08/11	23	31	54
08/18	28	28	56
08/25	36	34	70

September 2024 Attendance:

	In-person	Online	Total
09/01	32	22	54
09/08	25	20	45
09/15	44	56	100
09/22	30	40	70
09/29	34	36	70

Average attendance for June: 87

Average attendance for July: 62

Average attendance for August: 58

Average attendance for September: 68

11/3	Anna Wood	11/22	Sue Kirby
11/9	JoAnne Barrix	11/23	Rae Anne Cheslock
11/9	Payton McCue	11/23	Bob Williams
11/10	Gabriella Denis	11/27	Tommy Eades
11/18	Katherine Grulke	11/27	Angie Schulz
11/19	Lisa Kroll	11/28	Laura Borski
11/20	Lois Wallace	11/28	Megan Helgeson
11/21	Arlo Keckeisen	11/28	Sarah Willoughby
11/21	Jolene Schlieve	11/29	Susanne Ohman



11/10 Nick & Shirley Scholtes

May Your Day Be Special!

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

IMMANUEL'S MESSENGER

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Rhineland, WI 54501

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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 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.