Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

Message from Interim Pastor John Kuziej

A question was asked not long ago, "What do people eat in heaven?" I was tempted to give a silly answer like, "food that tastes heavenly". Now I was stumped, I could not think of any Bible verses that gave a menu for the afterlife. Since I am old, my brain works slower. Words from the book of Revelation came to mind. The joy of heaven is compared to a wedding feast. And in the 7th chapter of Revelation the promise is given to the redeemed: "They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." No one knows the specifics of heaven like 'what will be for dinner, and who will prepare the food'. What we do know about heaven is that we will be with Jesus. We will see our loved ones. Heaven or eternal life is God's gift of a new creation. The scourge of hunger and all the suffering of the present will be no more.

If the Bible does not want us to worry about food in heaven, the Bible has a great deal to say about food and helping the hungry on earth. Someone has done a count, there are 2,000 Bible passages concerned with the poor. For example, in the Law, "Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." Farmers were commanded not to harvest every grape, olive, or sheaf of wheat, but leave enough in the fields for the poor to glean and feed their families. The prophets were keen on teaching that religion and ritual is not separated from life: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house?" Isaiah 58: 6-7 In Psalms 145 and 146 we read "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing."

I have about another 1900 verses to go, but that would make the newsletter into a book. But we get the gist: God wills that all living beings, human and animal be fed. If there is hunger in the land, the Bible does not say only pray for the needy; feeding the hungry is a command.

When it is dinner time, I rarely sit at the table. I take my plate to my favorite chair and turn on the news. There is the BBC news on at 5:30 which gives a good summary of world news. Then the News Hour comes on at six o'clock with special reports. The top story is often the war between Israel and Hamas fought in Gaza. If you watch the news, you have seen the devastation. It is said that 90 per cent of buildings and infrastructure has been destroyed or damaged in Gaza. Rubble means homelessness. It also means hunger. On the news we see children with empty pots and pans desperate for the simple meal of lentil soup. In times of war food is stolen from the needy or deliberately withheld from the starving until a military objective is achieved. You feel angry over such cruelty. Gaza has been called the hungriest place on the planet. Aid comes in by dribs and drabs, while hundreds of aid trucks are withheld. But I also feel guilt. I have plenty to eat; I can even choose a restaurant if I do not want to cook. Guilt is not the best motivator for action and obeying the Lord's command to open wide the hand and help the neighbor in need. It is easy to enjoy your own meal and forget about the guilt.

Let us turn to the gospels of Matthew and Luke for a moment. Jesus was busy welcoming the crowds who came to him for help. He cured the sick and taught them the good news of God's Kingdom. The day was ending, and Jesus' disciples came to him and said it would be wise to dismiss the people soon so they could buy provisions. According to Matthew, Jesus said I cannot do that. I have compassion for them, and if the people are dismissed, they may faint with hunger on the way home. The disciples thought it was

impossible to think of feeding so many people. According to the gospel of Luke, Jesus told the disciples, "You give them something to eat". The disciples thought that would be impossible since all they had was five loaves and two fish. We know the story: Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, and blessed the food. The five loaves and two fish were distributed to the crowd. All ate and were satisfied, and baskets of leftovers were collected.

There is not only hunger in Gaza. We know people are in need in our hometown. Guilt would have us conclude, "what can I do; the need is so great". Jesus still says, "You give them something to eat". What motivates us to action is gratitude. In the catechism, Martin Luther explained the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us today our daily bread" writing, "God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving." Thanksgiving causes us to look to heaven and understand Jesus' compassion for the hungry, those that will faint along their way. May the compassion of Jesus prompt us to share what we can. We cannot all go to places like Gaza and prepare meals. But we can donate money to our church's World Hunger Appeal that can minister to the hungry in the world. If we participate in the Hunger Appeal together, a great many people will be fed. The compassion of Jesus can prompt us to be people of sympathy and donate our money and our time to help food ministries in our hometown.

Years ago, a church I served was involved in a walk for funds to help the hungry at home and abroad. A ten-year-old girl, participating in the walk, came with her donation of \$13.00. This was all the money she had in her piggy bank. She told me she realized that she did not need that money. She wanted to give what she could to help someone truly in need. Thankful to God for the blessing we have, we have a new attitude. As followers of the compassionate Savior, we choose not to be 'tight-fisted' but gladly open our hands to help our needy neighbors. Jesus taught that a 'neighbor' is not determined to be someone nearby, or someone like us. We are to be neighbors listening to Jesus who says, "Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful".

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH.

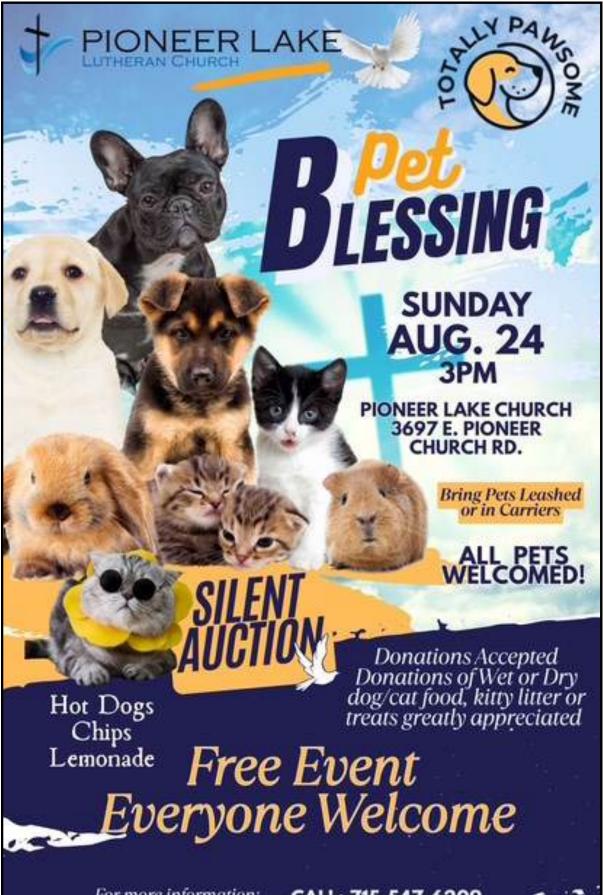
Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Sunday, August 17th at 10am (please note the time)

Hodag Park Shelter #3 (near the boat landing)

Potluck—Meat and Buns provided





For more information:

CALL: 715-547-6209

Thank You for Serving

Thank you to Cory Dellenbach for all the "behind the scenes" ways that he serves. Cory manages our website, uploads music for our livestream services, calculates our online attendance numbers, etc., etc.

Thank you to JoAnne Barrix for the many ways she serves—Council representative, Altar Guild, Choir Director, fill-in Office Secretary, assisting with our Nursing Home Services, etc., etc.



Thank you to Dianne Syms for the many ways she serves—ACES treasurer, Lion's club donations coordinator, LWR school kit coordinator, etc., etc.

Cory, JoAnne, and Dianne are just a few examples of so many members who share their gifts and talents in so many ways—what gifts and talents can you share?

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!)

Dear Immanuel Congregation,

Thank you for the quilt and the card! The quilters did a great job and I am very appreciative of the generous gesture. Thanks again, Payton McCue



Thank you for the graduation quilt. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Karter Massey



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.



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 available by appointment.

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
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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2025

Present: Tina Schmitz, Devon Vanden Heuvel, Richard Laddusire, Pastor John Kuziej, JoAnne Barrix, Kristine Mladucky, Mary Wolf, Christy Dellenbach, Bill Anderson, Terry Strong, and Linda Kau.

Absent: Glenn Johnson, John Plautz

Call to Order 6:00pm

Devotion: Kristine

Action: Motion/2nd/Carried... Approved Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2025.

Pastors Report: There is no Vacation Bible School. Faith Lutheran Church in Three Lakes is the closest one for those interested in attending. It was mentioned that Trinity Church isn't holding one this year. Matthew Johnson will be conducting the services on July 13 and 27 and August 10. Pastor was approached to conduct two more baptisms later this year for grandchildren of church members. A confirmation teacher is still needed and contact Pastor for more information.

Long Term:

- 1. Witness-sharing the Gospel (3 times a year) ongoing
- 2. Seek full participation of members in disciple making, witnessing, and caring ministries (4 times a year) ongoing
- 3. Discuss, manage, and protect property (2 times per year) see below

Old Business:

- Audio/Visual Equipment Project Update: a new microphone was ordered but not yet received.
 The other microphone was sent for repair. There was an issue with the sound quality with voices being somewhat muffled but this can be corrected with adjustments to the software.
- 2. Fire Department and emergency egress plan: the fire department indicated that evacuation signs need to be made and posted at strategic places to show evacuation routes and location of fire extinguishers. A tornado evacuation plan is also needed and will be developed with a floor plan created by a computer program to show evacuation routes.
- 3. Committee Updates:
 - a. Outreach Committee is using August 10 as a tentative picnic date with the picnic being held in the parking lot since Hodag Park and Pioneer Park building are not available at this time. The pavilion at Hodag Park may be available later and is the first choice for the picnic. A follow-up will be made in case that location becomes available.
 - b. The Property Committee will be working with the Gardening group regarding the replacement of landscaping timbers and an updated budget for other projects. The building 5 year plan did provide for some funds and a grant from Thrivent has been applied for. A local nursery may be available to develop a gardening plan at no cost.
 - c. Stewardship Committee: ACES is still short of funds. A motion was made to donate \$3,000 from the endowment fund to the ACES program. Motion passed. Congregation giving has been good and enables us to meet our obligations.
 - d. Music and Worship Committee: additional volunteers are needed to help with the live streaming of the service. There is a written procedure already established on using the system. Interested people can assist JoAnne or Kristine to become familiar with the process. Contact them for more information.

New Business

- 1. Synod Assembly: The Mladucky's represented the congregation at the assembly. The theme was Sowing Seeds of Faith and was started to encourage younger people to explore their faith and what works for them finding a unity of faith. This theme has attracted substantial numbers of older people and now encompasses both age groups. There is an organization called UPWild.org to build on this theme with hikes and nature walks, and worship in the wild to promote exploring this expansion of our faith. One session at the assembly was on Death and Dying and the spirituality of caring for others and yourself with a focus on what works to comfort others and saying the words now during this stressful time. The assembly focus is to build a community of faith in helping others by finding what works for them, whether it means joining a church or not joining a church. Our congregation members participate in ACES and food pantries as part of that ministry sowing the seeds of faith and doing what works for us.
- 2. Rooms in the church are available for members to use for private functions and can be coordinated with Kari.
- 3. There will be a blessing of the church made quilts before they are sent.
- 4. There is no church council meeting in July.

Open/Close and meeting Devotions:

July – JoAnne (open/close only) August--Mary Wolf September--Linda

NATH Meals: July: Tuesday night Bible Study.

Closing prayer Christy

Adjourned 6:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted Richard Laddusire, Secretary

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes June 8, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:57 am by President Bill Anderson. A quorum was present.

Motion/Second/Carried: Motion to approve the Constitution of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church as presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting with corrections recommended by the Northern Great Lakes Synod Constitution Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne Barrix, Acting Secretary

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, First Congregational 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 2nd quarter of 2025 Salvation Army (SA) funds were not available, unable to help with rent and utilities. At this time we are not helping clients with rent and WPS. There is not enough money from ACES to help with these matters. There will also be no money for motels from SA for the year of 2025. One big reason is there aren't any motels in Rhinelander that will work with SA, along with no funds.

This quarter ACES was able to help with car repair, propane, utility, diapers and wipes, baby gates, and pharmacy. Nativity voucher was given out for help with furniture and clothing and any other need the client might have. Goodwill cards were distributed to families especially if there are children in the family. There were also clients that needed gas money for medical purposes, ACES does not provide gas except for medical. There were also Aldi's cards given out for food, client could not get to the food pantry when they called due to the pantry being closed.

This quarter ACES was blessed with special donations of \$850 and due to a special collection on May 18, 2025 with many of the churches in the Rhinelander community there was \$10,511.00 collected, what a wonderful BLESSING. This community indeed does God's work.

We did receive 48 calls this quarter and 145 calls for the year. ACES will continue to help as many people as we can. May God continue to keep all safe and well.

Thank you again for your continued support. Dianne Syms, ACES Treasurer

Income/Expense Comparison by Category 1/1/2024 thru 12/31/2025

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	\$0.00 Goodwill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: Gas Vouchers
4 \$200.00	\$0.00 Nativity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS: Taxi rides for NATH
	YTD 2025					ACES EXPENSES: VOUCHERS
	\$3,241.91	\$1,987.21	\$1,254.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	TOTAL ACES EXPENSES: CLIENT Check Requests
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: furniture/refrigerator
	\$420.95	\$420.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Water Heater/Well pump
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: frontier phone/internet
	\$621.87	\$300.00	\$321.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Propane
	\$217.12	\$163.16	\$53.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Diapers/Wipes
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: special fee Koinonia recovery
	\$33.87	\$0.00	\$33.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: pharmacy
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	\$385.00	\$40.00	\$345.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: water bill/utility
	\$0.00 4th quarter 2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Requests: Insulation for a truck
	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Client Check Request: Rent Payment
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	\$50.00 3rd Quarter 2025	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: 990 N Filing, 501C annual report fee
	\$317.00	\$0.00	\$317.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Office Supplies, P O Box, 501 C application
0 \$0.00	\$150.00 Sal. Army	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES EXPENSES: Cell phone
1 \$25.00	Goodwill					ACES EXPENSES
1 \$50.00	Nativity					EXPENSES
	2nd Quarter 2025					
	\$14,816.00	\$3,455.00	\$11,361.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	TOTAL INCOME
	\$14,816.00	\$3,455.00	\$11,361.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	TOTAL ACES INCOME
11 \$4,930.00	\$1,555.00 Sal. Army	\$705.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACES INCOME: Miscellaneous
11 \$275.00	\$13,261.00 Goodwill	\$2,750.00	\$10,511.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	TOTAL ACES INCOME:Church Donation special collection May 18, 2025
3 \$150.00	Nativity					ACES INCOME
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Helping To Build A Hunger-Free Community



Thank you to our July 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.



3956 pounds distributed 61 families, 130 people served

EQUITY CHALLENGE

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son; Listen to Him. Love one another as I have loved you." Luke 9:35.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34.

A way to learn how to love one another is to read the Gospels, noticing how Jesus sought out those deemed unacceptable to love. That can be hard for us to do. Another way is reading about those traditionally considered unworthy by our culture in the past or present. Here are some stories to help encounter people whom Jesus embraces.

<u>MEDGAR AND MYRLIE</u> by Joy-Ann Reid is the love story of Medgar Evers and Myrlie Beasley Evers and their struggle for equality in the face of violence and recriminations in Mississippi set within the larger struggle in our country in the 1950s and 60s. For me, reading it was sobering, moving, and amazing.

DEAR: AMERICA NOTES OF AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT

by Jose Antonia Vargas. The author says, "This is not a book about the politics of immigration. It is about homelessness, not in a traditional sense, but in the unsettled, unmoored psychological state that undocumented immigrants like myself find ourselves in. This book is about lying and being forced to lie to get by; about passing as an American and as a contributing citizen; about families, keeping them together, and having to make new ones when you can't. It is about constantly hiding from the government and, in the process, hiding from ourselves. This book is about what it means to not have a home." He reminds me of Jesus, who migrated from place to place.

Submitted by Susan Anderson

LWR SCHOOL KITS

It is time to collect school supplies again for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. A list is in the Narthex along with a box to put the items in. There is also a list available for you to take with you if you choose. Thank you for this consideration. If any questions please contact Dianne Syms at 920-517-6148 or dsyms27@charter.net.



Did You Know?...

I was at our worship service at Friendly Village this morning. As I helped Pastor John distribute communion and looked into the faces of the residents, I was overwhelmed by their thankfulness. I would like to share the history of this ministry with you.

When Devon and I moved to the Rhinelander area, Immanuel was in the midst of a building program. Since we didn't want to be involved in "that", we started attending Trinity. (It wasn't too much later that Trinity launched their own building program and we *were* involved in "that".) We were aware that Trinity offered services at Taylor Park and Friendly Village, but most members did not participate. Our story moves on with Devon becoming an ordained pastor, serving in small communities in the U.P. and then his health issues bringing us back home.

It wasn't long after we returned that we found out that Trinity's pastors did not have the time to lead the services at Taylor Park and Friendly Village. This was sometime in 2010. Since Devon found this ministry to be important outreach, he started leading the services. We encouraged Trinity's members to attend with us and we had quite a few. We eventually reached out to Rennes and then Milestone after Taylor Park closed, and started services at each. Sometime in 2015, Immanuel's Council reached out to Devon to be interim pastor after Pastor Norm's retirement. We both started attending and then became members of Immanuel and brought the assisted living services with us.

Since we had a devoted group from Trinity, they continued with this ministry and we added wonderful people from Immanuel. There were times when our group outnumbered the residents at our services. Of course, when COVID closed everything, our services took a hit as well. As church attendance at Immanuel is taking awhile to revive, so was it with our outreach services. We first were contacted by Friendly Village. They wanted us back. They asked for once every couple of months and we upped them to every month. We then added Rennes back in and finally Milestone. Fairly recently, by request, we added Grace Lodge.

Before Devon passed away, he lead most of the services. Pastor Tammy helped with quite a few and I think Pastor Norm lead a few times. So many of those that attended regularly over the years have either passed away or themselves become residents of the facilities that we serve. Pastor John has so generously and faithfully lead our services since becoming our interim. His leadership, sermons and personality are beloved by **so** many of the residents. I am also thankful for the music that Kristine Mladucky and her flute bring and the newly added guitar of Norm Petersen. Beth Ann Walton has been a faithful attendee and helps serve communion. I have been practicing hard to try to fill the shoes of Marion Neiber on the piano after she passed away.

So, that is the story of our long and growing ministry to some of our assisted living facilities in Rhinelander. I would encourage anyone and everyone to attend. We would love additional singing voices. This ministry means a lot to me, personally, especially since Devon passed away a year ago. I feel he is with us at every service.

...This is Stewardship!

By JoAnne Barrix

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

Warm Line 1-414-777-4729 7 pm to 11 pm Wed.-Mon.

Solstice Warm Line 1-608-244-5077 24/7



August 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					8:45—10:45 am Closed Support Group	
					7:00 pm AA	
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Worship		CLOSED	Council Meeting			MORNING CREW MEET
Leader:		10:00 am PASTOR				EVERY
Matthew Johnson		JOHN Milestone		Newsletter	7:00 pm AA	TUESDAY TO DO ODE JOBS NEEDED TO
		Nursing Home		Articles	'	MAINTAIN OUR CHURCI
		Service		Due!!!		PLEASE REACH OUT TO
						JOHN PLAUTZ IF YOU
						ARE ABLE TO HELP!
		5pm Stewardship				715-367-3762
		Meeting				jeplautz@hotmail.com
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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		JOHN Friendly			·	
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

June 2025

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Balance \$83,687.89 Offerings \$13,263.64

\$1,101.60 moved to Building Fund

Expenses (\$10,328.46) **Ending Balance \$86,623.07**

BENEVOLENCE:

June Offering (Plus \$50 to Fortune Lake)

\$ 1,378.29

2025 Pledge \$19,000.00 **YTD Remittance \$12,952.35**

BUILDING FUND:

 Beginning Balance
 \$22,685.61

 Offerings
 \$ 1,101.60

 Expenses
 \$ 1,867.90

 Ending Balance
 \$21,919.31

The INCOME exceeded the EXPENSES by \$2,935.18 this month.

CD=\$60,000.00 (now at \$63,187.92)





8/7	Thomas & Rae Anne Cheslock
8/10	Travis & Shauna Drossart
8/17	Bob & Katelyn Williams
8/18	Bruce & Linda Gary
8/23	Lois & Robert Wallace
8/24	Cory & Christy Dellenbach
8/25	Cal & Romy Ewert
8/25	Kris & Marlin White
8/26	Pam & Keith Snyder
8/31	Dave & Lisa Kroll
8/26	Pam & Keith Snyder



8/1	Sue Larsen
8/2	Jeremiah Bellow
8/11	Devon Vanden Heuvel
8/15	Steve Scholtes
8/16	Joanne O'Brien
8/20	Jennifer Peterson
8/21	Joseph Schmitz
8/26	Alan Higgins
8/31	Gloria Moore

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 Rhinelander) on YouTube.

2) Through our website:

www.immanuelrhinelander.org/worship (you'll also find the bulletin and lessons here).

3) Through our phone app.

Just click on the "worship" button at the bottom of the screen.

The live stream will begin at about 8:55 a.m.