



# *The Image*

February 2020



## *Annual Meeting of the Congregation*

*Sunday, February 2, 10:45 AM*

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# Youth and Family Ministry



## Faith Milestones

On Sunday, February 9 we will be marking an important milestone in the lives of our 2nd grade youth. On this day, we will be gifting our 2nd graders with their very own “big kid” bible! The bibles will be available in the Narthex the week prior, and you are invited to write a special message or mark a favorite scripture passage for the children who will receive them. Please join us in praying for and congratulating the following young people: Bennett Brieske, Kallen Engedal, George Franko, Cashton Hungerholt, Erik Jacobson & Isaac Tucker.



**Preschool Registration!** Registration opens for all of our pre-school classes (Camp Create & Create-A-World) on Tuesday, February 4. If you know a 2, 3 or 4 year old who would love our program, please pass the word!

All are invited to a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday – February 25! Come for pancakes & sausage with all the fixings, starting at 5:30 pm. Donations will be accepted and will benefit Immanuel’s youth.



On Sunday, February 9 our Mission Trip team will be hosting fellowship snacks & serving lunch! Grab a container of Soup-To-Go on your way out the door that day. All donations will benefit our upcoming trip to Tennessee this summer.



Our Winter Retreat is almost here! All are welcome to this family-friendly weekend at Luther Park. Come for a day or come for the weekend! February 14-16. Registration forms & details are located in the Narthex.

### Annual Women's Retreat at Luther Park

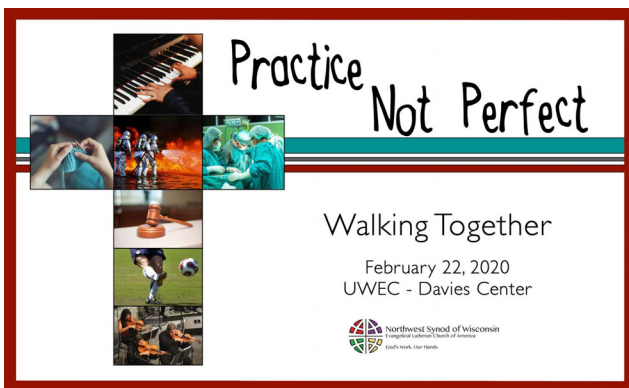
All women are invited to this weekend of fun, faith and fellowship. Mark your calendar - April 17-19 - and watch for signup details and more information to follow soon.

### Adult Education Opportunity

Pastor Nate Aaseng will lead an adult study on Wednesday evenings during lent (beginning Wednesday, March 4) from 6:00 - 6:50 PM. Come for soup, study and worship!

### New Member Blessing

We will officially welcome and bless new members to our congregation during worship on Sunday, February 23. If you are interested in joining Immanuel and have not met with Pastor Jamie for orientation, please contact her to schedule a time to get together.



Please consider attending Walking Together, a learning event for all ages, on Saturday, February 22. Sign up in the Narthex. Pastor Jamie & Alyssa will be there leading a workshop and would love to see you there!

### ***Pastoral Care***

*If you would like a visit from Pastor Brieske, please call the church office during office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM) or the pastor's cell phone after office hours. Due to privacy concerns, we do not receive updates from the hospital about our members.*

*Add Pastor's phone number to your contacts or have her card in your wallet in case of emergencies. Contact information is also on our website ([www.immanuelc.org](http://www.immanuelc.org)). Pastor Jamie: 715-563-3145*

Congregation Statistics for 2019 as reported to the Synod office:

<b>Members as of Jan 1, 2019</b>	<b>503</b>
Baptized 7	Death 6
Confirmed 8	Transfer out 5
Transfer in 28	Adjustments 21
<b>Total Membership as of Dec 31, 2019</b>	<b>514</b>
Average worship attendance (Sunday & Wednesday combined) 170	

# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01 Leon Salander
- 01 Mindy Rosenberger
- 02 Jessica Dragseth
- 02 Kristin Lattimore
- 02 Isaac Tucker
- 03 Linda Lodahl
- 05 Rachel Wilcox
- 06 Jared Barnhardt
- 06 Tammy Barnhardt
- 10 Ed Kalina
- 11 Zan Degen
- 11 Emma Larson
- 12 Rachel Neidermire
- 13 Joan Stolp
- 13 Bronson Long
- 14 Rhea Malec
- 15 Janice Heitkamp
- 15 Michelle Johnson
- 16 Larry Lundeen

- 16 Dean Johnson
- 16 Ashlyn Neidermire
- 18 Tim Fehr
- 18 Julie Benware
- 19 Don Schlieve
- 19 Julie Ohren
- 20 Gay Fehr
- 20 Emrey Rassbach
- 21 Isaac Anderson
- 22 Keharron Bogstad
- 23 Verna Scholze
- 23 Darin Weber
- 24 Sean Tarpensing
- 24 Sarah Larson
- 24 Meghan Kavanagh
- 25 Frank LoRusso
- 27 Richard Bresina
- 28 Dee Schlieve
- 28 Darrell Becker
- 29 Melissa Glynn

- 16 Don & Dee Schlieve
- 18 Ed August & Jill Chapman
- 28 Ron & Sue Waits

### The Tradition Continues!

**18th annual**

**"A Night With the Oscars®"**



Sunday February 9, 6:00 PM.

Bring a dish to pass.

Be sure to join in the fun, food, festivities and community. Participate in the "Pick the Winners" contest for a chance to win a big prize! There will be door prizes, entertainment, trivia and, of course, Oscar®.



	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Janet Carlson	Ray Koch	Mary Bischel	<b>Call the church office to volunteer!</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Ray Koch	Steve Mikelson	Zan Degen	Andrea Schaffer
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Call the church office to volunteer!</b>	Darrell & Joy Becker	Dave & Donna Lehmkuhl	Sue Luthy & Dave Langhus
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark & Lois Helland	<b>Call the church office to volunteer!</b>	Bob & Becky Wilcox	Patty & Rachel Isaacson
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Luthy & Curt Carlson	Sue Luthy & Curt Carlson	Sue Luthy & Curt Carlson	Sue Luthy & Curt Carlson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 AM Worship  10:30 AM Learning & Fellowship	3 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry  6:30 PM - H3	4 9:30 AM H3  6:30 PM Knitting	5 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study 5:30 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship, Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Mentor Meeting	6 9-11 AM Food Pantry open  10 AM-2 PM - Material Witness quilting	7 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	8 8:30-9:45 AM Men's Group
9 9:30 AM Worship; Bible Milestone  10:30 AM Learning & Fellowship; Book Group meets  Soup-To-Go fundraiser!	10 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open  6:30 PM - H3	11 9:30 AM H3  7:00 PM Wholly Yoga	12 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study 5:30 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship, Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Service Trip meeting	13 9-11 AM Food Pantry open  10 AM-2 PM - Material Witness quilting	14 9-11 AM Food Pantry open  Family Retreat @ Luther Park	15 Family Retreat @ Luther Park
16 9:30 AM Worship  3:00 PM Inclusive Ministry (IM) Church @ Lake Street Methodist  Family Retreat @ Luther Park	17 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry  6:30 PM - H3	18 9:30 AM H3  7:00 PM Council Mtg	19 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study 5:30 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship, Movie night for middle & high school (no JoF) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 9-11 AM Food Pantry open  10 AM-2 PM - Material Witness quilting  No Camp Create or CAW	21 9-11 AM Food Pantry open  No Camp Create or CAW	22 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Walking Together  8:30-9:45 AM Men's Group
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*The following pages comprise the reports for the annual meeting. Financial reports are available in the church office and will be also be distributed at the meeting.*

### ***Pastor's Report 2019 by Pastor Jamie Brieske***

God's beloved,

Thank you for an amazing year of ministry together at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The year of 2019 brought many meaningful milestones in our ministry together. Looking back, many of these milestones centered around diversity and appreciating the belovedness of all of God's people. All people are created in the divine image. Across the globe God's people have many unique aspects to their personhood and their communal life. Still, we are all a part of one big, beautiful and complex human family. This year we have educated ourselves, experienced, and celebrated the diversity of God's creation and creatures.

There was great joy on Palm Sunday, April 14th as our congregation celebrated the decision to adopt a welcome statement officially welcoming all people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans people. We now hold the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) designation which makes a special point to welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

In June, we sent a team of 8 people to visit our partner congregation in Malawi, Africa. In doing so we were able to gain a new perspective on life by walking alongside people from a culture different from our own. Yet, we found so many commonalities in our worshipping life as well as our personal and family lives. Sharing the lessons from our Malawi trip was a highlight of the year for me personally.

In August, our congregational council voted to become a Welcoming Congregation in the AMMPARO network. This commitment strengthened our commitment to pray for, advocate with, and serve immigrants in our community and in our nation, especially children and families. We continued this work through our partnership with the JONAH Immigration Task Force, by hosting the Mexican Mobile Consulate, and other service and educational opportunities.

Our congregation continued to learn and grow from our Intern Pastor Hannah Olson. Hannah served at Immanuel full time for three months. She will complete her internship in August of 2020 and move toward ordination and chaplain certification.

Together as a congregation, we baptized seven babies and children and confirmed 8 youth. We walked with many children, youth, and adults in their journey of faith. We celebrated the lives of six saints. We served and worshipped alongside one another in the name of Jesus. We have done amazing work together sharing God's light and love!

I hope this year has reminded you of your own belovedness. You are loved by God! You are welcomed into God's family and accepted just as you are. Because of our differences, God's body is strengthened. Each and every person is integral in our congregation. We learn and grow when we meet new people, learn new things, connect with people across the globe, and open our hearts and minds to the new work that God is doing in our midst. You are God's beloved. Thank you for being a part of Immanuel Lutheran Church! It wouldn't be the same without you.

In God's loving care,

Pastor Jamie Brieske

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." ~Paul (Colossians 3:12)*

## ***Congregation President's Report, 2019***

This is my last year as the Congregation President. Once again, we, the congregation, have accomplished many things. And, once again, unfortunately, the organ was not one of those accomplishments, but we are hoping for sometime this summer to have a functional and beautiful-sounding organ!

With the help of several volunteers under the guidance of Mary Bichel, the beautification around the church has continued. The bushes and trees on the street side have been trimmed, and new block has been placed on the front (parking lot side) planter/wall. A wall was built near the back door to prevent water and mud entering under the door. A new door was installed in the nursery/Camp Create area.

Other people throughout the church have been busy maintaining and improving the church both physically and spiritually. Those will be covered in separate reports.

There have been other projects completed that will be covered by other reports. The projection project is in the final stage as we work to be able to use a video camera without a lag between "live" action and projection. This now appears able to be possible with the original bidder as new equipment is available that wasn't an option when we started the project.

Alan Ludwig,  
Congregation President

## ***Create-A World***

Create-A-World is having a great year! We are learning about space as well as some favorite nursery rhymes. Our thrift sale fundraiser was a huge success raising over \$1000. With the funds we have been able to meet the needs of four families through scholarships, and we donated \$100 to the Ronald McDonald House! We are already looking forward to next year with our preschool registration coming up on Tuesday, February 4th. Mrs. LoRusso will be back for her 13th year, Mrs. Brantner will retire after 11 years of dedicated teaching and Jennifer Larson will return for her 2nd year with us.

Jennifer has been the aid for our Monday, Wednesday, Friday class and is currently undergoing training for a lead teacher position. Lots of fun, exciting things happening and we thank you all for your prayers and support.

## ***Caring Ministries***

I have the privilege to lead a wonderful group of people who feel called to be Eucharistic Ministers. Eucharistic Ministers visit our Immanuel members who are not able to come to church to bring the Lord's Supper and help our homebound members feel connected to their congregation. Immanuel currently has seven Eucharistic Ministers. The team meets three-four times per year for support, updates and fellowship. At our last meeting we shared stories and how we were blessed by the people we see and gave thanks for four of our communion partners who passed away last year.

Inclusive Ministry Church celebrated its first anniversary! Inclusive Ministry Church is a worship experience welcoming all people with abilities and/or disabilities, just as you are. The worship experience includes an activity, worship and a fellowship meal. I serve on the core team for Inclusive Ministry Church. The core team meets every other month for leadership, recruitment of partner churches and support of churches who have committed to leading worship, providing the activity and meal. Immanuel has the pleasure to lead IM Church in May and September. Inclusive Ministry Church is the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 PM and is always at Lake Street Methodist Church in Eau Claire.

In September I, along with three other Immanuel members, attended a mini training session for Stephen Ministries. From that training session we decided to research Stephen Ministries and other ways that we can continue to learn and grow as a caring congregation.

If you are interested in Eucharistic Ministry or Inclusive Ministry Church, contact Janet Carlson at 715-456-0577 talk or text or email me at [faith4me.jan@gmail.com](mailto:faith4me.jan@gmail.com).

Peace, Janet Carlson

## ***2019 Faith Formation Ministry Annual Report***

The goal of Faith Formation Ministry at Immanuel is to walk together in fellowship with people of all ages, and to grow together on our life-long journey of faith. We feel that meeting people where they are and forming relationships is a critical way of living out the mission statement of Immanuel, the “Church Without Walls.” We do this in many different ways, including learning together in Journey of Faith (“Sunday school”) and confirmation classes, gathering for High School youth group, fellowship together after worship on Sundays, before worship on Wednesdays, and at many events throughout the year. All of the ministries and events that I facilitate as the Faith Formation Minister are done with the goals of growing in faith and relationship together as priority.

We have a wonderful group of caring volunteers who lead Journey of Faith classes (ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We have over 40 kids participating in Journey of Faith this year! All of our Journey of Faith kids, as well as any interested middle and high school youth, come together in worship on Sunday mornings at least twice a year for the Advent Celebration Program and a Youth Led Worship service at the end of the school year.

In the summer of 2019, we were again able to host counselors from Luther Park Bible Camp. It was a great way for our kids to get a taste of what Luther Park has to offer, and we had about 30 campers participate! A special thank you goes out, again, to all those congregation members who helped to keep the counselors housed and fed while they were here! In addition to hosting counselors here at Immanuel, we also had more than 20 of our youth attend summer camp at Luther Park (thanks in large part to the generosity of the Immanuel Trust Fund.)

In 2019 we had our third summer of Summer Stretch, and had 19 middle school and 6 high school youth participate. Summer Stretch met for 4 days in August – we spent the mornings doing various service projects in & around Eau Claire, and the afternoons doing (top secret) super fun activities. The program ends with a “just for fun” day at Valley Fair together, which was a blast! During the school year, middle school students participate in confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings following worship. They also participate in various service projects (a few examples include packing food for the backpack lunch program at Feed My People, making tags & wrapping gifts for the LSS Giving Tree.) Middle school youth also have the opportunity to participate in the NW Synod Youth Gathering, Christ Jam.

The senior high youth group (referred to as “SHYN,” or Senior High Youth Night) had a great 2019. We continue to have 10 – 15 youth gathering together each Wednesday night. SHYN meets for about an hour following worship, and participate in a variety of activities (Bible study, fellowship and conversation, service projects, game nights, etc.) 2019 was a Adventure Trip year in our summer trip rotation (Adventure Trip, Mission Trip, National Youth Gathering.) There were 18 youth, 1 recent college grad, 1 pastoral intern (Hannah Olson) and 2 other adults who traveled to Colorado and participated in this adventure. And, an adventure indeed it was! We hiked a mountain, whitewater rafted, and rock climbed. We were especially thankful to have beautiful weather and well trained guides. Spending time in the mountains was so beautiful, and a great opportunity to “unplug” and get to know one another better, laugh, and share in meaningful conversation about our lives and our faith. SHYN youth also had the opportunity to participate in several retreats, including the Synod Youth Gathering (“Godstock”) at the Metropolis Hotel here in Eau Claire this past fall. We had 7 youth attend the gathering this year, plus 3 youth serving on the Synod Youth Board (Allisa Hansen, Maija Balts, and Aidan Tarpensing.) All 3 of these youth, and myself, will serve on the SYB for the next year, as well.



Another ongoing ministry at Immanuel is our Milestones Ministry program. This is a unique way of intentionally marking various milestones from birth through end of life, and connecting them with others in our church community. If you are interested in joining us in this effort, please let me know!

Some of the ways we form relationships with one another and grow together are through fun events, focused simply on fellowship together. Each month during the school year we offer a “fun night” that is open to the entire congregation. For many of these events I also send invitations home with all of the Create-A-World Preschool & Camp Create families. Some of our highlights each year are a Halloween party, Immanuel at the Alley (bowling), the Easter Egg-stravaganza, and our Winter Retreat at Luther Park.

Camp Create is a two-year-old day camp ministry program and takes place in the Journey of Faith classrooms & church nursery. This program has grown in ways we never would have imagined when we started in 2016 – we now offer two class sessions with up to 10 students in each. Camp Create has proven to be a wonderful “filter” into Create-A-World Preschool, as well. Registration for next year is just around the corner, so we are excited to see what the new school year will bring!

As always, Faith Formation Ministry is an evolving, changing, and moving ministry at Immanuel and we are always dreaming big and watching for where the Holy Spirit is pushing us. If you have any big dreams for Faith Formation, please share them with myself or Pastor Jamie any time!

God’s Peace,  
Alyssa Engedal

## ***ZIP (Zomba Immanuel Partnership) Annual Report 2019***

In 2019, a group of 7 travelers from Immanuel traveled to Malawi to continue our walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Both travelers and Malawians shared their faith and culture through song, stories and worship. Immanuel travelers attended worship at all four Zomba Parish preaching points, visited the dam and reservoir on top of Mt. Zomba, watched a performance by the prison brass band, went on safari and most importantly, made lifelong connections with the people of Zomba Parish. Travelers included Pastor Jamie Brieske, Tammie Delveaux, Holli Jacobson, Katy LoRusso, Frank LoRusso, Mindy Rosenberger and Luke Rosenberger.

Other milestones of 2019 included donating \$1000 to the cyclone disaster relief in Malawi, sponsoring the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Feed in March, assisting youth with the thrift sale in May, and hosting the Day Lily Dig for the 9<sup>th</sup> year. Despite hot and rainy weather, it was the most successful dig to date. Thanks to ZIP member Lauren Likkel for securing coverage and interviews on the local news. Much work is done throughout the year to make these fundraisers a success and we appreciate all our members’ contributions.

For anyone interested in learning more about our ZIP team, join our Facebook page or contact Holli Jacobson to be added to the email list. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join!

We continue to hold the Zomba Parish in our prayers and work to communicate weekly via Facebook and Whatsapp. The ZIP team is thankful for the support and prayers of the Immanuel congregation in strengthening the Zomba Immanuel companionship.

~Holli Jacobson

## ***Report of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Trust - 2019***

The stated mission of the Trust Fund is “to serve in partnership with Immanuel Lutheran Church to be a living witness to God’s love and concern for the world. This will be evident in the socially responsible investment and distribution of the Trust’s assets and income for such purposes.”

The bylaws of the Trust stipulate that up to 5% of the fund assets, as determined by the previous year total market value as of September 30, may be distributed (so in 2020 the Trust can distribute up to 5% of the market value of the Trust on September 30, 2019).

Grant disbursements in 2019 were made for the following purposes:

- To support eight members of Immanuel who traveled to Malawi to visit our companion synod.
- To support our Synod, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, with the creation of another Lego project – the Book of Faith logo. The Immanuel Trust also helped fund the Luther Rose Lego project, which has been used by countless groups as a cross-generational activity, at retreats, etc.
- To help fund the creation of a video course (through Select Learning), on the Formation of the New Testament.
- To support an Immanuel member, Katie Pospishil, as part of the Maasai Molar team that traveled to Nairobi Kenya. Maasai Molar provides free, safe and quality dental care to underserved populations.
- To support Immanuel’s Journey of Faith Christian education program with Godly Play Bible story play sets. Godly Play is a learning model similar to Montessori in that it allows each child to engage with the story in a different way – the children can choose to do art, drama, puppets, build with blocks, etc.
- To support Lidix Montoya, an immigrant from El Salvador, in her education as she seeks a Masters Degree in leadership and innovation at Luther Seminary.
- To support Hannah Olson with a monthly stipend while she interned at Immanuel.
- To support Feed My People in their Pop-Up Pantry ministry. Pop-Up Pantries are offered at several locations throughout Eau Claire, increasing access for people in need. Feed My People has also found that the Pop-Up Pantries reduce some of the stigma that many people feel going to an in-house/ established pantry.
- To support Immanuel youth who attend Luther Park Bible Camp with a 50% scholarship, allowing many children to attend camp who would not otherwise be able to.

**Market value at September 30, 2018:** \$1,051,143.76

**Market value at September 30, 2019:** \$1,009,707.29; amount available to distribute in 2020 - \$50,485

**Market value at December 31, 2019:** \$1,052,034.65

Current Board of Trustees: Pastor Brieske, Curt Carlson, Zan Degan, Gay Fehr, Mark Helland and Sheldon Satter; Administrator: Dee Schlieve

### ***Food Ministry***

In April 2019 I started in my role as Ministry Coordinator at Immanuel. One of the ministries that I help coordinate is the various food programs we offer to help people in our community who are food insecure. Though I’m a lifetime member of Immanuel, I had a lot to learn about the actual logistics involved in making these food ministries work, and I am very grateful for the help, guidance and advice I’ve received. Our programs wouldn’t work without all our passionate and dedicated volunteers! Thank you!!

Immanuel’s Food Pantry is open on Monday evenings and Thursday and Friday mornings. However, we are

happy to serve anyone who comes outside of these hours, too. We've seen a substantial increase in the number of people served, and they are so grateful for what we have to offer.

During Thanksgiving we handed out 15 Thanksgiving baskets, providing families with a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Thank you to the Immanuel community for donating food and help to pack. And thank you to Lang Jacobson for the Thrivent Action Team dollars that were used to purchase the turkeys.

During the school year we deliver weekend kids meals to Meadowview Elementary School. The meals are distributed to students who may struggle with hunger when school meals are not available.

With gratitude and thanksgiving,  
Dee Schlieve

### **Immanuel's JONAH highlights for 2019**

Celebrating 12 Years in the Chippewa Valley

**Our Mission:** **JONAH-Joining Our Neighbors, Advancing Hope** is a grassroots organization, comprised primarily of diverse faith communities, that seeks to bring people in the Chippewa Valley together and empower one another to build a healthier and fairer community for us all. Since its formation in 2007, JONAH has organized diverse people around common values. We have identified some of those common values as: belief in the infinite dignity and worth of every human life, understanding that "we're all in this together," support for justice and liberation in opposition to all forms of oppression and inequity, belief that we are responsible for stewardship of the natural world, an ethic of shared abundance, and trust in the triumph of love and hope over cynicism, hate and fear.

**JONAH Faith Community Members:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eau Claire Hebrew Congregation, Eau Claire Catholic Deanery (9 parishes), First Congregational United Church of Christ, Spirit Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Eau Claire, Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire Friends (Quakers), Unitarian Universalist Congregation, St. John's Lutheran Church, Unity Christ Center, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Hope Methodist Church.

**JONAH Task Forces:** Affordable Housing Task Force, Environmental Task Force, Immigration Task Force, Criminal Justice Reform Team, Chippewa Valley Transit Alliance, Advancing Hope Fund, Religious Leaders, EXPO (Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing), End Child Poverty Task Force.

**Immanuel Hosted:** The Mexican Consulate Mobile visit to help over 125 Mexican citizens in our area with legal paperwork, passports, and consular id's; Conversations with local law enforcement leaders and Hispanic residents and business leaders; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Fiesta at River Prairie attended by over 500 of our Chippewa Valley neighbors; Adult Forums on various community actions; JONAH leadership trainings; meetings of EXPO (Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing), JONAH Religious Leaders, JONAH Board of Directors meetings, Immigration Task Force.

**Participated in:** Conversations and involvement with local discussions on Affordable Housing; Evolving Strategic Partnerships with Chippewa Valley EXPO, Public Health communities, UWEC, Clear Vision Eau Claire, and Citizen Action of Wisconsin Cooperative; candidate forums; local discussions and workshops on racism, poverty, criminal justice reform, religious tolerance, health care, homelessness, and immigration issues in the Chippewa Valley.

**Continuing:** Conversations with one another and beyond our walls to see how we can, with God, answer God's call to reclaim, repair, and restore our broken world.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Included in *The Image* this month are the reports for the annual meeting, which will be held on Sunday, February 2, following worship. Financial reports are available in the church office and will be also be distributed at the annual meeting.

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