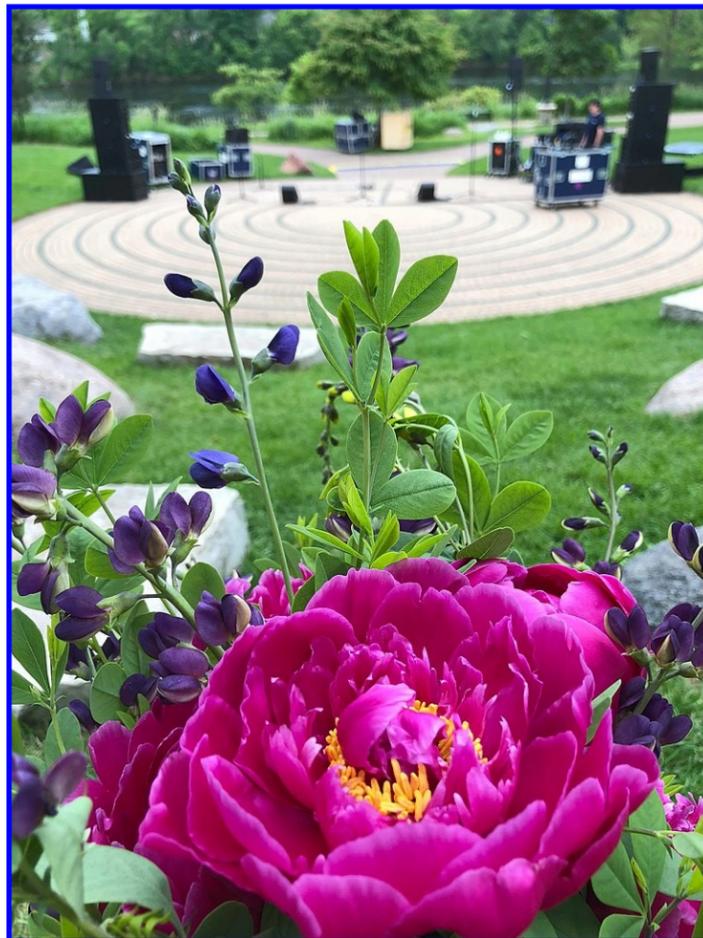




# *The Image*

*June/July 2022*

*Praise  
in the  
Park*



*June  
July  
August*

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JOIN us for Summer Worship at Immanuel every Sunday at 9 AM **except** for July 10 and August 7. On those two Sundays, Immanuel will lead Praise in the Park, and no indoor service will be held (but will be livestreamed from Phoenix Park at 10 AM).

Praise in the Park will be held at the Labyrinth (across from JAMF) at 10 AM. This is a combined ELCA summer worship with Immanuel, Spirit Lutheran, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Trinity Lutheran and University Lutheran with Breaking Chains Praise Band.



### Summer Pastoral Care Coverage

During the summer months of Pastor Jamie's sabbatical, the summer emergency pastoral care coverage will look a little different. Instead of calling Pastor Jamie's cell phone, please leave a message on the church voicemail at **715-832-7832**. Staff will check the messages each morning, including weekends, and contact one of our substitute ministers. If you are in the hospital or need a pastoral visit, please leave all of the information about your location on the message as well as the best number to contact you. The office will be open as usual Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



### Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

#### ZOOM SUMMER BOOK CLUB

**WHEN:** June 23rd, July 28th, and August 25th from 1 - 2 PM

**JUNE 23:** "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership," by Ruth Haley Barton  
Led by Rev. Erin Nelson

**JULY 28:** "Toxic Charity," by Robert D. Lupton  
Led by Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson and Deacon Laura Ramlow

**AUGUST 25:** "Emotional Intelligence for the Modern Leader," by Christopher D. Conners  
Led by Rev. Erin Nelson

The Zoom link will be posted on the NWSWI website in the Calendar of Events [here](#) two weeks prior to each session.



### Immanuel Serves At Beacon House

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley operates the Beacon House shelter for families with children that are homeless, and provides supportive services to move families into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Volunteers are needed to provide meals. Immanuel will serve meals on Sunday, June 26 through Saturday, July 2. Sign up [here](#) if you would like to volunteer your cuisine talents and time! You are appreciated!

## Youth & Family Ministry News

~ Alyssa Engedal, Faith Formation



### Luther Park Bible Camp

Registration is still available, and Immanuel's Trust Fund is offering 50% Sponsorships! Use the code "ILCEC" at checkout to apply the discount. Luther Park has information on their website for all summer camps/offerings: [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org).

### Immanuel VBS:

Immanuel will lead Vacation Bible School the week of June 27! Registration is open now. More information and online registration forms can be found on our website [here](#) or by contacting Alyssa. Paper registration forms are available in the Narthex. All are welcome - invite a friend! Registration closes on Sunday, June 19.



**Youth Trip:** This summer we have 16 youth participating in our Summer Trip, along with a few adults - including Alyssa Engedal & Grace Olson. We will head out of town on July 25 and start our week by attending a local gathering called "Rebound" in River Falls with youth from the Northwest Synod of WI, as well as from synods in La Crosse & Upper Michigan. After the Rebound gathering, we will head to the Custer, SD area and enjoy camping & fellowship together for a few days before heading home. We thank you for your support of this trip!

## Summer Stretch

**Summer Stretch:** This Middle School Ministry, full of fun & service, will happen on the week of August 8 from 9 am - 4 pm. We will end our week with a fun-filled day at Valley Fair! Detailed registration forms can be found online or in the Narthex. Cost is \$100, and scholarships are available.



### Thrift Sale



It's Thrift Sale time! Drop off will be:  
June 5 after worship  
June 6 & 7 from 9 AM - noon  
June 8 from 9 AM - noon and 4-7 PM.

The sale will be Thursday & Friday, June 9 & 10, from 8 AM - 3 PM. Stop by to show your support for the youth summer trip team and the Immanuel ZIP team, and find some priceless treasures!

### FAIRFAX POOL TIME!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Wednesday, August 3rd**

Family Fun Night at Fairfax Pool! You and your family are invited to join Immanuel and the other Eau Claire ELCA churches for a fun night at the pool on Wednesday, **August 3 from 7 - 8:45 PM.**

***Resolutions #3 passed at Synod Assembly 2022:***

## **Care of Creation Green Teams Resolution #3**



**WHEREAS**, Genesis 1 emphasizes the goodness of all that God has created and stresses humanity's role as caretakers for all of creation; and

**WHEREAS**, human activity can impact creation for good or for ill, and many past and current practices have been shown to have a harmful impact upon God's good creation refer to background information; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of God's people is to embody the love of God and to live in the hope that change for the better is possible; and

**WHEREAS**, John 3:16 declares that God's love is for "all the world"; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the congregations in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin commit to taking the faithful step of caring for God's creation by forming congregational Green Teams whose on-going purpose is to promote awareness while challenging the congregation to implement effective practices that protect and promote the health of creation; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin will provide training to equip members of these Green Teams as well as video materials appropriate for worship and/or educational events.

**Background Information:** On April 17, 2021 the NWSWI Assembly approved a "Resolution in Support of Creation Care" that urges "all members to exemplify personal and institutional care for Creation by practicing energy conservation, purchasing energy efficient items, investing in renewable energy, and eliminating single-use plastics."

Supporting ELCA documents include:

"Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective" (1991)

"Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice" (1993)

"Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All" (1999)

Click here to read the 1993 social statement on the Environment.

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Caring-for-Creation>

## Climate Change-We Cannot Deny It Any Longer

"In God we trust. All others must bring data." by W. Edwards Deming

We have been hearing about climate change for years. It seemed like something that happens to people somewhere else, but not here in Wisconsin. The data is in. We cannot deny it any longer. Wisconsin's climate is continuing to change, and there are wide-ranging effects to our land, water, businesses, people and ecosystems. If you feel like there are milder winters, less snowpack, more rain, and more severe weather events, you are correct.

The issues and impacts produced by this changing climate are already being felt and will become more drastic as the climate continues to warm. According to the *Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts'* (WICCI) 2021 Assessment Report, here are the climate takeaways:

- Wisconsin's average daily temperature has become three degrees Fahrenheit warmer since the 1950s.
- The last two decades have been the warmest on record, and the past decade has been the wettest.
- Wisconsin has become wetter – average precipitation has increased 17 percent (about five inches) since 1950.
- Warming is happening fastest in the winter and at night.
- Southern Wisconsin has experienced the highest increase in precipitation.
- Very extreme precipitation events will increase in the future.
- Extreme events are already causing immense impacts across the state, and the frequency of those events will generally increase.<sup>i</sup>

The report contains additional information on how these climate changes are affecting the land, water, built environments, people, and ecosystems.

The WICCI also recognizes that climate change is a justice issue.

As climate change and the need for solutions are becoming more apparent, so too is the recognition that environmental and climate justice must be an integral aspect of our response. While not the focus of this report, WICCI scientists and practitioners underscore that historically disadvantaged communities bear a disproportionate burden and suffer the greatest harms and risks from climate impacts such as flooding, worsening air quality, heat waves, and drought. For example, changing conditions for plants and wildlife have uniquely affected Native Americans' important cultural, treaty, and subsistence resources. Decision-makers should acknowledge and understand these uneven impacts of climate change to ensure solutions are effective and equitable.<sup>ii</sup>

The WICCI report makes one thing clear; the climate is changing, and the results are adversely affecting WI families, businesses, and ecosystems. We will need to deal with climate change either now or later. The solution is not a surprise. We need to decrease carbon emissions and promote environmental and climate justice by investing in solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and associated climate impact.<sup>iii</sup> It is an issue of justice, even the scientists recognize this. Our God is a God of justice. What are we, the people of God, going to do?

<sup>i</sup> Wisconsin's changing climate: Impacts and solutions for a warmer climate. 2021. Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts. Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, Wisconsin, page 6

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid. page 5

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid. page 6

## A Church Without Walls

The Greek word for apostle is “one who is sent.” For me, being a church without walls means that we are to leave the building and carry on as apostles of God’s mission. We are to go out into the world to be the heart and hands and feet of Jesus.



One way you can do this is to become a Eucharistic Minister and bring Immanuel (and communion) to those unable to get to church. It involves only a couple of hours a month and training is provided. Those who have been Eucharistic Ministers tell me they have gotten as much out of the experience as the partner you are seeing! Want to learn more about this ministry? Get in touch with me by calling the church office at 715-832-7832.

Blessings,  
Deb Kavanagh, Caring Ministry Coordinator



## Immanuel is forming a Green Team by Sue Waits



### *Did you know:*

- Dandelions can actually be a good thing to help pollinators.
- Like many people, are you confused by recycling? Only 5-9% of all plastic is actually recycled. Most plastic is too contaminated for recycling or is incinerated, ends up in waterways or the landfill.
- All batteries (including standard alkaline) can be recycled for free by taking them to First Choice Electronics Recycling in Eau Claire.
- 40% of the trash that ends up in Wisconsin landfills could be composted
- The city of Eau Claire is working to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 - what does that mean and what are they doing to reach that goal?

If you are interested in learning more, then join the Green Team at Immanuel Lutheran Church. As part of the JONAH Environmental Task Force and the ELCA Caring for Creation Initiative, congregations are working to become better stewards of the earth.

Keep your eyes and ears open. Think about how you would like to get involved and join us in September as part of the Immanuel Green Team. For more information, contact Sue Waits at 715-829-5762, [waitsr@charter.net](mailto:waitsr@charter.net).



### **Daylily Dig**

This year’s daylily dig and fundraiser for Malawi will happen on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23. If you like digging in the dirt, admiring God’s creation of beautiful flowers, and helping out for a great cause, you are hired!

Much weeding and prepping the gardens is needed prior to July 22 so if you can help in June or July, contact Greg Kauffman at: [gkauffmann@nswi.org](mailto:gkauffmann@nswi.org). A huge crowd is anticipated this year and we are hopeful to break the previous year’s record of \$8,000!



**Create-A-World Preschool** has a few openings for their Monday-Wednesday-Friday program held from 9 am - Noon. Additional information and registration form can be found [here](#). Our director, Katy LoRusso, welcomes your questions! Here is her contact info: Phone: 715-533-3029 Email: [createaworldpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:createaworldpreschool@gmail.com).

### SUMMER FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Immanuel's Food Pantry hours have changed for the summer months June, July and August. The Food Pantry will be open 4 - 5 PM.

Besides canned goods and non-perishable food items, donations of personal hygiene items are always welcomed to restock our supply, as well as body wash, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, socks, baby wipes, and body wipes.



Monetary donations are also appreciated! Supplies can be purchased with large discounts through Feed My People. Items can be dropped off at the Immanuel office or by contacting Erika Albano at [foodministryilc@gmail.com](mailto:foodministryilc@gmail.com).

### Work Day at Immanuel

**When:** Saturday, June 18, 2022  
9 AM - 3 PM

**What to Bring:** Gloves and rakes

Our church has a few projects that need your help! Join us on June 18 to work on cleaning up the church property area and maybe some indoor tasks. More details coming soon!



### The Lutheran Church Cemetery

#### Clean Up Day Was A Success!

About 2 dozen church members of the three churches met on Sunday, April 24 and cleaned up and threw away old flowers, pots, garbage and sticks at the cemetery. About 30 large bags of garbage was collected! Thank you to all of the folks that came to help out! The cemetery looks great and it is hopeful to make it an annual event.

**MINUTES - Immanuel Lutheran Church Council**  
**April 19, 2022 - 7 PM**

**Council Members Present:** Becky Carter, Jennifer Dean, Olympia Evergreen, Becky Ivey, Lang Jacobson, Sandy La-Valley, Bill Schwengel, Bob Wilcox

**Members Absent:** Pastor Jamie Brieske, Campbell Dean, Molly LoRusso, Ryan Stilp, Sue Waits

**Gathering, Devotions by Becky Carter:** Each member shared an Easter memory.

Thank you notes signed and mailed to: Diane Kaufmann and Deacon Laura Ramlow.

**New Business**

**Longings and Losses Goal:**

This was previously discussed with Rev. Erin Nelson at the January 2022 Council Meeting:

*Specifics: Members of council will have three caring conversations on longings and losses with a cross section of Immanuel members, nonmembers of Immanuel, and members of the community in the course of three months.*

*Measurable: During the conversations, council members will take notes and record some ideas of what is heard so the information can be brought back to Council to discuss themes and identify answers that were similar in need for our community. This goal will begin in May or June for three consecutive months. The following questions, taken from the e-book, *Navigate a New Future*, would be used to generate conversation:*

1. What's one wish you have for your congregation?
2. What's something that used to happen in the congregation that you wish would return?
3. What's one thing you fear might be lost as your congregation moves into the future?
4. What's something that has changed that you feel is a loss in the life of the congregation?

We could also contact former Immanuel members and members of the community, but will need to develop alternate questions. A member list with contact information will be prepared for the May meeting for further direction.

**Old Business**

**Staff Connection Goal:** Several council members shared conversations with their "matched" Immanuel staff person. So far, all staff contacted enjoy their work/ministry and feel appreciated! Those who were unable to meet, will share at the May meeting. It was suggested to initiate a second conversation in 3 - 6 months.

**Cemetery Update:** Bill Schwengel talked about the organizational meeting of the Lutheran Cemetery Organization that met on March 24 to update bylaws and elect board members. Bill Schwengel and Steve Mickelson are serving as representatives from Immanuel. Volunteers from the three churches are asked to meet at the cemetery on Sunday, April 24, for spring clean up.

**Cross+Generational Conversations:** This was a council goal to encourage shared conversation during Sunday fellowship and Wednesday soup suppers during Lent. Members of all ages enjoyed being together and having open discussions, especially after COVID. It was suggested to revisit this goal in a few months and perhaps contact Deacon Laura Ramlow about returning this fall.

**Reports**

**Pastor's Report:** - Pastor's schedule was busy during Lent and Holy Week. She reported the organ will have a new blower installed sometime in May or June; this will hopefully be the final step in repairs. Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism is Sunday, April 24, preceded by the Saturday evening dinner prepared by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders for the freshman confirmands. Pastor is preparing for her sabbatical (June, July, August) and will share tentative plans at the May council meeting. Lang moved to approve Pastor's Report, seconded by Bill. Motion carried unanimously.

**Property Report:** Some highlights from Bill Schwengel:

1. One parking lot bulb was replaced on April 4 by B&B Electric. It is anticipated the others will eventually need to be replaced with LED lights. Total replacement cost was estimated at \$1924. Lights on one of the two poles could be replaced at the same time when the next bulb burns out and the cost would be about \$962. The LED fixtures provide a different quality and intensity of light than the current incandescent lights.
2. Bill provided backup custodial duties the week of March 28 - April 1, due to an injury Kim Sturz incurred after falling in the church parking lot.
3. One upcoming project is mud jacking two sidewalk panels (one leading to the front entrance and one at the side entrance (estimate of \$450).
3. The parking lot is in need of resealing and line striping. Bill will look at getting updated estimates from three local businesses for the May meeting.

4. A work day in May will be scheduled to clean storage areas inside to remove items no longer needed or used. Also, outdoor volunteers are needed for raking/lawn care and flower bed maintenance. Lang moved to approve the mud jacking project, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Bill will contact Resurrection Concrete for this project.

**Finance:** Bob Wilcox reported:

1. Per Casper, we are behind in revenue by \$17,000. One reason is less giving, as Easter occurred during 1st quarter last year vs. 2nd quarter this year.
2. Proceeds of \$76 raised at the Soup Supper sponsored by Council will be designated to Capital Improvement.
3. Implementing a three or five year capital plan was discussed pertaining to items such as parking lot maintenance, furnace maintenance, lighting, etc.
4. Casper recommends Bill Schwengel submit a request to the Trust Fund this year for \$2,500 needed for cemetery mowing. This will be added to next year's budget.
5. The Trust Fund approved up to \$3,000 towards resealing the parking lot. Council will revisit this at the May meeting.
6. Bob shared the electronic giving allows members to designate what their donation will be applied to.
7. In April, a letter was mailed to members thanking them for their past/present giving. The possibility of a stewardship campaign this fall was discussed as it has been a couple of years since Immanuel has done this.

Motion by Becky Ivey to approve the Property and Finance Reports, seconded by Bob Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously.

**April Minutes:** Previously approved by email.

**Closing Prayer:** Shared by Becky Carter

**Adjournment:** Motion by Becky Carter to adjourn, seconded by Bill Schwengel. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Sandy LaValley, Council Secretary      **Next Meeting: May 17, 2022 - 7 PM**



**MINUTES: Immanuel Lutheran Church Council  
May 17th, 2022 - 7 PM**

All Council Members Present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Jennifer Dean, Campbell Dean, Olympia Evergreen, Becky Ivey, Lang Jacobson, Molly LoRusso, Sandy LaValley, Bill Schwengel, Ryan Stilp, Sue Waits, Bob Wilcox

Devotions: Jennifer Dean shared a blessing, "This Grace That Scorches Us," from the *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*, by Jan Richardson.

**New Business**

**Sabbatical Plans:** (June 4 - August 31) Pastor Jamie reported all Sunday worship has been secured with a pastor/preacher except for the two Sundays that Immanuel will host at Praise in the Park (July 10 and August 7). Several pastors will be on call in case of a funeral. Grace Olson will check voicemail messages on her days off (Friday thru Sunday); Sandy LaValley and/or Sue Luthy will check messages when Grace is on vacation. Both will have pastor on call contact information. Currently, Pastor and Alyssa Engedal are the only staff that sign payroll checks, so it was suggested to have Grace complete paperwork at Wells Fargo allowing her to do this as a backup.

Pastor shared her plans for rest, renewal and wellness during her sabbatical, including spending time with her family and completing a mindfulness course. She plans to meet with her spiritual advisor for additional summer goals. Most funds will go toward a family retreat on Lake Superior and spiritual direction. Previous plans of travel to Holden Village did not pan out; however, a synod-wide trip for parishioners and their families is a possibility for the future.

Council will meet in June and August, with no meeting held in July. The June meeting is tentative; Jennifer will connect with Grace weekly for updates. She will email members a week before the June meeting sharing any agenda items or need to meet in person or virtually.

**Green Team:** Sue Waits leads the environmental task force with JONAH. One of their objectives is to establish a 'Green Team' in congregations throughout Eau Claire, Immanuel being one of them. They would meet monthly with other green team leaders in Eau Claire covering various topics of interest. Sue will submit information to be included in *The Image*, and make an announcement at church with implementation this fall. *This is also in accordance with Resolution #3 passed at the recent Synod Assembly, that all congregations form a Green Team "whose ongoing purpose is to promote awareness while challenging the congregation to implement effective practices that protect and promote the health of creation." NWSWI will provide training materials. Synod Assembly 2022 recap can be found [here](#).*

**Old Business**

**Staff Connection Goal:** Ryan, Becky and Bill will meet with their paired staff person in June and report at the next meeting. Sue shared her conversation with Kim Sturz.

**Longings and Losses Discussion:** Council will compile responses and continue polling Immanuel and community members. It was suggested to invite Rev. Erin Nelson to a fall meeting with the intention of sharing responses and creating/implementing three new goals based on the feedback. When polling folks in the community, the same questions can be used by replacing "congregation" with "community."

**Property Report**

**Parking Lot Update:** Bill Schwengel presented bids from Superior (\$7,282) and Senn Blacktop (\$8,453) for resealing and line painting the parking lot. Senn also submitted a bid for replacing the asphalt at \$77,325. The parking lot was last resealed in 2017 and should be done every five years. The Trust Fund has approved up to \$3,000 towards this project. **Motion:** Lang Jacobson motioned to proceed with the sealing and line painting at the discretion of the Property Committee with a maximum of \$8,000 between the two vendors. Ryan Stilp seconded the motion, and unanimously approved.

Bill shared other projects: 1) Resurrection Concrete will do mudjacking of two sidewalks. 2) Seeking bids on pressure washing the church exterior. 3) Work day planned in June (TBD) for indoor and outdoor projects i.e. lawn, raking, pruning, organizing storage rooms, disposing of indoor paint. Cemetery cleanup on April 24 went well with trash removal (25 bags).

**Pastor Report:** Sharing the Peace (handshake), passing the offering plate and bringing back name tags was discussed. Name tags will return starting Sunday, May 22. We will hold off on passing the plate.

Sharing of the Peace will continue as is. It was suggested to have Pastor Erin return in the fall to assist with goal setting using feedback from Longings and Losses work.

**Finance Report:** Bob Wilcox reported that Revenue was up this month. However, maintenance was higher than normal due to replacing light bulbs in the parking lot at \$718 and repairing the men's bathroom urinal at \$470. Bob Wilcox will talk with the Finance Committee for direction on implementing a Capital Improvement Plan for long term needs such as air conditioning, furnace and parking lot.

**Motion:** A motion to accept all reports by Sue Waits, seconded by Ryan Stilp; unanimously approved.

Pastor Jamie shared the Closing Prayer. **Motion:** Campbell Dean motioned to adjourn, seconded by Molly LoRusso. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

**Next Meeting: June 21, 2022**



A Big Thank You to Bill Schwengel for his help with church building and grounds related issues! Bill recently assisted Kim Sturz with cleaning out storage rooms and disposing of old paint cans. He also helped organize the cemetery cleanup day on April 24. Thank you to you both for keeping our church clean and organized!

# Happy Birthday!



## June

05 Cole Neidermire	20 Becky Ivey
07 Carter Chapman	20 Kimberlyn Sorvaag
08 June Reck	20 Abby Drier
11 Paul Ivey	21 Alyssa Engedal
12 Steve Isaacson	21 Brandt Brieske
13 Rachael Stilp	22 Jan Carlson
15 Andy Engedal	22 Matt Coyle
15 Hayden Malec	23 Madeline Benware
16 Cheryl Anderson	25 Brad Carter
17 Alison Martin	26 Sandy LaValley
17 Shauna Eilts	26 Weston Odell
17 Rebecca Hedges	29 Nicole Tucker
17 Haeven Lashley	30 Becky Carter
18 Madeline Franko	30 Shane Odell
20 Linda Aaseng	30 Jordyn Ivey
20 Luella Calkins	

## July

01 Samuel Pickett	17 Gunnar Carlson
03 Donna Armstrong	18 Falynn Hedges
03 Melissa Tarpenning	19 Vic Lothe
04 Suzi Sturz	19 Lalao Rakotomahenina
04 Kyle Neidermire	20 Alyssa Hegde
05 Cash Odell	21 Jim McCrady
07 Jim Ulberg	22 Bonnie Weber
07 Nate Aaseng	22 Lorrie Feeney
07 Kyelie Engedal	22 Jack Barquist
10 Hailey Rassbach	22 Maija Balts
11 Beth Jones	25 Steve Thompson
13 Karen McCrady	27 Elaine Schultz
13 Joseph Hedges	29 Alexis Drier
17 Jerrine Kjentvet	29 George Franko
	30 Bob Larson

## June

01 Jim & Karen McCrady
03 Isaiah & Kimberlyn Sorvaag
07 Curt & Jan Carlson
12 Shel & Fern Satter
12 Nathan & Amy Schlieve
16 Ryan & Rachael Stilp
17 Chad & Jamie Brieske
20 Olympia & Kaylee Evergreen
22 Dave & Melody Dragseth
23 Marc & Lauren Likkel
25 Eric Lundberg & Karen Betzig-Lundberg
30 Brandon & Karen Gullicksrud



## July

01 Keith & Kris Hanson
11 Tom & Emily Prissel
14 Darryl & Debby Petersen
19 Dave & Donna Lehmkuhl
21 Joel & Pam Woletz
24 Steve & Karen Thompson
27 Jerry & Carol Hanson
27 Paul & Becky Ivey
30 Bob & Linda Lodahl

# June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	3	4
5 9 AM Indoor Worship  Thrift Sale Dropoff after service  10 AM Praise in the Park	6 9 AM - Noon Thrift Sale Dropoff  4-5 PM Food Pantry open	7 9 AM - Noon Thrift Sale Dropoff	8 9 AM - Noon AND 4-7 PM Thrift Sale Dropoff	9 8 AM - 3 PM Youth/ZIP Thrift Sale	10 8 AM - 3 PM Youth/ZIP Thrift Sale	11
12 9 AM Indoor Worship  10 AM Praise in the Park	13 4-5 PM Food Pantry open	14	15	16 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	17	18 WORK DAY 9 AM— 3PM BRING RAKE & GLOVES
19 9 AM Indoor Worship  10 AM Praise in the Park	20 4-5 PM Food Pantry open	21 7:00 PM Council Mtg	22	23 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	24	25
26 9 AM Indoor Worship  10 AM Praise in the Park  Immanuel serving at Beacon House	27 VBS @ Immanuel  4-5 PM Food Pantry open  Immanuel serving at Beacon House	28 VBS @ Immanuel  Immanuel serving at Beacon House	29 VBS @ Immanuel  Immanuel serving at Beacon House	30 VBS @ Immanuel  Immanuel serving at Beacon House		

# July 2022



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Immanuel serving at Beacon House	2 Immanuel serving at Beacon House
3 9 AM Indoor Worship  10 AM Praise in the Park	4 4TH OF JULY  Office closed  No Food Pantry	5	6	7 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	8	9
10 9 AM <b>NO Indoor Worship</b>  10 AM Immanuel will Lead Praise in the Park	11 4-5 PM Food Pantry open	12	13	14 Noon-4 PM Material Witness Quilting	15	16
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31 9 AM Indoor Worship  10 AM Praise in the Park						

# Malawi Campaign 2022

Hello friends of the *Warm Heart of Africa*,

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, prayers, and commitment to our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi.

In consultation with Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe and the ELCM staff, we have learned about some of the most current challenges in Malawi. Some of these difficulties are ongoing effects of the pandemic, some are a direct result of the recent wide-spread damage done by cyclone Ana, and some are familiar ministries that we continue to support for the purpose of community health, education and sustainability.

Below is a list of individual ministries & projects that have risen up as priorities this year through the ELCM.

- Cyclone Ana Relief
- Feeding Stations
- Motorbikes for Pastors
- Harold and Kathy Oelschlager Education Scholarship
- Orphanages
- Deep Drilled Borewells
- Literacy Project
- Pastor Salary Relief
- Pastors' Academy

If you, your household, or your congregation feels called to give a financial gift toward one of these ministries, you can do so in one of two ways:

**Send a check to: The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**

(\*Please indicate which area of ministry you are supporting in the memo line)

944 24 1/4 Street Suite 2  
Chetek, WI 54728

OR

**You can give a gift online: <http://nswwi.org/giving>**

\*Please choose 'Malawi' in the funds list, and the ministry of your choice in 'sub-funds'

Together we give thanks to God for this partnership, we pray for an end to hunger, disasters, illness, and inequity, and ask God to surround those who are suffering with comfort and hope. If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please feel free to contact me.

Peace,

*Deacon Laura Ramlow*

Companion Coordinator - Malawi, Africa  
[lramlow@nswwi.org](mailto:lramlow@nswwi.org)



# Top Ten

## Great Things About the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

### 10. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- + Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- + World Hunger Appeal
- + Global Mission and YAGM
- + Lutheran Colleges & Seminaries
- + Women and Men of the ELCA

### 9. Synod Staff

#### Bishop

- Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson
- #### Synod Ministers
- Liz Bartsch - Administration  
Rev. Randy Olson  
Rev. Erin Nelson (DEM)  
Rev. Greg Kaufmann  
Deacon Laura Ramlow

### 8. Faithful Innovation

- + Help congregation listen to God and reconnect them with their call and purpose
- + Try new actions and experiments
- + Learn how to be church
- + Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry
- + Social Justice Resolutions

### 7. Lay School of Ministry

- + 2-year theological education
- + Continuing education
- + Scholarships
- + Themes
- + Develop a deeper understanding of the Bible, Worship, Spirituality, Christian History, and Lutheran Theology

### 6. Walking Together Event

- + Best Practices for Ministry
- + 30+ Workshops at UWEC
- + Information & Inspiration
- + Collaboration & Networking
- + Training tools & resources for faith formation, worship, advocacy, social justice, music, preaching, congregational renewal, leadership, etc.

### 5. Lutheran Campus Ministry

#### UW Eau Claire

University Lutheran  
Rev. Lori Ruge-Jones

#### UW Stout

Lutheran Campus Ministry  
Sara Reed

#### UW River Falls

Journey House  
Deacon David Behling

### 4. Bible Camps

Luther Park - Chetek  
Luther Point - Grantsburg  
Amnicon - South Range  
Lake Wapogasset - Amery  
Luther Park - Danbury

### 3. Candidacy & Seminary Students

Candidacy Committee  
Interviews & Endorsement  
Support & Collegiality

### 2. Calling a New Pastor

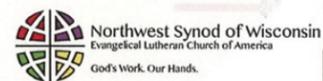
- + Guide and train call committees
- + Recommend Candidates
- + Ordain and Install Rostered Leaders

### 1. Malawi

- + Pastors' Academy
- + Service Learning Trips
- + Hospitality for Malawian Visitors
- + Permaculture Support
- + Congregational Partnerships
- + Wells & Feeding Centers

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