

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
3214 Golf Road  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

November 2018

# The Image

**November 4th**

**All Saint's Sunday  
Healing and Candlelighting**

**November 11th**

**Consecration Sunday  
Celebration of our ministries  
Lunch after worship**

**November 18th**

**Women of the ELCA Thank offering Sunday**

**November 21**

**7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve  
Holden Evening Prayer and Communion**

**November 25**

**Christ the King Sunday**

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### ***Grace upon Grace!***

*"..from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."*

This November, as we celebrate stewardship in our congregation, I can't help but think of all the blessings God has given us. I am truly in awe of the way God is at work in our congregation. Immanuel has been a busy place this fall! This year it has become even more evident how WoW (Worship and learning On Wednesdays) is growing and changing lives of youth and families. Five years ago when WoW began, we averaged around 45 people in attendance at worship. Five years later as we kicked off WoW, we had over 90 people at worship! Our classrooms are full with learners from children's JOF (Journey of Faith), Confirmation, and SHYN.

Our Sunday JOF is growing too! We now need the youth room as a classroom on Sunday mornings. Alyssa Engedal, our Faith Formation Minister, reported that we have averaged 45 children in JOF combined Sunday & Wednesday per week. In my 6-8th grade confirmation class, we have 21 students, and a high school youth room bursting at the seams each week. Alyssa reported that this is the most participants in the Youth and Family Ministry program that she has had in her 6 years of ministry, and most likely several years before that. What an amazing thing to celebrate!

Our ministry is growing and that is indeed an amazing thing! Of course considering this, we have experienced some growing pains in the process. The Confirmation class is too large to meet with group guides in the library, so we now meet in Luther Hall. There is no extra classroom space for JOF. The SHYN group meets in the youth room, but it is a very small space. We need more food for meals, more wine and wafers for communion, more hands, and more energy. During the school day we now have 5 preschool classes meeting throughout the week, as opposed to the 2 when I first started here at Immanuel. With all of these ministries added to current ministries, our building is in constant use. We also partner with LSS, JONAH, and EXPO, who have regular meetings at Immanuel. Our staff has been working diligently to keep up with all of the new ministry needs! We were also recently blessed to welcome eight new families to our congregation whom we celebrated on Sunday, October 8th.

When you support Immanuel Lutheran Church with your gifts of money, time, and energy you are making all of this ministry possible. Without your support, we couldn't do any of this! We cannot thank you enough for the love and energy you share with our congregation. We are truly blessed to have you. Never forget what a blessing you are!

In God's Grace,  
Pastor Jamie Brieske

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregations finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship.

*New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.



Every attendee and member who completes and *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire and commit every one to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events on November 11th.

In Christ's love,  
The Stewardship Team

### **Attention Journey of Faith families!**

#### **The Christmas season is approaching quickly!**

This year's Advent Celebration will be on Sunday, December 16 during worship, with a meal to share following worship. As a reminder, we encourage ALL of the kids to participate in this Sunday morning celebration! We will use the 3 weeks (on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings) prior to prepare our program, and the day before (Sat. 12/15, at 9 am) for a final rehearsal with all the kids. Please keep these dates available if possible! If your child is unable to attend this year's celebration, please let Alyssa or your child's teacher know as soon as possible. (They are still welcome & encouraged to attend while we are preparing!)

#### **Immanuel at the Alley!**

All are invited for some bowling, food and fun at Bowlwinkles on Sunday, November 4 starting at 4:30 pm. Watch for a sign up in Luther Hall. A free will donation to offset the cost of the bowling & pizza will be collected.

#### **Godstock 2018!**

Godstock is the annual NW Synod of WI Senior High weekend-long youth gathering. We have 12 high school students attending this year's event from November 9-11, at the Metropolis Hotel in Eau Claire. There will be a live band, several interesting speakers, and a wide variety of workshops to participate in, and also lots of fun!

#### **High School Adventure Trip**

Next summer's high school trip planning is underway! We are heading to Colorado for a week of hiking, climbing, camping, rafting and enjoying the company of one another and God's beautiful creation! We have 20 team members signed up and are excited to begin the planning and preparations for a great trip.

#### **New Youth Scholarship Fund**

A new fund has been added to help support the youth of Immanuel. Any monies donated to this fund will be used to help any youth of our congregation attend a church event that may otherwise be cost-prohibitive for them. For example, Christ Jam and/or Godstock, Luther Park Bible Camp, the summer trips, etc. Please consider donating to this fund and helping support our amazing young people!

### **Reconciling in Christ Conversations**

#### **Session 1**

What is RIC?

Sunday, November 25th  
11-11:30 AM and on  
Wednesday November 28 at  
7:30 PM.

What is RIC? This first session will discuss what it means to be a congregation that is Reconciled in Christ through the *Reconciling-Works* process. *Reconciling-Works* believes that, "God values and embraces each person as a beloved child... The ministries of *Reconciling-Works* embody, inspire, and support the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, their families, friends and allies."

#### **Session 2**

Why do we need to say so?  
Sunday, December 2nd  
after worship and on  
Wednesday, December  
12th at 7:30 PM.

Our congregation is already welcoming, so why do we need to say so? This session will address why we desire to be public about our status as an affirming congregation. We will have time for questions. We will also address moving forward as a congregation.

## ***A Season to Be Thankful!***

Thank you to this congregation for your faithful service to worship, to prayer and to do God's work everyday.

Thank you to the quilters for their beautiful work.

Thank you to all who provide food and fellowship including Sunday mornings and Wednesday night meals.

Thank you to all who serve during worship on Sunday's and WoW; our musicians, our video and sound people, AV, assistants, lectors, ushers, greeters and altar care.

Thank you to all who care for our church building and grounds during the year.

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Food Pantry and who contributed to the Food for More Challenge.

Thank you to those who serve at the Community Table and at Beacon House.

Thank you to all as mentors and leaders walk along side our youth during our journey of faith on Sunday's and Wednesday's.

Thank you to the ZIP (Zomba Immanuel Partners) group and our companionship with the ELCM.

Thank you to the leaders and participants of H3, WELCA and the Men's group.

Thank you to our Council, Trust Fund and our stewardship team for your hard work.

Thank you to the leadership of this church, the Northwest Synod of the ELCA and the ELCA.

Thank you to all!

## ***Thank Offering Sunday***

Sunday, November 18th there is an opportunity to make a special offering to the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Ruth Circle of Immanuel.

From the WELCA website:

"Through various program areas, Women of the ELCA's community of women provide services in their churches, communities, and even the world.

We engage in ministry; we take action through advocacy; we promote healing and wholeness, and we support one another in our callings.

We offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs.


We assist participants in their desire to discern God's call in their lives and to discover their spiritual gifts through workshops, retreats, resources, scholarships, and global education.

We offer grants to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health."

**Thank you for your gifts!**  
**WELCA.org**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month</b> 				1 9-11AM Food Pantry	2 9-11AM Food Pantry	3 8:30 AM Men's group
4 Daylight Savings Ends All Saints Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship & Learning Food Pantry team Mtg.  Family Fun 4:30 PM Bowling @ Bowlwinkles	5 6:30 PM H3   5:30-7PM Food Pantry	6 9:30 AM H3 6:30 PM Immanuel Yarners 7:00 PM Wholly Yoga	7 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study Noon Material Witnesses Quilting 5:15 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship 6:30 PM Learning 6:45 PM SHYN! 7:00 PM 9th grade/ mentor mtg 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 9-11AM Food Pantry	9 9-11AM Food Pantry  Godstock	10   Godstock
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**Worship Leader****Coordinators*****Interested in serving during worship?***

Contact the coordinator below

or use Sign-up Genius

Assistant Ministers

Andrea Schaffer

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Becky Wilcox

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Ushers and Greeters

Barb Hokanson

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Assisting Ministers

04 Kitty Rahl

11

18 Dave Langhus

21 Kitty Rahl

25

Lector

04 Youth

11 Marianna Gilbertson

18 Vicki Fankhauser

25 Joan Pospishil

Ushers

04 Dave Langhus

Vicki and Marty Fankhauser

11 Marianna Gilbertson

Sandy LaValley

18 Women of Immanuel

21 Please Volunteer

25 Marc and Lauren Likkel

Greeters

04 Youth

11 The Jacobson Family

18 Women of Immanuel

21 Please Volunteer

25 Bob and Becky Wilcox

Bread and Wine

04 Rachel Neidermire

11 Sandy LaValley

18 Melissa Tarpenning

21 Kitty Rahl

25

Counters

Sue Luthy and Curt Carlson

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01 Mike Ohren

03 Dona Peterson

03 Beth Schaffer

04 Mary Bader

05 Roger Forester

05 Rachel Isaascon

06 Bennett Stilp

06 Brock Stilp

07 Mark Bowman

08 Brent Carlson

08 Harrison Haas

09 Sammy Zimmerman

09 Landon Ivy

11 Pastor Jamie Brieske

11 Rowan Tarpenning

13 Tammie Delveaux

15 Carol Sue Carlson

15 Helissa Bell

16 Laura Olson

17 Darryl Petersen

20 Audrey Brunzlick

20 Kitty Rahl

20 Karen Betzig-Lundberg

20 Raphael Albano

21 Luke Rosenberger

23 Katy LoRusso

23 Tony Bowman

27 Michael Albano

27 Kristopher Isaacson

28 Mary Bischel

28 Marit Barquist

30 Vicki Fankhauser

30 Karen Hoffman-Larson

30 Brenda Hagen

**Anniversaries**

09 Kim & Suzi Sturz

13 Donovan & Nicole Tucker

23 Rodger & Joan Stolp

27 Marvin & Marilyn Pospishil

**Wholly Yoga**

Yoga will be offered the 1st Tuesday of every month.

A time for stretching, strengthening, and relaxation.

Snacks, beverages and devotions after the practice.

No experience required! Mats are available.



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Notes, September 18, 2018**

Members attending: Curt Carlson, Lang Jacobson, Al Ludwig, Vicki Fankhauser, Mindy Rosenberger, Dave Schaffer, Pastor Jamie, Keith Martin, Peggy Blumenberg, Jennifer Dean, Jerry Hanson

Absent: Sabrina Hegstrom, Sara Hegde

Meeting called to order at 1900

**Devotion:** Curt gave a devotion

**Columbarium:** Betty Gertner presented on the Columbarium proposal. Betty recommended we first survey the congregation for interest. She asks that a council member take a leading role. Marcia and Betty can help put together a committee. Keith motioned to allow Betty and Marcia to gather as an interest group. Dave seconded. Keith will liaison. 6 ayes, 5 opposed, carried.

**Thank You Notes:** 4 notes. 1)Larry Lundeen for his work on the alter 2)Janet Carlson for her work on Inclusive Ministry 3) Mary for her landscaping work 4) Chad Drier for his work on the AV system

### **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Keith moved to approve July minutes, Peggy seconded, carried.

### **New Business**

ZIP proposal: ZIP requested Pastor Jamie attend Zomba trip, 2 weeks June-July 2019. Congregation will finance pulpit supply. Peggy moved to approve ZIP proposal. Dave seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

1. Organ repair: Pastor Jamie located a company in Iowa who can either fix the organ or sell it for parts. Will need estimate for this. Letter of termination received from Murray. Keith moved to officially end Murray's employment, Peggy seconded, motion carried.
2. Door locks: Dave planning to install key fob system. Parents would have a fob programmed to let them in during pre-school. Dave donating fobs.
3. AV system upgrade: Work continues. \$10,000 from trust fund, \$2,000 donated
4. Flower Bed Rejuvenation: Mary working hard.
5. AED: \$800-\$1000 estimated. Question required maintenance. Lang will contact Phillips vendor and report at October meeting.
6. Copier: Will continue with old printer/copier for now. Proposed new EO Johnson service contract \$1144/yr for 6000 copies. Discussed using less paper, use projector for Council agenda/notes.

### **Reports**

**Finance:** Dave gave summary. Last 2 months were better. Improving. Revenue and expenses are both below expected. Expenses about \$10,000 more than revenue for current year. Peggy moved to accept finance report, Mindy seconded, carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Written report submitted.

**Property:** Landscaping and invasive species removal/prairie restoration around church with Nick Haus for Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> after church. Brick around circular window in library may need masonry work. Various ceiling tiles have water stains, concern for leak in roof. Roofer contacted, info pending.

### **Other:**

- 1)Registered sex offender who had a covenant with Immanuel is in jail for repeat offense. Covenant is void.
- 2)James Peterson is a registered sex offender who has been worshipping. Pastor Jamie discussed presenting a covenant outlining expectations. Keith motioned to enter into a covenant with James Peterson. Peggy seconded. Carried unanimously.
- 3)Keith nominated by Peggy to fill out Larry's term as VP. Seconded by Lang, motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2018



**Pastoral Care Update:**

Please call Pastor Brieske if you would like a visit, call the church office during office hours or the pastor's cell phone after office hours. We do not receive updates from the hospital about our members due to privacy concerns. Please leave info about the hospital and room number and your condition. If you text the pastor about a friend or loved one, please include whether or not you have spoken with the person or an immediate family member. It is always helpful to have as much information as possible. If a visit is requested the pastor will make every attempt to see you in the hospital or at home.

A Eucharistic Minister can bring monthly communion. Please contact our Care Ministries Coordinator, Janet Carlson.



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