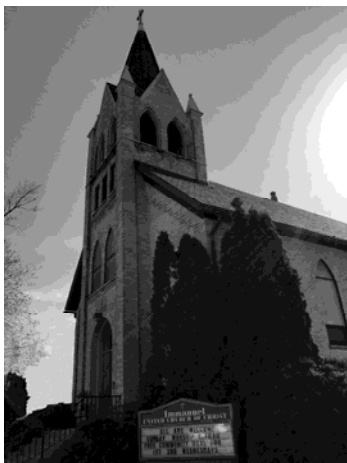


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118 Oak Street
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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Partnership with St. John's

May Birthdays

Paul Armstrong May 1

Pauline Johnson May 2

Scott Mueller May 8

Makenna Johnson May 13

Carla Lincoln May 14

Marvin Swichtenberg May 21

Cindy Anderson May 25

Doug Armstrong May 27



May Anniversaries

Tammy Welson May 1

Arlene Bokelman May 5

Lelah Chaffee May 13

Waida Felker May 14

Bob and Jean Vande Hey May 31



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Prayer List
Angel Lord,
Margaret Lord,

Dear friends in Christ-

Hopefully, by the time you read this, spring will have sprung. Today, as I write this, we are under a mid-April winter storm warning. Most of us are grumbling about the weather and anxiously awaiting spring! The good news is that we all trust that Spring is coming. Why do we have this trust? Experience. We have years of experience in knowing that spring will eventually come. We know that the earth has always awakened from winter in the past and so we trust, in spite of all evidence to the contrary, that it will happen this year too.

The Apostle Paul tells us that "Hope is trust in that which is not seen." Our hope in Christ often feels like waiting for spring...in spite of all evidence to the contrary, we hope in Christ. Why do we have this hope? Experience. We have years of experience knowing that Christ walks with us in this world. We know that Christ has come through for us in the past and so we trust that Christ will come through into the future.

In the meantime, we live differently, because we know the end of the story. Knowing and trusting in Christ's faithfulness, we are able to take risks for Christ. We are called to live into the promised future of life in Christ. Spring has and will continue to spring. Christ has been and will continue to be faithful. We know and we hope in this promise.

May God strengthen you in all that you face, with hope in the faithfulness of Christ.

Yours in Christ-
Pastor Jen

Scrip Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who ordered Scrip in March! Our next order will be submitted by Bob **June 11th, be sure to place and pay for your order no later than Sunday June 10th.**

Encouraging all members to participate in this fundraising program. Scrip gives IUCC a percentage back – will not cost you anything more! Policy change approved by the council will require that you PAY for the scrip when you order it, NOT when you pick it up.

Please, if you haven't already, consider applying for a Kwik Trip credit card and naming IUCC as the beneficiary of the non-profit compensation program. Using the card means you don't pay for the purchase for 3 weeks after you buy things and don't have to worry about losing scrip cards, ordering them or picking them up. See Bob for details.

Pastor Jen is gone Apr 22 through May 6th on continued education. While she is gone, if an emergency should arise, please contact Rev. Andi Wolf at 920-216-3622.



EMERGENCY AND PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER

If you are in need of emergency Pastoral Care please call Pastor Jen

at church 920-722-0381, or her cell phone 920-642-3050. Please leave a detailed message. On the message, talk slowly and leave: 1. Your name and phone number; 2. Which hospital and who the person is and room number; 3. Anything else necessary that would help her understand the situation. If you wish to leave a confidential message for Pastor Jen, please call her cell at 920-642-3050. Pastor Jen's email address is jjczar@gmail.com. For any other business matter, call Bob Vande Hey at 920-740-6177.

IUCC Community Meal

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays of Every Month
5:00 – 6:30 PM**

The IUCC/New Hope Lutheran Community Meal Program is a non-profit 501c3 under IUCC and all donations are tax deductible. Send your donations payable to: IUCC (note on memo line "Community Meal") and mail to IUCC 118 Oak St., Neenah, WI 54956. Donations are always welcome. We always need paper products (toilet paper, plates and napkins, garbage bags-large black), and cleaning supplies. Also, beef and chicken broth, V8 juice, fruit juices, tuna, peanut butter, soups, and box meal mixes. We also accept frozen meat products such as turkey, chicken, ham, stew meats, etc. Contact the office before dropping off (920-722-0381).

The first Wednesday of the month members of IUCC will handle serving and clean up and the third Wednesday of the month New Hope will serve and clean up. IUCC will still have a few members there to assist with security, operating the lift, building lock up and to be a source to help people locate items. We have a sign-up sheet on the front pew in church.

We invite you to sign up a month in advance to take a Wednesday meal time to help serve.

We now offer a free food pantry open to members and the public on Wednesday's 1-4 pm.

We are in need of more people for greeting and ushering on Sunday mornings. If you are able to do either of these please let Heather know.

The spring rummage sale need your support! Please tell your friends and neighbors about the great deals we have going on Apr 27th 4-7 and Apr 28 8-2. We hope to see you there!

We are in the planning stages of the Spring Womans retreat please contact Heather if interested.

IMMANUEL UCC OFFICE HOURS

DAY TIME PERSON(S)

<u>Monday</u>	9 am – 12 pm	Heather
<u>Wednesday</u>	10 am – 2 pm	Heather
<u>Wednesday</u>	1 pm – 5:00 pm	Pastor Jen
<u>Thursday</u>	9 am – 12 pm	Heather
<u>Friday</u>	9 am – 1 pm	Pastor Jen



If you can't serve the week indicated, please exchange with someone else and call the church office Wednesday morning before 10:30 a.m. We list the names in the bulletin and request you wear your name tag to acknowledge your help and also help others, especially guests and infrequent attendees, to get "names and faces" together.

May-Jun, 2018- WORSHIP TIME 8:30 A.M.

GREETERS	Apr 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
Doty Street	Angel Lord 205-4596	Heather Hessler 734-7843	Bob Vande Hey 740-6177	Lois Hoppe 722-0488
Oak Street	Jody Hoppe 729-5715	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Jody Hoppe 729-5715
Ushers	Jody Hoppe 729-5715	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Judy Joosten 810-2962	Jody Hoppe 729-5715
Ushers	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Chuck Wolf 725-9036	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Larry Schroeder 268-7741
Reader	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Chuck Wolf 725-9036	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Larry Schroeder 268-7741
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Please check the sign-up sheet and sign up to be a communion assistant the first Sunday of each month for Communion Sunday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday May 2 5 pm Community – Thank you to those who continue to bring canned goods and items for our food pantry.
- Sunday, May 6 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 10:44-48, Ps 98, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday, May 13 8:30 am – Sunday Worship **Communion – Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Ps 1, 1 Jn 5:9-13, Jn 17:6-19
- Wednesday, Apr 16 5 pm Community Meal. Thank you to those who continue to bring canned goods and items for our food pantry.
- Sunday, May 20 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – **Pentecost Easter**
Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:24-34, 35b, Rom 8:22-27, Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- Wednesday, May 23 6 pm Council Meeting
- Sunday, May 27 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – **Trinity Sunday**
Isa 6:1-8, Ps 29, Rom 8:12-17, Jn 3:1-17
- Wednesday May 30 5 pm Wednesday Evening Education Hour.

This calendar contains all information received by the church office as of Apr 20th.

Spiritual Gifts Survey:

Immanuel continues to encourage all members to find and use their Spiritual Gifts. You can pick up a survey from the church office if you would like to participate. This is a wonderful tool in helping us understand how God is calling each individual member of God's kingdom into mission for the sake of the world. Questions? Contact Pastor Jen, Larry Schroeder or Olga Knight.

Please use this link for all your inventories: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ecuhqiteipo3v6ni/start>. The second step is to have an interview with Pastor Jen and evaluate your inventory. The third step is a follow up discussion on you can use your spiritual gifts to help our church ministry.

Membership note:

Additional parking for services at IUCC is available behind the Masonic Temple on Doty Street, next to the law offices. “*Permit parking only*”. To be used only on weekends.



	March	YTD/2018
General Fund Income	\$5,426.64	\$13,416.61
General Fund Expenses:	(\$-)8,570.06	(\$-)27,128.31
Net Income/Loss	(\$-)3,143.42	(\$-)13,711.70
Change in investments:	(\$-)4,455.76	(\$-)13,963.03
Scrip on hand:	\$ 400	\$
Community Meal balance:	\$609.64	\$

**See detailed financial report on bulletin board across from Secretary's office. See Treasurer with questions.*

**IUCC Council Meeting Highlights
April 18, 2018**

Staff reports

Pastor's Report April 2018

Pastoral Activities for 1/2 March and 1/2 April

: Continued preaching and teaching ministries. Continued Bible study and prayer group ministries. Continued regular visitation ministry. Led several pre-wedding meetings for summer couples (I have 7 weddings scheduled between the two churches for 2018). Led 9 Holy Week services over the course of the 8 days of Holy Week. Attended the monthly pastor's gatherings for ELCA clergy and for IUCC clergy.

Pastoral Acts: Baptisms: Weddings: Funerals: New Members: (council action needed) John Kampershauer, Courtney Fenrich and children (Cade and Trey), Ambria Vandeleygraf, Rick Werner @ St. Johns

Upcoming • April 17: Don't forget...shared ministry committee meets at St. Johns!! • Continuing Education leave: April 23-May 6. Pastor Connie Weiss is covering emergencies for St. John's; Pastor Andi Wolf is covering

emergencies for IUCC. Preaching is arranged at both locations for the two Sundays. • April 28: Association Meeting for IUCC

For Council Information/Action: • SJ: Congrats on having 4 more new member families this month. That is awesome outreach! • SJ: we need delegates to Synod Assembly. Assembly will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center so no need to leave town!!! There is a pre-assembly event on Thursday evening that is open to all ELCA members. It looks interesting; pre-registration is required if you would like to attend. • Both food pantries seem to be going well; thank you to Paul Armstrong for donating an additional fridge to IUCC. Remember to only promote food pantry with current hours! • Women's Retreat: there is interest at St. John's in holding a spring women's retreat. It would be Immanuel's turn to host, so I've told the St. John's group that we need to touch base first with Immanuel. If Immanuel wants to host, the St. John's group will work with leaders from Immanuel to get it going...If Immanuel is not interested in hosting, we will do it at St. Johns. Unless councils choose otherwise, we will set the cost at an amount that covers our expenses. Councils could choose to subsidize this or offer scholarships to persons for whom expense may be an issue.

Old Business

- **Keypad Vs. lock and keys. Please see Buildings and Grounds**
- Shannon Wohlrobe is requesting approval for the use of the old Chinese room for a few days. Thursday thru Saturday in June. This is for the charity LIFTING UP OUR COMMUNITY, Angel will be at church the entire time. She will be unlocking and locking up. Motion made by Judy Seconded by Larry, Motion carried. **Update: The dates are June 22 and 23. Judy will coordinate with Angel on the request for the room and review the responsibilities for using it. The plan will be up for approval at the next meeting once all details are provided.**

- Commitment service request Angel requested her brother in law and his fiancé be allowed to have a blessing ceremony by Pastor Jen - Motion made by Judy, Seconded by Angel. Motion carried. **Update: They will be having an outdoor ceremony and will not be using the church.**

New Business

- **Are we doing carnations for Mother's Day again this year? Karen and Lisa will coordinate with Maddie for the Sunday School children to celebrate Mother's and Father's day on Mother's day while the kids are still in Sunday school.**
- **Should we consider having a monthly fellowship meal with food from the pantry? Council decided to have a meal once a month for the Wednesday Evening Education Hour, provided by our Food Pantry. Motion made by Gary, Seconded by Cindy, Motion carried.**

Shared Ministry Committee

Next get together/meeting date? May 15th next meeting. This meeting will include a discussion and more details about the Woman's retreat.

Building and Grounds

- **The remodel of the kitchen was done April 23 and 24. Check it out, it looks beautiful!**
- **Replace door lock with key pad or card reader. 3 lost keys last year! Bob checked with Lappen Security Products and got a cost of \$670 for a mechanical Key pad entry system and cost of \$2500 for a magnetic card system. Endowment Committee to include the cost in the not to exceed \$10,000 cost for Kitchen. This will be carried over to next month when Bob gets cost to change existing lock and make 20 new keys. Received a quote from Jim's Lock Service in Menasha for not to exceed \$200.00 to replace the lock and 20 new keys. The Council voted to change the lock and make 20 new keys. If you lose your key, you are responsible for the cost of replacement.**

- **Water Leaking – 4 Toilets need to be changed, they are very old, leaking and use 3 gal to flush. Gary will change the “flappers” in the toilets ASAP. He will call Jerry Rickhert for an estimate to replace 4 toilets check for the best price to purchase them Should get at least one tall one for the ladies and one for the men's rest room. We will also get an estimate from Keys Plumbing to furnish & install them.**

Christian Education

- **Fourth Wednesday of every month is Education Hour. There is food, laughs and spirit. Plan to attend, it is a good thing. This month Education Hour is moved to May 30th.**

Community meal:

- **Food pantry: A decision was made by the Food Pantry Committee to have 1/3 of the food go to IUCC and 2/3 go to St. John's. Update: It has been noticed that people have been taking entire boxes of certain foods which leaves very little to none for others for the rest of the month. A discussion ensued and it was decided that we need to limit reasonable amounts of food per person for the first couple weeks of the month. Judy agreed to tag certain items with a per person limit sign for the first 2 weeks after delivery each month. Motion made by Karen, Seconded by Larry, Motion carried.**

- **In order to encourage more participation in the 4th Wednesday Bible study/education class a motion was made by Karen and seconded by Larry to set aside some food after the pantry is restocked each month that will be prepared by a volunteer and served at/during the class. Motion carried**

Administrative Issues

- **Bob listed the old one on Craig's list for \$350. We will try to sell it at the rummage sale. Any church members interested, see Bob.**
- **Secretary Activities: Heather is back down to normal hours and can breathe now that**

the holiday has passed. She is taking over entering the scrip orders on the spread sheet for Bob & hopes to be up to speed with that after processing the next order.

Fundraising

- Scrip will continue –Next order will take place in June. Bob will take care of.

Kwik Trip cards – please sign up for a Kwik Trip credit card, name IUCC as your charity and use it instead of purchasing their gift cards.

- **The church entered a “Pay it forward, Community Service contest” from Old National Bank. Heather took pictures of some of our Council members paying it forward by helping those in need in the Food Pantry. Then sending it into the bank website for consideration on winning \$1,000. The winning will be picked May 15th.**

Next meeting dates

- **May 23 6 pm**
- **June 20 6 pm**
- **July 18 6 pm**

MAY 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

		1	2 Pastor Jen Heather 10-2 Community Meal 5pm	3 Heather 9-12	4 Pastor Jen	5
6 Worship Serv 8:30am	7 Heather 9-12	8	9 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2	10 Heather 9-12	11 Pastor Jen 9-1	12
13 Happy Mother's Day! Worship Serv Communion 8:30am	14 Heather 9-12	15	16 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Community Meal 5pm Council Mtg 6pm	17 Heather 9-12	18 Pastor Jen 9-1	19
20 Worship Serv 8:30am	21 Heather 9-12	22	23 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2	24 Heather 9-12	25 Pastor Jen 9-1	26
27 Worship Serv 8:30am	28 Memorial Day!	29	30 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Education Hr 5pm	31 Heather 9-12		