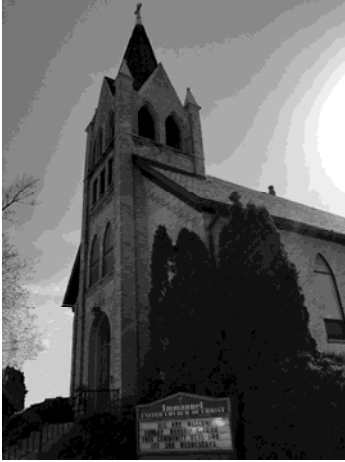


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118 Oak Street
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OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



October Birthdays

Madelin Burow Oct 12
Arlene Bokelman Oct 13
Dan Hanson Oct 20
Angel Lord Oct 20
Joseph Kuehnl Oct 21
Joan Armstrong Oct 22
Linda Blank Oct 24
Karen Koller Oct 24
Jacob Pritzl Oct 26
Ashley Keyes Oct 29

October Anniversary Blessings

Carol and Marvin Swichtenberg Oct 3
Carla and Ron Wege Oct 5
James and Lynda Sell Oct 16



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Angel Lord,
Margaret Lord,
Dave Williamsen

Scrip Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who ordered Scrip in Aug! Our next order will be submitted by Bob on Oct 5th. Encouraging all members to participate in this fundraising program. Scrip gives IUCC a percentage back – will not cost you anything more!

Are you planning a vacation? Cards are available for restaurants (Burger King, Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, Chili's, Dunkin' Donuts, etc) and gas.

Birthday parties, baby showers, or bridal showers? We have many retail stores available as well!

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. See Bob for details.



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.

Dear friends in Christ-

I am a pretty busy lady. I like it that way, always running to one or another responsibility, volunteer opportunity or parenting need. It is not often that I slow down and it is rarely of my own accord. Occasionally, however, God throws a huge STOP sign in my path. Most recently, this stop sign came in the form of a car accident. I am grateful that God was with me during this particular moment of life. While I was injured, it could have been much more serious. In fact, friends who have seen the photos of the totaled car are giving thanks that I walked away at all. I am thankful to still be on this side of the soil!

The accident slowed me down physically, as my neck and back were wrenched. It slowed me down mentally, as I suffered a concussion and have been dealing with "fuzzy" thinking ever since. This slowing has provided me time to ponder. The verse that has stuck in my mind is "Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10.

As I am more still lately (mostly against my will) I am reminded that all my busy-ness and rushing about give me a false sense of security and control. In real life, everything can change in a moment. In real life, we are not secure in ourselves or our own competence. In real life, we are really dependent upon God and all the other stuff in which we might trust is revealed as fraud. Thank God for God's constant trustworthiness, in the midst of an uncertain world.

Yours' in Christ
Pr Jen

Prayer List



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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.**

Cookie baking after church service October 29th! Anyone that wants to help out please come. The more the merrier! Contact Jody for more information.



Copier upgrade

IUCC is currently in need of upgrading the copier in the office. We received a grant from the Wisconsin Conference, as well as a generous gift from several of our members. Our goal is to raise the full \$3,900 necessary before the old one gives out. We currently have \$2,500. Would you be willing to give towards this purchase over and above your normal giving? Please see our ongoing progress on the bulletin board by the entrance to sanctuary.



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.

Oct - Nov, 2017- WORSHIP TIME 8:30 A.M.

GREETERS	Sept 24	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15
Doty Street	Lois Hoppe 722-0488	Judy Joosten 810-2962	Jessica Anderson 850-0573	Lois Hoppe 722-0488
Oak Street	Jody Hoppe 729-5715	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Cora Nelson 725-1881	Jody Hoppe 729-5715
Ushers	Jody Hoppe 729-5715	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Bob Vande Hey 740-6177	Larry Schroeder 268-7741
Ushers	Chuck Wolf 725-9036	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Cindy Anderson 727-4820
Reader	Chuck Wolf 725-9036	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Larry Schroeder 268-7741
Teacher	Volunteer			
Communion Set Up	Cindy Anderson			

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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

- Sunday, Oct 1 8:30 am – Sunday Worship Communion – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Ex 17:1-7, Ps 78:1-4,12-16, Phil2:1-13, Matt 21:23-32
- Wednesday, Oct 4 5:00 pm – Community Meal. Thank you to those who continue to bring canned goods and items for our food pantry.
- Sunday, Oct 8 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Ex 20:1-4,7-9,12-20, Ps 19, Phil 3:4b-1-4, Matt 21:33-46
- Sunday, Oct 15 **9:30am Holiday Fair planning meeting**
- Wednesday, Oct 18 5 pm Community Meal. 6 pm – Council Meeting
- Sunday, Oct 22 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Ex 33:12-23, Ps 99, Thess 1:1-10, Matt 22:15-22
- Sunday, Oct 29 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Deut 34:1-12, Ps 90:1-6,13-17, Thess 2:1-8, Matt 22:34-46

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

Spiritual Gifts Survey:

We are excited to invite the congregation to learn more about themselves and God's purpose for their lives through understanding each person's Spiritual Gifts. **We are pleased to inform you that Olga Knight and Larry Schroeder have volunteered to work with Pastor Jen in completing the program by the end of the year.** The first step of this process is to ask as many members as are willing to take a Spiritual Gifts inventory. You can do this online by using the link below. Paper copies of inventories are also available at both churches.

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.

	August	YTD/2017
General Fund Income	\$5,085.83	\$39,377.66
General Fund Expenses:	(\$) 7,593.59	(\$) 60,333.55
Net Income/Loss	(\$) 2,507.76	(\$) 20,955.89
Change in investments:	\$862.70	+\$27,841.59
Scrip on hand:	\$ 000	\$ 000
Community Meal balance:	\$659.11	\$

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

IUCC Council Meeting Highlights September 20, 2017

Staff reports

Heather is doing well with double checking for mistakes. She is now trying to get the office hours down to 10-12 hours/wk. For the most part everyone is staying out of the office. Heather is working on the Holiday Fair planning on her own time.

Pastoral Activities

Pastoral Activities for ½ August and ½ September: Took my last weeks of vacation for the 2nd half of August, so this is a two week report. Planned Women's Retreat, continued to meet with a family interested in membership at St. John's, followed up with a number of persons on hospice and made many hospital visits, finished banner at Immanuel, met with members as requested. Kicked off Sunday School and Rally Day at both churches. Pastoral Acts:
Baptisms:
Weddings:
Funerals: 2 at St. John's: Ottelia Luft (services held by Pastor Beebe, as I was on vacation),

Don Schneider (funeral this coming Friday)
Upcoming
September 24: Venture Crew Kick-Off Open House
September 27: Wednesday Education Evening at IUCC
October 8: Organ Dedication at St. John's
October 14: Women's Retreat for both churches, at St. John's
For Council Information/Action:
• Spiritual Gifts: All coordinators are in place. Looking forward to getting this up and running again for school year.
• Nominations: I know if feels early, but now is the time to start praying about/thinking about who might want to/be called to serve in our elected positions next year. Starting early avoids the last minute panic of holidays and annual meetings.
• There have been more than usual hospitalizations this month; hopefully, that trend reverses, but regardless, I will make it out to see people, as long as someone tells me they are in the hospital. PLEASE do not count on the hospital to call...they very rarely do.

Old Business

- Continued research of all ideas to move the church forward. All ideas need an organizer that could be part of the Spiritual Gifts program.
- Spiritual Gift update: Larry Schroeder & Olga Knight are the coordinators and will work with Pastor Jen to complete program. Olga and Larry met with Pastor and will try to contact people who have not taken a spiritual gift survey and those that have not had interviews. Now 3 months after the interview we will contact them again to see how things are going – maybe come back in to discuss. Expanding out to non-members who might be interested. Pastor Jen will make up a list of ways people can become involved. Maintenance, children, community meal, and administratively. **Due to Pastor Jen's accident this is still being worked on.**
- Any pictures of anyone that goes on our website, has to have a signed permission slip! You can get them in the Church office. Please sign and return them to Heather. **The Council would like**

everyone that comes to church to fill out the Photo release form. Larry has already turned one into me. Pastor will announce in this Sundays service.

- We will be trying a new Sunday school program where the Sunday school kids would attend classes held in the area between the elevator and Sanctuary. Materials that will be provided are similar to what St. John's uses. This should promote the best of both worlds where they can be involved in things they like doing and still be a part of the Sunday service. Teachers will sign up as volunteers. A new section will be added to the "Call to Serve" list, Heather will select from that list. If you would like to volunteer, please let Heather know. We will try this new program for a couple months and request feedback from the parents, before we make the program permanent. **After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to ask for a volunteer within church every Sunday service, instead of assigning a teacher from the "Call to Serve" list.**

New Business

- Sept 3rd Karen K. reminded us that we didn't firm up plans for what we were going to do for Sunday service during the marathon in a couple of weeks. 5 Council members met after service for a short meeting. **A motion was made by Karen and Seconded by Judy, Motion carried.** To hold service at the church, and to do the water give away with an open house of the church during the run. We all felt that since we have an early service before the race moves into our area, we would not need the park. Bob sent an e-mail to all church members informing them of the plan and asked that they bring donated water again this year. Members are asked to donate water and volunteer to help out after service. Karen & Judy will provide more info at next Sundays service. Sounds like a great opportunity for the confirmands and spiritual gifts program people to get involved. **Everything is ready to go for Sunday Service Sept 24th at 8:30am.**
 - Holiday Fair Planning meeting took place Sept 14th at 1pm in the lounge. See attached minutes from last meeting. **It was decided that**

the Rummage storage Room will be used for putting donation baskets together. Holiday Fair Meeting will take place October 15, after church service.

- Jubricosa, our youth theatre organization is looking for space for our fall classes in Neenah. Classes meet Mondays, 6-8pm and Saturdays, 9:30 – noon beginning October 7th through November 4th. We have used your lower level room in the past – it's been several years. Typically, we donate \$500 but that can be discussed further. We anticipate 30+ students. I have not been in the church for a while so not sure capacity. Bob will prepare contract, issue key, a sign in/out log and give to Pastor Jen to take to a meeting with then Sept 29th. **Request a motion to approve Oct 7- Oct 31 \$500.00. Motion made by Larry, Seconded by Angel. Motion carried.**

Building and Grounds

- Gary and Bob will check the Sanctuary for possible water leak. **Update Bob and Gary looked at the possible water leak and concluded that it is just cracked plaster. Chuck and Gary will be replacing the lights above the alter.**
- Has the thermo coupler been replaced and can we do a temperature calibration before making cookies for the Holiday Fair. **Gary has checked the coupler and says that it is ready to go for baking cookies.**

Christian Education

Heather has the sign up forms for the Woman's retreat.

Administrative Issues

- Appoint a search/nomination committee for 2018 new Council members to replace Angel, Gary & Bob.
- Larry, Gary and Chuck agreed to co-chair the nominations committee and requested help from the Council. **Currently being worked on.**
- Maybe the spiritual gifts coordinators can help with this process.

Fundraising

- Scrip will continue –Next order will take place mid Oct. 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.

Next meeting dates

- Oct 18
- Nov 15
- Dec 20

Area Events

Stretch your grocery \$: Ruby's Pantry is distributing food on the 1st Saturday of every month. Registration is from 8-10 a.m. and distribution will begin at 9 a.m. Please see their website at www.shepherdhills.org/rubys for more information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Worship Serv Communion 8:30am	2 Heather 9-12	3	4 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Community Meal 5pm	5 Heather 9-12	6 Pastor Jen 9-1	7
8 Worship Serv 8:30am	9 Heather 9-12	10	11 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2	12 Heather 9-12	13 Pastor Jen 9-1	14
15 Worship Serv 8:30am 9:30am Holiday Planning Mtg	16 Heather 9-12	17	18 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Comm Meal 5pm Council Mtg 6pm	19 Heather 9-12	20 Pastor Jen 9-1	21
22 Worship Serv 8:30am	23 Heather 9-12	24	25 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2	26 Heather 9-12	27 Pastor Jen 9-1	28
29 Worship Serv 8:30am	30 Heather 9-12	31 <i>Halloween BOO!</i>				