

***Immanuel United Church of Christ***

118 Oak Street  
Neenah, WI 54956-3034



***SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER***

**September Birthdays**



*Jackie Johnson Sept 7*

*Tammy Welton Sept 7*

*Evelyn Luebke Sept 11*

*James Koski Sept 14*

*Jennifer Grossen Sept 17*

*Allison Burow Sept 26*

*Lelah Chaffee Sept 30*

**September Anniversaries**

*Robert & Lynn Lemke Sept 2*

*Cory & Brenda Wege Sept 5*

*Chuck & Karen Wolf Sept 14*

*Daniel Hanson & Angel Lord Sept 15*

*Gary & Judy Joosten Sept 20*

*Jay & Karen Koller Sept 21*

*Charles & Keri Pritzl Sept 26*

*Jeff & Lisa Burow Sept 30*



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August 16, 2019

To the church councils at St. John's and Immanuel:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my post as pastor to this shared ministry. Please allow this letter to serve as my 30 day notice, with my last Sunday in your midst being September 15th.

I have accepted a new position in order to more fully witness to my understanding of God's purpose for God's church in these troubled times. In addition, my changing life circumstances will place an unbearable burden of insurance costs upon this shared ministry, a burden which will likely destabilize the tenuous financial health of both congregations.

I have been deeply blessed by my years in leadership at these congregations. I will hold the many wonderful people here in my heart and pray that your ministry into the future will continue to reflect God's love for the world! Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve in this parish.

In the next month, I will review all church records and make sure that any info is updated; I will review the shut-in list for both churches to make certain that the interim or supply pastor has correct information; I will write a short list of info that the council may need; I will write a partial year pastor's report for the 2019 annual reports and I will meet with members who may need pastoral care during this transition.

In addition, I will be reminding the congregations of the pastoral ethics of moving to a new community; ethics which include that former pastors will not conduct any pastoral acts for members of their former communities (weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc) after the last day in the position.

Again, thank you for the many good years of ministry in your midst.

May we all go into the future with God's good blessing!

Pastor Jennifer Czarnota



### Prayer List

Margaret Lord

Don & Heather Hessler  
Cora Nelson

Jean Vande Hey

**THANK YOU TO THE ARMSTRONG  
FAMILY THAT DONATED \$820 TO  
THE COMMUNITY MEAL PER JOAN'S  
WISHES.**

**“Out to Lunch” is Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.  
Will be at Third St. Diner.**

**Confirmation will be Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Communion has been moved to Sept  
8<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation.**

**Date for the Holiday Fair will be Nov  
9<sup>th</sup>, 8am to 2pm.**

**Heather will be singing Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at  
Sunday service for pastor Jen's last  
day.**



**EMERGENCY AND PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER**

If you are in need of emergency Pastoral Care before Sept 15, 2019

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](mailto:jjczar@gmail.com). After Sept 15<sup>th</sup> for any other business matter, call Bob Vande Hey at 920-740-6177.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: Arlo's cream corn & beef casserole, lettuce salad, green beans, rolls, dessert.**

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

**We are asking that you please bring a food item for the pantry every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. The free food pantry is open to members and the public on Wednesday's 1-4pm. We can use help manning the pantry. If you can help out contact Judy.**

**Capital improvement fundraiser**  
**We requested assistance from the NEA and the Community Foundation, both of which are unable to help. Bob will organize a fundraiser to cover the cost. Start saving now so we can kick off the campaign and make repairs before winter.**

**IUCC Community Meal**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The community meal account balance is getting very low, any donations would be greatly appreciated. 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).

**ON THE MENU**

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Turkey A La King, mash potatoes, lettuce salad, fruit salad, rolls, dessert.**

**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

New pastor office hours after Sept 15<sup>th</sup> to be determined. And will be published in the bulletin.



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.

**Sept - Oct, 2019- WORSHIP TIME 8:30 A.M.**

<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>
Doty Street	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Bob Vande Hey 740-6177	Heather Hessler 734-7843	Chuck Wolf 725-9036
Oak Street	Judy Joosten 810-2962	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Jody Hoppe 450-1654
Ushers	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Bob Vande Hey 740-6177	Heather Hessler 734-7843	Jody Hoppe 450-1654
Ushers	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Chuck Wolf 725-9036
Reader	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101	Anna Knight 809-4994	Chuck Wolf 725-9036
Communion Set Up	Cindy Anderson 727-4820			

<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>Sept 22</b>	<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>
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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.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Sept 1	8:30 am – Worship – <b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Ps 81:1, 10-16, Jer 2:4-13, Heb 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14
Monday, Sept 2	<b>Office Closed – Labor Day</b>
Wednesday, Sept 4	5 pm Community Meal. Thank you to those who continue to bring canned goods and items for our food pantry.
Sunday, Sept 8	8:30 am – <b>Communion and Confirmation</b> - Worship – <b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Ps 139:1-6, 13-18, Jer 18:1-11, Philem 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33
Friday, Sept 13	“Out to Lunch” 1pm @ Third St. Diner
Sunday, Sept 15	8:30 am – Sunday Worship – <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Ps 14, Jer 4:11-12, 22-28, 1 Tim 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
Sunday, Sept 15	<b>12:30pm – Brunch in Fellowship Hall for pastor Jen’s last day.</b>
Wednesday, Sept 18	5 pm Community Meal. Thank you to those who continue to bring canned goods and items for our food pantry.
Wednesday, Sept 18	Council Meeting 6pm
Sunday, Sept 22 Later to be determined	8:30 am – Sunday Worship – <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Ps 79:1-9, Jer 8:18-9:1, 1 Tim 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13
Sunday, Sept 29 Later to be determined	8:30 am – Sunday Worship – <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Ps 91:1-6, 14-16, Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15, 1 Tim 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

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

	July	YTD/2019
General Fund Income	\$3,462.00	\$28,999.84
General Fund Expenses:	(\$-7,162.92)	(\$-48,458.78)
Net Income/Loss	(\$-3,700.92)	(\$-19,458.94)
Change in investments:	(\$-5,172.28)*	(\$-11,683.77)*
Scrip on hand:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Community Meal balance:	\$2,133.97	\$

\* \$5,000 W/D to pay July bills - \* \$10,250 was W/D to pay bills.

- *Motion to approve the financial statements and pay the bills for July made by Larry, seconded by Cindy. Motion carries.*

**IUCC Council Meeting Highlights  
Aug 21, 2019**

**Staff reports**

**Pastor's Report August 2019**

**Pastoral Activities for 1/2 July and 1/2 August:** I was on vacation for two weeks of this time period, so this is a truncated report. During the other weeks, I taught the 30 hours of confirmation class to 3 students, performed one wedding and several funerals. I also led the IUCC picnic service and attended the Shared Ministry tailgating event. As you all have been informed, I also submitted my resignation effective September 15th.

**Pastoral Acts:** Baptisms: 1-Finley Rambo at IUCC Weddings: 1-Miller/Shanning at St Johns Funerals: 3-Nathan Peterman and Gordon Russell at St. Johns, Joan Armstrong at IUCC New Members: no requests

**Upcoming • August 25:** rescheduled Healing Service at IUCC • **Week of September 2:** Pastor on jury duty...may be called but won't know until day of. • **September 8:** Confirmation at IUCC, Going Away event at SJ • **September 15:** Confirmation at SJ, Farewell Service led by Association at IUCC, Pastor's last Sunday

**For Council Information/Action: • Confirmation:** the following students need approval for confirmation this year: Tori Mueller at IUCC, Thanks to St. John's council for the quick action to already approve Drake Moxon and Zephan Paulick. • See letter of resignation for further details on call end at each church. As transition information is finished, I will meet with council reps to hand over pertinent info.

IUCC will be doing a farewell for pastor Sept 15, 12:30pm. Bob will check with Mark to see if he will cook. If Mark cannot do it, Karen volunteered to use her gift card to Cedar Creek toward the cost of the meat and we will do a pot luck.

Kim Dahl would like to be reinstated as a member, this needs to be done before pastor leaves.

Bob is in contact with Jane & Sheila and when he has more information on a new pastor he will call a special council meeting. The meeting will be on Sunday after service.

**Old Business**

- Confirm the time of our Christmas Eve service. Spencer can do 5:15 and make it to the other church on time Update: Did St. John's confirm that we can have 5:15pm for our service? Update: Bob will talk to Sheila.

**New Business**

- Heather will call a Crafty Ladies meeting after she recovers from surgery and her fall. Holiday Fair meeting is set for Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.

- Pastor's resignation was accepted and her last day will be Sept 15, 2019 – where do we go from here and what do we do when we get there? Update: Bob briefed the council on what is going on between St. John's & Rev Jane with the NEA. He will give more updates as the process of finding a replacement pastor continues.

#### Shared Ministry Committee

Next meeting is Sept 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Still waiting on Rev Jane Anderson to sign. Bob will be at that meeting on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Building and Grounds

- Bob negotiated with Security Roofing and signed a contract with them to do the work outlined in their proposal for \$2,998.00. They will let us know when they have our job scheduled ASAP but will have it complete before the snow flies.
- Gary & Chuck are looking for a contractor to give us a quote to replace the heat exchanger on furnace in the sanctuary. Update: Gary will talk with Chuck about this and get it done by the end of the month.
- Refurbish the IUCC emblem on Memorial Hall. Bob negotiated a price of \$360 to replace the emblem. Motion to approve spending the money to get the emblem redone made by Gary, seconded by Larry. Motion carries.

#### Christian Education

- Fourth Wednesday of every month is Education Hour. Due to lack of participation it was decided to put this program on hold until the new pastor arrives.
- We are changing Communion to Sept 8<sup>th</sup> for Conformation. The colors in the sanctuary will be red. Heather ordered a bible for Tori.

#### Endowment Committee

Next meeting is Oct 13.

Bob negotiated with Security Roofing and signed a contract with them to do the work outlined in their proposal for \$2,998.00. The work will be done before the snow flies. Council decided it would be a good idea to have a fundraiser for the new roof. Bob talked with the Community Foundation and found out that they cannot provide funds for religious organizations that only supports one religion.

#### Worship Committee

- Next meeting is Sept 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm. Out to Lunch Bunch will be Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Third St. Diner.
- Mark B will be invited to attend the next meeting to pick dates for special service breakfasts.
- Chuck is looking for someone interested in providing Elder Care Services.

#### Community meal:

- Food pantry:

#### Administrative Issues

- Secretary Activities: Heather will be working extra hours due to everything going on. Heather is getting ready for the Holiday Fair. Donations are already coming in. She is learning a couple of new duties including the Scrip spreadsheet and is doing fine. Heather is concerned about all the time that she has missed. The council let her know not to worry about it as she is making more than expected effort to get her work done and told her not to overdo things and just let Bob know if she needs help. Heather will be singing on pastor Jen's last day.
- The church will reimburse Judy for her printer ink that she used for church purposes.
- Bob will check with pastor about a picture (8x10) of her to put on the wall of pastors.

## **Fundraising**

- Scrip will continue –Next order will take place on **Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**. **All scrip requests have to be submitted and paid for no later than after service Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**. Bob/Heather will take care of. **Heather will put a notice in the newsletter and in the bulletin.**
- **Holiday Fair date is Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 8am – 2pm.**

## **Next meeting dates**

- **Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Council (Bob bear hunting 4<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Council (Bob gone 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> to WY hunting) Gary will run meeting**



# SEPTEMBER 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>1</b> Worship Serv 8:30am	<b>2</b> Office Closed Happy Labor Day!	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2	<b>5</b> Heather 9-12	<b>6</b> Pastor Jen 9-1	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship Serv Confirmation Communion 8:30am	<b>9</b> Heather 9-12	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Worship mtg 5pm	<b>12</b> Heather 9-12	<b>13</b> Pastor Jen 9-1 "Out to Lunch" 1pm @ Third St. Diner	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship Serv 8:30am Pastor Jen's last day	<b>16</b> Heather 9-12	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Heather 10-2 Community Meal 5pm 6pm Council	<b>19</b> Heather 9-12	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship Serv 8:30am	<b>23</b> Heather 9-12	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Heather 10-2	<b>26</b> Heather 9-12	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship Serv 8:30am	<b>30</b> Heather 9-12					