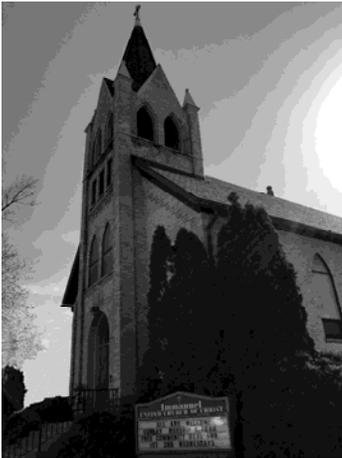


Immanuel United Church of Christ

118 Oak Street
Neenah, WI 54956-3034



MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Community Meal Ministry

March Birthdays

Lynn Lemke Mar 16

Brenden Mueller Mar 17

Carol Swichtenberg Mar 27





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Dear friends in Christ-

During the month of March, we will be continuing our celebrations of the wonderful ways that Immanuel participates in God's loving mission for the world. This month, we are focusing on our Community Meal ministry. In some ways, Community Meal is similar to the Food Pantry ministry we celebrated in February. Both ministries share many of the same volunteers. Both ministries address the issue of food insecurity in our local community. Both ministries do God's work.

Community Meal ministry differs from the Food Pantry in a few ways which increase the effectiveness of this ministry:

1. We work with another church community to provide community meal. This cross-denominational partnership witnesses to God's expansive love for all of God's people.
 2. We build relationships. At Community Meal, we eat with our friends and neighbors, as one community in Christ. We are not divided, but united in the breaking of bread together.
 3. We provide a gathering space for persons who might otherwise eat alone. In so doing, we address the epidemic of loneliness in our society.
- Through this witness of love and God's uniting presence, the entire community of Neenah sees and is blessed by God's kingdom come. In fact, much of our outside donations, volunteers and interest expressed in our congregation comes through the meal.

It is a blessing to participate in this wonderful ministry to the Neenah community! I invite everyone to join in this month's celebration of Community Meal.

Yours in Christ-
Pr Jen



Prayer List
Angel Lord,
Margaret Lord,

Scrip Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who ordered Scrip in Feb! Our next order will be submitted by Bob **Apr 1st**. Encouraging all members to participate in this fundraising program. Scrip gives IUCC a percentage back – will not cost you anything more!

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.



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.

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

It's time of order Easter Lilies! They are \$14.00. There will be a sign up sheet in church, the order has to be in by Mar 18, 2018.

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.

<u>IMMANUEL UCC OFFICE HOURS</u>		
<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PERSON(S)</u>
<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.

Mar, 2018- WORSHIP TIME 8:30 A.M.

GREETERS	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25	Mar 4
Doty Street	Judy Joosten 810-2962	Lois Hoppe 722-0488	Jessica Anderson 850-0573	Angel Lord 205-4596
Oak Street	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Jody Hoppe 729-5715	Judy Joosten 810-2962	Bob Vande Hey 740-6177
Ushers	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Jody Hoppe 729-5715	Gary Joosten 810-2962	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101
Ushers	Chuck Wolf 725-9036	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Cindy Anderson 727-4820	Chuck Wolf 725-9036
Reader	Chuck Wolf 725-9036	Larry Schroeder 268-7741	Jessica Anderson 850-0573	Jean Vande Hey 989-3101
Communion Set Up	Cindy Anderson 727-4820			

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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, Mar 4 8:30 am – Sunday Worship **Communion – Third Sunday in Lent**
Ex 20:1-17, Ps 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25, Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday Mar 7 5 pm Community – Thank you to those who continue to bring canned
goods and items for our food pantry.
- Sunday, Mar 11 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Num 21:4-9, Ps 107:1-3, 17-22, Eph 2:1-10, Jn 3:14-21
- Sunday, Mar 18 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12, Heb 5:5-10, Jn 12:20-33
- Wednesday, Mar 21 5 pm Community Meal. 6 pm – Council Meeting. Thank you to those who
continue to bring canned goods and items for our food pantry.
- Sunday, Mar 25 8:30 am – Sunday Worship – **Sixth Sunday in Lent**
Palm Sunday Mk 11:1-11, Jn 12:12-16, Ps 118:1-2, 19-29, Isa 50:4-9a, Mk 14:1-15:47

This calendar contains all information received by the church office as of Feb 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/a07ecuhgiteipo3v6ni/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.

	January	YTD/2018
General Fund Income	\$3,156.72	\$N/A
General Fund Expenses:	(\$10,630.68)	(\$)N/A
Net Income/Loss	(\$7,473.96)	(\$)N/A
Change in investments:	(\$5,292.41)	+\$N/A
Scrip on hand:	\$ 000	\$ 000 •
Community Meal balance:	\$632.61	\$N/A

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

**IUCC Council Meeting Highlights
February 7, 2018**

Staff reports

Pastor's Report February 2018

Pastoral Activities for 1/2 January and 1/2 February: Continued preaching and teaching ministries. Continued Bible study and prayer group ministries. Continued regular visitation ministry. Planned and led Ash Wednesday services for both churches. Attended St Johns annual meeting, and Immanuel semi annual meeting as schedule allowed. Worked on website for SJ. Led several pre-wedding meetings for summer couples. Got all Spiritual Gifts coordinators ready to start. Facilitated food pantry pickup.

Pastoral Acts: Baptisms: none Weddings: none Funerals: Aaron Neinstedt (non-member...family requested Lutheran pastor) New Members: Paula Steinert, Jody and Chuck Theil, all at St Johns

Upcoming • Feb 25: Joint Gathering @ IUCC for lunch and games. Mar 25: Palm Sunday Breakfast.

For Council Information/Action: • Spiritual Gifts team continues to meet and get up to speed for leading us into the future in understanding our giftedness. Leaders are ready and our next meeting is being scheduled. • Shared ministry committee suggested that we keep our Lent and Easter schedules the same as previous years. If this causes anybody great heartburn, please discuss with me and council president so we can adapt as needed.

Old Business

•Karen Koller and Cindy Anderson accepted the nomination to serve another term on the Shared Ministries Committee, and Jeff Burow volunteered to serve a 1yr term as well!

New Business

- Any interest in bringing back the men's club (Night out)? Social club. Will see what interest we have in a men's or Social Club and see if someone wants to organize it-report back at next meeting. **There is some interest in a Social Club. Heather and Cindy would be willing to help organize this function. If you have any suggestions please contact either Cindy or Heather.**

Shared Ministry Committee

- New members should be elected at the Annual meeting. See attached agenda. Bob had a long talk with Nick from St John's and will update the council on the future of the committee.
Update:
- **There is an upcoming meeting at UCC Feb 25 at noon for both churches**

Building and Grounds

- **Bob met with Keys Plumbing 1-10-18 and talked to about adding a dishwasher along with some updates to the sink and garbage disposal. Will present a proposal for the upgrade as soon as it is available. Update: Bob met with the Endowment Committee 2/2 and got an approval for up to \$10,000 for the upgrade. Will present the estimate from Keys Plumbing at the meeting.**

Update: Bob met with the Endowment Committee, Community Meal personnel from IUCC and New Hope and Glen from Keys Plumbing and worked out the details for what would work best. Glen presented a proposal for \$5,792 to cover the entire project with a deduction of \$295 if we went with a single pot and pan sink Vs. the double in the bid. He is waiting for an addition if we want to replace the existing 3 compartment dish sinks with deeper ones. Once we get that cost, Bob will check back with the users and see what they would like before a final decision is made. Pastor would like Bob to double check the bylaws to see if there is a limit on spending before, they would have to get congregation approval. Will finalize next month.

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Replace door lock with key pad or card reader. 3 lost keys last year! Bob will get information and pricing and report back next month for a decision. **Update: 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.**

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Council would like to think about this until next month. In the meantime we will check on cost of new locks and new keys for comparison. Bob got approval from the Endowment Committee to include the cost in the not to exceed \$10,000 cost for Kitchen.

- **Possible vacuum cleaner. Can we authorize Jeff Burow to pick one up, not to exceed \$200. Motion to approve made by Gary, seconded by Larry, Motion carried.**

Christian Education

- **Fourth Wednesday of every month is Education Hour. There is food, laughs and spirit. Plan to attend, it is a good thing.**
- **Maddie Burow has volunteered to be our new Sunday School Superintendent! Pastor Jen, Lisa and Judy will assist and provide oversite.**

Community meal:

- **Food pantry: Delivery on the 1st Saturday has been going well. St. John's picks up all food**

from Greenville and it is sorted. Repackaged as needed at St. John's and IUCC picks up their 1/3 from St. John's. IUCC loading and repackaging volunteers should be at St. John's by 12:30 pm on each 1st Saturday. Gary is using his pick-up. A big thanks to him. **IUCC has changed the amount of food that we take in each month because of food that has been leftover some months. We now are taking in 1/3, and St. John's takes 2/3.**

Administrative Issues

Bob listed the old one on Craig's list for \$350. Any church members interested, see Bob.

Provide Year Book Report (Bob, Heather, Pastor will take care of this).

Updating our website-Heather will post all calendar events and update weekly. Make sure to inform Heather about any important dates that you would like her to put on the calendar.

Fundraising

Scrip will continue –Next order will take place Apr. 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

- **Mar 21 6 pm**
- **Apr 18 6 pm**
- **May 23 6 pm**

MARCH 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

				1 Heather 9-12	2 Pastor Jen 9-1	3
4 Worship Serv Communion 8:30am	5 Heather 9-12	6	7 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Community Meal 5pm	8 Heather 9-12	9 Pastor Jen 9-1	10
11 Worship Serv 8:30am	12 Heather 9-12	13	14 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2	15 Heather 9-12	16 Pastor Jen 9-1	17
18 Worship Serv 8:30am	19 Heather 9-12	20	21 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Community Meal 5pm Council 6pm	22 Heather 9-12	23 Pastor Jen 9-1	24
25 Worship Serv 8:30am Palm Sunday	26 Heather 9-12	27	28 Pastor Jen 1-5 Heather 10-2 Education Hour 5-6:00 PM	29 Heather 9-12	30 Pastor Jen 9-1	31