

Newsletter 20260409

So a lot of this will be repeat, since we canceled last Saturday's meeting due to weather. I spent the better part of a day picking up sticks and sawing wood. Hope your outages were short and falling branches missed anything important.

Let's start with congratulations and thank yous.

Congratulations. Portage county was part of the largest single day protest in US history. Not the end of the process, but an important step. We showed up in number too big to ignore.

AND Wisconsin replaced an election denier on the State Supreme Court with a strong candidate. The billionaires didn't even bother to try to buy this election.

Thanks to all who showed up, especially our friends and allies in other groups. Power Moves. PAO. The Socialists AND the Dems. We get a lot more done when we work together.

What's Next? That's the big question. The answer is a bunch of things if we want them. We are meeting Saturday (4/11) right after the post office protest (12:15 pm) in the lower level meeting room at the downtown library to figure out what we want and what we have people to accomplish.

1. Our overpass protest is ongoing and recruiting new members. <https://indicw.org/overpass>. One hour a week usually, weather permitting. We have highway size signs and just need people to hold them and wave. *We want to talk about alternative times and days of the week.* It's spring and we can hit high traffic times that we couldn't during the dark of winter. No overpass this week as the weather looks iffy.
2. Singing resistance (and dancers). *We want to support a local group* that appeared for No Kings
3. <https://www.axios.com/local/twin-cities/2026/02/13/minnesota-singing-resistance-ice-nationwide-expansion>
3. We have been doing a purely social gathering at the Sunflower Cafe. Should this be weekly or bi-weekly? We have been doing this at 10:30 am on Tuesday. *Are there people who want to form a group to meet in the evening?*
4. Letter / email / calls to our representatives. We have a lead who will set the week's theme, provide a script for the calls / letters / emails. There are websites to simplify this, such as <https://5calls.org/> and the weekly to-dos at <https://indivisible.org/> . *Can we get a critical mass of people to get this underway and keep it going?*
5. We want to work with other groups on ICE Out. PAO and the Socialist Alternative have got this underway. *Can we find people in our group to fill a role in the developing process?*
6. Rapids Response has asked if we want to do a combined event, possibly with Marshfield and Wausau.
7. Wausau is leading a push for the Keep Families Together legislative package. This could fit with the letters / calls to representatives. *We are looking for someone interested in leading this.*
8. For more information, watch the What's Next mass call from Indivisible national. <https://youtu.be/jEc9Z6uRbno?si=qAPEDMKbhqPfH1C3>

May Day Strong.

Indivisible national is part of the coalition that is behind May Day Strong, along with the AFL-CIO, 50501 and Immigrant defense network. <https://maydaystrong.org/coalition> . The steering committee is

all for this. *How do we get this underway in Portage County?* How do we work with other groups, such as Socialist Alternative, who is already promoting it [great work]. Who else can we recruit to work in our local coalition? Can we ask for a boycott without hurting local businesses?