

Grace to you and Peace, Siblings in Christ!



I write to you tonight from my Mom's office space in the home that I grew up in. We didn't get the snow here in Southeastern Minnesota that you all got in the UP, but we did have wind and very cold temperatures, which meant this Christmas was a cozy one. (Cozy is the more positive synonym to explain living in close quarters with your 6 of your family members, mostly in doors, to stay safe, for much of 4 days.) It actually wasn't easy for me to be cozy. Slowing down and living in a different rhythm felt uncomfortable.



I thought of all of you and prayed for you on Christmas Eve; praying that Christ would speak to you in a special way; even as many of your rhythms were altered by not attending worship that evening and for some of you, spending many hours cozily in your homes.

Maybe this is one reason why the story of the Magi (the gentile astrologers from the East, experts in the movement of the stars and the planets and the signs that they told) is calling me today. It's a story about adventure and discovery, a story about following a star, a story of exceedingly great joy that leads to falling on your knees to worship, of opening and sharing treasures, a story of listening to dreams from God that protect Jesus from cruel King Herod, and a story about taking a different way home. This is an exciting story! More exciting than my Christmas, I guess. Maybe yours too? I think too, that my expectations exceeded reality for this holiday, and that never leads to peace for me.



These rhythms of life we live in are, at times, slow and disappointing; not what we expect. Then there are times where we are on the move, in the flow and excitement of it all. The incarnation reminds me that in the mundane and the profound and everything in between, Jesus meets us. And that even in the boring & the cozy that drives me crazy, there is the Divine. In the people we love, when our expectations are not met, and when they are far exceeded.

Christ is with you, my friends.

leave you now with an Epiphany blessing for your journey, written by Jan Richardson.

Blessings to You All,
Pastor Bre Kinnunen

For Those Who Have Far to Travel A Blessing for Epiphany

If you could see / the journey whole,
you might never / undertake it,
might never dare / the first step
that propels you / from the place
you have known / toward the place
you know not.

Call it / one of the mercies
of the road:

that we see it / only by stages
as it opens / before us,
as it comes into / our keeping,
step by / single step.

There is nothing / for it
but to go,

and by our going / take the vows
the pilgrim takes:

to be faithful to / the next step;
to rely on more / than the map;
to heed the signposts / of intuition and dream;
to follow the star / that only you
will recognize;
to keep an open eye / for the wonders that
attend the path;
to press on / beyond distractions,
beyond fatigue,
beyond what would / tempt you
from the way.

There are vows / that only you
will know:

the secret promises / for your particular path
and the new ones / you will need to make
when the road / is revealed
by turns / you could not
have foreseen.

Keep them, break them,
make them again;

each promise becomes / part of the path,
each choice creates / the road
that will take you / to the place
where at last / you will kneel
to offer the gift / most needed—
the gift that only you / can give—
before turning to go / home by
another way.



—Jan Richardson

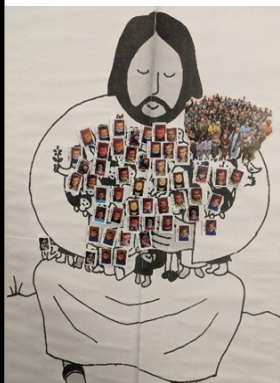
from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*



Sunday School Report for January & February, 2023

Schedule:

- 9:15-9:30 Drop off
- 9:30 Instruction starts
- 10:15 Children will join parents to participate with family for Holy Communion. If you are unable to be in Worship, you may make arrangements to have your child picked up at 10:15, or they can be my partner to participate in Holy Communion.



October 31 We had an introduction to Holy Communion- Jesus has a Place for You. We learned that Jesus gives us the gift of Holy Communion. There is a place for each of us at the Communion table. Jesus comes to us **in, with and under the bread and wine shared in communion. We joined the congregation for Holy Communion.**

November 7 Our lesson was Jesus Blesses the Children. The students learned that children are important to

Jesus and He wants them to come to Him. There is always a place in the “arms” of Jesus. The older group expanded the lesson to learn that the only way to come into the Kingdom of God is to come as a child. Not as a physical child, but with a child-like willingness to love and be loved by our Heavenly Father.

November 10 Jesus has a place for sinners, outcasts and tax collectors. The children learned that being with Jesus makes us a better reflection of God’s image. Our story showed how Zacchaeus changed when he met and ate with Jesus. At the beginning of the story, Zacchaeus only loved money. He did not love other people. After Jesus came to his house to eat, Zacchaeus’ heart was changed. He loved people and gave back the money he had stolen. The law required paying back twice the amount of what was stolen, but Zacchaeus’ heart was so changed that he paid back four times as much.

November 17 Jesus has a place for hungry people. The children learned that Jesus teaches us that we can bring our ordinary lives to God, and he can make them extraordinary. God takes our small gifts and IMMENSELY magnifies them! One boy brought 5 loaves and 2 fish to Jesus. Jesus blessed that small lunch and they were able to feed 5000 men as well as the women and children that were with them! And there were 12 baskets of leftovers when everyone had eaten their fill. Jesus fed and loved these people.

During **Advent**, we learned to the events that bring us to Christmas. As we read the story parts from the Beginner’s Bible, the children acted out the parts of the story. Each week, we did a different part of the story of Luke 2. We recorded parts of the

story as the children acted them out. We used costumes and props- and lots of stuffed lambs- to tell the story. On December 19 talked about artists wanting to tell the story of Jesus birth so people would remember how miraculous it was. We used a variety of artist’s manger scenes- - a larger one donated by the Mager family, and several smaller ones including a fabric set and sticker sheets. The children constructed the manger scene as they told and retold the Luke 2 story.

Yours in Christ,
Paulette Patron
Sunday School Coordinator



The lower level of the church has been refreshed with new paint. The Sunday School office and a new Sunday School planning room has been added. The classrooms are bright and cheerful! The large meeting room has also been refreshed. It is now perfect for small to medium group meetings and activities. Thanks to the volunteers who helped to make our church welcoming for all of us!

Respectively Submitted,
Diana Hetrick



FAITH FORMATION

December was the month for Faith Formation to coordinate Fellowship Coffee Hour.

Thank you to the folks that volunteered to plan the Sunday spreads! We had Pikku Juolu- a taste of Christmas.

Thanks to those who brought the treats to eat!

And a big THANKS to the team work getting the kitchen cleaned up after the treats were enjoyed!

Deepening initial conversion to faith

Faith formation primarily focuses on **deepening initial conversion to faith**. It incorporates the catechetical, liturgical, and pastoral ministries. Because it is a form of evangelization, faith formation is a lifelong process.

What is faith formation:

Spirit & Truth Publishing produces faith formation resources, but what is faith formation? We define faith formation as every action, experience, or relationship that nurtures a transformative relationship of trust with God & shapes the way we see & interact with God’s world. Faith formation is the very mission of God’s church, to equip[followers of Jesus Christ so that they may be sent out into the world to spread God’s kingdom. Basically, faith formation is the process by which our faith grows, and our lives are shaped by God’s Love.

Is faith formation the same as Christian education (Sunday school)?

The term ‘faith formation’ is sometimes used as a synonym for Christian education classes (which many still call “Sunday School”). Education is a critical part of forming the faith of all disciples. To have our faith and life formed by God’s love in Christ, we need to know something about the story of God. What it means that God loves us, and how God wants us to act in our daily lives. However, faith formation goes way beyond the classroom. Faith is formed through any action, experience, or relationship, and education is only one part of that.



FAITH FORMATION

Be on the lookout for changes in our bookshelves through the church. Appropriate books can be part of Faith development for all ages.

We are keeping only books that support Faith development. Novels and other materials have been donated for resale.

- Children's books and Bibles are in the pew racks. The books will be rotated seasonally.
- A teen corner is being designed in the southwest corner of the Fellowship Hall, so the assortment of books from those shelves are being moved.
- There is a bookshelf with board books in the "Jesus Loves Me" corner for young children.
- The beautiful oak book cases are being reorganized. Bible Study tools will be on the left side. The other shelves will have rotating collections- sort of Books of the Month. Those books can be borrowed and returned. If you are a book person, we can use your help!
- Sunday School classrooms have bookshelves with books selected to support the Bible stories.

Vacation Bible School

I know winter has barely begun- and here I am talking about summer!

But we need to have volunteers in place before we commit to the type of Bible School is offered.

Fortune Lake Day Camp offers a wonderful full-day program for Elementary/ Middle School age children. We would need commitments for housing for the Camp Counselors, playground help, lunchtime cooks and helpers.

Our largest group of VBS students this year were too young for the Fortune Lake Group, so a separate program was planned for them. Playtime, snack time, project time with the young ones calls for lots of hands!

Fortune Lake dates are not published yet and our planning group has not started yet- but **THINK AHEAD**.

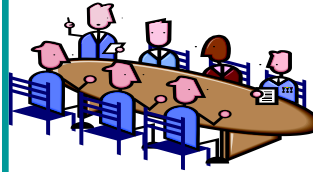
We will be needing at least a dozen volunteers to make a program happen! If you can't volunteer, help us recruit a helper.

AND WE WILL NEED CHILDREN. Specific information will be out soon.



NOTE: If you choose NOT to receive the BEACON, please notify the church office at 906-475-9161, or email to: Office@ImmanuelNegaunee.org

The 135th Congregational Annual Business Meeting of Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday, February 5, 2023, 10:45 am for the purpose of Nominations, Elections, & the Meeting Annual Congregational Meeting



Our annual congregational meeting will take place **Sunday, February 5, at 10:45 am** in the fellowship hall with online access via Zoom. This year

Council has chosen to combine elections and business meetings into one, so the February 5 meeting agenda will include elections, reports, and adoption of the 2023 congregational budget. A printed annual report booklet will be available two weeks prior to the meeting.

If you will be joining by Zoom on a smart device, hyperlinks will be available at www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org or join directly at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88289875015?pwd=TjE1d29lM2dNTVYyRm5seGdnUGtndz09>

If calling in by phone (without internet connection), dial any one of the following six phone numbers (long-distant charges may apply to your call).

- +1 301 715 8592
- +1 312 626 6799
- +1 646 558 8656
- +1 253 215 8782
- +1 346 248 7799
- +1 669 900 9128

- When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 882 8987 5015, followed by #.
- When asked for your Participant ID, simply enter #.
- When asked for the Meeting Password, enter 356333, followed by #.

Hope to see all of you at the Annual Meeting. It would be nice to have all of your input and support. See you in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 5th, 10:45 am.



Adult Classes

Immanuel Bible Studies

Hi friends! We will start "Bar Church" next year. Mark your calendars for **January 12 @ 7:30 p.m.** We will meet at UP Brewing Company on **Thursdays**.

We will start our small group study by reading "Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John Mark Comer.

Submitted by **Kitty Raymond**

January & February Mission Emphases

IN JANUARY, our Tanzanian companion ministry relationships will be the Mission Emphasis (ME). Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ.

January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, encouraging travel and connections between Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Immanuel.



Stay tuned as future trips are planned!!!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

IN FEBRUARY our Mission Emphasis is Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette is sponsoring a refugee family from Honduras in Central America seeking asylum in this country. The mother and two boys left Honduras over two years ago and spent two years at the Mexican border waiting for permission to enter this country. The family arrived in Marquette in August. The boys are in school and all are learning English. There are some long term medical issues that being resolved. Asylum has not been granted yet but the process continues slowly and legally.



Thank you to Messiah for their continued financial and emotional support of this family. We are here to help you and the family with this undertaking.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use February's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

Hello from Fortune Lake!
I know that you're in the throes of

Advent and ramping up for the Christmas celebration. I pray that your ministries are richly blessed during this time.

In the hustle and bustle of year-end, I want to draw your attention to a time-sensitive matter. You should have received a Day Camp packet in the mail recently. The packet contained information about [2023 Day Camp program dates and pricing](#). We will begin processing Day Camp forms on January 3, 2023 (which is also the day that Summer Camp registration opens!). Forms will be processed on a first come first served basis based on the date they were received. If you are thinking of hosting a Fortune Lake Day Camp Team next summer -- and we hope you are! -- it is in your best interest to get the paperwork completed early. I would be happy to talk with anyone about the ins and outs of Day Camp, to answer your questions, and think creatively about how this program might work in your community.

The Day Camp packet also included information about a new program: *Congregational Day Visits*! These intergenerational days are intended to provide a fun, faith-filled way to bring youth and adults together in an outdoor ministry setting. They're a great way to build connections between people in your congregation, provide outreach to your community, or expose people to Fortune Lake. These visits can occur as stand-alone experiences or in combination with a Day Camp program, and pricing will vary depending on this factor. There are 12 optional dates to choose from, and Congregational Day Visits will also be filled on a first come first served basis. Please see the brightly-colored forms in your packets for more information. Or as always, reach out to our office.

May the peace of Christ be with you and shine through you in this Advent season!

Also from Form Fortune Lake, . . . Greetings!

We have some great news from Fortune Lake this morning! Our CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Campaign totals are in, and we're overwhelmed by the support we've received!

Drumroll please... Together we raised \$141,409.89 through our fundraising efforts, CoVantage Cares Foundation is matching \$77,107.51 for a **TOTAL OF \$218,517.40!!!**

As Fortune Lake Association congregations, you have been a HUGE part of these efforts! Many of you hosted regional events, held special offerings, informed your community about the opportunity, and gave generously toward this campaign.

THANKS BE TO GOD! And thank you all for your efforts in helping us to surpass our goal! This money will have a tremendous impact on our highest use facilities so that we can continue to share the place of grace with all people for generations to come. If you'd like to view and/or share our thank you video, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/8aClnjyji8>

Grace & Peace,

Amanda Rasner, Camp Director

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, MI
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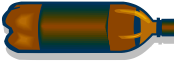
IMMANUEL HAS A PAGE ON FACEBOOK! SEARCH FOR "IMMANUEL NEGAUNEE" AND "LIKE" US. ALSO, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG

Fundraisers for Youth

There are several fundraisers going on to raise money to provide camperships for Fortune Lake.



Econo Food slips: These are still being collected. The church gets a small percentage of the amounts, but they can add up significantly. Please place your receipts into the collection box in the Stewardship Center by the Fellowship Hall.

 **Pop cans & bottles** are collected & can be brought to the church. Containers are available near the stairs in the Stewardship Center for dropping them off.

Thank you for supporting our youth and Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!



'UN-DECORATE THE SANCTUARY'

We will be un-decorating the sanctuary on Thursday, January 12 th, starting at 9:00 am. If you can come to help, your help would be appreciated.

Thank you!



Thank you all for your Poinsettia donations. Your flower(s) can be picked up after the Christmas season. The 'Poinsettia Donation Recognition Booklet' can be found at both entrances to the church. Thank you.

2023 ENVELOPE BOXES



NOTICE: Although I've ordered our Contribution Envelopes in June, 2022, they are NOT here yet. I've called the Company several times, and they have said that they are having trouble with their manufacturer. They are working 24/7 trying to get all of their requests out, and we have been moved up on the listing, but I still have not received the envelopes. SO..... I will have available **BLANK** white envelopes at the entrances to the sanctuary and you can use them if you'd like. Just..... **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME**

ON THE BLANK ENVELOPE & WHERE IT GOES: Gen.Fund? Bldg.Fund? Mo.Miss? etc? **THE ENVELOPE # IS NOT NECESSARY.**

You can also use your own blank envelope at home (if you have envelopes at home), just make sure your name is on the envelope. IF the Contribution Envelopes come before we have to do this, ignore this message. **Thank you for your patience.**

IMMANUEL WOMEN of the ELCA CELEBRATION OF CHURCH WOMEN



WELCA "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world." All women of Immanuel are members of WELCA.

The WELCA **Booklet of Events for the 2023 Year** should be available by the end of January, beginning of February. The last booklet was printed in 2022. You can refer to that booklet for now. (Just adjust the days / dates.) We will post up-coming activities in the Sunday bulletin as well as the BEACON newsletter. If you need a program booklet, please contact Linda Sjolund.

The WELCA Executive Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th, at 1:00 pm.

Gather Magazine Bible Study - Winter 2023: This magazine of Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. *Gather* is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August. A print subscription is \$19.95 a year. To subscribe by phone, call 1-844-409-0576.

"PROJECT OF THE MONTH of JANUARY - is a "Kitchen Shower." For the 'Kitchen Shower', all Immanuel members are invited to donate: coffee, tea bags, sugar, creamer, juice, paper toweling, napkins, paper plates (varied sizes), plastic wrap, aluminum foil, dish soap, dishwasher soap, zipper baggies (various sizes), punch, can openers, rubber spatulas, etc.

W.E.L.C.A. CALENDAR for January

- 5,12,19,26 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the Church
- 17 - 9:30 am, Miriam Circle
- 17 - 1:30 pm, Abigail Circle

"PROJECT OF THE MONTH of FEBRUARY -

Kitchen Clean-up is the only Project scheduled at this time. Please check with Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020) or Virginia Paulson (906-475-9641) for more information on this.

W.E.L.C.A. CALENDAR for February

- ?? - Kitchen Clean-Up
- 2, 9, 16, 23 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the Church
- 21 - 9:30 am Miriam Circle
- 21 - 1:30 pm Abigail Circle

Projects Upcoming: The Health Kits.

WELCA Contributed: \$10.00 - **Janet Penhale**
Vera Palomaki
Nancy Burton
\$5.00 - **Shirley Johnson**
(Linda Derocher's Mother)

COUNCIL CORNER

Highlights from October

The council met in December. The Council reviewed and approved the 2023 annual budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. The adopted budget is a deficient budget, but the Budget Committee has made a number of conservative assumptions related to the possible expenses related to bringing in a new Pastor.

Noreen Collins was recommended by the Staff Support Committee and has started as the new bookkeeper as of November 21. Thanks Noreen!!

The agenda for the 135th Annual Meeting was approved. There have been some identified issues with the air handling system, and heat exchanger. Council voted to approve the expenditure to repair the systems.

Snow shovelers are needed!
Please sign up! Respectively Submitted,
Kerri Puckett, Secretary



THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

A big THANK YOU to the following who assisted with the Stewardship Luncheon on November 13th: Sue Cathcart, Alice Zinsser, Linda Dillman, Julie Mager, Linda Sjolund, Kathy Palomaki. Also,

Thank You to the Sunday School Staff and Children for the lovely placemats! Respectively submitted, **Maxine Sylvester**

The "ANGEL TREE" PROGRAM

Thank you to All!

Thank you to All of You who participated in Immanuel's Angel Tree Program by providing gifts or donations of monies for children of inmates. "We're so grateful for the key role you all play in strengthening bonds between incarcerated parents and their children at Christmastime and beyond. Your compassion and influence have helped support these families during an especially difficult season." (Prison Fellowship Executive)

Thank you so much to **Terry & Sue Cathcart** for delivering some of the packages to Champion and Republic. And, Thank you so much to **Marth Hayward** for delivering packages throughout Negaunee and Ishpeming, going to out-of-the way snowy fields and beyond. You people are so wonderful angels to me, I really appreciate your help. This gift giving is another way of expressing God's love for the families of those who are incarcerated. We had 20 children who were to be blessed with Christmas gifts, thanks to your generosity. Thank you "Angels". The children were very excited and happy. *Thank you so much!*



SOCIAL MINISTRY

We will continue to collect new winter clothing for *Project Keep Kids Warm* through the winter months.



WELCA

The Spring 2023 Circle Bible Studies will focus on Winter/Spring 2023 Bible study, "The Ten Commandments" by Rev. Christa von Zychlin.

The Ten Commandments, by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin *Gather* magazine 2023 with a four-session study of the 10 commandments. ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. For example, Martin Luther taught that the commandment, "Do not kill," means not only refraining from murder, but actively promoting the health and life of others. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using Luther's Small and Large Catechism and more!

(January 2023) Session one: Dancing the Decalogue (Commandments 1 & 2)

Psalm 19 claims, "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." Joy and romance may not be the first images that come to mind when we think of the Ten Commandments. However, a close reading of the first several commandments opens us to a fresh encounter with the God of fierce, freeing love.

(February 2023) Session two: Rhythms and respect (Commandments 3 & 4)

Some might say the Old Testament commandments, *Remember the Sabbath* and *Honor Your Folks* seem outdated and quaint. After all, didn't Jesus routinely break the Sabbath? Didn't Jesus (on occasion) talk back to his mother? Yet these commandments are far from outdated. Find out how these commandments offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church.

Respectively submitted, **Linda Sjolund**



PRISON MINISTRY .

... Sadly, the Trustee Division of Marquette Branch Prison remains closed to all volunteers, except clergy, with no news about potential for a Spring KERYX. So, please pray for the inmates and staff of all prisons in Michigan where COVID-19 has had a devastating presence. Volunteers & programs from the outside continue to be prohibited from all Michigan prisons until further notice. We hope this might change sometime in the near future, but, the Spring KERYX weekend, which SHOULD HAVE BEEN in April, 2023, at this time, will not be held. Thank you very much for your past prayers and concerns.

Sincerely, **Jim Hayward**



NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

One or more scholarships will be available for Immanuel seniors who meet the guidelines. The applications will be available mid-March and the deadline for turning in the applications will be the beginning of April, 2023. More details will follow once information is positively known by the High School Guidance Office. Watch for more information in future BEACONS and Sunday church bulletins.



January 2023







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	2 OFFICE CLOSED TODAY 6:00 Worship	3	4 RETURN ALL SURVEYS 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	5 10:00 Quilting	6 10:00 AA (Hockey Team here J. Manginen) OFFICE CLOSED	7 8:00-10:00 Men's Bible Study Breakfast
8 Baptism of our Lord 9:30 Worship (Call Process Q & A Session) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	9 GET YOUR COUNCIL REPORTS READY THIS WEEK 1:00 WELCA Executive Mtg. 6:00 Worship (Call Process Q & A Session)	10	11 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	12 9:00 Un-decorate the church 10:00 Quilting 7:30 'Bar Church' @ UP Brewing Co. (K. Raymond)	13 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	14
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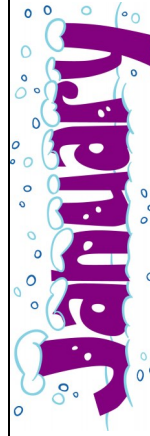
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SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Lectors	Comm. Asst.	Counters
1	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala NEED VOLUNTEER	Alice Mutkala NEED VOLUNTEER	Kris Hill-Alderton	Linda Dillman, Sally & Dana Echeibarger Jill Sladek	Noreen Collins Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren
2	6:00 PM			Jill Sladek		
8	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala NEED VOLUNTEER	Alice Mutkala NEED VOLUNTEER	Judy Hallgren	Deb Moyer, Heidi Hill, Alice Mutkala	Fae Collins Linda Sjolund
9	6:00 PM	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Kevin Crupi	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Kevin Crupi	Sheila Meier	Sheil;a Meier	Kerri Puckett
15	9:30 AM	Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren	Jucy Hallgren Dave Hallgren	Luanne Skrenes	Sue & Terry Cathcart Shirley Koski	Vicki Lempinen Linda Ogea
16	6:00 PM	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Kevin Crupi	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Kevin Crupi	Reuven romback	Kevin Crupi	Linda Dillman
22	9:30 AM	Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren	Jucy Hallgren Dave Hallgren	Kathy Sundine	Deb Moyer, Luanne Skrenes, A. Mutkala	Mike Frustaglio Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren
23	6:00 PM	Deb Hicks Mike Frustaglio	Deb Hicks Mike Frustaglio	Paulette Patron	Paulette Patron	
29	9:30 AM	Noreen Collins Valerie Paulson	Noreen Collins Valerie Paulson	Alice Zinsser	Alice & Bill Zinsser Shirley Koski	Fae Collins Kerri Puckett Linda Ogea
30	6:00 PM	Deb Hicks Mike Frustaglio	Deb Hicks Mike Frustaglio	Hayley Smith	Hayley Smith	

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY: White - 8; Green - 1, 15, 22, 29.

JANUARY COFFEE SERVERS: SOCIAL MINISTRY



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **BEACON BY EMAIL** If anyone wants to receive their Beacon by email instead of snail-mail, please call the office at (906) 475-9161 & give us your email.request.
- **HOSPITAL VISITATION**
- Please let us know if you go to the hospital or are planning on surgery. Due to privacy laws, we do not have access to any records at any hospitals. Patients sign a release form so the pastor can visit, but this is not always passed along. Be sure to call 475-9161 to inform us. We want to visit you!
- **RECYCLING** We do battery recycling here at Immanuel. **ALL BATERIES**, are recycled, including phone, hearing aid, & any others. Drop them off in the Stewardship area, into the appropriate bin. 
- **ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS** VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow: 1) Search for Our Church; 2) Select Your Fund and Amount; 3) Enter Payment Method; 4) Choose to Cover Processing Fees; 5) Complete Your donation; Review and complete your gift by clicking **SUBMIT**. You can give through the office also by filling out a paper form that is an agreement between you and the bank/ credit union and will automatically make a funds transfer from your savings or checking account to the church periodically per your instructions. It's free. Contact the office for more info.
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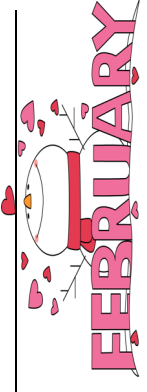


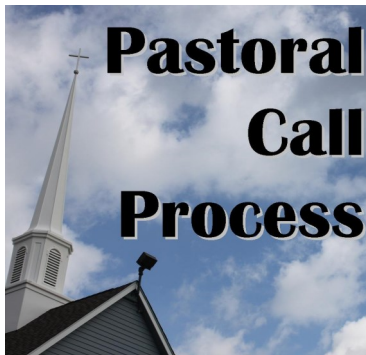
SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
<u>1/31</u>	1/31	----->	----->	----->	----->	F. Collins, K. Puckett, L. Ogea
5	9:30 AM	Linda Derocher Jim Derocher	Linda Derocher Jim Derocher	Lori Marta	Dan & Fae Collins Linda Dillman	Vicki Lempinen Linda Sjolund
6	6:00 PM	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Reuven Romback	Dan LaJoie	Linda Dillman
12	9:30 AM	Linda Derocher Jim Derocher	:Linda Derocher Jim Derocher	Alice Mutkala	Jim & Linda Derocher Walter Scanlon	Fae Collins Judy Hallgren
13	6:00 PM	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Sheila Meier	Sheila Meier	Dave Hallgren
19	9:30 AM	Dean Patron Jim Hayward	Dean Patron Jim Hayward	Kitty Raymond	Kathy & Al Sundine Martha Hayward	Mike Frustaglio Kerri Puckett
20	6:00 PM	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Deb Hicks	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Deb Hicks	Kevin Crupi	Kay Korpi	Linda Ogea
22	6:30 PM	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER	Dan Lindblom	Walter Scanlon, Diane Faust, Luanne Skrenes	
26	9:30 AM	Dean Patron Jim Hayward	Dean Patron Jim Hayward	Noreen Collins	Luanne & Tom Skrenes Jim Hayward	Vicki Lempinen Judy Hallgren
27	6:00 PM	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Deb Hicks	Diana Bergh-Hetrick Deb Hicks	Rory Smith	Hayley Smith	Dave Hallgren

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: Green - 5, 12, 19, 26.

FEBRUARY COFFEE SERVERS: FORTUNE LAKE / YOUTH





Pastor Survey & Pastoral Call Process

One of the next steps in our pastoral call process is the filling out a Ministry Site Profile. This profile is like Immanuel's resume. It tells a prospective pastor about us as a church and about our community. It also gives feedback to what we are hoping for in our pastor. That's where we need your help. Please take time to fill out the *Congregational Pastoral Need Survey* that's included here on page 12. The top part is for the demographics of our congregation. The portion below is for your top 5 qualities that you would hope our next pastor would have. If you prefer, there is also a survey link on the church's website, www.immanuelnegaunee.org that you can fill out instead of the paper version.

Please have the survey completed and back to the church **no later than January 4th, 2023.**

There will be a call process question and answer meetings held in the fellowship hall after the services on **Sunday, January 8th, and Monday, January 9th.** The meetings are expected to be less than an hour. Please plan to attend one of these two meetings. Until then, please continue to pray for the call process and our next pastor.

A Christmas Message from Bishop Finegan



Have you ever gone camping? I remember as a kid, all five of us children and my parents would pack into a dank smelling canvas tent...for fun. Whenever we reached our campsite, we were sent to go play while my father struggled with poles, stakes, and rope lines to erect the cumbersome thing. I suspect now we were sent away so we wouldn't hear any expletives my father might utter while he grappled to connect pole to pole and canvas to structure. As we piled in with sleeping bags and pillows, we were always sternly warned not to touch the sides of the tent as this would beckon outside moisture to seep through the fabric. Just a slight touch, and the membrane of canvas that protected us from rain and dew would become permeable, porous even, creating a conduit from the outside wet to the inside walls of our smelly but cozy little camping nest.

It seems to me that the season of Christmas does the same kind of thing to our emotions. It doesn't take much and our eyes well with tears. I haven't been able to sing all four verses of "Silent Night" without crying for years. What is that about? Is it the closeness of the divine? The emotions of memory? And this year feels all the more...well...emotional. Is it because we feel the hopes and fears more acutely these days? Is it an adrenaline let down from being in pandemic crisis for the last two-plus years? Is it that we are so anxious to "get back to normal" that expectations run high? Maybe we feel an urgent need to reach an ideal Christmas that has been denied us? Maybe it is all of that, and more.

At Christmas, I more deeply feel the absence of loved ones no longer with us, I miss the way things used to be (cast in rosy glow, not stark reality), I grieve the suffering of the world now. This emotion, this threat of moisture, it gathers like dew drops behind my eyes, within my heart, and it only takes a touch, a thought, a memory, a hope, a disappointment, and it comes through.

I do believe it is for this pain, for all the grief and loss in our lives, for all our hopes and fears, that Jesus is given. Whatever it is that divides heaven from earth and the divine from humanity, God finds a way through. Jesus is born, seeping

into the world through Mary's yes. Whatever has divided us from God is now permeable, porous even. God's love flows into the world through Jesus, and all around his birth we see the whole range of human emotion – fear of angels, joy of shepherds, and Mary pondering it all in heart.

I invite you to ponder with me on these things. We celebrate the gift of Jesus, and that might mean that we cry a little...or a lot. A few tears only means that Christmas matters to you, that this touch of the divine on your life releases something that has been held too tightly and needs to be let go.

May you feel the presence of God in your Christmas celebrations this year and always. Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

PRAYING OUR PURPOSE

Holy and gracious God, Immanuel, ever-present with us; you renew our lives in Christ through your Holy Spirit.

- Guide us in prayer that we may know your renewing power.
- Strengthen and renew our faith through your Word and the sacraments.
- Join our many voices into one heart as we come to give you praise and glory in our worship.
- Give us leaders and make us leaders committed to your vision to always renew the mission to which you call us.
- Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within a greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

We ask all this in the promise of life you give us through our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



WE NEED YOU!

For *Time & Talent*, please consider volunteering for just an hour on occasional weeks. We are in need of **USHERS, GREETERS, and TECH TEAM HELP** for all of our services.

The duties are minimal and easy. And, you are assigned very infrequently. Please give the office a call at 475-9161 if you can lend a hand. Thank you! If you did not fill out a *Time & Talent* for 2023, your volunteer choices from the past are used. If you do not want to continue being listed for a particular duty, please fill out a 2023 *Time & Talent* form to change your selections. Thank you for your volunteering.

CONGREGATIONAL PASTORAL NEED SURVEY

This survey is being provided to get a feeling of what the members at Immanuel Lutheran Church are hoping to have with our next pastor. Please fill out and have returned to the church by January 4th, 2023. First, we would like to get a feeling of our demographics. Please tell us a little about you.

Age _____ Approximate distance you live from Immanuel _____
 Gender _____ Years you've been at Immanuel? _____
 Marital Status _____

Please select the top 5 qualities you would hope for in our next Pastor.

<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Building a Sense of Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications/ Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing
<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism/ Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Interpret Theology	<input type="checkbox"/> Inter-personal Climate	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry in Crisis
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry in Daily Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry with Seniors.	<input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Music / Worship.	<input type="checkbox"/> Participant in the Larger Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care and Visitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Preaching / Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruit and Equip Leaders	<input type="checkbox"/> Self Care / Family Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Formation / Direction
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Mission Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry	

Additional thoughts for consideration: _____

Please return to the church office no later than January 4th 2023

Congratulations to...



... the **Negaunee Girls Tennis Team** on their: *Undeclared Season, *MPC Champions, *U.P. Champions, *Voted 'Team of the Month' by MHSAA. *Congratulations!*

... **Rheana Nelson** for her 3 singles U.P. Champion; to **Lilliana Saunders** for her 4 singles U.P. Champion; to **Maddie Frustaglio** for her 1 doubles Runner-Up. *Congratulations!*

... Head Coach **Kyle Saari** and Assistant Coach **Cody Scanlon**, for their outstanding accomplishments throughout this past year. *Congratulations to All!*

... the following students from Ishpeming Middle School and Ishpeming High School who are on the 1st quarter Honor Rolls: **GRADE 6: Zakary Hyry; GRADE 8: Ethan DeMarois; GRADE 10: Hadden Hyry, Michael Pascoe; GRADE 11: Emily DeMarois, Paige Palomaki, Eliza Williams; GRADE 12: Marina Pascoe.** *Congratulations!*

... the following students from Negaunee High School who are on the 1st quarter Honor roll: **GRADE 9: Reyna Debelak, Ethan Gauthier, Parker Gleason, Derek McEachern, Victoria Poutanen, Rheana Nelson, Lilliana Saunders, Charlie Smith; GRADE 10: Lilly Cotterman, Henna DuMoulin, Ty Jacobson, Jackson Karki, Halle Palomaki, Chloe Popko, Karina Suardini, Hank Tincknell; GRADE 11: Macie Annala, Courtney Beckman, Owen Debelak, Madison Frustaglio, Evan Gauthier, Tyler Lajimodiere, Gavin Saunders, Riley Williams; GRADE 12: Morgan Carilli, Cheyenne Holcomb, Gavin Jacobson, Haylee Lenten, Easton Palomaki, Drake Spickerman, Jace Turri, Luke Ulvila.** *Congratulations!*

... the following students from Negaunee Middle School who are on the 1st Marking Period Honor Roll: **GRADE 5: Allyson Beckman, Nathan Harvala, Liam Laitala, Evan Menge, Cailey Sandstrom, Molly Trudgeon; GRADE 6: Cooper Dost, Andrew Henderson, Catherine Henderson, Jacob Loehr, Arianna Paananen, Reed Spickerman, Landon Steele; Arianna Paananen Reed Spickerman, Landon Steele; GRADE 7: Waylon Harvala, Sydney Jarvi, Ethan Koski, Griffin Leece, Thomas Menge, Anna Price, Rory Smith, Maijah Speaker, Parker Vargason; GRADE 8: Macie Crabb, Alexander Dietz, Max Frustaglio, Emma Lajimodiere, Bella Makinen, Camryn Sandstrom, Hayden Sundberg, Vince Tincknell.** *Congratulations!*

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE SECRETARY KNOW OF ANY RECOGNITION THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN OUR BEACON FOR THE MONTH. THANK YOU. You can call it in, email it in, send it in, just let me know to include it. Thanks.



DON'T FORGET: The Annual Business Meeting will be on February 5th, at 10:45 am. The Annual Reports are due NO LATER THAN January 19th, Thursday. Surveys are due by January 4th, Wednesday. There will be a call process question and answer meetings held in the fellowship hall after the services on Sun., Jan. 8, & Mon., Jan. 9. Please plan to attend one of these two meetings. Until then, please continue to pray for the call process and our next pastor.



- Thank you to **Millie Isaacson, Vicki & John Makinen**, and **Marlys Trudgeon** for helping to put together the November / December Beacon. Your help is really appreciated. If **YOU** would like to help with putting the Beacon together, please call the office at 475-9161. It only takes about an hour. We generally start about 8:30-9 am. (Depending on the weather.) *Thank you for helping. g!*
- To **Marlys and Alan Trudgeon** for putting the pots and flowers away for the winter.
- To **Diana Bergh-Hetrick, Jim Hetrick, Heidi Hill, Alice & Bill Zinsser, Dave Keranen, Connie Scanlon, Judy Hallgren, Linda Sjolund, (and Anyone I failed to include)**, for putting up the decorations. As usual, it is absolutely beautiful!!
- Thank you to **all of you** for donating for the poinsettias. Your contribution is appreciated. Because we had no Christmas Eve worship services, the 'Poinsettia Dedication Booklet' can be found at both entrances on tables and/or shelves.
- Thank you to **all of you** who chose to participate in the *Angel tree Project*, buying gifts for children with parents in prison and unable to buy gifts for their children, but wanting to be included somehow. Your participation is really appreciated by me, the children, and the head of the *Angel Tree Corporation.* *Thank you all!!!*
- To **ALL OF THE ALTAR GUILD WORKERS** for setting up the communion trays, paraments & attending the altar area. Also, thank you to **all those who volunteer.**
- To **Andy Crow-Roberts, Judy Hallgren, Martha Hayward, Tom Johnson, Katie Ritzenhein, Kathy Sundine, Connie Scanlon**, who are our Lay Eucharistic Ministers who deliver communion to our shut-ins each month; to **Fae Collins, Noreen Collins, Linda Dillman, Mike Frustaglio, Judy & Dave Hallgren, Vicki Lempinen, Linda Ogea, Kerri Puckett, Linda Sjolund**, for their dedication in counting the offering for the last 2 months; to **Connie Scanlon** for scheduling the Lecturers; **Terry Basolo** for scheduling the Communion Assistants, and **Linda Dillman** for the Cradle Role.
- To all **November / December Lectors, Greeters / Ushers, and Tech Persons** who volunteered, some even though you were not scheduled. *Thank you!*





MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF VERA MAE PALOMAKI

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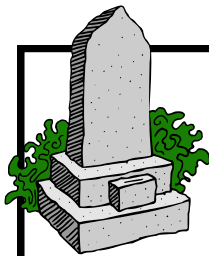
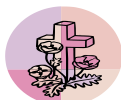
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Nancy Wtipil

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD APER

Dolores (Dee) Aper



SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Don Palomaki on the loss of his wife, **Vera Mae Palomaki**, on Thursday, October 27th, Also, condolences to her nephew, Doug (Kathy) Palomaki, and all of the Palomaki Family.
- Tom (Crystal) Beckman, Jr., on the loss of his father, **Thomas Alan Beckman, Sr.**, on Saturday, November 5th. Also, condolences to his wife, Gretchen, his father, Glenn, his grandchildren: Aaron, Victoria, Jessica, Brandon, Cassidy, Courtney, and all of the Beckman Family.
- Carole Spickerman on the loss of her mother, **Nancy Burton**, on Saturday, December 24th. Also, condolences to Nancy's grandsons: Arnie, Drake, and Reed Spickerman, and all of the Spickerman Family.
- Linda (Jim) Derocher on the loss of her mother, **Shirley Johnson**, on Monday, December 26th, from L'Anse, Mi. Also, condolences to all of the grandchildren and all of the Johnson Family.

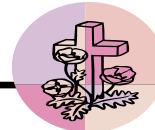
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IN MEMORY OF PASTOR MARCIA SOLBERG

Pr. Chrys & Bud Hendrick

IN MEMORY OF ELSIE KANTOLA

Rudy & Sharon Gagnon



If Jesus Wrote Us a Letter

Lessons From Revelation 2-3

A Christmas Letter from Jesus

*When you look for me at Christmas,
 You won't need a special star.
 I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
 I'm right here where you are.
 You may not be aware of me
 Amid the celebrations.
 You'll have to look beyond the stores,
 And all the decorations.
 But if you take a moment
 From your list of things to do,
 To close your eyes and say a prayer,
 I'm waiting here for you.
 You're the one I want to be with.
 You're the reason that I came!
 And you'll find me in the stillness
 Where I'm whispering your name.*

NOTE: if you choose NOT to receive the BEACON,
 please notify the church office at 906-475-9161, or
 email to: Office@ImmanuelNegaunee.org



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those members of our congregation who will celebrate birthdays in the months of:

- Feb. 21 Lorin Laukka
Feb. 22 Sarah Amis, Christine Thomas-Echelbarger
Feb. 23 Beverly Martin, Michelle Saunders
Feb. 25 Gavin Jacobson, Marsha Larmour
Feb. 26 Lindsey Butorac, Kenley Laitala, Joyce Peterson
Feb. 27 Deanna Johnson
Feb. 28 Linda Derocher, Tanya Johnson, Arianna Paananen

Happy Birthday to All of You!!

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 Rose Ahola, William Flis, David Garcia, Sandi Gauthier, Jessica Hetrick, Dawn Laukka, Karen Merckx, Wendy Niemi, Joshua Paquet, Heather Sandstrom, Jeanne Sironen-McCartney
Jan. 2 Mindy Pellinen
Jan. 3 Michelle Laitala
Jan. 4 Morgan Carilli, Jim Hetrick, Bryce Jarvi, Dylan Larson
Jan. 5 Adam Maxon
Jan. 6 Ellen Lindblom, Olivia Torreano
Jan. 7 Kathleen Palomaki, Ronald Ulvila
Jan. 8 Ben Collins, Seija Lawson
Jan. 9 Matthew Jarvi, Douglas Lindblom, Julie Mager, Charlee Schlicht
Jan. 11 Tyson Butorac, Jessica Juchemich, Maxine Sylvester
Jan. 12 Loraine Lehto, Jean Manginen
Jan. 13 Joseph Dost
Jan. 15 Kelly Larmour, Linda Rose
Jan. 16 Katie Carlson, Daniel Lindblom
Jan. 17 Elaine Ault, Susan Bazinette, Anne Henderson
Jan. 18 Pamela Dost, Kimberly Frustaglio, Paula Frustaglio
Jan. 19 Bethany Jarvi, Nathan Krook
Jan. 20 Larry Marta, Nicole Whitford
Jan. 21 Marcus Songer, Darrel Stambaugh
Jan. 25 Owen Roberts
Jan. 26 Cassidy Holcomb, Cheyenne Holcomb, Gretchen Lakenen, Shirley Terzaghi, Diane Tincknell
Jan. 27 Sarah Kroon
Jan. 29 Darryl Tincknell
Jan. 30 Bethney Bergh, Hunter Hetrick, Cubby Nelson
Jan. 31 Macie Annala, Noreen Collins, John Kallioinen, Kristy Malmsten, Rheana Nelson, Emily Vercoe

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1 Riley Carlson, Samantha Toth
Feb. 2 Mikel Annala
Feb. 5 Courtney Beckman, Betty Kinnunen, Sandy Lincoln
Feb. 6 Cindy Sirtola
Feb. 7 Alec Nelson
Feb. 8 Liam Laitala, Sawyer Maki
Feb. 9 Cooper Chapman, Kurt Collins, Connie Kemper, Darla Soeltner
Feb. 10 Lori Kill, Charlie Smith
Feb. 11 Rolf Anderson, Eric Koski, Walter Scanlon, Jr., Arnold Spickerman
Feb. 12 Marge Myers, John M. Thomas
Feb. 13 Eloise Williams, Hailey Williams
Feb. 14 Connie Scanlon
Feb. 16 Terry Cathcart, Linda Hickey, Kendra Klein
Feb. 17 Scott Couture, Victor Orr, Jr., Veronica Starrine
Feb. 18 Avery Miller, Sanna Paulson, John Vercoe
Feb. 19 Doug Palomaki, Debra Young

(continued in the next column.....)

ALTAR FLOWERS
The Altar Flowers on Sunday, December 18, 2022, were In Loving Memory of Hilja Lahde and Raymond Jarvi, from June Jarvi, Dale, Jill, Bryce, & Jhon Jarvi, Chyrl & John Hemmila, and Christine & William Flis, in celebration of both of their birthdays in December.

CONGRATULATIONS!
GOD'S BLESSINGS
to those members of Immanuel who celebrate milestones in Their marriage in the months of
JANUARY & FEBRUARY
20 YEARS AND OVER
01/15 - John & Diana Benti - 28 years
01/20 - Steven & Rachel Lambertson - 27 years
30 YEARS AND OVER
02/20 - John M. & Wendi Thomas - 30 years
02/28 - Dennis & Linda Hickey - 32 years
02/28 - Larry & Lori Marta - 36 years.
40 YEARS AND OVER
01/15 - Rolf & Janice Anderson - 49 years
60 YEARS AND OVER
01/27 - Barbara & John 'Jack' Cohan - 61 years

Celebrations of Birthdays & Anniversaries
Celebration . . . the action of marking one's pleasure at an important event or occasion by engaging in enjoyable, typically social, activity: "the birth of his son was a cause for celebration", "a birthday celebration", "an anniversary celebration". ~~~ Celebration is a special event or activity that is typically marked by festivities and joy. It is a time to come together and celebrate something that is important to a group of people. There are many different types of celebrations, and each one is unique to the people who are participating in it.
Celebrate this Christmas on the Birth of Jesus!

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ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2023 ARE DUE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16th, 2023. COMMITTEE CHAIRS, BEGIN PREPARING. TURN IN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 19th.

SNOW ADVISORY

As we return to winter snows, please be advised that...

- Parking too close to the building in the east parking lot risks snow and ice falling on your vehicle. Please allow extra distance. Thanks!
- Although others will plow and shovel in advance of our services, there may be last-minute needs you discover with our entrance walks. Snow shovels and salt will be available at those entrances for your use, if you are able. Thank you for sharing in these family chores.
- If extreme weather forces a cancellation of Sunday or Monday worship, an alert will be given via TV6 and our church website at least an hour before the service start time. And even if worship is not cancelled, please use your common sense for your situation.

Thanks!



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The Warming Center / Room at the Inn

... is always in need of coffee, paper products, home baked treats. They can accept cookies, etc but not casseroles or soups. All main menu items need to be prepared at the Warming Center.

I called the Warming Center last week and learned that they are in need of winter coats, both men and women's. These can be placed in the tub at Immanuel or dropped off at the Warming Center.

Thank you for the tremendous support for the homeless population in Marquette County. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the guests at Room at the Inn are sheltered from a bitterly cold Christmas. Sincere Thank You, **Martha Hayward**

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 5
10:45 AM
Business Mtg.**

Season's Greetings & Warmest Wishes from Room at the Inn

.... For 15 years, Room at the Inn has been serving the Alger-Marquette as a short-term emergency shelter & services provider for our unhoused neighbors. Our operations have been made possible through the kindness of our community volunteers, in-kind donations, & financial support. We, the staff & dozens of current guests, would like to thank you for your continued support, and we wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday.

..... But, as you reflect on your winter days of old & new, I hope you will also remember the unhoused neighbors in Marquette where the winter months are a particularly challenging time. Homelessness is the most complex multidimensional problem in our society today and Room at the Inn remains committed to serving our most vulnerable neighbors as they navigate the opportunities & challenges presented to them.

.... Moving into the new year, I welcome the opportunity to provide any interested persons with a tour of our Warming Center, and to learn more about how you can support our unhoused.

.... If you are interested in volunteering, your time & simple act of engaging in meaningful conversation with our guests is one way to help restore some humanity to those who may be feeling especially lost.

.... On behalf of our entire organization, I thank you for your ongoing support! If you are interested in sending in a donation for the holidays (or after) you are welcome to donate directly on our website: Roomattheinn.org or mail in a check directly to 347 Rock Street, Marquette, MI, 49855.

Thank you again and Merry Christmas!

Stephen S. Krygier, Interim Executive Director

