

Immanuel Lutheran Church

July / August 2023



LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Rev. Breanne R. Kinnunen
1801 Kimber Ave
Marquette, MI. 49855

June 12, 2023

To my Siblings in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee.

I am writing to formally accept the call to serve as your next pastor. I will begin my work among you on August 1, 2023, and preach and preside for the first times on Sunday, August 6 and Monday August 7, 2023.



I am so very grateful for this opportunity to serve alongside of you in what I hope to be these days and months and years to come. The pastors I have heard of and know, who have served here, have served faithfully and well. I feel the enormity of their shoes, and so I will ask God for help in following Jesus' footsteps and the road that has been well trodden before me.

Last month, I walked with others on a one-day pilgrimage on the Isle of Iona, Scotland, that was around 8 miles long. It was not a race. Our local guide said that our pace would be set by the slowest walker. We stopped at ancient ruins and beautiful landscapes through the day and we left each of these sites in song. We walked together, ate together, sang together, got to know one another. We were even met by a couple of folks about 2/3 of the way thru our walk who brought us tea, coffee, and flapjacks (oats mixed with a golden syrup and baked). I say they were angels who greeted us on our way!



I don't come with all the answers or solutions, but I do come with a desire to get to know you and to do my very best in my role as pastor, as your spiritual leader and companion on the road. I look forward to (and ask God's help in) walking alongside of you, thru each other's hills and alleys, singing together, eating together worshipping together, laughing, crying, playing, studying together; living life as pilgrims on the road together with the Triune God as our guide.



I trust there will be angels who will meet us on our way.

Thank you, people of Immanuel, for entrusting me with this call. May God's grace pour over us and fill us so that we may know just how loved we are, and thru and with that love may we walk into the world, sharing that love freely and trusting that it will be given back to us, thru the Spirit, and sometimes in the most unexpected ways.

Deep Peace of Christ to You,

Rev. Breanne R. Kinnunen

STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Staff Support Committee is looking for volunteers. This committee serves as a "people-building" group charged with making sure that the ministry goals of the congregation are carried out mutually by the staff leadership and members. The committee has no decision-making authority but serve as an advocate for the staff before the Church Council. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or need more information, please contact Christine Koski at 214-546-8179.



Chris Koski

COUNTERS



We could use a couple more counters (regular and those that would be captains) to help with out Tuesday morning counting. We usually have 2 persons at a time along with 1 captain. The counting occurs at 9 am on Tuesday mornings and takes about 1-2 hours, depending on the number of contribution envelopes that are accumulated each week. If you are interested, please call the office at 906-475-9161. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



DON'T FORGET
PIONEER DAYS
IS SCHEDULED FROM
JUNE 30—JULY 8, 2022

IMMANUEL'S WELCA
SALAD LUNCHEON WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

COST - \$5.00

(Salads and Desserts are needed. Bring them early on Wednesday morning.)



Sunday School Report for July & August, 2023

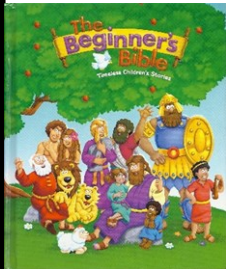


Sunday School will resume **September 10, 2023** with classes for children Age 2 through Grade 5.

Registration forms should be on the web page about the time you get this Beacon- or shortly thereafter. My plan is to do as much as possible electronically, less paper to go back and forth. If electronic doesn't work for you, there will be paper in a basket on the table near the Sanctuary.

Our enrollment is growing!

And we need more teachers! The success of our Sunday School program lies in having enough classroom staff so the children can successfully learn the stories and do the active-ities. We particularly need teachers for **Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2.**



The Beginner's Bible will be used for these classes. Stories will be designated for each week. Teachers can follow the accompanying lesson plans or develop their own activities.

Depending on our final enrollment, we will be needing classroom helpers too.

Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.

Yours in Christ,
Paulette Patron
Sunday School Coordinator

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.**



SUMMER 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Following Jesus' Footsteps



It was to this that God called you. Jesus Christ himself left you an example so you would follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 12-16, 2023.



The purpose of VBS was to support relationships that would build faith. The most important component of faith formation in young children is to have relationships with caring adults who model Faith. A second component is hearing about Jesus words and promises. Another component is to be able to try out these faith behaviors in a caring community of peers and adults. All of that happened at VBS!

29 children were enrolled. Younger children were most heavily represented:

- Preschool 10
- Kindergarten 8
- Early Elementary 7
- Later Elementary/MS 4

Everyday there were at least 13 adult helpers. The WELCA group and the Social Ministry Committee made commitments to staff the kitchen and provide snacks.

- Art/ Craft helper Linda Derocher, Heidi Hill
- Classroom helper Terri Dauphinais, Rory Hill
- Craft preparation Zak Hyry, Dean Patron
- Crosses for each child Bob Sylvester
- Friday Restoration Jim Hetrick, Hadden Hyry, Tom Kinnunen, Brandon Burbach, Quinn Burbach, Luanne Skrenes
- Photographer Brandon Burbach
- Playground set up/take down Jim Hetrick, Brandon Burbach
- Program coordinator Paulette Patron
- Snack preparation, serving, clean up Linda Dillman, Linda Sjolund, Cheryl Ulvila
- Teachers Joette Holman, Susan Roberts, Sue Cathcart, Diana Hetrick

Recess time We went outdoors as weather allowed and stayed inside on the rainy days.

On Friday, the older group went on a field trip to bring the food collection to



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES FROM IMMANUEL

On Sunday, May 21st, we recognize all of the persons who will be graduating from high school and / or college this spring. Those we recognized graduating from high school were: **Morgan Lee Carilli** (parents are Daniel & Linda Carilli), **Cheyenne Elizabeth Holcomb** (parents are Corey & Patrick Holcomb), **Gavin Bryant Jacobson** (parents are Becky & Kevin Jacobson), **Mia Catherine Koski** (parents are Brett & Nicole Koski), **Hayley Noelle Lenten** (parents are Ryan & Stacy Whitley), **Marina Ashley Pascoe** (parents are Michael & Michelle Pascoe), **Drake Martin Spickerman** (parents are Soren & Carole Spickerman), **Hunter L. Swanson** (parent is Craig Swanson), **Luke Isaac Syrjala** (parents are Brian & Tricia Syrjala), **Jace Alan Turri** (parents are Steve & Michelle Turri), **Jacob Alan Ulvila** (parents are Erik & Sherry Ulvila), **Luke John Ulvila** (parents are Erik & Sherry Ulvila), **Kaylen Jane Wallner** (parents are Jason Wallner & Sara Carter). Those graduating from college were: **Madison Elizabeth Pancheri** (parents are Bridget & Jamie Pancheri) who will be graduating from Central Michigan University. *Congratulations were given to all of them on their accomplishments and Best of Luck and Success in their Future!!*



SCHOLARSHIP



AWARDS

Congratulations to **Jacob Ulvila** and **Luke Ulvila** for receiving the Barbara Lehtonen Scholarship for 2023 and for their future Educational pursuits. **Congratulations to All!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS



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



IMMANUEL HAS A PAGE ON FACEBOOK! SEARCH FOR "IMMANUEL NEGAUNEE" AND "LIKE" US. ALSO, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

The Faith Formation Team in conjunction with the Youth Ministry team will be hosting this training event for the Superior Central area of our Synod.

We are working with Stephanie Ehle Youth Coordinator for the Northern Great Lakes Synod to bring this important topic to light.

This training event is open clergy as well as non-clergy-Parents, Council members, Sunday School and Youth leaders. We would like to have a core of Immanuel members be trained and then support the rest of the congregation in this important aspect of safety for our children.

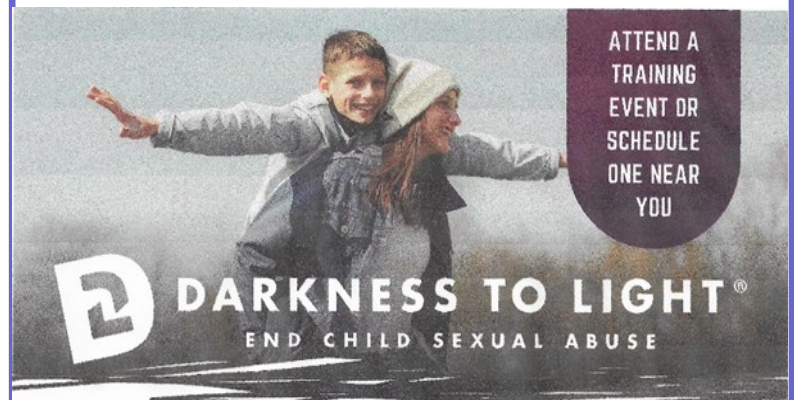
Immanuel members eligible for Thrivent Action Grants: Would you apply for a Grant to defray the cost to Immanuel members? Grant writing help is available. The anticipated costs would involve a light supper and the cost of the workbooks for participants.

More details will be published in the next issue of the Beacon.

For further information, contact Stephanie Ehle:

YOUTHCOORDINATOR@NELSYNOD.ORG

Registration will be online: **www.nglsynod.org**.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEGAUNEE

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Pastor Kari Vadis, of Trinity Lutheran in Rhinelander, is an authorized facilitator with Darkness to Light: a leader in child sexual abuse prevention education, research, and advocacy.

A training event in your conference will empower adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse through awareness, education, and stigma reduction.

Join the movement toward a world free of child sexual abuse – a world in which adults form prevention-oriented communities that protect the child's right to a healthy childhood.

Join the movement to make your faith community a safe space.



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT STEFANIE EHLE: YOUTHCOORDINATOR@NELSYNOD.ORG
REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.NGLSYNOD.ORG**

\$10 per person (includes materials, program & food)

This important work is generously supported by the Equipping the Saints Endowment ministry of the NGLS.

July & August Mission Emphases

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**IN JULY**, we focus on Habitat for Humanity Marquette

County. Habitat for Humanity is a part of a global, non-profit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. This year, one of our members will be a recipient and what a joy it is for all of us.



Repairs to existing homes are also part of the mission. Two homes are under construction in Marquette County. Support for the ReStore helps with all activities. We also hope to provide lunches for volunteers. Please watch for future opportunities.

Help support the vision of Habitat for Humanity: *"A world where everyone has a decent place to live."*

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use July's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

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IN AUGUST, we will focus on Scholarships for Liberian (Africa) Children, which is educational in nature. We all take education for granted. We pay our taxes and all of our children receive a high school education with no additional charges to the parents. Parents in Liberia pay for their children's education. Any kind of financial crisis for the family leads to the kids dropping out of school.

Pastor Albert (former Pastor of Mitchell Methodist Church here in Negaunee) has personally identified three children who need help with education expenses:

- Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away and is still in school. Her mom, Promise, is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children.
- Simeon has completed the lower grades but cannot continue because his father was laid off by his mining company. Simeon has dropped out of school because the funds to pay the school authorities are not available.
- Obey is an extended family member of pastor Albert. His dad passed away six years ago leaving an uneducated mom with five children. He is continuing his education beyond high school.



Any help with education expenses will be helpful. We have all heard the expression, *"A mind is a terrible thing to waste"*. Additional information regarding these families is available by contacting Pastor Albert Barchue, Salem United Methodist Church, 23 Mable Street, P.O. Box 438, Pigeon, MI 48755, *"Liberian student-Albert"* in the comment line (if you wish to send a check directly to Albert).

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use August's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

Greetings from Fortune Lake!
 We've got some important updates on our upcoming Summer Camper Activities:

Summer 2023 Activities Scheduled:

- **July 9-12: MINI CAMP** / Grades 2-3 / Experience 3 awesome nights at camp! Soak in all the fun of Fortune Lake in this while making new friends & sharing adventures. \$305.
- **July 9-14, 16-21: VILLAGER** / Grades 3-4 / With opportunities for swimming, boating, playing games, a beach party, singing songs, campers will stay active from morning 'til night! A week as a Villager helps children grow in faith, build friendships, gain confidence, & learn independence. \$425.
- **July 9-14, 16-20: VAGABOND** / Grades 5-6 / Vagabonds experience camp the way it was meant to be - in the great outdoors & sleep in our rustic tree houses outfitted with bunk beds. This popular program fills up quickly! \$425.
- **July 9-14: VENTURER** / Grades 7-8 / Fortune Lake provides exactly what Junior High campers need: adventure, challenge, acceptance, & time to grapple with deep questions of faith in the midst of having fun! \$425.
- **July 16-21: CAMP ACTS** Grades 3-12 // Do you love Acting, Choreography, Theatre, and Song? Have you always wanted to be on stage but don't know where to start? Whether you're a seasoned theatre veteran or new to the performing arts, this week of camp is for you! \$455.
- **July 23-28: LEGO CAMP** Grades 3-8 // Are you a LEGO maniac? Campers get set for a week of building friendships, faith and fun! LEGO camp is a unique blend of Lego Building and traditional camp activities. \$425.
- **July 23-28: ART CAMP** Grades 3-8 // This week of camp is for kids who love to be creative! Campers experience traditional camp activities and use a variety of mediums to create art and express themselves. \$455.
- **July 23-28: JR. HIGH NIGHT OWL** Grades 6-8 // Campers sleep all day and play at night! Moonlit adventures include stargazing, lunch at midnight, and bedtime devotions at sunrise! \$425.
- **July 30-August 4: INTERGENERATIONAL WEEK** Our intergenerational camps build an excitement for God, create meaningful faith practices you can continue at home, and invite you to play together in God's amazing creation. You have time to both relax AND create memories as a family! (See pricing table on Web Site.)
- **August 1-4: INTERGENERATIONAL HALF-WEEK** A 3-night option of our popular intergenerational camp that builds an excitement for god, creates meaningful faith practices you can continue at home, and invites you to play together in god's amazing creation. You have time to both relax AND create memories as a family! (See pricing table.)

Please point folks to our website for more information & to register: <http://fortunelake.org/> Make it your goal to have all of your campers registered as soon as possible! As always, please let us know if you have any questions. Blessings to you all.

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 **not collected any longer**. After associated Committee discussions, it was decided to discontinue the recycling of cans and bottles. A **Big Thank You** goes out to **Paulette Patron** & her grandson **Hadden** for returning the last carload of cans! Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause over the years. This was a great fundraiser for the Youth Program, but it is time to say *Goodbye!*

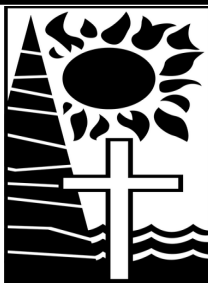
Thank you for supporting our youth and Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

MORE FORTUNE LAKE ACTIVITY DATES:

- **August 6-9: MINI CAMP** Grades 2-3 // Experience three awesome nights at camp! Soak in all the fun of Fortune Lake in this while making new friends and sharing adventures. \$305.
- **August 6-8: MIGHTY ONES** Grades 1-2 // This high-energy two-night experience is perfect for our youngest campers who are ready to try camp on their own. Campers learn new games and songs, try new foods, and make new friends! \$205.
- **August 6-8: MASH UP** Grades 4-8 // Want to try youth camp, but still feeling a little tentative? Finding that your summer schedule makes it difficult to sneak away for five nights? This 3-night program is perfect for those extra busy kids or for campers who want a taste of Fortune Lake but aren't ready for the full week experience. \$305.
- **October 7: FALL FEST 2023: QUILT & FINE ARTS AUCTION FUNDRAISER** Join us in support of the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!



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 can be picked up from the WELCA table next to the Fellowship hall. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020).

PROJECT OF THE MONTH for July – NO Projects are scheduled for July. But, don't forget, **THERE IS A PIONEER WEEK SALAD LUNCHEON!!** It will be on Wednesday, July 5th, in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is still \$5.00 & can be purchased at the door. We will need salads and workers. Everyone is welcome to come.

Circles don't meet for the months of July or August but will begin again in September. Quilting during the summer months (June, July, August) **will take place** on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am.

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

5 - 11:30-1:00 pm 'Pioneer Week'
Salad Luncheon

6, 13, 20, 27 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the church

17 - 10:00 am, Kitchen Clean-up

18 - Women of the ELCA Gathering, Phoenix, AZ

PROJECT FOR THE MONTH of AUGUST IS SCHOOL KITS.

"Watch the ads for school supplies on sale." The items needed are: four 70-sheet notebooks, 8"x10 1/2"; one 2 1/2 inch eraser; 1 pair blunt scissors, 1 ruler (30 centimeters) or with inches & centimeters); 1 pencil sharpener, 6 new pencils with erasers; 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel-ink); 12 sheets of colored construction paper; 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 size). **THERE IS A NEW PATTERN:** The bag is a draw-string bag. The pattern can be found on the bulletin board by the elevator **OR** on the web at: <https://lwr.org/downloads/school-kit-drawstring-bag-pattern>. Pick one up so you can follow it. Place all items into the bag. Place it into the bin marked "LWR" located near the stairway across from the Fellowship Hall, in the "Stewardship Area". Any money donation should be brought to the office. Your donation helps Lutheran World Relief give aid to people who need it. Thank you for your consideration & generosity.

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

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the church

PROJECT: School Kits (see listing above.)

WELCA has donations of: None for these months

COUNCIL CORNER

Highlights

Pulpit supply and emergency coverage is set now through the end of July. The list of pastoral coverage is available at the church office.

Information regarding improved barrier free access was received from the Property Committee. Due to physical size restriction of space, the recommendation is to have the elevator removed. Work to the existing elevator shaft will take place and a new wheelchair lift will be installed using that space. This lift will provide even greater access to all levels of the church. The doors for the lift will have an electronic opener / closer and the doors will have windows in them.

Immanuel will continue to prepare a float for this year's Pioneer Day parade. It is felt that this is a positive opportunity to connect and be connected to our community. The salad luncheon for the Pioneer week will be on Wednesday 7/5/23 at Immanuel.

A one-year contract will be signed with Guardian Pest control for insects and vermin.

An update was received on our AED (automated external defibrillator) that is being purchased through the Superior Health Foundation. It is currently on back order. Once received, training will be provided to those persons that are interested.

Council approved the purchase and installing of an electronic door lock system. The system is hoped to be installed by the end of September 2023.

Our church website is in the process of being revamped, to make it be more user friendly and updated with events happening at Immanuel.

Various committee reports were received. There will not be a July Council meeting. The next council meeting will be Tuesday 8/15/23.

Respectfully,
Walter Scanlon

Vice President Church Council



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Call Committee Update

At a congregational meeting that was held June 4th, 2023 Pastor Breanne Kinnunen was called to Immanuel by a 100%

vote of voting members present. Paperwork has been submitted through the Northern Great Lakes Synod office. Pastor Bre will be starting at Immanuel on August 1st, 2023. Her first weekend leading worship will be August 6th and 7th. Pastor Bre's installation service will be held on the afternoon of September 24th, 2023. More information to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Scanlon Call committee chairman

AED FUNDED

Thanks to a grant from the Superior Health Foundation, Immanuel will soon have in our building an AED, or automated external defibrillator. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. AEDs are easy-to-use medical devices that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

AEDs SAVES LIVES!!



We would like several people in the congregation to be trained in its use. If you are interested, please contact Luanne Skrenes, Walter Scanlon, Jaime Crabb, Reuven Romback, or Mack Schlicht.

HOME ACCESS TO WORSHIP

Not able to or yet feeling comfortable with in-person worship? We have three alternatives for worship access. In each case, please let the church office know if you would like to pick up or receive a communion packet (pre-packaged grape juice & bread wafer) for communing with the gathered congregation via tech connections:

- 1) View the live stream of worship each Sunday at 9:30 am. You can access this via our church website with the "Worship At Home" page. You may also connect via Immanuel's Facebook page or our YouTube channel.
- 2) View the recorded version of Sunday's worship later in the day (or beyond) on our church website or via our YouTube channel.
- 3) Contact the church office if you're interested in participating in our new Tablet Ministry. Using Amazon FIRE tablets, the recorded worship video is uploaded onto the tablet which, in turn, is delivered to you. People who have used this so far have been greatly blessed.

Special thank you to Sue Cathcart and Luanne Skrenes for coordinating this ministry.



SOCIAL MINISTRY CHANGED TO SOCIAL MINISTRY/PARISH LIFE EVANGELISM/PARISH LIFE CHANGED TO EVANGELISM

The above Committees have reorganized and changed their names and responsibilities. If you want to



become involved in this Committee, contact the Committee Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sjölund

Happy July 4th

July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 5th Sun. after Pentecost Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	3 Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 6:00 NO Worship	4 Pioneer Day's 30th—8th OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF 4th of JULY Happy 4th of July!! Stay Safe !	5. Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 10:00 NO Bible Study 11:30—1:00 Pioneer Week Salad Luncheon	6 Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 10:00 Quilting	7 Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	1 Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 8-10:00 Men's Bible Study Breakfast 8 Pioneer Day's 30th—8th 11:00 Negaunee's Parade
9 6th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	10 6:00 Worship - Baptism	11 WELCA Women's Gathering in Phoenix, AZ 6:00 NO Exec. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 NO Church Council (see you in August)	12 10:00 Bible Study	13 10:00 Quilting	14 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 7th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	17 10:00 WELCA Women Kitchen Clean-Up 6:00 Worship	18 WELCA Women's Gathering in Phoenix, AZ 6:00 NO Exec. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 NO Church Council (see you in August)	19 10:00 Bible Study	20 10:00 Quilting	21 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 8th Sun after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	24 6:00 Worship	25	26 10:00 Bible Study	27 10:00 Quilting	28 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	29
31 9th Sun after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA						

SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
2	9:30 AM	Mike Frustaglio Larry Marta	Mike Frustaglio Larry Marta	Jim Hayward	Sue & Terry Cathcart Stacy McEachern	Fae Collins Linda Dillman
3	6:00 PM	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Linda Ogea
9	9:30 AM	Mike Frustaglio Larry Marta	Mike Frustaglio Larry Marta	Martha Hayward	Alice & Bill Zinsser Linda Dillman	Sue Wickstrom Linda Sjolund
10	6:00 PM	Carrie Villalobos Sarah Hill	Carrie Villalobos Sarah Hill	Dan LaJoie	Dan LaJoie	
16	9:30 AM	Valerie Paulson Mary Schlicht	Valerie Paulson Mary Schlicht	Kathy Sundine	Jean Manginen Kathy & Al Sundine	Vicki Lempinen Linda Dillman
17	6:00 PM	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Reuven Romback	Kevin Crupi	
23	9:30 AM	Valerie Paulson Mary Schlicht	Valerie Paulson Mary Schlicht	Lori Marta	Donna Hayryen, Linda Dillman, Heidi Hill	Fae Collins Linda Ogea
24	6:00 PM	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Kay Korpi	Julie Mager	Sue Wickstrom
30	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Mike Frustaglio	Val & Henna Paulson Deb Moyer	Sue Wickstrom Linda Sjolund
31	6:00 PM	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Hayley Smith	Katie Ritzenhein	Linda Dillman

July

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: Green

JULY COFFEE SERVERS: SOCIAL MINISTRY



August 2023

Hello August!
(and goodbye July)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor Breanne Kinnunen becomes our new Pastor 	2 10:00 Bible Study	3 10:00 Quilting	4 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	5 8:00-10:00 Men's Bible Study Breakfast 12-4:00 Hall Reservation
6 10th Sun. After Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	7 6:00 Worship	8	9 10:00 Bible Study	10 10:00 Quilting 2:30 Funeral Luncheon (P. DeWitt's Father)	11 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	12 10-3:00 Hall Reservation
13 11th Sun After Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	14 6:00 Worship	15 6:00 Executive Com. Mtg. 6:30 Church Council	16 10:00 Bible Study	17 10:00 Quilting 2:15 Eastwood Worship	18 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 12th Sun After Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	21 BEACON DEADLINE 6:00 Worship.	22	23 10:00 Bible Study	24 10:00 Quilting	25 10:00 Quilting OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 13th Sun After Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Conversation Group Meets 7:30 AA	28 6:00 Worship.	29	30 10:00 Bible Study	31 10:00 Quilting		



SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
		Dean Patron	Dean Patron	Renee Prusi	Vicki & Mike Lempinen	Sue Wickstrom
		Walter Scanlon	Walter Scanlon		Alice Mutkala	Linda Sjolund
		Tom Johnson	Tom Johnson	Sheila Meier	Sheila Meier	Linda Dillman
		Katie Ritzenhein	Katie Ritzenhein			Vicki Lempinen
6	9:30 AM	Dean Patron	Dean Patron	Alice Mutkala	Linda & Jim Derocher	Linda Ogea
		Walter Scanlon	Walter Scanlon		Diane Faust	Juliana Herman
		Tom Johnson	Tom Johnson	Jill Sladek	Julie Mager	
		Katie Ritzenhein	Katie Ritzenhein			Sue Wickstrom
13	9:30 AM	Dan Collins	Dan Collins	Kathleen Partanen	Val & Henna Paulson	Mike Frustaglio
		Fae Collins	Fae Collins		Hayley Smith	Kerri Puckett
		Diana Hetrick	Diana Hetrick	Reuven Romback	Katie Ritzenhein	Linda Dillman
		Jim Hetrick	Jim Hetrick			
20	9:30 AM	Dan Collins	Dan Collins	Paulette Patron	Ben & Kaitrin Raymond	Linda Ogea
		Fae Collins	Fae Collins		Deb Moyer	Linda Sjolund
		Diana Hetrick	Diana Hetrick	Gary Suardini	Katie Ritzenhein	Sue Wickstrom
		Jim Hetrick	Jim Hetrick			
27	9:30 AM	Dan Collins	Dan Collins			
		Fae Collins	Fae Collins			
		Diana Hetrick	Diana Hetrick			
		Jim Hetrick	Jim Hetrick			
28	6:00 PM					



PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: Green.
 AUGUST COFFEE SERVERS: FORTUNE LAKE SCHOLARSHIP / YOUTH

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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Newsletter Article

Bishop Finegan's July / August 2023

Newsletter Article

*"Abide in me as I abide in you.
Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself
unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me."
~John 15:4*



Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

In early December of 2017, I was out in our front yard wrapping Christmas lights around a limb of a tree. The limb was about 10 feet off the ground, and I was standing on a ladder, perhaps the third step down, in order to stretch the lights

over and under the branch that extended horizontally. Finished with that particular section, I took one step down, but instead of the ladder remaining firmly stationary, it moved toward me. If I did nothing, I would fall to the ground from a painful height on my back. So I grabbed the limb of the tree and pulled toward it, thinking that this would stabilize the ladder and bring us both back upright.

No such luck. Instead of righting itself, the ladder fell away beneath me leaving me to cling briefly to the limb before falling to the ground. In my mind, in that slow motion moment, I felt like I could actually choose where I fell, like a kind of gymnastic dismount from the parallel bars. But in reality, I dropped like a bag of potatoes. And somewhere in the confusion of lights, ladder, and branch, the two fingers of my right hand were caught and pulled out, down, and around with a distinctive crunching sound that made me think of someone snacking on a mouthful of potato chips.

I had broken the bone in my hand that was connected to the ring finger and disrupted the surrounding bones and soft tissue. After several weeks in a splint and then cast, I was given my hand back, only to realize that in that brief time, my brain had decided that my hand no longer belonged to my body. It was still attached of course, but not in a way that gave it life and function. The physical therapist called it Chronic Reactive Pain Disorder. In short, my hand could no longer work as a hand should. I could not write or type, play piano or grab hold of things. It was a swollen useless thing. My brain, and my hand, needed to be retrained and reconnected to meaningful communication with the body, so that the brain would tell the body to send healing and reconnect the signals to the muscles of my hand.

So, what about meaningful connection in the body...the BODY...of Christ? What needs to be retrained? What needs to be reawakened for life and increased function as we are Church together?

My hand was brought back to life as I watched the 2018 Winter Olympics. While watching gymnasts who actually knew how to land a dismount, I put my hand in hot water for two minutes and then in ice water for 30 seconds – back and forth, night after night. Then exercises, and physical therapy,

and more tricks on the brain to get my hand to function in a way that was useful to the body.

Jesus, thankfully, does not suggest that we all dunk ourselves in tubs of hot and cold water to be reconnected as a body. Rather, Jesus talks about connectedness as abiding in him in order to bear fruit. And the way that we abide is by being in relationship with him. And that relationship is conveyed to us in at least two ways: through study of scripture and through relationship with each other as the body of Christ. Again...BODY.

When the Synod Council met in retreat June 9 -10, we agreed to initiate an effort for us to abide, as a whole Synod, as 79 congregations spanning hundreds of miles and in a variety of communities and contexts, by dwelling on the same passages of scripture over a 12-month period.

We will abide with Jesus by dwelling in the Word. Each congregation will receive 12 different passages of scripture, one for each month. And at each council meeting and quilter group, at each Sunday School and youth group meeting, at each and every gathering that month, people from across the synod will dwell with the same text. No preparation is needed. No theological degree is required. Very simply:

1. Invite one person to read the text aloud.
2. Consider silently the following:
 - a. What do you notice?
 - b. What questions do you have?
 - c. Where might the Holy Spirit be leading us?
3. Then have another person read the text aloud again.
4. Share your thoughts about the questions with each other.
5. Close with prayer.

That's it.

We shall abide. And in abiding, in dwelling with the presence of Christ in the word, and considering the work of the Spirit with each other, we will connect with the one who makes us one, who gathers us as a BODY to embody the love of Christ in the world and for the world.

In addition, all are invited to join the Synod Council as we dwell in the word, via Zoom, the first Thursday of the month, starting Thursday September 7 at 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT. The Zoom link will be available on our website and in E-Notes and you can add it to your online calendars.

The impact of being disconnected, of having the body forget who it is connected to and why, cannot be overestimated. We need each other to be the body of Christ, and we need the Holy Spirit of Christ to clarify our mission and purpose as that Body. By dwelling in the word together, we shall abide...in Christ, in the Word, in the presence of Christ in each other.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

Congratulations to Scholarship Winners from Class of 2023...

.... The following students from Negaunee High School have received multiple Scholarships to help them to further their education: **Morgan Lee Carilli, Brayden Alex Dunstan, Cheyenne Elizabeth Holcomb, Gavin Bryant Jacobson, Haylee Noelle Lenten, Easton Keith Palomaki, Drake Martin Spickerman, Jace Alan turri, Jacob Alan Ulvila, Luke John Ulvila, Kaylen Jane Wallner.** To see ALL of the Scholarship they have been awarded, an article from *The Mining Journal* is displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can read all about them, they are too numerous to list here. **Congratulations to All of You!**



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Thank You!

THANK YOU TO JOYCE KOSKI - Immanuel Lutheran Church wants to recognize and thank **Joyce Koski** for her generous gift to be used for the replacement of the Sunday School windows. This project is complete and the windows have been installed and look great. **Joyce** taught Sunday School at Immanuel for a number of years and influenced many young people in our church. Again, **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School.

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION OPEN The Office Administrator's position is open in the Synod Office. A description & more details are on the job description that can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall stairs. Are you interested?



HELP NEEDED IN LOADING A TRUCK FOR A PERSON'S MOVE A request was received in the office to ask if anyone would be willing to go to 235 Explorer Street in Gwinn on July 11th to help this lady load a truck with her possessions. She is moving downstate and is seeking anyone to help her with loading her belongings. If you are willing, please call her at 906-361-6578, and ask for Peggy.



GOD IS LOVE

'God is love.' - **1 John 4:16**

See what "God is love" means. It is so clear that anyone must see and grasp it if they will but open their eyes. For the gracious gifts of God stand every day before your eyes whichever way you look: the sun, the moon, and the heavens filled with light; the earth full of leaves, grass, and corn, and many kinds of plants, prepared and given to us for good. Moreover, God's love is experienced through father and mother, house and homestead, peace, safety, and security through worldly government, and so forth. And over and above all this he gave his beloved Son for you and through his gospel brought him home to you, to help you in every grief and affliction. What more could he have done for you or what more or better could you wish? His love is such a burning fire, I hold, that no human thought could fathom it. The one who does not see or heed it must be as blind as a bat —or as hard as a stone, or dead.

Now since you (says St. John) who desire to be Christian and to know God, see and know that God is nothing but pure love, most richly poured forth and shed abroad upon us, take this to your heart, that you should do the same toward your neighbors. For it is impossible that anyone who feels such fire of God's love should not be at least a little warmed and kindled by it.

Sermons from the year 1532. WA 36:429

(*GOD IS LOVE* continues.....)

"Lord God, even as I worship you as the creator of all that is and as the Lord of the nations, I thank you for tender mercies and your heart of steadfast love. Amen."

(This is taken from *Martin Luther's Day by Day We Magnify You*, Daily Readings for the Entire Year, Wednesday, p. 246)

God is Love



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 update a 2023 Time & Talent form to change your selections. **IF YOU DO NOT FILL OUT A TIME & TALENT FORM, YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE 'WORKER'S PAGE' AS VOLUNTEERING.**

Thank you for volunteering.

Congratulations to...



.... To **Reed Spickerman** for being the Negaunee Elks Junior Student of the Month for March. Reed is a 6th grader at Negaunee Middle School, son of Carole and Soren Spickerman. He plays in the band, likes to read, likes basketball, and enjoys playing games with his brothers. After high school, Reed would like to attend St. Olaf College in Minnesota, majoring in business. *Congratulations!*

.... **Madison Elizabeth Pancheri**, daughter of Bridget and Jamie Pancheri and granddaughter of Deborah Moyer, who graduated on May 6th, 2023, from Central Michigan University with a BS in Business Administration. She majored in Human Resource Management, minored in Information Systems and Legal Studies. Madison started her employment in May with Insight Global in Detroit as a Recruiter. *Congratulations!*

.... VFW Post 3165 in Negaunee, with **Jason Wallner** as Post Commander and **Linda Dillman** as Auxiliary Scholarships Chairperson, honored the following students at a banquet for the VFW Voiced of Democracy and Patriots Pen essay contests: 1st place was **Morgan Carilli**, and 2nd place was **Liliana Saunders**. *Congratulations!*

.... **Kyle Saari's Negaunee High School Boy's Tennis Team** for posting their 3rd straight 8-0 victory in a sweep at home. No. 1 singles player **Luke Syrjala** won 6-2, 6-3, No. 2 singles **Gavin Saunders** had a 6-4, 7-5 win streak, and 3-setter **Jace Turri** won doubles, 6-2, 6-2. Also, **Kyle Saari's NHS Boy's Tennis Team** won the 8th UP Divisions Tennis Title in 14 years, the MHSAA Champion UP Division 1 Finals in Kingsford. Great teamwork for all the players. *Congratulations!*

.... **Mia Koski** who will receive her High School diploma from the Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICA Adult and Alternative Education Program at St. John's School in Ishpeming. **Mia** was also one of the graduate speakers for the class of 2023. *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students for being named to the 3rd quarter honor roll at Negaunee High School for the 2022-2023 academic year: **GRADE 9: Joesphine Carlson, Reyna Debelak, Parker Gleason, Derek McEachern, Rheana Nelson, Victoria Poutanen, Liliana Saunders, Charlie Smith; GRADE 10: Lilly Cotterman, Mason La-Pine, Henna DuMoulin, Halle Palomaki, Madalynn Peters, Karina Suardini, Hank Tincknell; GRADE 11: Courtney Beckman, Owen Debelak, Madison Frustaglio, Gavin Saunders, Riley Williams; GRADE 12: Morgan Carilli, Cheyenne Holcomb, Gavin Jacobson, Haylee Lenten, Easton Palomaki, Jace Turri, Drake Spickerman, Luke Ulvila, Kaylen Wallner.** *Congratulations!*

.... To **Marina Ashley Pascoe** for graduating from Ishpeming's Class of 2023.

.... To Tanner Annala of Westwood for winning the Mid-Penninsula Conference golf meet held at Wawonowin Country Club, scoring a 74 for 18 holes, winning the boys' medalist honors.

.... To the following students from the Negaunee Middle School for being named on 4th Marking Period Honor Roll: **GRADE 5: Allyson Beckman, Nathan Harvala, Liam Laitala, Evan Menge, Molly Trudgeon; GRADE 6: Cooper Dost, Bryant Gleason, Andrew Henderson, Catherine Henderson, Arianna Paananen, Reed Spickerman, Landon Steele; GRADE 7: Adelyn Chapman, Waylon Harvala, Sydney Jarvi, Ethan Koski, Thomas Menge, Anna Price, Parker Vargason; GRADE 8: Emma Lajimodiere, Vince Tincknell.** *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students from Ishpeming Middle & High School Honor Rolls, 4th quarter: **GRADE 6: Zakary Hyry; GRADE 8: Ethan DeMarois; GRADE 10: Hadden Hyry, Michael Pascoe, Jr.; GRADE 11: Emily DeMarois, Paige Palomaki, Eliza Williams; GRADE 12: Marina Pascoe.** *Congratulations!*

.... To the following student from Westwood for being on Semester 2 Honor Roll: **GRADE 10: Tanner Annala, Emersyn Nelson.** *Congratulations!*

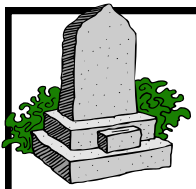
.... To **Randy Carlson** and the **Negaunee High School Girl's Softball Team** for winning the MHSAA Division 3 District Tournament Championship for the 4th straight time. *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students attending Northern Michigan University for being on the Dean's List for the Winter 2023 Semester: **Ella Demarois, Michael Sundberg, Kaelyn Amis, Madeline Leece, Susanna Suardini.** *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.

- Thank you to **Dorothy Hill, Millie Isaacson, John & Vicki Makinen, Jean Manginen, and Marlys Trudgeon** for helping with the May and June Beacon. Your help is really appreciated.
- To **Paulette Patron** and **Stacy McEachern** for relocating most of the books from the offices and finding a new place for them. Another library will be formed somewhere in the future.
- To **Paulette Patron** for her extensive involvement in being the *Program Coordinator* for Vacation Bible School. It was truly a success and everyone is looking forward to next year.
- 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,** and **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, **Linda Dillman** for the Cradle Role.
- To all **May / June Lectors, Greeters / Ushers,** and **Tech Persons** who volunteered, some even though you were not scheduled. *Thank you!*





SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- The Family of **Doris Marie Wainio** who died on Saturday, December 24th, 2022. Her Interment will take place in the Negaunee Cemetery.
- John 'JT' (Wendi) Thomas on the loss of his father, **John S. 'Jack' Thomas**, on Tuesday, May 2nd. Also, condolences to his grandchildren, Haley & Tyler (Nicole Tierney) Thomas, and all of the Thomas Family.
- Bettie (Rose) Ahola, on the loss of her brother, **Phillip Wade Hyry** on Thursday, May 4th, in Duluth, MN. Also, condolences to son, Kevin (Shylo) Hyry, his grandchildren Ashley, Hadden, and Zakary Hyry and all the Hyry Family.
- Becky (Pat) DeWitt on the loss of her father, Cameron Luke, on Friday June 9th. Also, condolences to his grandchildren: Taylor and Luke DeWitt and all of the DeWitt / Luke Family.
- CarCarole Spickerman on the loss of her mother, **Nancy Mae (Wickstrom) Burton**, on Saturday, December 24th, with her memorial service being held this Friday, June 16th, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Ishpeming. Also, condolences to her grandchildren: Arne, Drake, and Reed Spickerman and all of the Burton Family.
- Bob (Marie) Dobbs, on the loss of his father, **Stanley David Kallioinen**, on Tuesday, June 20th. Also, condolences to Stanley's wife, Nancy (Leiviska) Kallioinen, his grandsons, Jeremy (Sarah) and Alex (Ashley) Dobbs, and all of the Kallioinen Family.

CONGRATULATIONS!
GOD'S BLESSINGS to those members of Immanuel who celebrate milestones in their marriage in the months of:



JULY / AUGUST

20 YEARS & OVER

- 7/01 - Susan & Darryl Tincknell - 28 years
- 7/13 - Leslie & Gary Suardini - 27 years
- 7/22 - Julie & Randy Carlson - 28 years
- 7/31 - Sarah & Rieke Amis - 24 years
- 8/06 - Gretchen & Michael Lakenen - 24 years
- 8/08 - Stacy & Mark McEachern - 26 years
- 8/12 - Corey & Patrick Holcomb - 23 years
- 8/27 - Scott & Darla Soeltner - 29 years
- 8/30 - Steve & Michelle Turri, Jr. - 20 years

30 YEARS & OVER

- 7/06 - Julie & James Mager - 33 years
- 7/25 - Sheila & John Meier - 36 years
- 7/30 - Cheryl & Greg Dix - 35 years
- 8/07 - Darlene & Gary Pepin - 41 years
- 8/07 - Jill & Dale Jarvi - 30 years
- 8/10 - Debra & Kevin Young - 38 years
- 8/15 - Noreen & Paul Collins - 37 years
- 8/25 - Debra & Peter Hicks - 39 years
- 8/29 - Karen & Scott Couture - 36 years
- 8/30 - Tom & Marge Myers - 37 years

40 YEARS & OVER

- 7/02 - Elaine & Russel Ault - 40 years
- 7/20 - Chyrl & John Hemmilla - 49 years
- 7/21 - Dawn & Gary Annala - 44 years
- 8/13 - Bobbi & Terry Minzey - 40 years
- 8/17 - Kristine & David Keranen - 49 years

50 YEARS & OVER

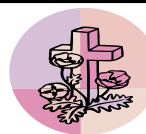
- 7/24 - Charlotte & Richard Koski - 58 years
- 7/30 - Kathleen & Douglas Palomaki - 58 years
- 8/01 - Christine & Dan Hendrickson - 53 years
- 8/15 - Marlene & Reuven Romback - 59 years

60 YEARS & OVER

- 8/09 - Judy & Dave Hallgren - 65 years



MEMORIALS



IN MEMORY OF JOHN PAUL NEISWANDER

Ann Neiswander

IN MEMORY OF CHARLENE IRENE KIVISTO

Jonelle Collins

IN MEMORY OF JIM & KATHY KALLIOINEN

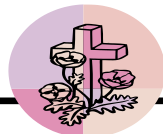
The Kallioinen Family

IN MEMORY OF WILHO HELSTEIN

Lisa Helstein

IN MEMORY OF ELSIE HELSTEIN

Lisa Helstein



FALL FOLIAGE

"They are like trees planted by streams of water . . . and their leaves do not wither." (Psalm 1: 3)

Remember, autumn is a beautiful time of year for those living in northern regions. A highlight of the season is the beauty of tree leaves turning vibrant colors. The wonder of fall can speak only of the promise of winter—a long North Dakota winter, or a UP winter. Now, the understanding of the beauty of this season has grown. It's been said that the trees teach us, at this time of year, just how beautiful letting go can be. Flashes of crimson & gold are the maple tree's swan song before the dormancy of winter. As people of God's promise, the seasons of life come and go. With each passing fall we grow older. We move from spring of childhood into the summer of adulthood, into autumn as we reach our older years. Finally, the inevitable march of time brings winter and the end of our time on earth. While our hair may gray and our bodies grow weaker, through Christ Jesus we are like trees planted by streams of living water. We will not wither, for in God's reign comes our new beginning. *"Holy Spirit, enliven us every day, so we may know the joy of salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen."* PRAYER COCERN: Residents & staff of senior living centers. (This came from *Christ in Our Homes*, an old edition. Although it is far from fall, the theme is the aging of persons, from infants to elderly to death. In all ways, God reigns.)

THE LORD
REIGNS
 PSALM 93:1-5



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

- July 1 Dolores Reichel
- July 2 Catherine Collins
- July 3 Brandi Anderson-Maxon, Micailly Carlson, Vicki Elliott, June Jarvi
- July 4 Tatum LaPine, Rose Setterlind
- July 5 Victoria Wickstrom
- July 6 Owen Debelak
- July 7 Sharlene Hoiem, Madison Lambertson, Kevin Laukka
- July 10 Steven Isaacson, Michael Pascoe Jr
- July 11 John Makinen
- July 12 Jill Hamlin, Drake Spickerman
- July 13 Diana Benti, Siiri Lawson
- July 14 Randy Champion, Lennon Garcia
- July 15 Jesse Aho, Linda Carilli, David Keranen, Nickolas Kill, Dale Tincknell
- July 16 Micah Hill, Bobbi Minzey, Isaac Roberts
- July 18 Sarah Hill, Kaija Sauer, Lesli Williams
- July 19 Landen Saari, Martin Trudgeon
- July 21 Jeremy Bell, Dan Collins, Connie Hagar, Rachel Hayward, Michael Lempinen, Vicki Lempinen
- July 22 Jeff Johnson, Adam Tilly
- July 24 Samantha Makela
- July 25 Kyle Saari, Mike Starrine
- July 26 Eli Carlson, Zakary Hyry, Katelyn Pancheri, Michelle Pascoe
- July 27 Marilyn Anderson, Arin DeMarois, Daniel Hendrickson, Andrea LaPin, David Roberts, Henry Toth
- July 28 Ava Lajoie
- July 29 Lori Bell, Jaime Crabb, Sandra LaForest
- July 30 June Torreano

AUGUST

- August 1 Christiana (Tia) Anderson
- August 2 Branden Wainio
- August 3 Christine Flis
- August 4 Taryn Gleason
- August 5 Cate Henderson, Charlie Henderson, John Wassberg
- August 6 Kolton Klein
- August 9 Diana Bergh-Hetrick, Michael Lakenen, Richard Uren
- August 10 Adelyn Chapman, Matthew Elliott, Emersyn Nelson
- August 11 Jessica Beckman
- August 14 Cassidy Crabb, Katie McEachern
- August 15 Sue Cathcart
- August 16 Mindy Aho, Kate Frustaglio, Jason Hamlin
- August 18 Shauna Annala, Amanda Ecklid, Jeaneen McAuliffe
- August 19 Victoria Poutanen
- August 20 Emily DeMarois, Kenneth Lindstrom

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- August 21 Jacob Hayrynen
- August 23 Piper Lakenen, Mack Schlicht
- August 24 Suanne Debski
- August 25 Macie Crabb, Peyton King
- August 26 Brandon Ecklid, Ryan Tincknell
- August 27 Peyton Anderson, Anna Young
- August 28 Judy Hallgren, Vicki Makinen, Terry Minzey
- August 29 Shirley Koski, Hayley Smith, Gary Suardini
- August 30 Sandra Collins
- August 31 Brenda Alexander, Donald LaForest, Robert Setterlind, Roy Tossava

Happy Birthday to All of You!!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Megan Mae (Syrjala) and Jacob Michael Kerkela who were married here at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 17th, at 2 pm. Their witnesses were Annie Niepoth and Brett Fredrickson. The parents of the bride are Brian & Tricia Syrjala. Brothers of the bride are Ryan & Luke Syrjala. The Pastor that presided over the ceremony was a cousin of the bride, Pastor



BAPTISM - WE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:

On Sunday, May 14th, we welcomed into the Family of God through Baptism, **William Leonard Makela**, son of Leann Marie (Koski) Makela & Joshua James Makela. His sponsors were Daniel & Christie Makela. Leann is the niece of Dan & Chris Hendrickson.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers on May 14th, were for a **Happy Mother's Day**, in Honor of All Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Great-Grandmothers, & other female adults in our congregation.



The Altar flowers on July 2nd, were in honor of **June Jarvi's** birthday (July 3rd) from her family: Dale, Jill, Bryce, & Jhon Jarvi; Chyrl, John, & Lindsey Hemmila, and Christine & William Flis. **Happy Birthday w/Love!**

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

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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Monday: 6:00 p.m.

Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Or by appointment - call 475-9161

NO SERVICES ON MONDAY, JULY 3rd

**OFFICE CLOSED on TUESDAY, JULY 4th
IN OBSERVANCE OF the FOURTH OF JULY**



**PIONEER DAYS IS SCHEDULED FROM
JUNE 30 - JULY 8, 2023**

**THE ECUMENICAL SALAD LUNCHEON WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, COST - \$5.00**

(SALADS WILL BE NEEDED. IF YOU CAN DONATE SALADS OR DESSERTS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING OR TUESDAY AFTERNOON. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL VIRGINIA PAULSON AT 475-9641. OR LINDA SJOLUND AT 242-5020.)



Why Do Americans Celebrate the Fourth of July with Fireworks?

Independence Day, also called **Fourth of July** or **July 4th**, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Congress had voted in favour of independence from Great Britain on July 2 but did not actually complete the process of revising the Declaration of Independence, originally drafted by Thomas Jefferson in consultation with fellow committee members John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and William Livingston, until two days later. The celebration was initially modeled on that of the king's birthday, which had been marked annually by bell ringing, bonfires, solemn processions, and oratory. Such festivals had long played a significant role in the Anglo-American political tradition. Especially in the 17th and 18th centuries, when dynastic and religious controversies racked the British Empire (and much of the rest of Europe), the choice of which anniversaries of historic events were celebrated and which were lamented had clear political meanings. The ritual of toasting the king and other patriot-heroes—or of criticizing them—became an informal kind of political speech, further formalized in mid-18th century when the toasts given at taverns and banquets began to be reprinted in newspapers.

