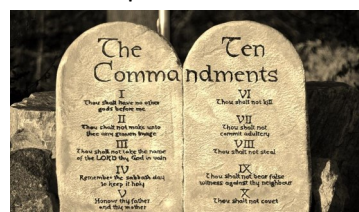


**Grace to you and Peace, Siblings in Christ Jesus,**

I was recently worshipping at church as a visitor where the theme of the day was **rest**. The pastor invited the congregation to see if we could remember all (or any, or some!) of the 10 Commandments.



Truthfully, I had forgotten some. (More than I'd like to admit.)

So, in my Amazon cart there currently sits a small poster of the 10 commandments in very understandable, kid relatable language that I will put up in a place where I'm reminded of the boundaries/rules God gave us for loving God, our neighbor, and ourselves. I'm going to do this, not to punish myself for falling short or failing to memorize them, but to remind me of what is important in my day-to-day life.

I say all of this to get us to the commandment that was highlighted for the day. The fourth commandment, which reminds us to honor the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8). This spoke so deeply to me because the week prior to this worship, I was insanely, unhealthily busy. Swamped in professional and family duties beyond what I could manage. My knees and back ached (that's putting it lightly), from all the stress I was holding on to in my body. I was short with my girls and I thought my husband was the problem. (Spoiler Alert: I was the problem.) I'm hoping some of you can relate to this.

**"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."  
—Exodus 20:8**

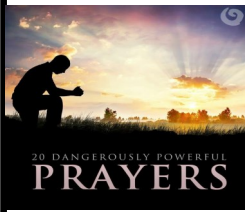
Somehow, in my intentions of doing good work, being a good mom, wife,...I reached a breaking point and my body wouldn't let me lie, and neither would my good friend. Doing too much is a very real struggle for me. Keeping the Sabbath as a working Mom is a very real

struggle for me. It was much easier before marriage and children, yet even then I struggled with taking on too much and taking needed rest and God connection time.

I hope that my admission of weakness will help some of you, and if you're someone who has more balance and is better disciplined at taking rest and Sabbath, I welcome your stories and encouragement. I'm willing to learn, though, and change. So what does Sabbath look like? For some of us a day of Sabbath looks like going to worship, praying, reading a book, taking a nap, making a meal without hurry, eating a meal without hurry. For others, it's spending time with a friend over coffee, or taking a walk with your family, or playing a game together. Sabbath, I heard, on the day I was a guest worshipper, is a time for praying and playing, a time to disconnect from the normal to-do's of your day to day and

reconnect with God and those you love.

Can we talk to each other about how we do this? Or struggle with doing it? A blessing of community in Christ is that we can help each other out along the way. Practice and fail together. Pray for each other, admit our shortcomings, and try anew. I suppose that's a decent entry into the Lenten Season: recognizing where we've walked a little (or a little farther than a little) off the path and doing our best to get back on the path that leads to life and peace. We're never going to do that perfectly; gratefully we don't have to for Jesus to walk with us, love us, forgive us. For that matter, I don't think it's something that we can do with our



own power and might. I think it takes God's help. God, help us please. God bless and keep you in this Lenten season and always. +

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Bre*

**Council Highlights**

**Installation of Officers** The 135th Annual Congregational Meeting that was held on Sunday, February 5th, resulted in the following new members: **Ben Raymond** was elected to the Council for the 1st time, **Hayley Smith** will be returning, and **Linda Sjolund** will be returning as members of the Council. The officers will be decided at the February 28th Council Meeting and will be published in the next Beacon. Presently we have: **President—Linda Derocher; Vice President—Walter Scanlon; Secretary—Kerri Puckett; Treasurer—Mary Schlicht.**

**Dan LaJoie** was thanked for his prior services to the Council. His terms expired.

The **Committee Liaisons** will also be decided at the February 28th Council meeting. Currently, we have: **Companion Congregation:** Contact—**Dan LaJoie** (term expired), Chair—**Luanne Skrenes; Endowment:** Contact—**Mary Schlicht**, Chair—**Dan Kill; Evangelism/Parish Life:** Contact & Chair—**Kerri Puckett; Faith Formation:** Contact—**Noreen Collins**, Chair—**Paulette Patron; Fortune Lake Bible Camp:** Contact & Chair—**Stacy McEachern; I.T. Committee:** Contact—**Tyler Moore**, Chair—**Marcus Songer; Property:** Contact—**Jim Kallioinen** (since has died), Chair—**TBA; Social Ministry:** Contact & Chair—**Linda Sjolund; Staff Support:** Contact—**Christine Koski**, Chair **Cheryl Dix; Stewardship:** Contact—**Mary Schlicht**, Chair—**Pastor Thomas Skrenes; WELCA:** Contact & Chair—**Linda Sjolund; Worship & Music:** Contact—**Walter Scanlon**, Chair—**Connie Scanlon; Youth:** Contact & Chair—**Stacy McEachern.**

The 2023 Annual Report is available for download on our website or in print at the church.



## Sunday School Report for March & April

Because we operate with such a small staff, we had to cancel Sunday School on February 5. One teacher was on vacation and the other was sick! Although our youth helpers do a GREAT job, our policy would not allow these young people to be responsible for the entire Sunday School.



Our Sunday School calendar will be adjusted in March and April. We will meet on March 5, 12 and 19. Our lessons will focus on the events of Holy Week and Easter.

Because of school vacation days and our Easter Worship Schedule, Sunday School will be on break for 3 weeks! We will not meet March 26, April 2 or April 9. On Easter, April 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be 2 worship services. Please plan to worship as a family on this joyous occasion.

Welcome back! The Spring term will begin on April 16 and continue through to May 21, finishing up before Memorial Day Weekend. During the Spring Term we will sample Bible Stories that happened after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Yours in Christ, **Paulette Patron**  
Sunday School Coordinator



## SUMMER 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Coming in June  
Vacation Bible School  
Experience For All Ages!

It's time to begin planning for you, children, grandkids and friends participate in this amazing week day morning program!

- **Who?** – Children beginning preschool through grade 5  
Youth volunteers for program help, such as sports, art, teacher assistants  
Adults for positions, such as kitchen snack help, morning greeters, check in tables, and program teachers
- **What?** - Bible lessons, outdoor play, games, music, snacks, art, and lots more!
- **When?** – **June 12- 16** at Immanuel Lutheran Church 9 a.m. – noon. Registration will be on the Church website in April.

For a successful program we must have volunteers and be extremely organized! We are currently working behind the scenes, but we must have more volunteers. So, jump on board by calling Diana Hetrick at 906- 235 -7110, Dianahetr@gmail.com, or through Facebook Messenger.

The rewards of working and/or attending this VBS program will make hearts and spirits burst with Joy! There will be smiles all around, a little commotion at times and the amazing pleasure of serving and helping to spread the Good News of God to children! We are looking forward to seeing you in June participating in this fun packed and important ministry!



## Men's Lenten Breakfast Bible Study - March 4th

Beginning Saturday, March 4th at 8:00 am and every Saturday throughout Lent, there will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast starts at 8:00 am, followed by a discussion of Sunday's readings and any topic that you may want to share. The meeting ends at 9:00 am. For more information, call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294. Start your day with good food for your stomach and the mind.



## EASTER LILY REMINDER

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR LILY FOR EASTER. THE ORDER FORM IS FOUND ON THE BACK COVER. FILL IT OUT AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE OR PUT IT INTO THE OFFERING PLATE BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER LILY DONATION.**



## Synod Assembly

Details are still forthcoming, but this year's assembly will be held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate and what will be involved.

**Synod Assembly week for 2023 is May 18-20.**





## Faith Formation

An important component of Faith development for all ages is to be part of a caring church community. Within this caring community, we see God at work through a variety of people. Our team is designing the Vacation Bible School program so children can experience this caring community.



"Jesus Shows Us How to Love Our Neighbors" is our Vacation Bible School theme. VBS will be held Monday June 12 through Friday June 16 from 9:00A.M. until noon. We will be hearing and seeing Bible stories, playing games, singing, praying, participating in age appropriate Bible Study, doing arts and crafts as we learn to Love Our Neighbor.

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**BIG QUESTION:** Is there interest in having an adult Bible study one or more mornings during VBS week?

Immanuel will be doing a half day VBS this year. Last year, we had **EXTREME** difficulty recruiting a sufficient number of helpers to support the Full Day Fortune Lake program for which we had contracted.

Please volunteer early as the amount of support we have determines how many children we can serve in this valuable ministry.

Registration for students is open to Potty-trained toddlers through students finishing Grade 5.

Volunteer positions are open to youth completing Grade 6 through 100 years old! Our needs include:

- People to pray for our VBS children and staff
- Several adult teachers -some for classroom, some for special activity centers
- Multiple helpers- youth and adult- for classrooms and activity centers
- ? Adult Bible Study leaders
- Kitchen, snack helpers



Enrollment forms, Volunteer applications and Job descriptions will be on the website to help you determine how you can support this ministry.

We will be having a safety training session for all helpers. An Introduction to our Theme and the structure of the week will also be held. Dates are still to be determined.

Once we finalize our snack menu and the number of attendees, we will be asking for food donations.

# Soup Supper



## Wednesdays in Lent

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On March 1st, the traditional Lenten Soup Suppers will begin. For that event, we will need your soups, breads, and / or any desserts you will be willing to make.

There will be a "sign-up" sheet posted near the Fellowship Hall doorway. Please sign up indicating you will be willing to make some of your delicious soup or dessert or bread. The supper starts at 5:30 pm followed by a short Lenten worship service at 6:15 pm. The dates for the soups are: March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Any donations made to this event goes to Immanuel's Youth for their upcoming trips that the Youth Coordinator has scheduled for them. This is their Fund Raiser for this year. Thank you for whatever you are able to contribute. And, we look forward for your delicious homemade soups and desserts. Thank you all for donating your cooking skills and it's results. All of you are **WELCOME TO COME for supper.**



## Immanuel's Mid-Week Lenten Worship Gatherings

On February 22nd, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday service will be on February 22, at 6:30 pm with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. This year will

have a type of musical worship service along with some readings. Services will be in the sanctuary at **6:15 pm** on the following Wednesdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service will be at **6:30 pm** on Thursday, **April 6th.**

Good Friday services will be on Friday, **April 7th.** *Although Good Friday services are in the PLANNING STAGE, they will be an ecumenical service. Everyone is welcome.*

Easter Worship Services will be on Sunday, **April 9th**, at **8:30 am** AND at **10:30 am** at Immanuel.

*(Come share in our Lenten Journey!)*



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

## March & April Mission Emphases

**IN MARCH**, our Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund will be the Mission Emphasis (ME), enabling people from Immanuel, young and old, to participate in the outdoor camping ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.



Outdoor camping ministry reaches people like none other. We'd like to encourage those connections by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats throughout the year. In this special place, campers disconnect from the world in order to reconnect with God, each other, and themselves. Campers experience the beauty of God's creation, amazing camp staff, other campers, Good News themes, and all the fun that a week can hold.

If you wish to give to Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund, use the *March Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**IN APRIL** our ELCA World Hunger will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.



ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**IMMANUEL HAS A PAGE ON FACEBOOK!**  
SEARCH FOR "IMMANUEL NEGAUNEE"  
AND "LIKE" US.  
ALSO, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG](http://WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG)



## FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

Greetings Fortune Lake  
Association Congregation!

Peace to you from Fortune Lake on this bright winter day. I pray that this email finds you well and in good spirits.

Following are upcoming events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Mark them on your calendar. Plan to attend!

### **SENIOR DAY - MARCH 13, 10:00 AM—2 PM (\$10.00)**

Senior day is a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones along the way. Come and join us for a day of conversation, delicious food, and fun!

Each Senior Day begins at 10 am CT and wraps up by 2 pm CT. the program varies but generally includes the following:

- 10 am—Arrival & check-in, coffee & fellowship time
- 10:15 am—Devotion & announcements
- 10:30 am—Presentation morning session
- 12:00 pm—Lunch
- 1:00 pm—Presentation afternoon session.

\$10 donation per participant is requested.

RSVP by the Friday before to (906) 214-2267 or [hospitality@fortunelake.org](mailto:hospitality@fortunelake.org).

### **WONDERDAYS - MARCH 18, 1:00-3:00 (FREE) - APRIL 15, 1:00-3:00 (FREE)**

Whether you're looking for mindfulness tools and practices, a chance to explore the outdoors, a creative outlet, or just an afternoon of family, fun, **WonderDays** is the place for you!

**WonderDays** is a series of **free events** taking place on one Saturday afternoon each month, from January through April, 2023. **Activities for all ages** are provided by Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and the Crystal Falls Contemporary Center, through the generous support of the Iron Area Health Foundation. We can't wait to see you at this all-new event!

### **I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY - JR/SR HIGH RETREAT (\$70) APRIL 21-22, 2023.**

**For grades 7—12.**

- Join us at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp for our Jr/Sr High (7-12 grade) retreat. This year's theme is "*I Love to tell the Story*". The retreat will feature camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, saunas, and more.
- Together we will learn about the stories of Jesus through Bible studies and worship throughout the weekend. Participants will spend time with new and old friends alike. Our goal is that each participant will leave with a greater sense of God's story.
- **Register Online.**

Grace and Peace, **Charlotte Strom**  
Guest Services Coordinator  
E: [hospitality@fortunelake.org](mailto:hospitality@fortunelake.org)  
P: (906)214-2267

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, MI  
906.214.2267, [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.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. Con-tainers are available near the stairs in the Steward-ship Center for dropping them off.

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

## UPDATE ON 2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY



We will gather May 18 - 20, 2023, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, for a Bishop's election. Bishop Finegan is available to serve another term.

This in-person event will include a Friday night banquet with entertainment by *Whitewater*, ministry display tables, worship, time for long-overdue fellowship and so much more! Our ELCA Churchwide Representative will be Lori Fedyk, treasurer of the ELCA. In addition to in-person activities, we will also enjoy pre-Assembly worships via Zoom. Details will be announced as they become available.

### Registration Information

Online registration will be available on our website ([nglsynod.org/assembly](http://nglsynod.org/assembly)) in February, so keep an eye on E-Notes for the announcement and link.

Please be aware of the fee structure this year:

- Voter registration is \$125 until April 12 at 5 pm ET
- Late voter registration is \$150 after 5 pm on April 12th
- Visitor registration is \$25
- All registration closes permanently on April 26th at 5 pm ET.

We are looking forward to being together again in Marquette!



## 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 **new 2023 Immanuel WELCA handbook** is ready and copies are available on the WELCA table.

### Dates to remember:

- March 3, World Day of Prayer
- April 17, Executive Board meeting

**Miriam Circle** meets March 21 and April 18, 9:30 a.m.

**Abigail Circle** meets March 21 and April 18, 1:30 p.m.

March's Bible Study is (no information available)

April's Bible study is (no information available)

Both Miriam and Abigail circles use the Gather magazine bible studies at their monthly meetings. The magazine offers a mix of faith-in-life articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories that speak to the hearts and souls of Christian women. Even if you are unable to attend the Circle meetings you might enjoy reading these articles. There are a couple extra copies of the Gather magazine on the WELCA table by the Fellowship Hall for you to take. The Gather magazine of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — guides you as you live and experience your faith every day. A special offer for new subscribers, a whole year of *Gather* (6 issues) for just \$9.95. Additionally, the magazine is on line.

### WELCA Projects:

March, LWR health kits

April, T-Shirts for diapers

Detailed items needed are listed in the back of the WELCA handbook.

The **World Day of Prayer** will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023.

### W.E.L.C.A. CALENDAR for March

- 2,9,16,23,30 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the Church
- 3 - 1:00 pm, World Day of Prayer Worldwide
- 21 - 9:30 am, Miriam Circle
- 21 - 1:30 pm, Abigail Circle

**Project:** LWR - Health Kits (see what is required in the WELCA Handbook)

### W.E.L.C.A. CALENDAR for April

- 6, 13, 20, 27 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the Church
- 17 - 1:00 pm, Executive Board Meeting
- 18 - 9:30 am, Miriam Circle
- 18 - 1:30 pm, Abigail Circle
- ?? - Spring Cluster Meeting - TBA

**Project:** T-Shirts for Diapers (drop off used T-Shirts by the Stewardship corner)

**WELCA Contributed: \$10.00 - Joann Dagmar Connors**  
**\$ 5.00 - John Paul Neiswander (for Ann N.)**



## Shining with the Light of Christ in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

*"You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*  
~James 2:8

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Have you heard the phrase, "Birds of a feather flock together?" This little saying acknowledges what we all know; we gravitate towards the familiar and the comfortable. We like to be with people who think like us, behave like us, believe the same things as us, maybe even look like us. It's natural. I suppose some anthropologist could give a long treatise on herd mentality or the role such affinity plays in survival.

Other observers of societal norms would offer that social media has intensified this phenomenon. Online algorithms supply us with posts that affirm our foregone conclusions. Worse, there are more than a few memes out there that characterize anyone with an opposing view as being fair game for mockery or dismissed as unworthy. Beware of viewpoints being portrayed in the extreme, with no room for nuance or grey area.

It is becoming more and more rare that people gather with birds of another feather, where their world view or assumptions or convictions are challenged. People talk about echo chambers, where we proclaim what we believe to be true only to hear it echo back to us as proof.

The thing is, if we only surround ourselves with people who agree with us, if we never encounter a contrary opinion and explore it for its valid points, if we avoid conversations that invite deeper thinking, broader understanding, or a push back against what we consciously or unconsciously believe to be true then we have stopped learning and our lack of engagement contributes to the polarization of our society and the underlying anger that results from feeling misunderstood.

A remedy for this is intentional engagement and deep listening, not to argue a point or change someone's mind, but to understand the reasons that support another perspective. To that end, our Synod will be offering a Lenten Kaleidoscope Challenge. Our NGLS Kaleidoscope in Christ task force seeks to provide more opportunities for our synod to see others through the eyes of Jesus so that we can better, as James and elsewhere in scripture urges, "love your neighbor as yourself."

Because it is more than a little difficult to love what we do not understand or stay present with topics or people that make us uncomfortable.

So during Lent, you are invited to engage the resources on our website under The Kaleidoscope Challenge. Short videos, articles, movies, and books are linked there for you to watch, read, and study. I encourage you to consciously lower your defenses, raise your awareness, and learn something new about racial equity, our indigenous neighbors, and the LGBTQIA+ community. And you are invited to join a small group of people every week via zoom to process and discuss the resources for that week. What do you have questions about? What surprised you? What challenged you? What pricked your compassion? Your curiosity? Your emotions?

On our synod website, [nnglsynod.org/christ-kaleidoscope-challenge](http://nnglsynod.org/christ-kaleidoscope-challenge), you can register for the cohort of your choosing. A variety of leaders, dates, and times are available.

At a time when people are quick to anger and disagree, I hope that our Church and your church can lead the way toward mutual respect and understanding. As Martin Luther once said, "God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does." For the sake of community, for the sake of the command of Jesus to love, for the sake of our neighbor, let us do the homework that will lead to authentic witness and put the love we have for Jesus into action.

Yours in Christ, **Bishop Katherine Finegan**

## You Can Learn a Lot from a Dog

A daily practice of mine is to walk my dog, Juergen. Juergen is always eager to go for a walk. No surprise there! My wife describes him as "4-Legged Joy with a Tail." I named Juergen after one of my favorite theologians, Juergen Moltmann.



Recently we took a walk in a large pasture area on public land. Fresh snows and ice left the snow deep but very crusty on the top. Juergen was so excited for his walk, but this time he sensed early on that there would be problems. He ran out ahead of me, but he was very much slowed down by the crusty snow breaking way and his legs sinking into the deep snow. It was very difficult for him to "blaze" a new trail on his own.



I felt sorry for Juergen for not having the typical freedom to merely bounce on ahead of me. Eventually, Juergen slowed down. I could tell he was becoming fatigued, and this walking experience was not pleasant at all. I, too, was having

difficulty blazing my own trail. I really should have been wearing snowshoes, but with my winter boots I was able to stomp down and create size 13 divots in the deep snow.

What happened next caught my attention. My dog slowed down. He then started following me so that his paws could easily follow in my footprints without him having to break through snow. Even though it slowed him down, Juergen was having a much more enjoyable time following in my clear footprints in the snow.

Sometimes when the snow was not so deep, Juergen would leap out ahead of me and make his own trail. Then, when the snow got deep again, Juergen slowed down and started following my footprints.

You can see the obvious spiritual lesson here! Jesus calls us to follow him. Sometimes we bounce out ahead of Jesus with bold confidence that we can handle whatever life has to throw at us. Then we encounter the inevitable deep snow with an icy crust. We fall in. We have to slow down. For a moment we keep trying to blaze our own trail. Finally, if we are humble enough to slow down, we can wait for the Master to pass. We can more efficiently continue our journey following in the big and confident footsteps of the Master, Jesus.

Jesus has gone before us to show us the way. Jesus said, "I am the Way." Thanks be to God that Jesus has the patience to wait upon us when we foolishly bolt out ahead and get hip deep in trouble.

That day my dog taught me a lot about my Lord's loving patience with me and the confident path of Jesus.

~Pastor Jim Duehring,

Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission





Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.

# March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bible Study  5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 Lenten Mid-Wk Worship 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 10:00 Quilting	<b>3</b> 10:00 AA World Day of Prayer (worldwide)  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> 8-9:00 Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
<b>5 2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11 Bible Group Conversation  7:30 AA	<b>6</b>  6:00 Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 Bible Study  5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 Lenten Mid-Wk Worship 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 10:00 Quilting  7:30 'Bar' Church	<b>10</b> 10:00 AA  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b> 8-9:00 Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
<b>12 3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 C & F 11 Bible Group Conversation  7:30 AA (daylight savings time begins)	<b>13</b> 6:00 Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 Bible Study  5:30 Lenten soup supper 6:15 Lenten Mid-Wk Worship 6:45 Choir Practice 7:00 Companion Congreg Cm	<b>16</b> 10:00 Quilting	<b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b> 10:00 AA  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>18</b> 8-9:00 Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
<b>19 4th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 C & F 11 Bible Group conversation  7:30 AA	<b>20</b> 6:00 Worship 6-8:00 Confirmation  (1st day of Spring)	<b>21</b> 9:30 Miriam Circle 1:30 Abigail Circle 6:00 Exec Comm . Meets 6:30 Council	<b>22</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg (Council Revu) 10:00 Bible Study  5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 Lenten Mid-Wk Worship 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 10:00 Quilting  7:30 'Bar' Church	<b>24</b> 10:00 AA  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b> 8-9:00 Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
<b>26 5th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 C & F 11 Bible Group Conversation  7:30 AA	<b>27</b> 6:00 Worship	<b>28</b> 6-8:30 PEO (L. Sjolund)	<b>29</b> 10:00 Bible Study  5:30 Lenten soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Mid-Wk Worship 6:45 Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 10:00 Quilting	<b>31</b> 10:00 AA  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>March</b>

**SERVING THE LORD . . . . . FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

**Date**      **Time**      **Greeters**      **Ushers**      **Lectors**      **Comm. Asst.**      **Counters**

<b>5</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Dan Collins Fae Collins	Dan Collins Fae Collins	Dan Collins	Dan & Fae Collins	Fae Collins
<b>6</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Paulette Patron	Paulette Patron	Linda Sjolund Linda Ogea

<b>12</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Dan Collins Fae Collins	Dan Collins Fae Collins	Valerie Paulson	Larry & Lori Marta	Mike Frustaglio Linda Dillman
<b>13</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Kevin Crupi Reuven Romback	Jill Sladek	Julie Mager	Kerri Puckett

<b>19</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Bill Flis Bob Sylvester	Bill Flis Bob Sylvester	Noreen Collins	Dana & Sally Echelbarger	Vicki Lempinen Linda Ogea
<b>20</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Diana Hetrick Deb Hicks	Diana Hetrick Deb Hicks	Sheila Meier	Virginia Paulson	Linda Sjolund

<b>26</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Bill Flis Bob Sylvester	Bill Flis Bob Sylvester	Lori Marta	Larry & Lori Marta	Fae Collins Judy Hallgren
<b>27</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Diana Hetrick Deb Hicks	Diana Hetrick Deb Hicks	Kay Korpi	Kay Korpi	Dave Hallgren

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: 5, 12, 19, 26 - Purple / Blue.

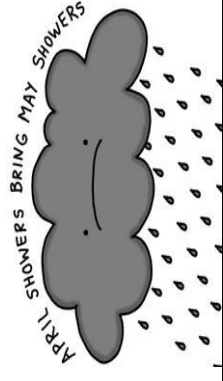
MARCH COFFEE SERVERS: SENIOR CHOIR








# April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	<b>3</b> 6:00 Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	<b>6 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 10:00 Quilting 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	<b>7 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10:00 AA 12-3:00 Good Friday Service (TBA) OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b> 8-10:00 Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast <b>8</b>
<b>9 EASTER</b> <b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 NO Sunday School 9:30 C & F 10:30 Worship 7:30 AA	<b>10</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>In OBSERVANCE</b> <b>OF EASTER</b> 6:00 NO Worship Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	<b>13</b> Kdg. Screening 13-14 (8 am-4 pm) 10:00 Quilting 7:30 'Bar' Church	<b>14</b> <← Kdg. Screening 13-14 (8 am-4 pm) 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>15</b>
<b>16 2nd Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	<b>17</b> Kdg. Screening 17-21st (8 am-4 pm) <b>BEACON DEADLINE</b> 9:30 WELCA Kitchen Clean-Up 1:00 WELCA Exec. Board Mtg 6:00 Worship 6-8:00 Confirmation	<b>18</b> Kdg. Screening 17-21st (8 am-4 pm) 9:30 Miriam Circle 1:30 Abigail Circle 6:00 Exec Committee Meets 6:30 Church Council	<b>19</b> Kdg. Screening 17-21st (8 am-4 pm) 9:00 Staff Mtg (Council Revu) 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	<b>20</b> Kdg. Screening 17-21st (8 am-4 pm) 10:00 Quilting	<b>21</b> <← Kdg. Screening 17-21st (8 am-4 pm) 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b>
<b>23 3rd Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 C & F 4:00 Care Clinic Baby Shower 7:30 AA	<b>24</b> 6:00 Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 10:30 Quilting 7:30 'Bar' Church	<b>28</b> 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b>
<b>30 4th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA						<b>30</b> 



## SERVING THE LORD . . . . . FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Lectors	Comm. Asst.	Counters
2	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Valerie Paulson	Kathy & Al Sundine Linda Dillman	Vicki Lempinen Linda Sjolund
3	6:00 PM	Reuven Romback Need Volunteer	Reuven Romback Need Volunteer	Sheila Meier	Julie Mager	Linda Ogea
6	6:30 PM	W. Scanlon, L. Dillman, A. Mutkala				
7	6:30 PM	Alice Zinsser				
		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>				
9	8:30 AM	Dave Hallgren Judy Hallgren	Dave Hallgren Judy Hallgren	Judy Hallgren	Bill & Alice Zinsser Paulette Patron	Fae Collins Linda Dillman
	10:30 AM	Kathy Palomaki Doug Palomaki	Kathy Palomaki Doug Palomaki	No one assigned	No One Assigned Valerie Paulson	Kerri Puckett
10	6:00 PM	<b>NO SERVICE</b>				
16	9:30 AM	Dave Hallgren Judy Hallgren	Dave Hallgren Judy Hallgren	Mike Frustaglio	Dana & Sally Eichelbarger Dan Lajoie	Mike Frustaglio Judy Hallgren
17	6:00 PM	Connie Kemper Need Volunteer	Connie Kemper Need Volunteer	Jill Sladek	Connie Kemper	Dave Hallgren
23	9:30 AM	Doug Palomaki Kathy Palomaki	Doug Palomaki Kathy Palomaki	Dave Keranen	Terry & Susan Cathcart Heidi Hill	Vicki Lempinen Linda Ogea
24	6:00 PM	Connie Kemper Kevin Crupi	Connie Kemper Kevin Crupi	Kevin Crupi	Kevin Crupi	Linda Dillman
30	9:30 AM	Deb Moyer Alice Mutkala	Deb Moyer Alice Mutkala	Alice Mutkala	Sara & Terry Garceaeu Donna Hayrynen	

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 9 - White; 2, 16, 23, 30 - Purple/Blue.  
APRIL COFFEE SERVERS: PROPERTY SUPPORT

# April

### 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 or 458-2145 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. 
- **DID YOU KNOW** that Immanuel sends out cards, notes and/or care packages several times a year to our college students and military? BUT... we don't always know who they are. If you have a child in college/military, please call the church office (475-9161) to give us their address so they may be put on our mailing list.
- **NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD** News - Visit: [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry** @ [www.nmlutherans.org](http://www.nmlutherans.org) 228-8033



## Grow in Spirit, Faith and Understanding

There's still time to register for Lifelong Faith Formation classes this winter. Sign up now for the online courses which begin in March & April.

*An opportunity for important discussions:*

**Beyond Policy: Empowering the Faith Community to Recognize and Respond to Child Abuse and Sexual Assault** with Pastor Kari Vadis of Trinity, Rhinelander - Every Thursday, 12 noon ET/11 am CT **thru March 2** (4 sessions).

*Increasing awareness of God's presence in your life:*

**Meeting Christ in Prayer** with Pastor Terry Frankenstein Every Thursday, 10:30 am-noon ET/9:30-11 am CT **March 2-April 20** (8 sessions), check to see if you can register.

*Great reading and lively conversation:*

**Introduction to Family Systems Thinking & Book Study of Friedman's Fables—"Metaphors for Family Systems Thinking,"** with Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop Every Saturday, 11 am CT/10 am ET **April 1-May 6** (5 sessions), Register by March 11.

More than 30 people are now taking part in classes. Enjoy the conversations by signing up for the next set of classes.

For details and to register, [visit our website](#). If you have any questions, contact Deacon Lori Ward at [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org) or 615-519-1969.



## Word of The Day

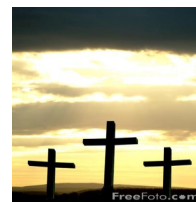
## Word of the Day

"I have become more and more convinced that while yearning for the past can be a barrier to growth in mission and ministry, nostalgic reminiscing can be a tool for adaptive and creative

thinking about where God is calling a congregation to go.

However, until a congregation comes to terms with its perceived losses from the past through a process of grief, it will continue to be paralyzed in the present and unable to think creatively about the future. Acknowledging and expressing grief will give the congregation the courage to redefine its relationship with the past and draw strength and encouragement from their memories as they step into the future."

~from *Embracing God's Future without Forgetting the Past: A Conversation about Loss, Grief, and Nostalgia in Congregational Life* by Michael Girlinghouse p. xvii



## Why Good Friday?

The celebration of Good Friday is ancient, dating at least to the 4th century. But why is it called a "good" day? The exact details of what happened on that original Friday are somewhat different in the four Gospels, but this is what we are able to piece together. Either very late on Maundy Thursday or in the early hours of Friday, after the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to meditate. When he was there, one of his disciples betrayed him by leading the soldiers to him and portraying

him as a threat to both the Jewish and Roman authorities. He was arrested and immediately taken before the Sanhedrin (Jewish supreme court), where he was found guilty. From there he was taken to stand before Pilate (Roman manager of Judea, southern division of Palestine), thereafter taken to face Herod (Roman king of Judea), and then back to Pilate again. He was condemned to death. He was stripped of all human dignity: scourged, crowned with thorns, spat upon, made to carry a cross through the streets, actually nailed to the cross, and finally having to suffer the slow and painful death of crucifixion from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After he died, he was taken from the cross and buried in a tomb. How is it possible to characterize the horrific events of that day as "good"? How is it that the cross of that Friday has become the universal symbol of Christendom? This would have gone down in history as just another death of a renegade who tried to overthrow Jewish and Roman officials had it not been for what followed. The third day later it was discovered that Jesus was no longer in the tomb. At first it was thought that perhaps the body had been stolen. But guards had been placed at the entrance of the tomb to keep that from happening, and then Jesus appeared to the disciples. It was clear that he had overcome death. The Apostles' Creed, well known outline of the Christian faith ascribed to the early Disciples and used in public worship, puts it in broad but simple terms. Quoting from parts of the Creed relating directly to Good Friday: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who . . . suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried . . . the third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty . . . I believe in . . . the life everlasting."



## What is Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of [Passion Week](#), one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday. First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion ([Luke 22:19-20](#)). Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on

Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility ([John 13:3-17](#)). Some Christian churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples. The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in "Maundy Thursday" refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. Should we observe Maundy Thursday? The Bible neither commands nor forbids it. It is a good thing to remember the Last Supper and Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It is a good thing to remember the Lord's example of humility. However, at the same time, we should avoid ritualistic observances of holidays unless they are truly focused on God and our relationship with Him. Observing a special Lord's Supper service on Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday in remembrance of the [Last Supper](#) is a good thing to do. Doing a [foot-washing](#) in remembrance of how Christ humbled Himself and washed the feet of the disciples is a powerful reminder of how we are to live the Christian life ([Philippians 2:1-11](#)). Let's just make sure we are observing Maundy Thursday in a way that truly honors what happened at the Last Supper.



# Thank You



**Thank you Immanuel** for all of your wonderful thoughts, prayers, cards, and for the beautiful prayer shawl that was sent to me. Your church is such a warm, wonderful, welcoming church, John & I just loved it and being there. John is surely missed a lot and I appreciate all of your caring and sympathy messages. John's obituary can be viewed online in the 'Nie' Newspaper out of Ann Arbor, Michigan. His funeral will also be live-streamed and on Utube. The Funeral will take place on Friday, February 17th, at 11:00 am. (For those wondering about where John was from, his family all came from Indiana.) God's Peace to All of You, and a sincere Thank You for your condolences.

Sincerely, **Ann Neiswander**

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Highlights from January / February

Council Corner . . . Nothing was reported from the Council for January nor February. February's Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

There was no news from the Social Ministry Committee.

Respectively submitted,  
**Linda Sjolund**



## THE CARE CLINIC

The Care Clinic is being planned for Sunday, April 23rd, here at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church. There will be a

table set up for any donations of baby items. More information will be forthcoming. Stay tuned to your bulletin to see. Respectively submitted, **Linda Sjolund**

## Christianity is the world's largest religion.

To say that you are a Christian, means you are a follower of Christ as He has revealed Himself in the Holy Bible. Christianity is a monotheistic religion comprised of numerous different denominations. These different denominations are separated based on stances taken on interpretation of the Bible. Many of these denominations will disagree on secondary issues. Christians worship one God who is a Trinity. Three individual Persons but one in essence. God the Father, Jesus the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit are all unique individuals but are joined together as one. All three have always existed.

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



## THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you for your continued generosity in giving of your time, talents, and possessions as managers and stewards of God's treasures! Together we live the Good News!

## 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.

## 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.



**HOW TO WORSHIP GOD (IT'S NOT HARD)**



## **Congratulations to...**

... to **Catherine Henderson** for coming in 1st in the District Spelling Bee for 6th grade at Negaunee Public Schools. She advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee on February 16th at Marquette Senior High School. *Congratulations!*



.... To the following students for being named to the 1st semester 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, Henna DuMoulin, Ty Jacobson, Halle Palomaki, Madalynn Peters, Chloe Popko, Karina Suardini, Hank Tincknell; GRADE 11: Macie Annala, Courtney Beckman, Owen Debelak, Madison Frustaglio, Gavin Saunders, Riley Williams; GRADE 12: Morgan Carilli, Cheyenne Holcomb, Gavin Jacobson, Haylee Lenten, Jace Turri, Drake Spickerman, Luke Ulvila.** *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students from the Negaunee Middle School for being named on the most recent Honor Roll: **GRADE 5: Allyson Beckman, Nathan Harvala, Liam Laitala, Evan Menge, Molly Trudgeon; GRADE 6: Cooper Dost, Andrew Henderson, Catherine Henderson, Jacob Loehr, Arianna Paananen, Reed Spickerman, Landon Steele; GRADE 7: David Alexander, Adelyn Chapman, Waylon Harvala, Sydney Jarvi, Griffin Leece, Thomas Menge, Anna Price, Maijjah Speaker; GRADE 8: Macie Crabb, Max Frustaglio, Emma Lajimodiene, Camryn Sandstrom, Hayden Sundberg, Vince Tincknell.** *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students from Ishpeming Middle & High School Honor Rolls, 2nd quarter: **GRADE 6: Zakary Hyry; GRADE 10: Michael Pascoe; GRADE 11: Emily DeMarois, Paige Palomaki, Eliza Williams; GRADE 12: Madison LaForest, Marina Pascoe.** *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students from Westwood High School on the latest Honor Roll, Term 2: **GRADE 10: Anna Hytinen, Emersyn Nelson.** *Congratulations!*

... To **all of the volunteer snow shovelers** that kept our entrances open for worship service. Your help is appreciated.

**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.



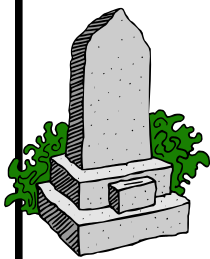
**THANK YOU IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We cannot say Thank You enough for your donation to help GLRC clients over the holidays. The clients were able to do some fun activities like bowling & eat some great food from our local restaurants. Everyone had a great holiday even though they were away from home. Thank you all once again.  
*Sincerely, Derrick & GLRC Staff & Clients.*



**DEAR FRIENDS** - Thank you for the great Christmas gifts for my son Roman this year from the 'Angel Tree'. It is very much appreciated!  
*Sincerely, Amy*  
(This was a thank you card that was received from a guardian of a child that was given to us through the 'Angel Tree Project', a child of an person in prison that wanted to send a gift to his family. Thank you to the Angel that supplied the Christmas gift(s) for him.)

- Thank you to **John & Vicki Makinen, Jean Manginen, and Marlys Trudgeon** for helping to put together the January / February 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. *Thank you for volunteering!*
- Thank you to **Judy & Dave Hallgren, Heidi Hill, Alice & Bill Zinsser, Vicki & John Makinen, Dave Keranen, Sue Cathcart, Kathy Sundine, and ANYONE ELSE** I failed to acknowledge that helped to 'un-decorate' our church sanctuary after Christmas.
- Thank you to **Jonelle Collins** for donating the Christmas tree for our sanctuary this Christmas season.
- 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, and **Linda Dillman** for the Cradle Role.
- To all **January / February Lectors, Greeters / Ushers, and Tech Persons** who volunteered, some even though you were not scheduled. *Thank you!*





## SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Jane (Duane) Cotterman on the loss of her father, **Paul Richard Smith**, on Saturday, December 17th, 2022. Also, condolences to Paul's wife, Kathleen (Rajala) Smith, and to his grandchildren: Rachel (Brandon) Ward, Rylee Gustafson, Lilly Cotterman, and all of the Smith Family.
- Troy (Sarah) Henderson on the loss of his grandmother, **Laila J. Maze**, on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023. Also, condolences to her great-grandchildren, Cate, Charlie, Anne, Teddy Henderson, and all of the Maze Family.
- Ann Neiswander on the loss of her husband, **John Paul Neiswander**, on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Also, condolences to all of the Neiswander Family.
- Connie (Randy) Champion, Paula Connors, Wendy (Rick) Champion, Dennis Connors, and Troy (Caitlin) Connors, on the loss of their mother, **Joann Dagmar Connors**, on Wednesday, February 1st. Also, condolences to her grandchildren: Stacy (Mark) McEachern, Wayne Champion, Tiffany Connors, James Champion, Taylor Connors, Roger Champion, & Travis Connors; to her great-grandchildren: Shane, Katie, Callie, & Derek McEachern, Joanna Champion, Connie & Colby Champion, and all of the Connors Family.
- Christine (Daniel) Hendrickson, on the loss of her father, **Leonard A. Rukkila** on Friday, February 3rd, at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans. Also condolences to all of the Rukkila Family.

## MEMORIALS

### IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Don Palomaki  
Virginia Paulson  
Walter & Connie Paulson

### IN MEMORY OF NANCY MAE BURTON

Jonelle Collins

### IN MEMORY OF JOHN PAUL NEISWANDER

Jonelle Collins  
Katherine Godbout  
Carol Lapenna  
Tom Makela  
Alice Mutkala  
Dennis & Cheryl Olsen  
Virginia Paulson  
Walter & Connie Scanlon

### IN MEMORY OF JOANN DAGMAR CONNORS

Ted & Millie Balzarini  
Wayne & Judith Charbonneau

Dan & Fae Collins  
Jonelle Collins  
Paul & Noreen Collins  
Gary & Mary Connors  
Dennis & Jill Dompierre  
Vicki Elliott

David & Diane Faust  
Terry & Sara Garceau  
Katy Godbout  
Timothy & Mary Gurlea  
Dave & Judy Hallgren  
Jim & Martha Hayward  
Millie Isaacson  
Kevin & Becky Jacobson  
Scott Jandron  
Don & Mary Leece  
Jill Leferink  
Judy Maki

Terry & Karen Meden  
Darrell Moilanen  
Alice Mutkala  
Sean & Kathleen O'Donnell  
Dean & Paulette Patron  
Virginia Paulson  
Donald Price

William & Susan Roberts  
Reuven & Marlene Romback  
Paul & Arlene Rosten  
Walter & Connie Scanlon  
Sharon Shaffer  
Steve Solberg  
Al & Kathryn Sundine  
John & Karen Sutton  
Alan & Marlys Trudgeon  
Joan Tuoriniemi

### IN MEMORY OF BRUCE & ERIC COLLINS (for Fortune Lk Lutheran Camp)

Dan & Fae Collins

## 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 your volunteering.

## 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.





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

**MARCH** . . . . .

- March 1 Kevin Jacobson, Philip Lindblom, Erik Ulvila
- March 4 Alex Carlson
- March 5 Alex LaFreniere
- March 6 Darlene Pepin
- March 7 Ethan Couture, Todd Hendrickson, Timothy Kjellman, Megan Syrjala
- March 9 Jacob Anderson, Lucas LaFreniere, Patricia Roberts
- March 10 Lindsay Hemmila
- March 11 Taylor DeWitt
- March 12 John A. Hemmila, Avabelle Williams
- March 13 Barbara Cohan, Lori Marta
- March 14 Jerry Poutanen
- March 15 Nancy Kurin
- March 16 Jennie Meier, Karen Saari, Paul Smith, Luke Syrjala
- March 17 Kevin Bell, Becky Havel, LeAnn Makela, Susanna Suardini
- March 21 Alyssa Castilleja, Diane Larson
- March 22 Easton Saari, Brent Soeltner, Al Sundine
- March 23 Stacy McEachern
- March 25 Timothy King, Alice Mutkala, Landon Steele
- March 26 Taylor Maki, Ethan Wallner, Casey Williams
- March 27 Samuel Hayward, Debra Hicks, Karina Suardini
- March 28 Ashley Krook, Derek Larson, Nickolas Larson, Alexis Nelson, Valerie Paulson
- March 30 Reed Spickerman

**APRIL** . . . . .

- April 1 Joanna Champion, Robert Pynnonen
- April 2 Kaleb Collins, Douglas Jarvi, Tyler Thomas
- April 3 Tanner Annala, Hanna Kallioinen, Ethan Koski, Aleah LaJoie, Marina Pascoe
- April 4 Josephine Carlson, Nicholas Sharon
- April 5 Simon Hamlin, Dorothy Hill, David Korpi, Jill Sladek
- April 6 Troy Henderson, Jayde Whitley, Scarlett Whitley
- April 8 Linda Dillman, Aaron LaJoie, Carole Spickerman
- April 9 Stephanie Miller
- April 10 Brian Basto, Cooper Dost, Amara Wallner
- April 11 Derrick DuMoulin
- April 12 Luke Lawson, Shelli Miller, Victor Romback
- April 13 Chelsea Ault
- April 14 Lindsey Tincknell
- April 15 Danny Hill, Liliana Saunders
- April 16 Ronette Coduti, Luke DeWitt, Dale Jarvi, Ethan Roberts
- April 18 Mira Hill
- April 19 Rachel Lambertson, Amanda Miller, Eliza Williams

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- April 20 Luanne Skrenes, Kimberly Torreano
  - April 21 Becky DeWitt
  - April 22 Aaron Beckman, Delanee Lenten, Kathy Stambaugh
  - April 23 Connie Champion
  - April 24 Rudoph Gannon
  - April 25 Cheryl Kerkela
  - April 26 Kristin DeMarois, Madison Holcomb, Sherry Ulvila
  - April 27 Jennifer Larson
  - April 30 Alexandra Halverson, Jhon Jarvi
- Happy Birthday to All of You!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS! GOD'S BLESSINGS ....**

to those members of Immanuel who celebrate milestones in Their marriage in the months of



**MARCH & APRIL**

**20 YEARS & OVER**

- 03/03 - Ronald & Beverly Martin - 24 years
- 04/02 - Kevin and Lori Bell - 29 years

**30 YEARS & OVER**

- 03/15 - Jim and Diana Bergh-Hetrick - 32 years
- 04/28 - Steve and Valerie Paulson - 33 years

**40 YEARS & OVER**

- 03/31 - John & Vicki Makinen - 40 years
- 03/22 - Steven and Liisa Turri - 48 Years
- 04/24 - Michael and Paula Frustaglio - 47 years

**50 YEARS & OVER**

- 03/05 - Dan and Fae Collins - 55 years
- 03/20 - Ted and Millie Balzarini - 52 years
- 04/25 - Pamela and Dale Anderson - 53 years



**Baptism**



**BAPTISM - WE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:**

On January 9th, 2023, a Baptism of **Harper Marie Nerwuca** and **Lucas Marek Nerwuca**, children of Taryn Kay Gleason and Kamil Andrez Nerwuca, took place at Immanuel. Sponsors for Harper were Ryan and Annette Gleason. Sponsors for Lucas were Heidi and Jeff Sauer.

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**Choir Director:** Connie Lindblom  
**Accompanist:** Vicki Lempinen  
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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES at IMMANUEL**  
*We hope you will gather with us.*

*Palm Sunday*  
 April 2/3 - Palm Sunday/Monday - 9:30 am/6:00 pm

*Maundy Thursday*  
 April 6 - Maundy Thursday: 6:30 pm  
*Holy Communion*

*good friday*  
 April 7 - Good Friday Services  
 12 - 3:00 pm - (TBA) Ecumenical Services  
 Services have not been formalized yet.

April 9 - Easter Sunday  
*Day of Resurrection*  
 8:30 & 10:30 am Services  
*Holy Communion*

**OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023**  
**NO 6 PM WORSHIP SERVICE nor CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**(NOTE: The Good Friday Services are still in the planning stage.)**



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**Easter Flowers**  
**Order by**  
**Wednesday, April 5th**

For Easter, we will do the same thing we did at Christmas me. Many families find that purchasing Easter plants is increasingly expensive, up to \$25.00 a plant. In an effort to let more people remember their loved ones at this important time of the year, you will be able to simply give a memorial to "Easter Flowers." The money donated will be used to purchase Easter lilies. A memorial booklet will be published listing the contributions as well as who is being memorialized / honored. These booklets will be distributed at all of our Easter services.

Due to the costs of flowers, we **suggest** a contribution of \$10.00 or more per name or family, although gifts of any amount will be accepted. Please fill in the information on this form for the Memorial Booklet. (Your clarity in writing or printing is of the utmost importance.) The deadline for contributing for Easter flowers is Wednesday, **April 5th.**

**Name of Contributor** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

