

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**March 17—March 24, 2024**

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	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	5:00pm	Community Meal
	6:00pm	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Miriam Circle
	10:00am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Church Council
	7:00pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:30pm	Abigail Circle
	5:00pm	Soup Supper
	6:00pm	Lenten Service
	6:30pm	Choir
	6:30pm	Companion Congregation Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Quilting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	10:00am	AA
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	9:30am	Worship Service
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: [upbre3@gmail.com](mailto:upbre3@gmail.com).)



**Fifth Sunday  
in Lent**

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday, March 17, 2024, 9:30am

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us prepare now to enter the desert.

**We will walk the road that Jesus walked. We will fast and pray with Jesus on the way.**

Let us face those desert places in our lives.

**We will not go there alone: Jesus has gone there before us.**

Face the desert we must, if we are to reach the cross of Easter.

**Face the desert we must, but Jesus has gone there before us.**

Let us remember the times we turned away.

**We confess the ways in which we've hurt one another and ourselves and turned away from God.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Our God is merciful and the Source of our salvation, who desires not that we live in shame or guilt but rather that we turn from what we do to hurt ourselves and others and receive forgiveness. Therefore, may the One who came to restore life bless you and restore you by the Holy Spirit, for the living of new life in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we know that we are forgiven.**

**OPENING HYMN      *My Song Is Love Unknown***

**#343**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

*I treasure your promise in my heart. (Ps. 119: 11)*



**FORTUNE LAKE**  
*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

**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!*

Thank you for giving **\$1,050.69** in February to the ***Immanuel Quilters.***  
 The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Pray For:** Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Jessica Luck, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.

**Our Shut-ins:** Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.

**Members in the Armed Service:** Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.

**ASSISTING IN SERVICE**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP:** Pastor Bre Kinnunen

**ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:** Connie Scanlon

**Worship Services:** Sunday @ 9:30am / 6:00pm

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

**VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30am GREETERS	Jim Hayward Mike Lempinen	6:00pm GREETERS	Diana Hetrick
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9:30am LECTOR	Kay Korpi	6:00pm LECTOR	Taryn Gleason
9:30am COMM ASST	Kay Korpi Val Paulson Henna DuMoulin	6:00pm COMM ASST	Julie Mager
9:30am Tech Team	Tyler Moore		

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION We Are Turning #205**

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Terry Cathcart**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Seed That in Earth Is Dying

#330

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

\* **CPR/AED TRAINING** will be held on **May 1, 2024** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. People from across the ministries of Immanuel are encouraged to attend including those from both Sunday worship services, the quilters, and various Bible Study and committee members, etc. Contact the church office to sign up.

\* **COMPANION CONGREGATION CELEBRATION** Enjoy worship on **April 7, 2024** as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of Yombo Lutheran in Tanzania, Africa. Drs. Brian and Danielle Anderson will preach. They currently coordinate the synod's dental project in Tanzania. Some Tanzanian traditions will be incorporated into our service with some verses of hymns being sung in Swahili. Tanzanian snacks will be available during coffee hour.

\* **CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS** And the winners are...First Place: Cody Scanlon, Second Place: Walter Scanlon and Third Place: Ben Raymond. Congratulations to all! We had 12 amazing chilis to choose from. Thank you to all involved in the planning and execution of this event.



\* **COMMUNITY MEAL** A community meal will be held at Immanuel **tonight Sunday, March 17**, at 5:00pm. Sloppy joes and cheesy potatoes will be served.

\* **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity would like to ask for our help providing lunches to their volunteers in the 2024 build season. They will need anywhere between 4 and 25 lunches on any given day. There will be advanced notice to lunch donors regarding the number of lunches needed. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping out this summer!

**\*NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP** This summer, a group of youth from Immanuel is going to New Orleans for the national youth gathering. At this event, they will expand their faith through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. It is a unique experience for all those involved. They would really appreciate the continued support from the congregation. The youth are extremely grateful for all the generous donations that they have received. Without the love from you, they would never be able to go! The group is on their way to hitting their goal and could use your help. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes on a white board in the fellowship hall. Please put your donation in one of the envelopes and then put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

**\*SOUP SUPPERS** will be held at **5:00pm each Wednesday** in Lent prior to Lenten worship services at 6:00. A sign-up sheet is posted near the door of the Fellowship Hall on which you can sign up to bring a container of soup and/or a pan of bars. Please help with the meals by signing up for one or more Wednesday meals.

**\*BARBARA LEHTONEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** This scholarship will be available to Immanuel graduating seniors again this year. If you are interested in applying, please fill out an application in the high school office.

**\*EASTER EGG HUNT** We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Dying Party on Saturday, March 30 from 10:00am—11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to fill and hide eggs, help out during the party or make a special treat to share, please speak with Pastor Bre or call the church office.

**\*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at Immanuel from June 10-14, 2024 with classes for children Age 2 through Grade 5. **Registration forms are now available on the church website.** The success of our VBS program lies in having enough staff so the children can have a safe, fun learning experience. Our exact number of classroom staff will depend on our enrollment. We have several teachers, but need more. We need teacher assistants. Snack center has some volunteers, but need more- come for the whole week- or for one day. Our BIG need is for Playground helpers! Responsibilities will be to set up equipment. Play with the kids. Take down the equipment. This will take about an hour and a half mid-morning. Snacks will be included! **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.**

**\*EASTER LILIES** It's time to order your Easter lilies. Please fill out the bulletin insert and return it in the offering plate or to the church office by **Wednesday, March 27.**

**\*LENT/EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- March 20, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 28, 6:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service
- March 29, 12:00pm—Good Friday Service at Bethany Lutheran
- March 29, 6:30pm—Good Friday Cantata at W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School
- March 30, 6:00pm—Easter Vigil
- March 31, 8:30am and 10:30am—Easter Service

**We need 2 volunteers to usher during the following services: Maundy Thursday and both Easter Services. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the office at 906-475-9161.**

**\*DOOR KEYS** If you are in possession of any keys (not pass cards) to the church, please return them to the church office as soon as possible. When they are used, they mess with the electronic locking system. Thank you!

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation especially the Prayer Chain, Homebound Communion Visitors, Tablet Ministry and Eastwood Nursing Home Worship. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us (especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today). Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.)*

**OFFERING SONG      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*      #188**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**



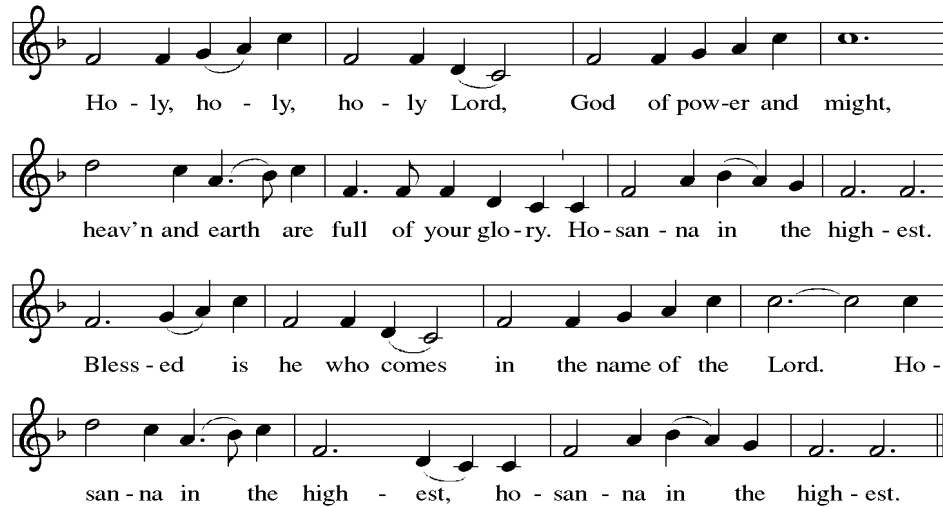
## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION HYMNS: *As the Grains of Wheat* #465  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #338

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

## SENDING

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Terry Cathcart

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

## BLESSING

Go now into the desert places where God calls you to go, and be what God calls you to be. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 17—March 24, 2024

\***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for March is Choir. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee Hour or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Connie Lindblom or Connie Scanlon with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

\***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. **This week's Bible Study is Exodus 4:18-31; 5-6—God's Promise to the Israelites.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

\***COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR CANTATA** Please attend A Choir Cantata: *It Is Finished* on **Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm** at the W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School. On **Wednesday, February 21**, choir rehearsals were held for an hour at Bethany in Ishpeming. Six songs will be sung by the choir with a reading of the Passion Story between each song. Three congregational hymns will be included accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra. Offering for the worship will go to Ishpeming High School to refurbish their Grand Piano.

\***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES...**We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.

\***FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP** Registration is open. Scholarships are available for all. If you register by April 1, you will receive \$25 off. Please contact Stacy at 361-9123 or email her at stacycm6@gmail.com.