

Immanuel Lutheran Church

May / June 2023

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 NRSV

Peter is reminding the new churches in Asia Minor that God has chosen them to be a holy nation. They are a nation that God has set a part to proclaim God's mighty acts. This sounds like a very tall order. The writer must have felt that they needed some encouragement.

In the Common English Bible it says that they are dwelling in a strange land. Possibly they are a bit tired or bewildered in this strange land. The unknown can create anxiety. It can make it more difficult to be the holy nation that God is calling them to be.

Immanuel is called to be this holy nation. This transition you have been in may have seemed at times a strange land. God continues to call you to be this holy nation.



This holiness can be described as setting oneself apart from one's former lifestyle. Now we can easily wonder if our "former" lifestyle was so bad? I would like to propose that it has to do more with where our focus is.



Without Jesus in our lives, we would easily focus only on us. With Jesus it changes our view of others and everything around us. Jesus might say, try and look at your life through my eyes. When we do this, we set ourselves apart

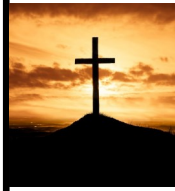
as we see the good in people, we see the positive in every situation, even though it may be difficult at the time. Our focus becomes on what is best for the community.

This is what makes us a holy nation, one that is set a part. It is sometimes difficult in our world as it seems more and more like a strange land. Immanuel is changing. It is continually becoming refreshed.

The transition you have been in is moving toward a possible conclusion. Through the transition you have continued to proclaim the mighty acts of God. With the next pastor, this will not stop, but I believe it will increase.



Maybe you did not feel that you were in darkness, but during this transition you learned more about you, your community and what God is calling you to do. Thus, God's marvelous light continues to shine brighter and brighter. You are called out of this new knowledge to work with the next pastor to proclaim more and more of God's mighty acts. You are called to shine brighter and brighter God's marvelous light in Negaunee.



Pastor Bruce

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 our 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.

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.**



Sunday School Report for May & June, 2023



Sunday School is winding down. The Spring term began on **April 16 and continue through to May 21**, finishing up before Memorial Day Weekend. During the Spring Term we will learn about:

- Jesus' Great commandment: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
- Jesus' Ascension into Heaven and the promise of his return.
- Pentecost- the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples. This day marks the Birthday of the Church.
- Jesus changes Saul- who hated and jailed Jesus' followers - into the good and powerful apostle Paul so Paul can teach the world about Jesus and God's plan. Acts 9:15b "I have chosen him to tell foreigners, kings and the people of Israel about me."
- Parents- especially Mothers- are part of God's plan!
- Paul and Silas bring the gospel to people all over the country- even at midnight in prison!
- John tells us about Jesus's promise to come back: **Revelation 22:20**. The one who has spoken these things says, "I am coming soon!" So, Lord Jesus please come soon!

The **final day of Sunday School will be May 21!**

Have a Blessed Summer Vacation.

We will see you again in September!

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



EASTER LILY DONATION THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
EASTER DONATION
TOWARD THE PURCHASING
OF THE EASTER LILIES. IT WAS
GREATLY APPRECIATED. And we hope
your Easter was one of joy & celebration.

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



SUMMER 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Coming in June
Vacation Bible School
Experience For All Ages!

It's time to register your children, grandkids and friends so they can 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 KIDS, KIDS, KIDS, & 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](tel:906-235-7110), Dianahetr@gmail.com, or [Paulette Patron @ 906-475-4776](tel:906-475-4776) or through Facebook Messenger. **REGISTER NOW!!**

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!



IMMANUEL IS HAVING A DAY VISIT AT FORTUNE LAKE FOR ALL AGES!

Everyone is invited to enjoy an Intergenerational Day at camp complete with Bible study, waterfront time, games, a picnic lunch, a visit to the canteen, camp songs, & loads of fun!

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, June 27th, 10am-2pm CT, 9am-1pm ET
- **COST:** This will be covered with Immanuel's Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.
- **RSVP:** ASAP, with a June 7th deadline to Stacy McEachern
Call/text: (906) 361-9123 or
Email: stacymc6@gmail.com.

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Get the
word out

Let us celebrate!

It will be a great day. **Sunday, June 11** will be an exciting and important time as we **burn the mortgage** during the 9:30 AM worship service.

Worship with us and enjoy a meal as we commemorate the ending of the mortgage. Bishop Katherine Finegan will lead worship and help us enjoy the day. It will be an exciting time. We will commemorate our building and the end of a financial obligation.

Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrates great stewardship, and a gracious God with a party. The mortgage will be paid and you are welcome to celebrate alongside your fellow Immanuel members.

We will continue the celebration with a meal after the Sunday worship.

Thank you for your excellent stewardship as we rejoice and give thanks to God for a beautiful building. **See you on June 11.**



2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We will gather **May 18-20, 2023** at the Northern Center (540 W. Kaye Ave.) at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI 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 worship. Details can be found on the NGLS Web Site. Download what you'd like and enjoy the conference! Web site is: www.nglsynod.org

Please be sure to check out the Resources for our menus and Online Workshops. We look forward to being together again in Marquette!



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! The **Lutheran World Relief** Donation requests are listed on the back cover of this Beacon. Please consider what you can give. Immanuel Lutheran Church is committed to the stewardship of our world and partners with Lutheran World Relief, Negaunee St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Room at the Inn, The CARE Clinic, and promotes the recycling of batteries and cell phones. Additionally, our youth collect Econofood grocery store receipts to assist in supporting their activities. (Please note that we only collect clothing during the fall in support of *Project Keep Kids Warm*.) The specific needs of these organizations are as follows:

THE CARE CLINIC is always in need of DISPOSABLE DIAPERS & Baby Wipes, Sizes: Newborn, 5 and 6.



RECYCLING: We recycle cell phones, and all batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt).



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL We collect food pantry donations, *Neighbors helping neighbors*.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR): We provide Baby Care Kits, Quilt & Sewing Kits, Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Bags & Supplies. Thank you for all your donations. **Linda Sjolund**

LWR



Honoring Graduates

On May 21st, we will honor all graduates (high school and other) during and after the 9:30 am worship service. Together we'll celebrate and pray God's blessings on and through these dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Will you or a child be graduating from school (at any level) this year? Please contact the church office and let us know where you will be working or attending school or relaxing.

Our tentative High School graduates for 2023 are: **Morgan Lee Carilli, Brayden Alex Dunstan, Cassidy Ann Holcomb, Cheyenne Elizabeth Holcomb, Gavin Bryant Jacobson, Mia Catherine Koski, Tatum Emerald LaPine, Haylee Noelle Lenten, Callie Marie McEachern, Easton Keith Palomaki, Marina Ashley Pascoe, Marianah Louise Speaker, Drake Martin Spickerman, Hunter L. Swanson, Luke Isaac Syrjala, Jace Alan Turri, Jacob Alan Ulvila, Luke John Ulvila, Kaylen Jane Wallner.** Congratulations to all of you!

If you know of persons graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc., please call the office and let us know (906) 475-9161)

**Congratulations & God Bless You All!!
You are blessed to be a blessing in Jesus' name!**

May & June Mission Emphases

IN MAY, our Monthly Mission is ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central

conference. Our Superior Central Conference 8 of the Northern Great Lakes Synod seeks financial help annually for support of Pastors Mark and Cynthia Rich in their ministry. Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas.



Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school, or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. And still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience through the Young Adults in Global Mission.

No matter where or how they serve, every one of these missionaries needs your prayers, support and gifts to succeed in their work. Your gift connects you directly to these missionaries. You make their life-changing ministry happen.

Please join us in God's amazing work. Help grow the Lutheran church around the world. If you wish to give to Immanuel's ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central Conference, use the *May Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

IN JUNE our focus will be Answer the Call, an offering toward development of future pastors in our Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS).

Support is given for current and future pastors by choosing a month in the Spring to receive a special offering for Answer the Call. **WHAT IS "ANSWER**



THE CALL"? It is an annual campaign of the Northern Great Lakes Synod to request financial support for both seminary students and current pastors still paying off the debt of their seminary degree. Gifts given to Answer the Call are divided equally between Seminarian Scholarships and the Endowment ministry for Clergy Debt Relief. We invite congregations and individuals to *answer the call* to give, so seminarians can *answer the call* to prepare for ministry, and pastors can *answer the call* to serve in the mostly rural context of the NGLS.

If you wish to give to Answer the Call, use the *June Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity, and for your investment in the future leaders of our Church!*



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

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

Summer 2023 Activities Scheduled:

- **May 5 (Fri) - May 6 (Sat): GROWING IN GRACE RETREAT FOR ADULTS.** The *Growing in Grace Retreat* is an opportunity for folks who are interested in LGBTQIA+ inclusion work in Christian spaces. The retreat will feature sessions from within the Northern Great Lakes Synod as well as a representative from reconciling Works. There will be presentations, time to process in small groups, opportunities for spiritual counsel, and worship. Go to <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/> for more information.
- **May 8:** 10 am - 2 pm CDT, **SENIOR DAY.** Come and join us for a day of wonderful conversation, delicious food, and great fun! \$10.
- **June 11-16: VICTORY CAMP** / Adults 18+ with developmental disabilities, Victory Camp is an active program for these adults. Staff members provide energy, supervise & lead activities, all while encouraging participation in camp fun. \$625.
- **June 18-23: INTERGENERATIONAL WEEK** / Our Intergenerational camps build an excitement for God, create meaningful faith practices you can continue at home, & invite you to play together in God's amazing creation. You have time to both relax AND create memories as a family! (Go online to see a pricing table.)
- **June 19-22: ON-SITE DAY CAMP** / Grades K-5 / Explore all the fun of camp without staying overnight! This 4-day experience is a great opportunity to introduce youth to camp. \$110.
- **June 25-30: HIGH SCHOOL WEEK** / Grades 9-12 // Two options: Old School and Night Owls // High School campers will have Fortune Lake to themselves! Bible studies are authentic and in-depth. God's word and creation are explored and experienced. Lives are enriched. Memories are made. \$425.
- **June 25-30: LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (LIT)** Grades 10-12 // This 2-3 week program is a combination of leadership training, ministry education, and camp activities! It is specifically for high school campers who are interested in learning what it is like to serve on camp staff. LIT training will occur during High School Week, with the LITs participating in additional sessions in the afternoon. \$425.
- **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.

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.



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


Fundraisers for Youth



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

Econo Food slips: These are still being collected.

The church gets a small percentage of the amounts, but they can add up significantly. Please place your receipts into the collection box in the Stewardship Center by the Fellowship Hall.

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

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



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

MORE FORTUNE LAKE ACTIVITY DATES:

- **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: LEGOCAMP** 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.)

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 WELCA Booklet of Events** can be found on the WELCA table next to the doors to the Fellowship Hall. Pick one up to see what the circles are doing. All women are welcomed to join in the Bible studies and there are extra copies of the *Gather* magazine on the table by the Fellowship Hall (on the WELCA table). If you would like to subscribe to the magazine, their website is: <https://www.gathermagazine.org>.

Quilting during the summer months (June, July, August) will take place on **Thursday mornings at 10:00 am**. Even if you don't sew, there are other things that can be done to help prepare the quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other activities. You are all welcome to come and join the group that already meets.

Women and Kids' Retreat at Fortune Lake and all other activities can be found on the Fortune Lake Web Site. Please check out: www.fortunelake.org, or email them at: officemanager@fortunelake.org to get accurate information.

Abigail Circle's last meeting month is in May. Miriam's last meeting month is June. Both Circles meet in the Fellowship Hall. **NEITHER** Circle will be meeting in July nor August, beginning again in Sept.

Graduation coffee will be on **Sunday, May 21st**, where all of the graduates will be recognized, honored, and prayed for.

Don't forget the **Pioneer Day's Salad Luncheon** this year, The date of the Pioneer Luncheon will be **Wednesday, July 5th, 11:30 am - 1 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Virginia Paulson (475-9641) or Linda Sjolund (242-5020) if you can help in any way, and the cost is still \$5.00. We need salads, so if anyone is willing to donate a salad it would be appreciated.

There are **no PROJECTS** scheduled for the months of May and June. Thank you everyone who helped make the CARE Clinic Baby shower a success.

~ ~ ~ ~ **For the Months of June, July, and August.**

Quilting will meet on Thursdays mornings 10 am. ~ ~ ~ ~

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

- 4, 11, 18, 25 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the Church
- 16 - 9:30 am, Miriam Circle (Hostesses will be: *Christine Flis & Fae Collins.*)
- 16 - 1:30 pm, Abigail Circle
- 21 - 9:30 am, Graduate Recognition at the Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 10:00 am, Quilting at the Church
- 20 - 9:30 am, Miriam Circle

PROJECT: None scheduled for May or June

WELCA Contributed: \$10.00 - Charlene Irene Kivisto

COUNCIL CORNER Highlights

Council Corner – April Updates

Bishop Finegan met with council at the April council meeting. She presented the name of Pastor Breanne Kinnunen (Pastor Bre) as a candidate for Immanuel's fulltime pastor. Council reviewed Pastor Bre's personal ministry statement. We are joyfully looking ahead to continue the call process with Pastor Bre.

More good news shared is that our building loan will be paid off with the final payment being made at the end of April. We are planning a mortgage burning celebration on Sunday, June 11, 2023. More info to come.

Immanuel is planning to have a float in this year's Pioneer Week parade. We have formed a small committee of: Linda Sjolund, Walter Scanlon, Ben and Kitty Raymond to get things planned out and organized. We are looking for others to get involved. Please contact anyone of the members if you would like to be involved with this year's float.

Following up after the approval at this year's annual meeting, council has authorized the property committee to proceed working with the vender to install the platform wheelchair lift. It is expected that once the contract is signed and a down deposit made that completion time frame would be 8-12 weeks.

Immanuel plans to upgrade our outside sign. We are in the early stages of looking into this. Other updates received were: status of our A.E.D. that is on order through a grant, our upcoming companion synod Sunday, and updating Immanuel's website. Various committee reports were received.

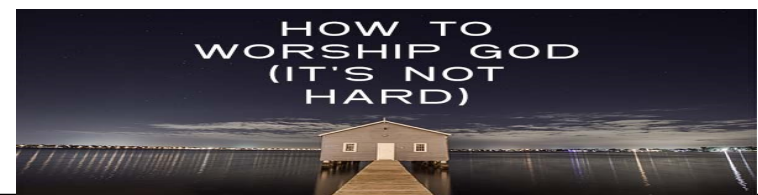
Respectfully,
Walter Scanlon
Vice President



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.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Call Committee Update

On Tuesday 4/18/23 Bishop Katherine Finegan met with the church council / Call committee regarding a Pastoral candidate

that is very interested in a call to Immanuel. That candidate is **Pastor Breanne Kinnunen**. Pastor Bre, as we have referred to her over the past year, has stepped down from her quarter time interim pastor position with Immanuel, as she is now our fulltime pastoral candidate. In the meantime, **Pastor Bruce Thorsen** was assigned to be our Administrative Interim Pastor. His role will be to cover pastoral emergencies, such as hospitalizations and funerals. He will also be arranging pulpit supply to lead worship through July.

Now, back to Pastor Breanne Kinnunen. The church council / call committee was very pleased to hear that Pastor Bre has expressed interest in Immanuel as a permanent full-time call

We as a church will be following the call process steps required for calling a new pastor. Here is the schedule:

- **Monday May 8th** - the call committee will be doing a formal interview with Pastor Bre.
- **Saturday May 13th** - there will be a "Meet and Greet" reception in our fellowship hall to meet Pastor Bre and talk with her from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.
- **Sunday May 14th** - (Mother's Day) and on **Monday May 15th**, Pastor Bre will be leading worship and giving the sermon.
- **Tuesday May 16th** - the call committee will vote whether or not to recommend Pastor Bre to the congregation. If the call committee recommends Pastor Bre to the congregation, then a congregational meeting will be called for.
- **Sunday June 4th** - for a congregational vote to call Pastor Bre to Immanuel. A vote in favor of calling Pastor Bre to Immanuel would need to be vote of 2/3rds or better. If Pastor Bre was called by the congregational vote to be Immanuel's next Pastor, then on . . .
- **Tuesday August 1st** - Pastor Bre would start as our permanent full-time pastor.

The call committee encourages you to be in prayer for Pastor Bre and the call process. In all things we are striving to seek God's will for both Immanuel and for Pastor Bre.



Social Ministry Committee

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 17, 11:15 a.m.

At the April Church Council meeting it was decided to join the Evangelism / Parish Life Committee with the Social Ministry Committee. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Linda Sjolund, 906-242-5020.

CARE Clinic fundraiser Walking with Families is June 17. Sign up online at www.careclinicmq.org/events

Respectively submitted, **Linda Sjolund**

Care Clinic



JUNE 17, 2023
10:00 Registration
10:30 Walk Begins
*Registration open at Immanuel Care Clinic
1213 N. THIRD ST.
REGISTER ONLINE: www.careclinicmq.org/events



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 Worship Service	2	3 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir	4 10:00 Quilting	5 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	6 8-10:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study (FH)
7 5th Sunday of Easter <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Convers. 7:30 AA	8 6:00 Worship Service	9	10 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:15 Companion Congreg. Committee Meeting	11 10:00 Quilting 7:30 'Bar Church' Cognition Brewery, Ishp.	12 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	13 2:00-3:30 Meet & Greet
14 6th Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship Service—Baptism 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Convers. 7:30 AA	15 6:00 Worship Service 6-8:00 Confirmation Class	16 9:30 Miriam Circle 1:30 Abigail Circle 6:00 Executive Comm. Mtg 6:30 Church Council	17 9:00 Staff Meeting (review from council) 10:00 Bible Study 11:15 Social Ministry Comm. 6:00 Choir	18 May 18th-20th → SYNOD ASSEMBLY - NIMU 10:00 Quilting	19 May 18th-20th → SYNOD ASSEMBLY - NIMU 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	20 ←— May 18th-20th SYNOD ASSEMBLY - NIMU 1-5:00 Hall Reservation
21 7th Sunday of Easter <i>Graduation Recognition</i> 9:30 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School (LAST) 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Convers. 12-4:00 Hall Reservation 7:30 AA	22 6:00 Worship Service	23 5:30 - 6:30 Stewardship Committee Meeting	24 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir	25 10:00 Quilting 7:30 'Bar Church' Cognition Brewery, Ishp.	26 10:00 AA 6:45 NHS Graduation @ Lakeview School OFFICE CLOSED	27 12-4:00 Hall Reservation 5:30-9:00 Hall Reservation
28 Day of Pentecost <i>Companion Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible group Convers. 7:30 AA	29 Memorial Day <i>Observed</i> OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY 6:00 NO Worship Service	30 SUMMER HOURS BEGIN (8 AM—12 NOON)	31 10:00 Bible Study			

SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
1	6:00 PM	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Kay Korpi	Kay Korpi	????? Linda Sjolund
7	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Deb Moyer	Alice Mutkala Deb Moyer	Alice Mutkala	Randy & Julie Carlson Deb Moyer	Vicki Lempinen Judy Hallgren
8	6:00 PM	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Jill Sladek	Jill Sladek	Dave Hallgren
14	9:30 AM	Deb Moyer Alice Mutkala	Deb Moyer Alice Mutkala	Jim Hayward	Dan & Fae Collins Shirley Koski	Mike Frustaglio Linda Ogea
15	6:00 PM	Tom Johnson Katie Ritzenhein	Tom Johnson Katie Ritzenhein	Sheila Meier	Sheila Meier	
21	9:30 AM	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Donna Hayrynen	Jim & Linda Derocher Heidi Hill	Sue Wickstrom Linda Dillman
22	6:00 PM	Tom Johnson Katie Ritzenhein	Tom Johnson Katie Ritzenhein	Kay Korpi	Kevin Crupi	Linda Sjolund
28	9:30 AM	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Tom Skrenes Luanne Skrenes	Cody Scanlon	Jim & Martha Hayward Mike Lempinen	Sue Wickstrom Judy Hallgren
29	6:00 PM	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Dave Hallgren

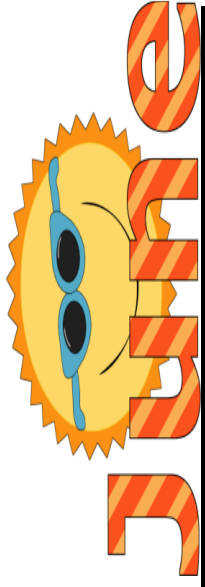
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MAY COFFEE SERVERS: STAFF





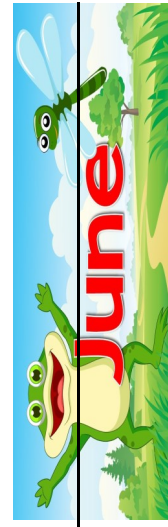
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Quilting	2 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	3 8-10:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study
4 The Holy trinity 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	5 6:00 Worship	6	7 10:00 Bible Study	8 10:00 Quilting	9 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	10 10-3:00 Hall Reservation
11 2nd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship (Building Fund Mortgage Burning) 7:30 AA	12 Vacation Bible School—> June 12 - 16th, 9:00-1 pm 6:00 Worship	13 <---Vacation Bible School—> June 12 - 16th, 9:00-1 pm	14 <---Vacation Bible School—> June 12 - 16th, 9:00-1 pm 10:00 Bible Study	15 <---Vacation Bible School—> June 12 - 16th, 9:00-1 pm 10:00 Quilting	16 <---Vacation Bible School June 12 - 16th, 9:00-1 pm 10:00 AA 4:00-6:00 Wedding Rehearsal OFFICE CLOSED	17 2:00 Wedding (Syrjala / Kerkela) <i>Walking With Families</i> (Care Clinic Fundraiser See page 6 for website.)
18 3rd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	19 6:00 Worship	20 6:00 Exec Comm. Meeting 6:30 Church Council	21 10:00 Bible Study	22 10:00 Quilting 2:15 Eastwood Worship	23 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 4th Sun. After Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 7:30 AA	26 6:00 Worship	27	28 10:00 Bible Study	29 10:00 Quilting	30 10:00 Quilting OFFICE CLOSED	

SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
4	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Tyler Moore	Randy & Julie Carlson Paulette Patron	Vicki Lempinen Linda Sjolund
5	6:00 PM	Deb Hicks Kevin Crupi	Deb Hicks Kevin Crupi	Valerie Paulson	Val Paulson	
11	9:30 AM	Kathleen Partanen Dennis Partanen	Kathleen Partanen Dennis Partanen	Judy Hallgren	Larry & Lori Marta Judy Hallgren	Sue Wickstrom Linda Ogea
12	6:00 PM	Deb Hicks Kevin Crupi	Deb Hicks Kevin Crupi	Kevin Crupi	Connie Kemper	
18	9:30 AM	Reuven Romback Scott Couture	Reuven Romback Scott Couture	Kaitrin Raymond	Kaitrin & Ben Raymond Alice Mutkala	Sue Wickstrom Linda Dillman
19	6:00 PM	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Sheila Merer	Sheila Meier	
25	9:30 AM	Reuven Romback Scott Couture	Reuven Romback Scott Couture	Alice Zinsser	Al & Kathryn Sundine Deb Moyer	Vicki Lempinen Linda Sjolund
26	6:00 PM	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Kerri Puckett	Connie Kemper	



PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: Red - 4; Green - 11, 18, 25.

JUNE COFFEE SERVERS: FAITH FORMATION

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.  
- **NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD** News – Visit: www.nglsynod.org
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry** @www.nmulutherans.org 228-8033



Women's Call to Serve God

Since the beginnings of the Lutheran Church in America in the 1800s, women have been engaged in missions and ministry, even before they had a voice in the



church. Our current women's organization, WELCA, was formed in 1987 from three predecessor groups from the church bodies that had merged to form the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Membership in WELCA, or Women of the ELCA, is enjoyed by **all women** in our ELCA congregations. Many congregations have women's groups at the church level, but they are invited to participate in and support WELCA as member units of our Synodical Women's Organizations. Congregational Units are organized into clusters corresponding to our synodical conferences, and each synod has a Synodical Women's Organization. WELCA is separately incorporated and is not an auxiliary of the church. It is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs. Financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts.

I am providing this background information to help congregational women understand that their participation in and support of our Synodical Women's Organization is critical to its survival and success. The Northern Great Lakes Synodical Women's Organization is seeing a marked decline in participation by congregational units and women. Many congregations' women's groups or ministries have elected to withdraw their support from the SWO. Regional clusters are having trouble identifying leadership at the cluster level, and the SWO Board is having difficulties with filling vacancies for board members who serve as cluster liaisons and officers. When clusters fail to hold their Spring and Fall Gatherings, we see a drop in funding for the SWO as well as churchwide WELCA.

WELCA and the SWO offer many resources for the spiritual development of women, leadership development, missions projects and ideas, and opportunities for fellowship. WELCA provides many online resources, including Bible studies, retreat programs, Zoom events, models for organizing congregational units for mission, and podcasts. WELCA's magazine—*Gather*—offers



monthly Bible studies and inspirational articles. WELCA also offers a variety of scholarships for Lutheran laywomen providing assistance to women studying for careers other than ordained ministry.

The SWO gatherings provide learning opportunities through leadership development, community building, stewardship education, networks for communication and opportunities for joint ministry and action with the guidance of the SWO. The SWO also holds an annual convention and weekend retreat for the entire synod. The SWO has had a history of global missions, including quilting, personal care kits, clothing, and support of the Mkusa Girls' School in Tanzania.

Faith

Our congregations' failure to participate in and support the SWO is critically weakening our ability to support women's ministries in our synod. We are weakening the relationships between our congregations and our ability to work on joint projects. Our congregations need to encourage women to take advantage of opportunities to grow in discipleship and leadership. *"Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12).* Women need to identify their spiritual gifts and use them for service in God's Kingdom. The SWO can provide options.

The SWO also needs volunteers to serve in leadership positions at the cluster level, and on the SWO Board to help with planning, outreach,



and special projects. The Lord is saying, *"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"* Our women need to examine their hearts to see if the Holy Spirit is prompting them to respond, *"Here I am! Send me."* We are each called to *"fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you" (1 Samuel 12:24).* Your sister in Christ,

Mary Ellen Perkins
President of the Board of the
Northern Great Lakes
Synodical Women's Organization



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

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” ~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

What time is it?

In our Synod Office, we have two clocks on the conference room wall, one set to Eastern Time and the other to Central Time. Between the two clocks is the above verse.

I find this to be a helpful reminder, not only that our Synod spans two time zones, but that all things have their time. And God’s time, or rather God’s timing, plays a part in what our time will hold.

So what time is it for you? In your life? In your congregation’s life? In the life of the Church? In the context of our changing culture and world?

As I look back on the times of my family, we are now past the season of small children and the rhythm of school activities, events, and sports. I am glad for the time we spent watching games, choir concerts, piano lessons, and so much more. I’m both sad and relieved that I don’t have to sit on the bleachers in a windy blizzard anymore, trying to distinguish the boy and the ball on a gridiron covered with falling snow. These seasons of life pass, and while we’re glad to have had them, we know that time does not stand still. We expect that there will be different seasons in a lifetime.

It is more difficult, I think, to witness the end of a season that has spanned generations. When a congregation closes, it is easy to feel not only deep grief, but a sense of failure, that somehow the current generation has not done what is necessary. But what if that community of faith has accomplished all that was needful in its season? No congregation that was founded by the apostles in the first century is still in existence. Those communities of faith served for a time, the time that was given to them. And they accomplished what was needful for their time, planting seeds of future churches and future faith.

For everything there is a season; for people, for churches, for institutions. I grieved along with you at the announcement that Finlandia University will begin to end. The impact on the community, the blow to its economy, to its sense of self and pride, can hardly be estimated. It is a huge loss.

And yet, I find it helpful to put this loss within the context of Ecclesiastes. For Finlandia, its season is over, along with hundreds of other small colleges and universities that also will close because they cannot withstand the challenges and realities of our time. This is not the result of some failure or lack of creative strategy or dedicated effort.

This simply is. Finlandia’s season is completed. And what remains is to end with grace and gratitude for all that was accomplished during its time. We celebrate the vision of its founders, the education excellence, the nurturing of character and integrity of so many students, the dedication of faculty, staff, management, coaches, and more.



No one and no thing lasts forever; not people, not congregations, not institutions. Kingdoms and nations rise and fall. Indeed, it is when something has existed for generations that we expect it to outlive us also. But this generation may well witness the end of many things

whose seasons will be complete during our time.

Consider the rotary dial phone, the 35 mm film camera and the end of Kodak, the manual typewriter, cassette tapes, and the whole polyester fashion debacle of the 1970’s. These things that were so essential to their time are not only obsolete now, but they only exist in antique shops, thrift stores, and dusty garage boxes.

By the grace of God, our ministry efforts of the past, and those that will end in our time, will plant seeds for future churches and future faith. The assets of one whose season is ending will provide new life for one whose season continues for future ministry. The work of Christ and God’s purposes are far bigger than any single person, congregation, or institution. God in Christ Jesus is in the business of new life, and has a particular flair for new life after death. As the season of ministry ends for beloved efforts, traditions, congregations and institutions, God brings new life, new energy, new possibilities, new opportunities.

So we contribute what we can, we participate as we are able, in the time that we have been given, to further the work of Christ that we know will continue long after we are gone. Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

“The church of Christ in every age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.”

~Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Hymn #729



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 **Scott Couture** for participating in the *Boston Marathan* on Monday April 17th. *Way to Go!!*

.... To the following students from the Negaunee Middle School for being named on 3rd Marking Period 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: Adelyn Chapman, Waylon Harvala, Sydney Jarvi, Thomas Menge, Anna Price, Parker Vargason; GRADE 8: Macie Crabb, Hayden Sundberg.** *Congratulations!*

.... To the following students from Ishpeming Middle & High School Honor Rolls, 3rd quarter: **GRADE 6: Zakary Hyry; GRADE 8: Ethan DeMarois; GRADE 9: Michael Starrine; 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 the 3rd Term Honor Roll: **Emersyn Nelson.** *Congratulations!*


.... To **Amara Wallner**, sophomore from Negaunee, who is studying at the Carlson School of Management, for being named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. *Congratulations!*

.... To **Marina Pascoe**, Ishpeming Public Schools, for receiving Academic Achievement Award Scholarship from Ishpeming Kiwanis club. *Congratulations!*

.... To **Morgan Carilli**, Negaunee Public Schools, for receiving Academic Achievement Award Scholarship from Honor Credit Union. *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.

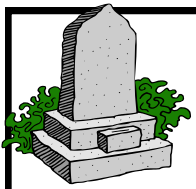
 **Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus at Immanuel,**
I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your many kindnesses and the blessings of support that you supply in word and deed. I can still feel being a part of the Immanuel family through the laptop ministry as I worship with you each Sunday. Though I can't sing with the Choir in person, I can participate in the songs I know and follow in the bulletin with all the activities. Thank you for providing this ministry.
Love and prayers, Jonelle Collins

 **Dear Immanuel, . . .** *We would like to thank all of you who sent cards to us and gifts to the Memorial Fund here at Immanuel Lutheran Church in memory of our Mom, Joann D. Connors. Our Mom loved her church family and friends! We appreciate your sympathy & kindness.*
God's Blessings to All of You!
The Joann Connors Family



THANK YOU FOR EASTER MUSIC A *Thank You* is extended to the following persons for their musical talents in our Easter Worship Services: **Cody Scanlon, Doug Lindblom, Phil Lindblom, Dan Lindblom, Linda Stanaway, Kaitrin Raymond, Trevor Mayo, Vickie Lempinen, Connie Scanlon,** and of course **Connie Lindblom** for her organization of all. The music was beautiful and was enjoyed by all. *Thank you!*

- Thank you to **Millie Isaacson** and **Marlys Trudgeon** for coming in on a Sunday afternoon to help me with the March / April Beacon. Your helpfulness is really appreciated. Because I had an appointment on that Monday, they were available a day earlier so it could be mailed out early Monday morning. If anyone is interested in helping with the Beacon, please don't hesitate to call the office at 906-475-9161.
- To **Diana Hetrick, Alice Zinsser, Heidi Hill, Jim Hetrick, and Any Other Person** that helped with putting the lilies out and then taking them down. Your wonderful efforts are greatly appreciated. The Altar was absolutely beautiful for the Easter Season. Thank you all so much!
- 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 **March / April Lectors, Greeters / Ushers, and Tech Persons** who volunteered, some even though you were not scheduled. *Thank you!*



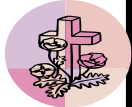
SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Sara (Terry) Garceau on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Linda L. Lahti**, on Sunday, February 26th, Also, condolences to Linda's husband, Steven Lahti, and all of the Lahti Family. (The late Shirley Lahti was Linda's mother-in-law.)
- Rachael (Greg) Annala on the loss of her sister, **Sarah Ann Bjork**, on Monday, February 27th. Also, condolences to Sarah's nephews, Tyler and Tanner Annala, and all of the Bjork Family.
- Paula (Tossava) Croschere on the loss of her longtime companion, **Robert Gerald Carroll 'Bob' Pelletier**, on Tuesday, March 7th. Also, condolences to the extended Tossava Family: Roy & Jeanette Tossava, Lynne Tossava, Kristen (Tossava) Rilley, Ryan Tossava, and all of the Pelletier and Tossava Families.
- Amy (Trevor Mayo) Rynn on the recent loss of her mother, **Barbara Ann Simon**, in North Carolina. Also, condolences to all of the Simon Family. (Amy & Trevor are visitors at Immanuel.)
- The Family of **Duane Leonard 'Bulu' Stille**, who died on Friday, March 10th, at the DJ Jacobetti Home for Veterans. He was from Sporley Lake, Gwinn.
- Greg (Patti) Kivisto and Linda (Paul) Cornell, on the loss of their mother, **Charlene Irene Kivisto**, on Thursday, March 23rd. Also, condolences to her grandchildren: Brett (Tonya) Nelson, Ashley Nelson, Melissa (Nick) Prince, Jared (Cassidy) Cornell, Ashley (Mike) Maddock, & all of the Kivisto Family.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF JOHN PAUL NEISWANDER

Scott Alford
Ann Neiswander
David & Cindy Olsen
David Rees
Al & Kathryn Sundine



IN MEMORY OF JOANN DAGMAR CONNORS

Rick & Wendy Champion
Rudy & Sharon Gagnon
Larry & Barb Huber
Jean Manginen



IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY (KROOK) JOHNSON

Don & Mary Leece



IN MEMORY OF CHARLENE IRENE KIVISTO

Heidi Argall
Ted & Millie Balzarini
Dan & Fae Collins
Gary & Lori Garceau
Dave & Judy Hallgren
Grace Jalonen
William Kinnunen
Clayton & Valerie Kipling
Allan & Karen Koskey
Jon & Janet LaJoie
Pamela Nitka
Anthony & Lisa Ombrello
Dolores Reichel
Reuven & Marlene Romback
Clifford & Jolene Van Den Elzen



Sympathy Quotes

- *"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." ...*
- *"Unable are the loved to die, for love is immortality."
– Emily Dickinson*
- *"We understand death only after it has placed its hands on someone we love."
– Anne L. de Stael*
- *"There are no goodbyes for us...."*
- *"A great soul serves everyone all the time....."*



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



MAY / JUNE

20 YEARS & OVER

05/04 - Sandra & Rodney Swiedals - 27 years
05/04 - Brad & Kymberly Frustaglio - 21 years
05/06 - Brian & Tricia Syrjala - 28 years
05/08 - Troy & Sarah Henderson - 24 years
05/13 - Greg & Rachael Annala - 23 years

06/13 - William & Christine Flis - 25 years
06/21 - Kevin & Becky Jacobson - 20 years
06/22 - Todd & Michelle Saunders - 21 years

30 YEARS & OVER

05/06 - Steven & Diane Anderson - 34 years
05/17 - Tom & Sandra Larson - 37 years
05/24 - Mark & Tari Wainio - 37 years
05/25 - Jacob & Donna Hayrynen - 38 years

06/15 - Sara & Terry Garceau - 38 years

40 YEARS & OVER

05/17 - Donald & Sandra LaForest - 41 years

06/03- Cindy Sue and Keith Kendall - 45 years
06/04- Diane and Dale Tincknell - 40 years
06/04 - Connie & Dan Lindblom - 40 years
06/05 - Dana & Sally Echelbarger - 41 years
06/07 - Kathleen & Dennis Partanen - 48 years
06/14 - Peggy & Larry Laitala - 48 years
06/14 - Maryls & Alan Trudgeon - 48 years
06/16 - Sue & Terry Cathcart - 44 years
06/21 - Karen & Marty Saari - 43 years
06/29 - Paulette & Dean Patron - 45 years

50 YEARS & OVER

05/05 - William P & Kathy Kosonen - 51 years
05/18 - Larry & Linda Dillman - 55 years

06/04 - Maxine & Robert Sylvester - 57 years
06/06 - Mary & Donald Leece - 53 years
06/06 - Alice & William Zinsser - 52 years
06/08 - Diane & James Carlson - 55 years
06/14 - Kathy & Darrel Stambaugh - 54 years
06/15 - Sharon & Rudy Gagnon - 55 years
06/18 - Nancy & Alvar Kurin - 57 years
06/23 - Terry & John Basolo - 50 years
06/24 - Kathy & Al Sundine - 56 years

60 YEARS & OVER

06/15 - Elaine & Leo Nirva - 66 years





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

MAY

- May 1 Karen Anderson, Karen Couture, Daniel Kill, Gerald Neldon
- May 2 Clara Alexander, Greg Kivisto, Maverick Maxon, Paul Rosten
- May 3 Marie Randl
- May 4 Sandra Ecklid, Christine Hendrickson
- May 5 Carl Basto, Ty Koski, Virginia Paulson, Mack Schlicht, James Wickstrom
- May 6 Betty Carilli, Astrid Hamlin, Mark Makela, Madison Pancheri, Crystal Zarbeck
- May 7 Jonelle Collins, Dan Faust, Shane McEachern, Elsie Suardini
- May 8 Mark Alexander, Reyna Debelak, Sarah Henderson
- May 9 Lucas Lambertson, Eric Malmsten, Cailey Sandstrom
- May 10 Tyler Annala, William Grunwald, Lynn Sykes
- May 11 Aurora Kemper, Michael Klein, Fitzgerald Lindblom, Katie Ritzenheim
- May 12 Terry Basolo, Terry Garceau, Ruth Mattson
- May 13 Eli Jarvi, Callie McEachern, Caden Paquette, Marlene Romback
- May 14 Russel Ault, Ruth Perucco, Cody Scanlon, Danielle Songer
- May 16 Grace Jalonen
- May 17 Sara Garceau, Richard Koski, Reuven Romback, Jacob Ulvila, Luke Ulvila
- May 19 William Castilleja, Daniel Perucco, Mark Wainio
- May 20 Kellin Matta, Jeanette Tossava
- May 21 Linda Sjolund, Riley Torreano, Tari Wainio
- May 22 Daniel Carilli, Caleb Scanlon, Atley Smith
- May 23 Hadley King
- May 24 Mikel Annala, Larry Dillman, Landin Koski, Lori Kurian
- May 25 Elyza Larson, Tricia Syrjala
- May 26 Ann Neiswander, Zayda Songer
- May 27 Greg Annala, Jenna Espinoza, Payton Nelson
- May 28 Nicole Koski, Benjamin Paananen
- May 29 Jessica Manier, Amber Miller, Kristen Rilley
- May 31 Connor Chapman, Mason LaPine, Dean Patron

JUNE

- June 2 Heidi Hill
- June 3 Tiffany Garcia, Emily Makela, Stephen Setterlind, Duane F. Sirtola
- June 4 Eric Faust, Erik Sundine
- June 5 Abby Paquet, Preston Paulson
- June 6 Mark Anderson, Mavis Carlson, Scott Soeltner
- June 8 Dee Aper, Diane Carlson, Donald Palomaki
- June 9 Byron Koski, Tyler Moore
- June 10 Donna Hayrynen, Chad Kallioinen, Kay Korpi
- June 11 Rieke Amis, Alexander Fentress, Bonny Koski
- June 12 Adam Wainio
- June 13 Patrick DeWitt, Kaylee LaJoie, Kenzie LaJoie, Riley Williams
- June 14 Adam Kemper, Alvar Kurin, John Meier
- June 15 Mike Frustaglio, Todd Saunders, Ryan Syrjala

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(June continues here.....)

- June 16 Sharon Gagnon, James Hayward, Larry Johnson, Shari Tilly
- June 17 Olivia Krook, Lorraine Laukka, Deborah Moyer,
- June 18 Abbi Kill
- June 19 Colleen LaJoie
- June 20 Mark McEachern, Sandra Swiedals
- June 21 Mikel Poutanen
- June 22 James Carlson, Mary Leece
- June 23 Ely Goupille, Brody Makela
- June 24 Jesse Anderson, Peter LaFreniere, Brooke Soeltner, Amy Steele
- June 25 Brady Bouman, Sally Echelbarger
- June 26 Jesse LaPin
- June 27 Jill Laitala
- June 28 Connor Anderson, Nicole Chapman, Ella DeMarois, Keith Kendall, Aidon Steele
- June 29 Abi Luokkala

Happy Birthday to All of You!!

One Life

I've lived many places in my 63 years. I've met a lot of people. I've been a student, teacher, and pastor in several different communities. As I grow older, I reflect on those places and people. I sometimes go online to not only catch up on the local news but to also look at the obituaries to see if I recognize any familiar names. Sometimes I see a name that I vaguely recall and then read further.

Recently I came across a name and obituary that caught my attention. I won't share the name, but this person died at a very young age. Immediately when you see the young age of someone in an obituary, your mind starts to wander. What happened that someone so young died?

Below are some redacted excerpts from one of the most honest and profound obituaries that I have every read. It is an obituary of this person, this "One Life."

- "_____ lost her ongoing battle with addiction. It's impossible to capture a person in an obituary, especially someone whose life was largely defined by addiction.
- To some, _____ was just a "junkie" -when they saw her in addiction, they stopped seeing HER.
- _____ had a hard life - one that most people can't even imagine being real. She always tried to push forward and persevere. She made many good choices, but some bad ones too.
- In 2022 _____ relapsed. She was so disappointed in herself, and she thought all her hard work had gone to waste. Her last relapse is what ultimately took her from us.
- In honor of _____'s life, we ask that the truth be spread regarding this epidemic and awareness be raised. If you struggle with addiction and are reading this, please know that hundreds of thousands of families who have lost someone to this disease are rooting and praying for you. It is never too late. Let today be day one of the rest of your life. If you have a hard time understanding addicts, please educate yourself about this disease. It does not discriminate. They need us, they need our support. Let's stop the epidemic AND the stigma."



The obituary concluded with the Bible verse from **2 Corinthians 12:9**: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Like me, I suspect that you could fill in the blanks above with the name of someone you lost because of an addiction. Thanks be to God that God sees all of us, even when we see only part of each other.

God never stops seeing us just as we are. May we have an attitude of humility and compassion for all those struggling with addiction. In the words of the obituary, "**Let's stop the epidemic AND stigma.**" **Pastor Jim Duehring**, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission

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Summer Worship Schedule

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

Summer Office Hours

Beginning Tuesday
 May 30th, 2023

Monday through Thursday
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Or by appointment - call 475-9161

**NO SERVICES & OFFICE CLOSED
 MONDAY, MAY 29th
 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

(NO Monday 6pm Service)



BABY CARE KITS

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn between 36" and 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby hat*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins



QUILT & SEWING KITS

Quilts: Fabric (no knits of 100% polyester), Sheets & Pillowcases, Thread, Light weight blankets or flannel sheets.

Fabric Kits: Two spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread 250-300 yards each; Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x40" & 52"x27") dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One metal nail clipper (attached file optional) remove packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging



SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide - or college-rule paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One Pencil sharpener
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers secured with a rubber band
- Five Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One Pair of blunt scissors
- One 2 ½" eraser
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17"

Pick Up a bag (or more) & and Fill It Up!

Instructions for making a school bag pattern are located by the elevator on the WELCA bulletin board.