

Immanuel Lutheran Church

November/December 2023

Grace to you and Peace in the name of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

This week I've been reflecting about a few different things. First off, Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. (I'm preaching on it this Sunday.) I'm also thinking of November and December

BOOK OF
1 THESSALONIANS

Got Questions

and all of the holidays and twists and turns these months bring. The last two things on my mind and heart are my recent installation as your pastor and the theme of gratitude that this season brings.

In weaving at least some of these thoughts together, I want to express my deep gratitude for all of you. I feel as if I've won the lottery with this opportunity that I've been given to serve alongside of you. Paul expresses his gratitude to the Thessalonians this way, "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess 1:2-3) Paul is expressing his love and affection for these people and that is what I'm attempting to do too. I care about you. I love you with the love that God has given me, I am so grateful for this chance to live and grow together, and I am praying for you and your families and friends. Our life together is a gift that God has given us.



In the last few weeks, I've had two memorable conversations with people who have recalled the saints who came before us here at Immanuel. After our conversations, I was left with the reminder that there have been some amazing people here who have labored in love and in faith to build up the Body of Christ and to share the Gospel. So many seeds were planted, so many coffee cups cleaned, so many hymns sung, so many casseroles made, and so much loving affection extended. The community of faith, hope and love that we have here is the fruit of the Spirit and of these many faithful servants. It is this gift of community that we have been given to steward.

How shall we do that? For whom and for what shall we give God thanks for? For whom and for what are we being called to pray for? What ministry are we being invited to take part in? Where shall we plant the seeds of faith, hope and love? How can we faithfully tend these precious relationships with one another that God has gifted us with?



This is the joy and the challenge that is set before us. We will do it together as a community and we will do it with the grace of God who binds us together and who will give us the strength to carry out the ministry to which we are called. The more I lean into the promise of Jesus' presence and direction and provision, the more exciting this all becomes.



I pray God's blessings upon us and give God thanks for the gift we have of each other. May you feel the nearness, love and peace of God in these days and holidays ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bre

EXCITING STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY "MI IMMANUEL"



You are a part of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Community. We are looking at Stewardship 2024 with excitement and joy!



Together we will see our congregation's work as "Praying, Serving, Giving

and Loving." Through temple talks by four of our members with the theme "MI IMMANUEL," God will remind us that we are all called to be witnesses of prayer, service, generosity and love.



In early November an Estimate of giving form and a Time and Talent sheet will be mailed to you so you can partici-



pate further in the ministry of this congregation. Immediately after worship, a Celebration brunch will be hosted on November 12th.

During worship on Sunday the 12th or Monday the 13th you are encouraged to bring your Estimate of Giving and Time and Talent Forms for 2024. God is at work in all of us— How can we grow and together become more generous, caring, loving and serving? How can we



become more of a people of prayer? Come to worship and let's grow together with "MI IMMANUEL."

Sunday School Report for November & December, 2023

Sunday School Staff:

- Joette Holman, Preschool 13 children
- Macie Crabb, Kdg / First 11 children
- Rory Smith, Second/Third 7 children
- Paulette Patron, Fourth/Fifth 6 children

With our new teachers- Miss Rory and Miss Macie- we are able to plan lessons more specific for the student's reading level. Last year we had fun with our group that spanned Junior Kindergarten through Fifth grade- but we didn't spend much time with our Bibles.

This year, the Kindergarten- Grade 1 hear their stories being read from the Beginner's Bible. Grades 2 and 3 read their Beginner's Bible stories themselves. Grades 4 and 5 are learning to use the adult Bible for their lessons. We are using the Contemporary English Version.

At 10:15 we join our families in the Sanctuary to participate in Holy Communion and the Children's Sermon.

Lessons taught:

1. Introduction to Holy Communion- We learned that Jesus meets in and among the Word and Bread and Wine.
2. My Baptism- God adopts us into his family. He gives us the gifts of love and forgiveness. There is nothing we can do to earn these gifts.
3. Creation God spoke- and the world was created. God saw that it was good.
4. Created In God's Image God created humans and saw that it was very good. Our outsides are all different, but our hearts are all the same, created in God's Image of love.
5. Prayer Jesus teaches all of us to pray as a way of building our relationship with him.
6. Father Abraham Family is very important. We are God's family and he takes care of us. Abraham believed God's promise that Abraham would be the father of a great nation.
7. Brother Joseph God had a plan for Joseph. God has a plan for Joseph and us- in good times and in bad times.
8. Even his brothers' sins could not change that.
9. Baby Moses Egypt had become a dangerous place for the Israelites. God used unexpected people to keep baby Moses safe.

Baptism and Prayer Project Continues

God adopts us into his family. We have **MANY** brothers and sisters. In October they learned about praying for other people.

There are doves- personalized with children's names and photos on the easels in the entries. Please pick a child or two to pray for.



Please continue to put your names and prayer concerns on the shells near the usher stations. The Sunday School children select shells and pray for that person during our class prayer time.

(Sunday School article continues in the next column.....)

Looking ahead to December:

We will have Sunday School for only 3 weeks in December.

On December 3, we will learn about *Advent- waiting for Jesus*. Our Take Home Project will be an *Advent Prayer Chain*. Extra packets will be available for adults to create their own Advent Prayer chain.



On December 10 and 17, we will learn and experience *the Christmas Story*.

We will **not have classes** on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. You are encouraged to worship as a family at one of the two Christmas Eve Worship services.

Classes will **restart on January 7**. We will begin our study of *Jesus' Ministry*.

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



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY UPDATE



Greetings!

After a hectic start we are excited to announce our 3 confirmation candidates. **Camryn Sandstrom, Macie Crabb** and **Max Frustaglio**. By the time council meets I will be meeting with them before council meeting on October 22 after church and discussing what confirmation means and give them the joys and responsibilities of confirmation. **October 29th will be the Confirmation ceremony**. This is a year of allowing the spirit to move within youth and I am so proud of our congregation that supports our youth. Thank you for all you do .

Respectfully,
Hayley Smith

ELCA GOOD GIFTS ADVENT TREE

Beginning December 3rd, there will be an Advent Tree in support of the **ELCA Good Gifts Program**. What do you get for someone who has everything? A Goat, or a



Tree perhaps? Through **ELCA Good Gifts**, we can help provide a family with independence and sustainability.

Here is how it works. There will be a Good Gift Advent Tree with various ornaments - a goat, a fruit tree or school supplies, etc. ... Your donations can be placed in the offering plate for this project OR you can go to the web and order your gift. The address is: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>. Thank you.





Faith Formation

Immanuel sent 15 campers to Fortune Lake this summer!

Weekend retreats are being offered for various grade

levels- and adults- through the winter.



Preschool Play Group

We had a request to develop a preschool Parent Play Group. We think we would like to do this. It has been a busy fall, so we are just getting into the exploration stage. Are you interested in:

- Attending with child?
- Helping plan sessions?
- Provide extra set of hands during the playgroup?

If so, call the office and leave a message. We will get back to you.

Safe Congregation Policies

The Faith Formation team hosted this program for Central UP Northern Great Lakes Synod congregations. *Darkness into Light* is awareness level training to provide participants with information about child sexual abuse and the need for congregational policies to protect our families.



We obtained a Thrivent Grant to provide a Soup and Salad supper for participants. The remainder of the grant was used to subsidize other costs associated with the training.

There were 13 participants - 5 from Immanuel.

The Synod is working to develop a model policy for congregations to use as they develop their own policies on keeping our spaces safe for children.

VBS (Vacation Bible School)



I know that it isn't even winter yet, but we will soon begin planning for VBS. We had a tentative start to our planning last year and missed some opportunities to work with other congregations. We will start planning early in January so we can involve more of our community. Think about joining us!

Yours in Christ, **Paulette Patron**

"BUY NOTHING" DAY/NOVEMBER 24th

Don't forget to give *Thanks* for everything you are fortunate enough to have this Thanksgiving, but also, be aware of the commercialism in today's society. Honor the holiday for what it is. Spend time with family and friends. Avoid the many "Sale Opportunities" at the stores, and **BUY NOTHING** on Friday, November 24th. Thank You!

Martha Hayward



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

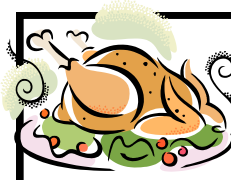
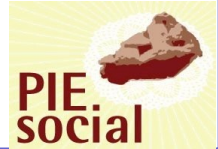
will be here at **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, @ 7 pm

(This is put on by Social Ministry.)

There will be a PIE FEST following the service. (If you are willing to make your delicious pie(s), It would be appreciated & welcomed.)

Come and worship together, giving thanks for all that God has given you. YOU are ALL welcome!



The Vegan Thanksgiving Dinner WILL NOT be held again this year. Due to the uncertainty of the corona virus, we are not meeting at Immanuel for the dinner. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Crupi @ (906) 475-5516. The Group wishes all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!! And, we HOPE to have it is 2024!!



Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia. Fill out the form that is found on the back page (or pick one up) and turn it into the office or leave it in the 'offering tray'. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested per plant. Thank you.

THE PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE

... will be held on Saturday-Sunday, December 16-17, from Saturday, 8 am to Sunday, 8 am. With increased violence nationally and globally, please take time to come to Immanuel to pray for peace in our lives, our families, our nation, & the world. In the past, people who have come to



Immanuel during this Prayer Vigil appreciated the quiet time away from busyness in their lives and had a rich spiritual experience when coming to pray for peace. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Please commit to a time. Or —stop by and pray where you are able; but I encourage you to come to Immanuel, sit quietly, read the Bible and/or pray.

Martha Hayward



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

November & December Mission Emphases

IN NOVEMBER, our mission emphasis is Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations and Maintenance.

Can you imagine what it's like to have 400 darling campers in your home just during the summer? Think of the cleaning, repairs and folks who are involved in the summer and all of the special programs during the year!



Running a camp is not cheap. FLLC works really hard to keep costs down but there are always constant repairs, maintenance and replacements. The utility bill alone is about \$35,000, repairs \$40,000, and the personnel costs to keep it running a huge part of the budget.

The November Monthly Mission is earmarked for operations and maintenance. We all love and enjoy the camp. Let's do our best to keep it looking beautiful and keep it operational!

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

IN DECEMBER, our mission emphasis is Room at the Inn, our area emergency night shelter for adults.

Room at the Inn opened Marquette's first ever permanent homeless shelter on December 24, 2020 above the Room at the Inn Warming Center. Local churches had operated a rotating shelter between churches for nearly 14 years. The improved shelter is a 30-bed emergency shelter with 24/7 shelter access. Over 1600 meals are served per month.



The Warming Center continues to provide a warm and friendly location for shelter guests to gather, socialize, eat and - of course- to warm up during cold days.



Room at the Inn provides food, shelter and assistance for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. Room at the Inn serves primarily Marquette area residents.

Donations of money and food for meals is much appreciated. Food donations are under stricter regulation so best to check directly with Room at the Inn or check the Beacon for suggestions. Volunteers are always welcome!

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



Fundraisers for Youth

There are still 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.

NOTICE-> Pop cans & bottles are **not collected any longer**. After associated Committee discussions, it was decided to **discontinue the recycling of cans and bottles**. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause over the years. This was a great fundraiser for the Youth Program, but it is time to say **Goodbye!**

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



Companion Congregation October 2024

Pastor Locko from Yombo has informed us that he will be moving to a new congregation and Yombo will have a new pastor. Her name is Pastor Debora Lusambi. We give thanks to God for our friend, Pastor Locko and pray for him in his new congregation. We look forward to meeting Pastor Debora and will pray for her and for Yombo as she begins her ministry in their midst.

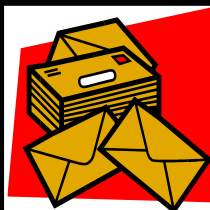
We are going to Tanzania! Six from Immanuel will be traveling to visit our brothers and sisters at Yombo Lutheran in Tanzania in May 2024. Our friends from Yombo and the Eastern and Coastal Diocese office have begun planning for our visit. The travel flight arrangements will be set soon.

Joining Bishop Emeritus and Luanne Skrenes on this trip will be Pastor Bre and Tom Kinnunen along with Dana and Sally Echelbarger.

In addition to spending time at Yombo and worshipping with them, we will visit institutions (schools, clinics, etc.) supported by our synod. We will also enjoy God's creation on an animal safari.

Please pray for our group. Please pray for our brothers & sisters in Christ at Yombo as they plan for our visit. God is good!

Bwana Asifiwe! Praise the Lord!



The 2024 Envelope Boxes arrived very early this year (thank goodness). They will be available for pick-up in November.

PLEASE pick yours up from the table near the Fellowship Hall. If you cannot find your box or would like to receive a Contribution Box, please call or stop by the office and let us know. (475-9161)

Your number for 2024 will be the same as the 2023 envelope box number.

Thank you !!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND KITS PACKING



Thank you to our wonderful knitters and quilters for making all of the quilts, baby kits, school kits, and personal care kits that were sent out for Lutheran World Relief. The

Group sent out 102 Quilts, 60 Baby Care Kits, 14 School Kits, and 5 Person Care Kits. What a wonderful showing of **God's Work - Our Hands!** Thank you also to those who transported the boxes to the Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette. Your efforts and volunteerism are greatly appreciated.



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 pro-mote healing & wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

Circle meetings began in September. For the month of November & December, the Miriam Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am, the Abigail Circle **has changed their meeting days to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm**, both here at the church. All ladies are welcome to join a Circle for the *Gather Magazine* Bible Study. Check with Linda Sjolund for more information, including the theme for November/December (906-242-5020).

PROJECT FOR THE MONTHS of NOVEMBER and DECEMBER is: KITCHEN SUPPLIES - The items can include: kitchen dish soap, paper plates (various sizes are needed including small, medium, and/or large), aluminum foil, storage bags (various sizes), paper cups, napkins, coffee, powered creamer, sugar, sweetener, stirrers, tea bags)

There will be a **Christmas Market & Soup & Pie Social** on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am to 2 pm. Crafts, homemade bakery items, jams, & Christmas cookies, and much more will be at the Fair. If you would like to donate items for the Fair/Luncheon, please contact Virginia Paulson (475-9641), Paulette Patron (475-4776), or Linda Sjolund (242-5020). Put this on your calendar/plan to come!

FOR OTHER PROJECTS & DESCRIPTIONS, REFER TO THE 2023 Women of the ELCA little booklet that is available at the entrances to the church, from the office, or from Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020).

The Executive Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 6th, at 1:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room. Please plan to attend.

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

- 6 - 1:00 pm, Executive Board Meeting (Multi-purpose Rm)
- 2, 9, 16, 30 - 10:00 am, Quilting
- 21 - 9:30 am, Miriam Circle (Hostesses: Alice Zinsser & Linda Sjolund)
- 22 - 2:30 pm, Abigail Circle (**WEDNESDAY)

Project: Paper Pantry (See above for info on it.)

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

- 7, 14, 21, 28 - 10:00 am, Quilting
- 3 - 5:00 pm, Wreath Making / Pizza Dinner
- 8 - 1:00-3:30 pm Christmas Market Setup
- 9 - 10 am - 2 pm, Christmas Market plus Soup / Pie Luncheon
- 19 - 12:30 pm, Joint Abigail and Miriam Circles Potluck followed by Bible Study
- 21 - 12:00 pm WELCA General Membership Meeting (will be held in the lower quilting room)

JANUARY 8, 2024, 1 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Project: Paper Pantry (See above for info on it.)

WELCA donated: \$10.00 - Elaine Nirva (loss of her husband, Leo Nirva)

"Decorating the Church"

We will be putting the garlands, wreaths, and decorating the tree on Thursday, the 14th of December, 9 am. Everyone willing to come and help is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Advent Christmas Wreath Workshop & Pizza Dinner is on Sunday, December 3rd, 5 pm. Walter Scanlon will bring the boughs & other supplies are provided. See you there!!



Give Thanks to God Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service is on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00pm, followed by a Pie Fest. For more information, see the article on page 3 in this Beacon. Even now, especially now, thankfulness is a gift from God. This service gives you an opportunity to give pure and genuine thanks for the gifts with which God has endowed us.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!!



NOTICE: WE NEED USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, 4PM & 6PM. WILL YOU HELP?

YOU are NEEDED!

Please call the office so I can put you on the schedule. (NOTE: There will be **NO 11 PM** service this year.) Thank you!

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

COUNCIL CORNER

Sept. 2023 Council Meeting Highlights

- Finalized plans for Pastor Bre's Installation on Sunday, September 24 at 3:00 pm.
- Confirmed the Elevator/Chairlift project is proceeding on schedule.
- Received recommendation from Worship and Music Committee for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services. Both holidays fall on a Sunday this year. Christmas Eve services will be at 9:30 am, 4:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. There will be no Monday night services. New Year's Eve service will be at 9:30 am with no Monday night service on January 1.
- Voted to discontinue the lockup position after the retirement of Virginia Paulson. An electronic locking system has been installed. An ad hoc committee was created to establish locking schedules and identify card holders. Plans were made to recognize Virginia's years of service on Tuesday, September 26th after bible study.
- Learned the annual Stewardship Drive will be held Oct.22 – Nov. 12.
- Moved the meeting dates for October and November's Council Meeting back a week due to scheduling conflicts.
- Accepted with regret but gratitude a letter announcing her retirement from Alice Mutkala. Alice's last day on the job will be November 2nd.

Oct. 2023 Council Meeting Highlights

- Established a starting rate of pay for newly posted Church Office Secretary position.
- Appointed Budget Committee Members: Tom Skrenes, Jim Derocher, Pastor Bre, Mary Schlicht, Tobias Smith, and Noreen Collins. Committee Chairpersons should submit their 2024 budget requests to Noreen by November 30th.
- Received an update on the elevator/chairlift project. There have been some unexpected delays and an additional cost incurred due to code changes implemented by the State of Michigan.
- Noreen Collins and Kitty Raymond are working together on a new website for Immanuel.
- The parts for the electronic locking system door for the Baldwin Entrance have been delivered. The door should be operational by the beginning of next week. There have been a few hiccups with using the new locking system.
- We will recognize Alice Mutkala for her years of dedication and service to Immanuel on Sunday, November 19.
- Received an update on the May 2024 trip to Tanzania from Luanne Skrenes. Tom and Luanne, Pastor Bre and Tom Kinnunen, and Dana and Sally Echelbarger have committed to going on the trip. Immanuel has traditionally provided monetary support for travel.



With Sincere Thank You

..... for giving me the privilege to work at and for Immanuel Lutheran Church for the past 16 years. I have genuinely enjoyed all of the work and duties that I have been responsible for and have enjoyed the relationships that have developed with all of the congregation. I have gotten to know most of you and have tried my best to accommodate your wishes as best I could. I will miss your company and miss the work responsibilities themselves. But, now I am moving on to my next chapter of life and hoping God has plans for me. For **Jeremiah 29:11** says, **"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."** I know all good things are from God (family, friends, abilities, time) but I'm not entitled to all of these blessings but should be grateful for all of them and I must be prepared to let go of anything God takes away, but I'll never let go of His hand!

Best of luck in the future of Immanuel with your new personnel. You should do great!

God Bless All of You!
Sincerely,
Alice



SOCIAL MINISTRY

PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM

Requests from parents have started coming in and Team Immanuel spent October 18 filling the requests for the Michigamme/ Republic school district. Urgently needed are snow pants, boots, and winter jackets. Sizes range from preschool to elementary ages. Also needed are hats and mittens/gloves.



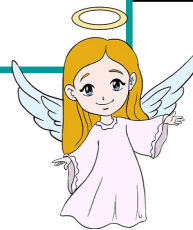
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY was **SEPTEMBER 10** – Ten Senior Care kits were filled with warm blankets, word puzzles, candy, chap stick, socks and other items and were delivered through Community Action Alger-Marquette's (CAAM) Meals on Wheels program.

LWR SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES - 15 school bags were filled and will be shipped the week of October 23 to Lutheran World Relief. For a listing of the supplies included, see WELCA's small hand book found near the entrances to the church.

GOT SNEAKERS UPDATE: The environmental impact of collecting sneakers for recycling for June, July, and August was: **BAGS & SNEAKERS:** 10 bags (Excellent Sneakers-0; Good Sneakers-13; Fair Sneakers-14; Recyclable Sneakers-64; Non-Athletic Shoes-4.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT: Landfill-95 pairs displaced from landfills; Carbon dioxide (CO) 2,850 pounds displaced; Water (H2O) 113,415 gallons saved. **GREAT JOB** Immanuel on making a difference!

Respectively submitted, *Linda Sjolund*



The Angel Tree Program

Once again, Immanuel will be participating in the Angel Tree Program by providing gifts for children of inmates at Christmas time. This is another way we can express love for the families of those who are incarcerated. Gifts can be purchased with a value of \$20 - \$25.00 or donations can be made to Immanuel indicating "The Angel Tree" as the designated area.

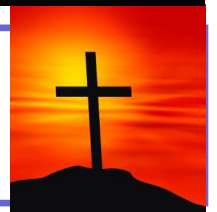
We will be receiving 15-16 names of children needing Christmas "donations" this year. Their ages usually range from 1 to 18 years of age, both females and males.

If you are interested in being an "angel" this year, please let the office know. You can pick up a child's name and gift-need suggestions that the family has provided. You can then purchase the gift(s), wrap it, and return it to the office. Or, you can make a donation to the church, specifying for the "Angel Tree Program," and someone will do the buying. Stop in the office or call us at 475-9161 if you are interested in participating in this wonderful Program. Thank you. (You can pick up the information starting in mid-November, returning your purchases / donations by December 8th.) *Thank you in advance for participating!*



**Merry Christmas to All And a Very Happy, Blessed, Joyful New Year!!
May God Bless Everyone of You with Peace and Love!**



—from Pastor Bre Kinnunen, Noreen, Alice, Sharon, Tyler,
& all of Immanuel's Crew





November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day (officially) 6:00 Choir Practice	2 10:00 Quilting	3 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	4 8-10 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9-12:00 Confirmation Class @ Prince of Peace Church in Harvey, MI
5 All Saints Day (observed) (Time changes today) 9:30 Sun.Schl & Worship 10:30 C & F (AED Celebratn) 11:00 Bible Group Meets 5:00 Place Candles-Cemetery 5:00 Youth Group Meets 5:30 Cemet. Wrshp / 7:30 AA	6 1:00 WELCA Exec. Brd. Mtg 6:00 Worship Service	7 10:00 Bible Study	8 6:00 Choir Practice	9 10:00 Quilting	10 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	11 1-5:00 Hall Reservation
12 22nd Sun after Pentecost Stewardship Celebration Brunch 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Srv—Baptism 10:30 C & F / Brunch 11:00 Bible Group Meets 3-6:00 Compan Synod Mtg 7:30 AA	13 6:00 Worship	14 10:00 Bible Study 6-8:00 PEO (Sjolund)	15 6:00 Choir Practice	16 10:00 Quilting	17 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	18
19 23rd Sun after Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Meets 7:30 AA	20 6:00 Worship	21 9:30 Miriam Circle 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service here @ Immanuel (pie social to follow)	22 2:30 Abigail Circle 6:00 Choir Practice	23 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING 10-4:00 NO Vegan Thanksgiving Dinner this year (if questions, contact Kevin Crupi)	24 10:00 AA BUY NOTHING DAY OFFICE CLOSED	25 
26 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Meets 7:30 AA	27 6:00 Worship	28 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Executive Comm. Mtg 6:30 Church Council	29 6:00 Choir Practice	30 10:00 Quilting		

SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
5	9:30 AM	Larry Marta Reuven Romback Connie Kemper Need Volunteer	Larry Marta Reuven Romback Connie Kemper Need Volunteer	Kerri Puckett Kevin Crupi	Stacy McEachern Youth Kevin Crupi	Fae Collins Linda Dillman Linda Ogea
12	9:30 AM	Larry Marta Reuven Romback Connie Kemper Need Volunteer	Larry Marta Reuven Romback Connie Kemper Need Volunteer	Lori Marta Jill Sladek	Larry & Lori Marta Sally Eichelbarger Kristine Hill-Alderton	Vicki Lempinen Linda Sjolund Kerri Puckett
19	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Deb Moyer Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Alice Mutkala Deb Moyer Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Donna Hayrynen Sheila Meier	Noreen Collins, Hayley Smith, Rory Smith Sheila Meier	Linda Ogea Judy Hallgren Dave Hallgren
21	7:00 PM	Ecumenical	Thanksgiving	Worship Service	Immanuel Lutheran Church	w/ Pie Social
26	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Deb Moyer Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Alice Mutkala Deb Moyer Diana Hetrick Jim Hetrick	Martha Hayward Kay Korpi	Martha & Jim Hayward Linda Dillman Kay Korpi	Mike Frustaglio Juliana Herman Kerri Puckett
27	6:00 PM					

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: White - 5, 19; Green - 12; Blue - 26.

NOVEMBER COFFEE SERVERS: STAFF

NOVEMBER

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HOW TO
WORSHIP GOD
(IT'S NOT
HARD)

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.

SNOW ADVISORY

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




- Parking too close to the building in the east parking lot risks snow and ice falling on your vehicle. Please allow extra distance. Thanks!
- Although others will plow and shovel in advance of our services, there may be last-minute needs you discover with our entrance walks. Snow shovels and salt will be available at those entrances for your use, if you are able. Thank you for sharing in these family chores.
- If extreme weather is prevalent, call the church to see if the service is cancelled. And even if worship is not cancelled, please use your common sense for your situation and stay safe.. Thanks!





December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>3 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Meets 5:00 Wreath Making & Pizza Dinner 7:30 AA</p>	<p>4 6:00 Worship DEADLINE FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS (This week)</p>	<p>5 10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>6 6:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 10:00 Quilting</p>	<p>8 10:00 AA 1-3:30 Christmas Mkt Set Up OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9 10-2:00 Christmas Market & Soup/Pie Luncheon OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p>10 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Meets 7:30 AA</p>	<p>11 6:00 Worship</p>	<p>12 10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>13 6:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 9:00 Decorate the Church 10:00 Quilting</p>	<p>15 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>16 Prayer Vigil 8:00 am Sat., to 8:00 am Sun (17th-18th)</p>
<p>17 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30 Prayer Vigil Ends 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Bible Group Meets 7:30 AA</p>	<p>18 BEACON DEADLINE (Jan/Feb) 6:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>19 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Joint Meeting Miriam & Abigail 6:00 Exec Committee Mtg 6:30 Church Council</p>	<p>20 6:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 POINSETTIA DEADLINE 10:00 Quilting 12:00 WELCA General Membership Meeting (Meet in Quilting Room)</p>	<p>22 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 NO SS/9:30 Worship 10:30 C & F / 11 Bible Grp 4 PM & 6 PM Christmas Serv. 7:30 AA</p>	<p>25 Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS 'Merry Christmas' (NO 6 PM Worship Service)</p>	<p>26 10:00 NO Bible Study </p>	<p>27 6:00 NO Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 10:00 Quilting</p>	<p>29 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>30 </p>
<p>31 9:30 NO SS / 9:30 Worship 10:30 C & F / 11 Bible Group 7:30 AA</p>						

SERVING THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
3	9:30 AM	Mike Frustaglio Dean Patron	Mike Frustaglio Dean Patron	Alice Mutkala	Stacy McEachern Youth	Noreen Collins Linda Dillman
4	6:00 PM	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Reuven Romback	Dan LaJoie	Linda Ogea
10	9:30 AM	Mike Frustaglio Dean Patron	Mike Frustaglio Dean Patron	Mike Frustaglio	Dana & Sally Echelbarger Walter Scanlon	Mike Frustaglio Dave Hallgren
11	6:00 PM	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Reuven Romback Kevin Crupi	Sheila Meier	Sheila Meier	Judy Hallgren
17	9:30 AM	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Kathleen Partanen	Alice & Bill Zinsser Danielle Songer	Vicki Lempinen Linda Dillman
18	6:00 PM	Deb Hicks Need Volunteer	Deb Hicks Need Volunteer	Reuven Romback	Paulette Patron	Kerri Puckett
24	9:30 AM	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Mike Lempinen Vicki Lempinen	Mike Lempinen	Walter Scanlon Linda Dillman	
24	4:00 PM	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	Hayley Smith	Walter Scanlon, Noreen Collins, Hayley Smith	
25	6:00 PM	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	Judy Hallgren	Lori & Larry Marta Danielle Songer	
31	9:30 AM	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Alice Mutkala Need Volunteer	Jim Hayward	Mike & Vicki Lempinen Andy Crow-Roberts	Fae Collins Linda Dillman
1/1 '24	6:00 PM	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Linda Ogea Linda Sjolund



PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Blue - 3, 10, 17; White - 24, 25
 DECEMBER 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



THE UNREST HAPPENING TODAY

(This is a letter from Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton.)

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

Syria: Who controls what?



It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



WORSHIP TIMES for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve services will take place **December 24th**

- **4:00 pm** - Worship Service
- **6:00 pm** - Candlelight Service

If we are unable to gather in-person for any of the services, worship will still be available online at www.immanuelnegaunee.org.



SCHEDULED EVENTS BEYOND CHRISTMAS

Regular worship times are:

- **9:30 am on Sundays, Sunday School**
- **9:30 am on Sundays, Worship Service**
- **6:00 pm on Mondays, Worship Service**

There **WILL BE** a **9:30 am service on Sunday, December 24th**,
BUT NO SERVICE on Monday, December 25th.

The church office **WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, December 25th.

There **WILL BE** a **9:30 am service on Sunday, December 31st**, **BUT NO 6:00 pm service on Monday, January 1st.**

The church office **WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, January 1st.

Please make note of all of the dates and times. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the office at (906) 475-9161.



BEFORE GOD WE ARE ALL EQUAL

God shows no partiality (Romans: 2:11)

Thus all is made even, and no one has more than another by which to glory before God, who will suffer no person to be despised, censured, or cast out. It is said, "Preach this gospel to all creatures." In this respect the greatest, wisest, holiest, noblest human being is no better than the meanest, simplest, and most despised one on earth. They are all lumped together, and no one is singled out or separated, for sorrow, or for love, or for praise and privilege. It is written plainly and without exception that those who believe, whoever they are, and no matter to what people, nation or class they belong, and however unequal they may be in the eyes of the world, are in the same situation. But in the life of the world there must be inequality and variety, as there is among the creatures, where each is of its own kind and differs from the others. Yet although all this works in perfect order, no one can say that whoever does this or that will be saved. Therefore in this kingdom of Christ, all is heaped together and comprised in one word in one sentence: not this person or that person doing this or that, but "The one who believes . . . Will be saved" (Mark 16:16). There you have it all in one, whether you be Jew or Gentile, master or servant, virgin or husband. "If you believe," says Christ, "you are in my kingdom, saved and redeemed from sin and death." (Sermon on the ascension of Christ, 1544. WA 21:393f) "Save me, O God, from seeking undue human praise and distinction, for I know that we are all equal in your sight. Turn my thoughts outward, toward those around me. Amen." [Martin Luther, 'Day by Day We Magnify You', Daily Readings for the Entire Year, SATURDAY, p. 368.] ¹¹

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS FOR 2024

Recommended by the Social Ministry Committee are the following groups:

- **January** – Tanzanian Connection and Relations
- **February** – Women of Immanuel Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
- **March** – Scholarships for Youth who may need assistance for the 2024 Youth Gathering, Quake and Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
- **April** – ELCA World Hunger
- **May** – ELCA Missionary Support
- **June** – Answer the Call
- **July** – Liberian Children's Education Support
- **August** – Project Keep Kids Warm
- **September** – ELCA Disaster Relief
- **October** – Good Samaritan
- **November** – Fortune Lake Lutheran
- **December** – Room at the Inn/Warming Center

ADVENT CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP & PIZZA DINNER

Social Ministry and Faith formation Committees will host a Christmas Wreath Making and Pizza Dinner on **Sunday, December 3rd, at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have supplies such as scissors, wire cutters, ribbon, decorations for a wreath, . . . feel free to bring



them, but we will have all necessary supplies as well. Walter Scanlon will be providing the boughs. This is a fun evening to share with your family. Plan to come, make a Christmas Wreath, and have some fun!

Respectively submitted by **Linda**

Sjolund for Social Ministry and Faith Formation.

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEND CARDS AT CHRISTMAS

(or just pray for)
HERE ARE OUR SHUT-INS / MILITARY,
Here are the addresses known:

Our Shut-ins

Butch Pynnonen
956 Baldwin Ave.
Negaunee, MI 49866

Bettie Ahola
c/o Eastwood Nrs. Cntr
900 Maas Street
Negaunee, MI 49866

Betty Lukkarinen
c/o Eastwood Nrs. Cntr
900 Maas Street, #316-B
Negaunee, MI 49866

Jonelle Collins
c/o Teal Lk Sr Liv'g Comm
290 W Water St., #126
Negaunee, MI 49866

Paul Alan Smith
c/o Teal Lk Sr Livg Comm
290 W Water Street
Negaunee, MI 49866

Lynne Tossava
600 Altamont St., #406
Marquette, MI 49855-4572

Lillian Rivers
Brookridge Hgts Asst Livg
1901 Division, #4
Marquette MI 49855

June Jarvi
203 Co. Rd. 480
Negaunee, MI 49866

Dolores Reichel
404 Peninsula Street
Negaunee, MI 49866

Rudy Gagnon
1013 Maple Street
Negaunee, MI 49866

Timothy Kjellman
c/o Sue Cohan
2940 S Helen Lake Road
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Our Military:

Luke DeWitt
(address unknown)

Trevor Romback
(address unknown)

Dennis Koski
318 Oakridge Dr. North
Hudson, WI 54012

Hunter Hetrick
(Wife - Jessica)
540 Maplewood Drive
Gwinn, MI 49841-9682

Michael Sedlock
(address unknown)

Michael Gustafson
(address unknown)

Adrianna Gustafson
(address unknown)

Jacque Kurian (no addr)
(Mother - Lori)
205 E. Lincoln St.
Negaunee, MI 49866-1707

Spencer Harvala
(address unknown)

Ethan Wallner
1104 Oak Street
Negaunee, MI 49866

Tanner Romback (no addr)
(parents - Tim & Tina)
128 Davis Street
Ishpeming, MI 49849



God Bless Our Military

JOB OPPORTUNITY Do you want a wonderful, rewarding, and fulfilling part-time position serving God in many ways? Pick up an application from Immanuel Lutheran Church ASAP so you can do *God's Work With Your Hands*. You must: be organized, computer and software literate, punctual, maintain confidentiality and willing to do clerical tasks in support of the mission of the Church, supporting the Pastors and Parish Administrator. You need to be able to encourage all members of Immanuel to use their God-given gifts in some way to also benefit the life and mission of the Church; be able to create accurate bulletins weekly and newsletters bi-monthly with up-to-date information and attention to detail for the congregation to know the happenings at the church and in the community; do mailings that are requested by the Pastor, Parish Administrator, and/or Committees in the church, bringing them to the post office with accurate paperwork; have follow-through with all of your duties; have integrity and be trustworthy with records and monies; maintain accurate church records on baptisms, confirmation, deaths, weddings, attendance, funerals, and memberships; be able to update church records, personnel and financial information, correctly, backing up files when necessary; be able to update the website, update the Tablet Ministry's Ipad, the 'Tech's' Ipad for broadcasting the worship services online. You are the 1st point of contact, answering & directing phone calls. Other duties as required. This is an exciting and rewarding position. Apply today!



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.**



Congratulations to...

... **Kyle Saari & his Negaunee High School Tennis Teams** for their excellent showing throughout the year and winning so many top spots in the UP. *Congratulations!*

.... **Randy Carlson** and his **Girl's Softball Team** for their wonderful showing this past summer.

.... Immanuel Lutheran Church's 3 confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on October 29th, Reformation Sunday. They will be: **Maci Crabb**, **Max Frustaglio**, and **Camryn Sandstrom**.

Hayley Smith met with them discussing what Confirmation means and gave them the joys and responsibilities of Confirmation. This is a year of allowing the Spirit to move within youth and she is so proud of Immanuel's congregation for supporting the youth of the church.



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



THANK YOU — Thank you for the gift and kind words upon my retirement from locking the church doors in the evening and opening up on the weekends. Those 19 years seemed to go by pretty fast and in **Ecclesiastes 3:1**, we read, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." And, the season is coming up, we call it Winter! God's peace to all!!
LLM Virginia Paulson

thank
you

SENDING A SINCERE THANK YOU — Dear Members of Immanuel: Thank you for your generous donation to our family. ALS was not something we had in our plan; however, we know God has His own plan. We are so grateful for the support through prayers, cards and donations. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

-Kevin, Sabina, Josie, Katie and Eli Carlson

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CROP WALK DONATIONS—

Thank you to all of you who donated to the CROP Walk that was held on Sunday, October 1st. Immanuel donated a total of **\$725.00** for the cause.

Excellent!! Thank You!!!

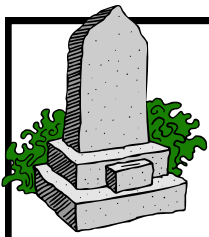
Kay Korpi, Coordinator

Thank
you

THANK YOU — Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for my '80th' birthday. Also, thank you to Terry Basolo and Judy Hallgren for bringing them to my home. It made my day extra special!
Sincerely, Juliana (Julie) Herman

- Thank you to **Dorothy Hill, Millie Isaacson, John & Vicki Makinen**, and **Jean Manginen** for helping to put together the September / October Beacon. Also, thank you, **Millie**, for putting the mailing labels on all of the envelopes for the November/December Beacon. If YOU would like to help put together the Beacon, your help would be appreciated. Please call the office at 475-9161 if you want to get on the list of persons to call for help. Putting the Beacon together takes only about an hour. We generally start about 8:30-9 am every other end-of-month. *Thank you for volunteering!*
- To **Bill Zinsser** for repairing the drawer(s) in the kitchen.
- 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, Vicki Lempinen, Tom Myers, Linda Ogea, Kerri Puckett, Linda Sjolund**, and **Sue Wickstrom** 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 **September / October Lectors, Greeters / Ushers**, and **Tech Persons** who volunteered, some even though you were not scheduled. *Thank you!*

**THANK
YOU**



SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Terry (Bobbi) Minzey on the loss of his mother, **Alma June "Minzey" Wyckoff**, on Sunday, September 3rd. Also, condolences to all of the Wyckoff Family.
- Terry (Sara) Garceau on the loss of his brother, **William James 'Jim' Garceau**, on Saturday, September 2nd. Also, condolences to Jim's wife, Janet, and his nieces, Emily Roberts and Abby (Joshua) Paquet, and all of the Garceau Family.
- Billie Jo (Roger) Heggaton on the loss of her grandmother, **Ann Marie Helen 'Annie' Kind**, on Thursday, September 7th. Also, condolences to her great-grandchildren, Trevor & Kylie Heggaton and all of the Kind / Heggaton Family.
- Elaine M. Nirva on the loss of her husband, **Leo Stanley Nirva** on Monday, September 25th. Also condolences to all of the Nirva Family. A small graveside funeral is planned for Friday, September 29th, with Pastor Bre Kinnunen officiating.
- The Family of **Lowell William Miller**, who died on Sunday, October 8th. His funeral was held on Thursday, October 12th, at Koskey Funeral Home with Rev. Bre Kinnunen officiating.
- Haylee Lenten & Delanee Lenten for the loss of their grandfather, **Richard C. "Bugs" Bergman III**, on Thursday, October 5th. Also, condolences to all of the Bergman Family.
- Timothy (Elizabeth) King, on the loss of his father, **Timothy Michael King, Sr.**, on Sunday, October 15th. Also, condolences to his sister, Lorraine (Michael) Finnilla, his grandchildren, Hadley and Peyton King, his niece & nephew, Michael, Jr., and Watson Finnilla, and all of the King Family.

AED UPDATE

Automated external defibrillator are easy-to-use medical devices that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. AEDs SAVES LIVES!

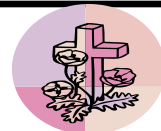


Thanks to a Superior Health Foundation grant, Immanuel now has an AED mounted at the top of the stairs across from the elevator. On August 27, thanks to the grant, ten of Immanuel's members were

trained in CPR and the use of the AED. Rueven Romback has arranged for an additional training for about ten more Immanuel members through the Negaunee Township Fire Department. This training was held on October 25. Tom and Luanne Skrenes applied for a Thrivent Action Grant from which pocket resuscitators were purchased for those who have attended the training sessions.

Twenty people from Immanuel are now better equipped to respond to cardiac emergencies at Immanuel and in the community! Immanuel will hold a celebration of our CPR/AED equipment and training this fall, with snacks during the fellowship hour provided through the Thrivent Action Grant. Thanks be to God!

Luanne Skrenes



MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES S. 'CHARLIE' STOLNACK

Don & Mary Leece
The Stolnack Family
Al & Kathryn Sundine
The Vercoe Family



IN HONOR OF PASTOR BRE KINNUNEN

Dean & Paulette Patron



CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Brent Soeltner & Sanna Paulson on the birth of their daughter, **Julia Kay**. The proud grandparents are Steve & Valerie Paulson and Scott & Darla Soeltner. Even prouder are great-grand mothers Virginia Paulson and Jean Manginen.

It's a Girl!

BAPTISM - WE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:

- On Saturday, September 2nd, there was a baptism for **Benjamin Orion Howes**, son of Cory Michael Howes & Anna Tippen (Kerr) Howes, born on June 7th, 2022. His sponsor was Kathleen Kerr.
- On Saturday, September 2nd, there was a baptism for **Miles Tippen Hoffman**, son of Matthew Tippen Hoffman & Landen Mae Tetil, born on January 29th, 2023. His sponsor was Erin Hoffman.
- On October 15th, 2023, there was a baptism for **James Wilfred Kinnunen** in Marquette, in Lake Superior. The parents are Mark Kinnunen & Meghan McLeod. The sponsors were Breanne Kinnunen and Thomas Kinnunen. Mark is the brother to Tom.





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

(continued here.....)

- December 29 - Ami Klein
- December 30 - Roland Koski, Cassidy Orr, Kiara Soeltner, Parker Vargason
- December 31 - Betty Lukkarinen

Happy Birthday to All of You!!

NOVEMBER

- November 1 - Thomas Hayward
- November 2 - Teddy Henderson
- November 3 - Fae Collins, Annette Heggaton, Kaylen Wallner
- November 4 - Paige Couture
- November 5 - Jill Jarvi, Maverick Maki
- November 6 - Carol Bayer, Lauren Hayrynen
- November 7 - Diane Anderson, Cheryl Dix
- November 8 - Amelia Butorac, Sydney Jarvi, Jacob Larson, Eric Toth
- November 9 - Mildred Balzarini, Camille Kemper, Norah Toth
- November 10 - Julia Johnson, Wendi Thomas, Amanda Tilly
- November 11 - David Hallgren, Sandra Larson
- November 12 - Allyson Beckman, Jay Bengry, Daniel Carlson, Donald Leece
- November 13 - Ryan Tossava
- November 14 - Shylo Hyry
- November 15 - Kaelyn Amis, Chet Baldini
- November 16 - Taylor Debski, Nancy Lindstrom, Adalyn Paananen
- November 17 - Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Pascoe, John Roberts
- November 19 - Randy Carlson
- November 20 - Ayla Reichel
- November 21 - Dana Echelbarger, David Faust
- November 22 - Julie Vargason, Kiya Williams
- November 25 - Peggy Laitala
- November 26 - Linda Rosten, Leslie Suardini
- November 27 - Chelsey Faust
- November 28 - Crystal Beckman
- November 29 - Michael Finnilla Jr.
- November 30 - Anna Price

DECEMBER

- December 1 - Jonelle Specker
- December 3 - Sharon Wassberg
- December 5 - Sierra Hendrickson
- December 6 - Elaine Nirva, Jesse Williams
- December 7 - Brandon Beckman, Shepherd Paquet
- December 8 - Noah Paquet, Carol Romback, Mary Schlicht, Rory Smith
- December 9 - Wyatt Dost, Gavin Saunders
- December 10 - Cary Lincoln, Martin Saari, Brian Syrjala
- December 11 - Vicki Jalonen, Mary Ann Laukka, Blaze Maxon, Emily Roberts, Lynne Tossava
- December 12 - James Derocher
- December 13 - Haylee Lenten
- December 15 - Hadden Hyry, Adalyn Miller, Grace Ulvila
- December 16 - William Laitala, Ryan Whitley
- December 17 - Ingrid Hamlin, Lily Ulvila
- December 18 - Hailey Goupille
- December 21 - Anna Solberg
- December 22 - Susan Eman
- December 23 - Tom Myers, Dennis Partanen
- December 25 - Merry Bengry, Seraphina Crow-Roberts, Danny Hill, Benjamin Zarbeck
- December 26 - Ethan DeMarois, Jace Turri
- December 27 - Stacy Bouman, Morgan Carlson, Rodney Laituri, Michelle Turri


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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO:



Anna Marie Solberg & Patrick Houlahan for their recent marriage that was held on Saturday, September 16, in Ohio. Pastor Steve Solberg (father of the bride) officiated the marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS! GOD'S BLESSINGS ...



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

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

30 YEARS & OVER

- 11/06 - Linda & Dan Rose - 30 years
- 11/26 - Peter & Susan LaFreniere - 35 years
- 12/27 - Patrick & Becky DeWitt - 37 years

40 YEARS & OVER

- 11/05 - Randy & Connie Champion - 47 years
- 11/06 - Dave & Patricia Roberts - 47 years
- 11/13 - James & Linda Derocher - 47 years
- 12/04 - Kenneth & Nancy Lindstrom - 47 years
- 12/22 - Donn & Catherine Collins - 44 years

50 YEARS & OVER

- 11/14 - Ronald & Cheryl Ulvila - 59 years
- 11/22 - Victor & Carol Romback - 54 years
- 12/01 - James & Susan Wickstrom - 50 years

60 YEARS & OVER

- 12/26 - Roy & Jeanette Tossava - 64 years

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**ALL SAINTS DAY
 CELEBRATION
 NOVEMBER 5, 2023**



All Saints Day is officially November 1st (Wednesday), but Immanuel will observe the celebration on Sunday, November 5th. This day we celebrate the baptized people of God, living & dead, who are the body of Christ.

During worship services we will remember all those brought into the church through baptism and those members who died during this past year. Those baptized this year were: *Lucas Marek Nerwuca, Harper Marie Nerwuca, William Leonard Makela, Blaze Bradley Maxon, Iris Lily Williams, Adalyn Dawn Miller, Benjamin Orion Howes, Miles Tippen Hoffman, James Wilfred Kinnunen.* Deaths remembered this year are: *Doris Marie Wainio, Nancy Mae Burton, John Paul Neiswander, Joann Dagmar Connors, Charlene Irene Kivisto, Joyce Marilyn Peterson, Brian Paul Basto, Leo Stanley Nirva.*

In the evening on the 5th, there will be a Memorial Service at the Negaunee Cemetery at 5:30 pm, and opportunity for people to place candles at the graves of loved ones at 5:00 pm, following a Scandinavian tradition. The Youth will be preparing candles for us, and will bring them to the cemetery where they will be made available. Candles may be ordered ahead of time for a donation of \$3.00, but there will also be extras available at the cemetery.



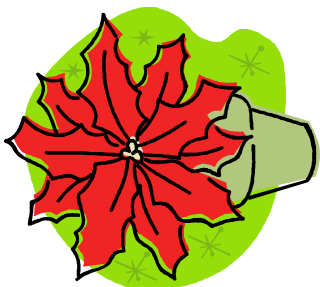
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**Order Your Memorial
 Poinsettia**

Deadline to Order is Thursday, December 21st.

Again this year, Immanuel will be receiving offerings toward poinsettias. If you would like to memorialize loved ones at this important time of the year, instead of purchasing plants of your own, you can donate toward the purchase of poinsettia(s). The church will purchase the plants to grace our sanctuary until Epiphany, and then those who purchased a plant can take theirs home. A Christmas memorial booklet will be published listing the contributions to Christmas poinsettias as well as who is being memorialized. These booklets will be distributed at all of our Christmas Eve worship services.

We suggest a contribution of \$10.00 or more per name or family, although gifts of any amount will be accepted. Please fill out the information on this form or pick one up to fill out, for the Memorial Booklet. Please print clearly. Deadline for contributing to the Christmas poinsettia(s) is December 21st.

Name of _____ Amount: \$ _____

Contributor _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Please note:
 The plants will remain at the church
 through the Christmas season
 and then can be picked up.