



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 28, 2024, 9:30am

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

In Deuteronomy  
God promises to  
raise up a proph-  
et like Moses,  
who will speak  
for God; in Psalm  
111 God shows  
the people the  
power of God's  
works. For the  
church these are  
ways of pointing  
to the unique  
authority people  
sensed in Jesus'  
actions and  
words. We en-  
counter that au-  
thority in God's  
word, around  
which we gather,  
the word that  
prevails over any  
lesser spirit that  
would claim pow-  
er over us, free-  
ing us to follow  
Jesus.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, one of the ways we find joy in a weary world is through connection. The prayer of confession is a place of connection with God. In the prayer of confession we get to come before God with our full, messy, honest selves. And in the midst of that mess, God tells us that we are loved, claimed, and forgiven. There is no greater joy than that. So join me in the prayer of confession, not because you have to, but because you can. Let us connect with our merciful God.

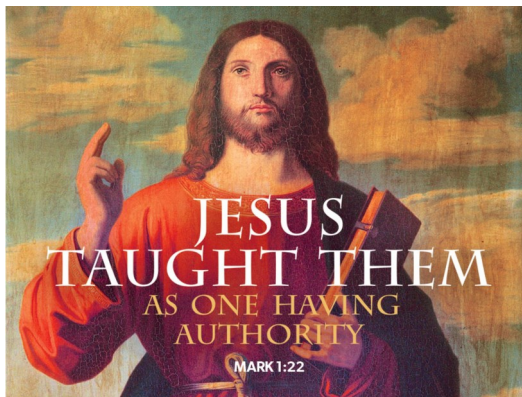
God of laughter, God of open front doors and the reunion of family and friends, **we confess that we often doubt good news. We move through this world waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for life to fall apart, waiting for our humanity to get the best of us. Instead of leaning into joy, we lean into scarcity. We lean into fear. We lean into isolation. Forgive us for forgetting that joy is amplified when shared. Heal the wounds we have from past hurts, and teach us how to throw open our doors to you. Show us how to find joy in connection.**

Faith family, I imagine that when we come before God with the truth of our lives, the door is thrown open. There is laughter. There is joy. There is embracing—and it is holy. So trust this; believe this: You are claimed. You are loved. You are forgiven. And you are sent to serve. Find joy in that. **Amen!**

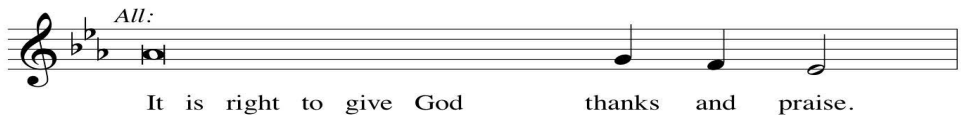
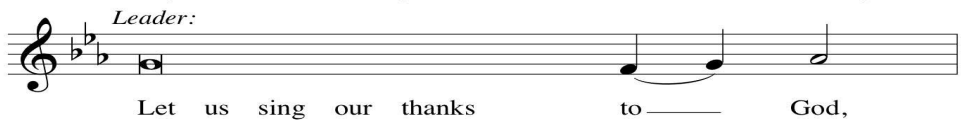
### OPENING HYMN

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#886



## GREETING & THANKSGIVING



Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

## PSALM: Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

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

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 11:10)*

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

*(Please be seated.)*

## SERMON

**Hayley Smith**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

**#721**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives (*especially Thomas Aquinas whom we commemorate today*). We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

*(Please be seated.)*

**MEAL**

## OFFERING

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



*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.  
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

#612

*Thy Word is a Lamp*

TFF#132

*(Chorus)*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*(Verse 1)*

*When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way; still, you're there right beside me.*

*Nothing I will fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.*

*(Chorus)*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*(Verse 2)*

*I will not forget your love for me and, yet, my heart forever is wandering.*

*Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side. And I will love you to the end.*

*(Chorus)*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Hayley Smith

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

## BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 28—February 4, 2024

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\* **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for February is Fortune Lake/Youth. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee Hour** or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Stacy McEachern at 906-361-9123** with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

\* **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at **Pasquali's** in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. This week's topic is **Genesis 42, 44: 1-15—Joseph Reveals Himself.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

\* **CHURCH CLOSING PROCEDURES** In the event of inclement weather, a closing announcement will be placed on the church phone message, signs will be posted on the church doors, a post will be added to the church webpage and on Facebook and the closure will be listed on TV6 Closures. Sunday School closures will be posted on our Sunday School Facebook page by 7:30am. When you see the cancellation notice, please pass it on to your friends who may not have seen it yet.

\* **BEACON** In an effort to cut costs and help save the environment, we would like to update our files as to how you would like to receive the Beacon. Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or at the office. Thank you for your help!

\* **GUIDING GOOD CHOICES PARENT/CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES** This caregiver education series will be held on 5 consecutive Wednesdays from **5:30-7:30pm** starting **this Wednesday, January 31**, at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, West Baraga Avenue, Marquette.

### **Session Dates:**

January 31st, Getting Started: How to Promote Health and Wellbeing During the Teen Years

February 7th, Setting Guidelines: How to Develop Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards

February 14th, Managing Conflict: How to Deal with Your Anger in a Positive Way

February 21st, Avoiding Trouble: How to Say No, Keep Your Friends, and Still Have Fun

February 28th, Involving Everyone: How to Strengthen Family Bonds

### **Details:**

Supper will be provided at each session

Child supervision available at the Children's Museum for participants' child(ren)

Participants who complete all five sessions will be eligible to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card.

\* **END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS** are available in the Fellowship Hall. They are in alphabetical order. Please pick up at your convenience. If you are unable to get to the church and would like it mailed, please contact the office.

\* **SUPER BOWL PARTY** The Superior Central Conference Youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, **February 11 from 6:00pm-9:00pm** at Immanuel. Join us for Food, Fellowship, and Football. Please RSVP to stacymc6@gmail.com.

\* **ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **NEXT Sunday, February 4, at 11:00am** in the Fellowship Hall.

\* **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** There will be a Youth Bible Study **tonight at 5:00pm -7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall led by Stacy McEachern.



\* **COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR CANTATA** Please attend A Tenebre Service: It Is Finished on **Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm** at the W.C. Peterson Auditorium at Ishpeming High School.

\* **ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 4 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The report is available in the Fellowship Hall.

\* **KIDS HELPING KIDS EAT** During February, Immanuel will be focusing on God's gift of food! God has the power to multiply our gift. Our job is to offer our gifts to God, then have FAITH that God will use them to love people. We have been awarded a \$250.00 grant from Thrivent. We will be getting a grocery cart for our Stewardship Center to replace our worn out Plastic tote. Our Bible Story will focus on Jesus blessing a young boy's lunch – and feeding 5,000 families. We will build awareness of food and encourage a spirit of sharing. Our young children would struggle with statistics so our devotions have been drawn from: <https://www.compassion.ca/blog/dinner-table-devos-plan/>.

\* **WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES**..We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful.

\* **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** This nine week course will meet once a week on **Thursdays** in the Fellowship Hall starting **February 15 at 7:00pm**. It will run through April 18 with the exception of the session during Holy Week on March 27. If you are interested in signing up or you need more information, please call Ben Raymond at: 540-435-4915 or email him at: [benandkittyraymond@gmail.com](mailto:benandkittyraymond@gmail.com). The cost of this course is \$58.25; however, if you complete the course, this amount will be returned to you! Child care will be available.

When debt isn't holding you back, nothing can stop you from living the life of your dreams (yeah, that one you're thinking about right now). And here's the good news: You can get there. You just need a plan that works. That's what you'll learn in *Financial Peace University*. FPU is the class that teaches you step by step how to pay off debt fast and build wealth for your future. Stuffy financial class? Not here. FPU is full of energy, easy-to-understand lessons, and real-life examples of people just like you who have taken control of their money. And the best part? You'll experience the class with a group of people who will encourage you and hold you accountable every step of the way. That's what makes FPU so life-changing! In fact, the average FPU graduate is debt-free in two years or less! Dave Ramsey's been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles for almost 30 years. And they work. Every time. Just ask the nearly 10 million people who've taken FPU and never have to worry about money again. You're next. Ready?

**In *Financial Peace University*, you'll learn how to:**

- Take control of your money
- Attack debt with a vengeance and pay it off fast
- Save for emergencies
- Choose the right insurance plans
- Invest wisely and build wealth
- Give generously (the best part)



**IN JANUARY**, our **Tanzanian Connection and Relations** will be the **Mission Emphasis (ME)**. Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ. January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, to help defray the cost of traveling to Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania this May and to help in Yombo where it is needed. If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Thank you for giving \$1,180 in December to the **Room at the Inn.**  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

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

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

**SERVING IN WORSHIP:** *Hayley Smith/Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

**ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:**  
*Sunday & Monday - Connie Scanlon*

**Worship Services:** *Sunday @ 9:30am / 6:00pm*  
*Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)*

**VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

<b>9:30am GREETERS</b>	<i>Noreen Collins Valerie Paulson</i>	<b>6:00pm GREETERS</b>	<i>Reuven Romback</i>
<b>9:30am USHERS</b>	<i>Noreen Collins Valerie Paulson</i>	<b>6:00pm USHERS</b>	<i>Reuven Romback</i>
<b>9:30am LECTOR</b>	<i>Luanne Skrenes</i>	<b>6:00pm LECTOR</b>	<i>Kay Korpi</i>
<b>9:30am COMM ASST</b>	<i>Sara Garceau Terry Garceau Danielle Songer</i>	<b>6:00pm COMM ASST</b>	<i>Kay Korpi</i>
<b>9:30am Tech Team</b>	<i>Tyler Moore</i>		

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 28—February 4, 2024

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...**

**[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)**

	<b><i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	5:00-7:00pm	UPLIFT
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00pm	Companion Congregation Meeting
	6:00pm	Choir Practice
	7:00pm	Sunday Evening Worship Planning Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Quilting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	10:00am	AA
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	9:30am	Worship Service & Noisy Offering
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	11:00am	Annual Meeting
	5:00-7:00pm	UPLIFT
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

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