



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 4, 2024, 9:30am

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

In Isaiah the one  
God who sits  
above the earth  
and numbers the  
stars also  
strengthens the  
powerless. So in  
Jesus' healing  
work we see the  
hand of the crea-  
tor God, lifting up  
the sick woman  
to health and  
service  
(diakonia). Like  
Simon's mother-  
in-law, we are  
lifted up and  
healed to serve.  
Following Jesus,  
we strengthen  
the powerless;  
like Jesus, we  
seek to renew our  
own strength in  
quiet times of  
prayer.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Joyful, Joyful Sing Praise*

Choir

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TEMPLE TALK

Linda Sjolund

*(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.

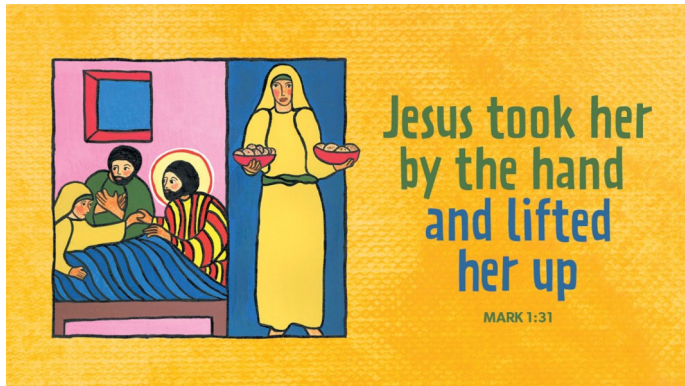
God of laughter, God of open front doors and the reunion of family and friends, **we confess that we often doubt good news. We move through this world waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for life to fall apart, waiting for our humanity to get the best of us. Instead of leaning into joy, we lean 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


*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

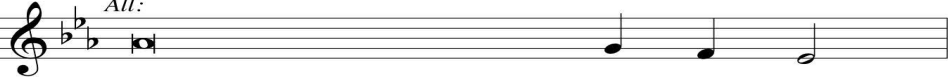
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## GREETING & THANKSGIVING

*Leader:*  *All:*  
May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

*Leader:*   
Let us sing our thanks to — God,

*All:*   
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*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.

*All:*   
A — — — — — men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, **you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> **Hallelujah!**

**HYMN**

***Praise Ye the Lord v 1 & 2***

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**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

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

*The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)*

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

*Everywhere  
Jesus goes,  
many people  
expect him to  
set them free  
from oppres-  
sion. Every-  
where he goes,  
he heals people  
and sets them  
free. Disease,  
devils, and  
death are run-  
ning for their  
lives. The forc-  
es that dimin-  
ish human life  
are rendered  
powerless by  
Jesus.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Listen, God is Calling (Refrain x2)*

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**GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Bre Kinnunen**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Praise Ye the Lord v 3 & 4***

**#872**

**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.*

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. **God of grace, receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. **God of grace, receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. **God of grace, receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need (*especially*). **God of grace, receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. **God of grace, receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. **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 & NOISY OFFERING

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

## OFFERING SONG

### *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

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*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.*

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.*

*Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*



## 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.

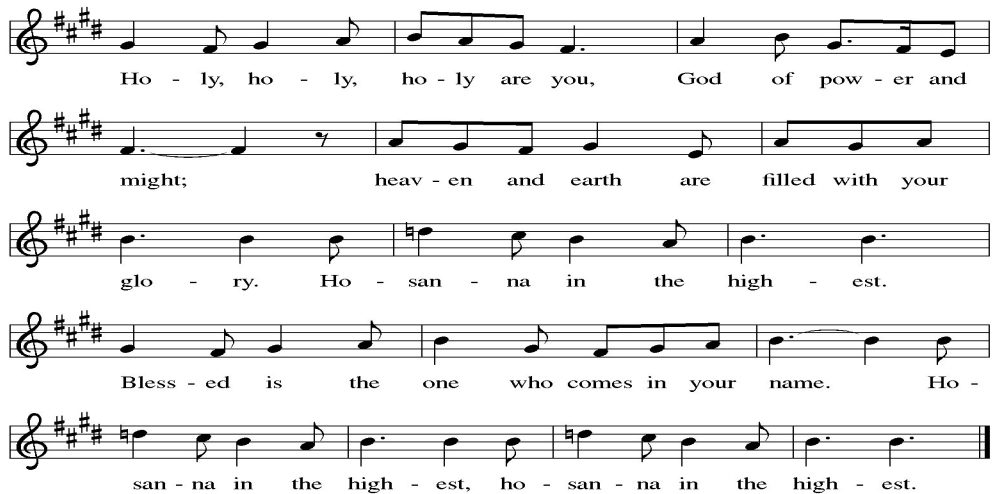
**And also with you.**

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.



**\*GUIDING GOOD CHOICES PARENT/CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES** This caregiver education series will be held on 5 consecutive **Wednesdays** from **5:30-7:30pm**. The series began last Wednesday, January 31, at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, and will continue for the following 4 more Wednesdays..

**Session Dates:**

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 on the table just outside 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 next Sunday, **February 11 from 6:00pm-9:00pm** at Immanuel. Join us for Food, Fellowship, and Football. Please RSVP to stacymc6@gmail.com.

**\*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 **TODAY**, February 4 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The annual report is available on the table just outside the Fellowship Hall.

**\*KIDS HELPING KIDS EAT** On February 4, after learning how Jesus used a young boy's lunch, we will generate lists of foods we could share. On February 11, we learn that Food Pantries are places where extra food is available without cost. The older class will take a field trip to Super One to purchase some of the food. The Congregation is invited to **bring food to share for February 18** during the Children's Sermon where Sunday School students will push the grocery cart up the aisle to accept food offerings from the congregation to add to their purchases. The food will be brought to the altar with the offering.

**\*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.

**\*NEW MEMBER MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, March 3 at 5:00pm**.

**\*BEACON DEADLINE** The final day to submit for the March/April Beacon is **February 19**.

**\*FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP** Registration is open. Scholarships are available for all. If you register by March 1, you will receive a free t-shirt and \$25 off. If you register by April 1, you will receive \$25 off. Please contact Stacy at 361-9123 or email her at stacymc6@gmail.com.

**\*CHILI COOKOFF** A chili cookoff is being planned for **Saturday, March 9**. Mark your calendars! More information coming soon!



\* **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** This nine week course will meet once a week on **Thursdays** in the Fellowship Hall starting on **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)



### \* **LENT/EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- February 14, 6:00pm—Ash Wednesday Service
- February 21, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- February 28, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 6, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 13, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 20, 5:00pm—Soup Supper followed by Lenten Service at 6:00pm
- March 28, 6:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service
- March 31, 8:30am and 10:30am—Easter Service



## **IN FEBRUARY, our Mission Emphasis is Immanuel Quilters.**

Every year the quilters from Immanuel create over 100 quilts in our church basement. The quilts are sent around the world and are used for warmth and as tents. That is over 100 lives and families impacted by our congregation every year.

One of our parishioners was asked to join the quilters as a new member many years ago. No, she couldn't sew, knew nothing about quilting, but they found her a job to do. One thing she quickly learned was how kind the women were and was amazed by how talented and artistic they were. Taking bits of cloth and creating beautiful blankets. Take a closer look next fall during quilting Sunday.

Financial support is requested to help defray the cost of batting (the guts of the quilt), sewing materials, sewing machine repairs, and shipping. Donations of materials and your time are always welcome. So please give generously during our February monthly mission.



Thank you for giving \$1,395.69 in January to the

**Tanzanian Connection and Relations.**

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, Mary McEachern, 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:** *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:** *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>Julie Vargason Valerie Paulson</i>	<b>6:00pm GREETERS</b>	<i>Deb Hicks Sarah Hill</i>
<b>9:30am USHERS</b>	<i>Julie Vargason Valerie Paulson</i>	<b>6:00pm USHERS</b>	<i>Deb Hicks Sarah Hill</i>
<b>9:30am LECTOR</b>	<i>Renee Prusi</i>	<b>6:00pm LECTOR</b>	<i>Sheila Meier</i>
<b>9:30am COMM ASST</b>	<i>Stacy McEachern Youth</i>	<b>6:00pm COMM ASST</b>	<i>Sheila Meier</i>
<b>9:30am Tech Team</b>	<i>Tyler Moore</i>		

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**February 4—February 11, 2024**

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

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

	<b><i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
<b>Sunday</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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Quilting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	10:00am	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00-12:00pm	PEO Fellowship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	6:00-9:00pm	Youth Super Bowl Party
	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).)*