

2nd Sunday in Advent

COVID Protocol Update: Council has lifted COVID protocols, but encourages awareness of ongoing county numbers and personal health.

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

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb. and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

520 US Hwy 41 E + Negaunee, MI 49866 (906) 475-9161 + FAX (906) 475-9403 Office@ImmanuelNegaunee.org + www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org Sunday, Dec 4, & Monday, Dec 5, 2022, 9:30 am & 6:00 pm

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Advent Prayer

Senior Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.) Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN P. Lighting the Advent Wreath

Prepare the Royal Highway

#264

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light these 2 candles to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (v.2) #240 PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with

Isaiah describes the comina of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and

> righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

peaceful

May the

coexistence.

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7. 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,

like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds! ¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,

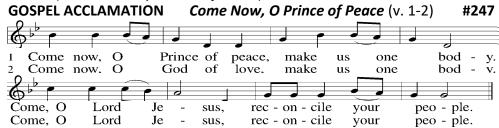
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by stead-fastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to......

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' " 4Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Chrys Hendrick

HYMN OF THE DAY On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

#249

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

APOSTLES' 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 prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Just before
Jesus begins
his public
ministry,
John the
Baptist
appears,
calling
people to
mend their
ways and
speaking of
a powerful
one who is
to come.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

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You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation. We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)



MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

He Came Down

#253

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #254 Hark, the Glad Sound! #239

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

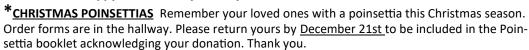
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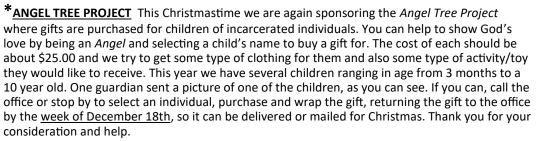
POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 4—December 11, 2022

*BIRTHDAYS: Happy 85th Birthday to Elaine Nirva on December 6th.

Happy 83rd Birthday to Mary Ann Laukka on December 11th.





*ADULT PROGRESSIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY A Progressive Christmas Dinner Party is being planned for <u>Saturday night December 17</u>. There will be a 6 pm gathering for appetizers and a salad, a 7 pm gathering with the main course, and an 8 pm gathering at the church for dessert and Christmas carols. There is a sign-up board at the entrance to the fellowship hall. If you would like to participate, you can sign up simply to attend or you can sign up to attend and host the appetizer/salad course, the main course, or serve dessert at the church. <u>Sign up by next Sunday December 11</u>. If you have any questions call Terry Cathcart (906-485-1364). (There should be groups of 6-8 at the most.)

*FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for December is FAITH FORMATION. 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 Paulette Patron (475-4776) with your date & item. Thank you.

*PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW). This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. 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". Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance.

*PIKKUJOULU: The Faith Formation Team is coordinating refreshments & doing KP for December Fellowship Hours. Paulette Patron is the contact person for this month. Pikkujoulu (Little Christmas) is a Finnish traditional informal party held to anticipate Christmas - & to sample Christmas favorite foods. Immanuel will be celebrating Pikkujoulu during Fellowship Hour on December 11. Please consider bringing a favorite Finnish food to be sampled. Non-Finnish Christmas favorites are also welcome. If traditional Christmas items are not your specialty, Fellowship Hour on December 18 is an opportunity for you to bring a snack for coffee time. Thank you for your volunteering & help.















- *FORTUNE LAKE FUNDRAISERS (All proceeds will go directly to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp who has been selected as the CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Recipient. Funds will be used to rehabilitate their highest use buildings: Emanuel Lodge, Duplexes, & the Dining Hall, with a portion being matching from the CoVantage Cares Foundation.
 - 1). A Celebration of Caring & Christmas benefiting Fortune Lake with Bells, voices, & Horns! Join us Monday, December 5, at 7 pm ET (6pm CT) at Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, MI., for Christmas celebration! Bethel will host this lovely evening of festive music provided by area choirs & musicians. You won't want to miss it!
 - 2). An Open Mic Style Talent show Join us Sunday, December 11, from 2:30-4:30 pm ET (1:30-3:30 pm CT) at Messiah Lutheran Church Marquette, MI., for a Fortune Lake style talent show! God's Café will feature local individuals and small groups as they dazzle the crowd by sharing the gifts God has given them. The open mic style will allow for everyone to participate. Stick around for cookies and hot drinks!



*TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS These forms can be filled out and brought to the church at anytime. PLEASE consider your call to serve our Lord and this congregation by completing the Estimate of Giving form for 2023 and the Time & Talent form for 2023. (If you don't fill out a new Time & Talent form, your choices from the past will remain.) Place the form(s) in the Offering Plate or send it to the church office as soon as possible. We are "Together Into God's Future."



*NOVEMBER 15, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Discussed and endorsed use of dishwasher anytime dishes are used to fight the spread of germs
- Discussed the need for volunteers for Sunday Snow Shoveling. Congregation members are encouraged to sign up for Sunday morning shoveling on the sign-up sheet located in the church entry way (NOTE-We are also still in need of Tech persons. Want a little cash for your volunteering at the church? Sign up to be a Tech person get trained today!)
- Acknowledged the resignation of Laurie LeSage from the position of Parish Administration / Bookkeeper effective December 8, and reviewed the updated job description for that position
- Established a Nominating Committee to fill:
 - o Two positions on Church Council for 2023
 - o Three voting members of the NGLS Annual Meeting
 - o Endowment Committee members
 - o Three members of the FLLC Annual Meeting
- Approved needed repairs to the organ at a cost of \$3,864.00
- Established Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 10:45 am as the date for the 135th Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will be held in hybrid form with attendance in person or via Zoom

*DATES TO REMEMBER AND MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- December 4 TODAY, 5:00 pm. Social Ministry and Faith Formation Committees will host a Christmas Wreath Making workshop (no experience needed) and a Pizza Dinner. 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. This is a fun evening to share with your family.
- **December 9** Friday, 1:00 pm. Come to set up for the Christmas Market. If you have any donations for this event, please deliver them to the Fellowship Hall by Dec. 9th.
- December 10 Saturday, 10 am 2 pm. There will be the Christmas Market and Soup / Pie Luncheon at Immanuel. Homemade bakery items, jams, Christmas cookies, and much more will be at the Fair. If you would like to donate items for the Market / Luncheon, please contact Virginia Paulson (906-475-9641) or Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020). Donated items should be placed in the kitchen by DEC. 9th.
- December 15 Thursday, 11:30 am. WELCA General Membership to approve 2023 budget and year-end charity donation(s). Meet downstairs in the Quilting room. Coffee and goodies will be served.





*CONFIRMATION UPDATE During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month for fellowship & service opportunities from 6pm - 8pm, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail. com, or call/text 906-367-4295.



<u>NOTE</u>: There is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The <u>3rd Confirmation Retreat</u> will be at <u>Prince of Peace</u> Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein,

Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback,

Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Chrys Hendrick

Organist/Pianist/Musician: Connie Scanlon

Choir Director: Connie Lindblom / Choir Accompanist: Vicki Lempinen

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

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

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS — Mike Lempinen

— Need Volunteer 6:00 pm — Diana Hetrick

— Deb Hicks

9:30 am LECTOR — Walter Scanlon

6:00 pm — Sheila Meier 9:30 am COMMUNION — Diane Faust

ASSISTANTS — Julie Mager

6:00 pm — Sheila Meier 9:30 am TECH TEAM — Tyler Moore

6:00 pm — Tyler Moore



(COMMUNION SET-UP FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER — Terry & Sue Cathcart)

DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

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 Marguette 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!

> Thank you for giving \$ 690.00 in November to the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations & Maintenance.

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 4, 2022 - December 11, 2022

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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

Sunday 2nd Sunday in Advent - 9:30 am - Worship Service - 9:30 am - Sunday School - 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship - 5-8:00 pm - Wreath making/pizza dinner here - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) Monday - 6:00 pm - Worship Service - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person) Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Choir Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting **Friday** OFFICE CLOSED - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets - 1:00 pm - Set-up for the WELCA's Christmas Market tomorrow Saturday - 10 am-2 pm - WELCA Christmas Market with crafts and a soup & pie luncheon (COME & ENJOY!!)

> - 9:30 am - Worship Service - 9:30 am - Sunday School - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship

3rd Sunday in Advent

- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

Sunday