



**4th Sunday in
Lent**

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Sunday, March 19, 2023, 9:30 am/Monday March 20, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

Baptism is some-
times called enlight-
enment. The gospel
for this Sunday is the
story of the man
born blind healed by
Christ. "I was blind,
now I see," declares
the man. In baptism
God opens our eyes
to see the truth of
who we are: God's
beloved children. As
David was anointed
king of Israel, in bap-
tism God anoints our
head with oil, and
calls us to bear wit-
ness to the light of
Christ in our daily
lives.

Samuel anointed
David even though
he was the eighth-
oldest son of Jesse
and did not match
his brothers in height
or other physical
characteristics. With
the anointing came
endowment with the
Spirit of the LORD,
designating David as
the LORD's chosen
successor to Saul.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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 holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sus-
tains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's
mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not
trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather
than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear
over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way
of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may
receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you
in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* #843 GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. **By your gracious life and
death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

(please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from
being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Beth-
lehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I
go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and
say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show
you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samu-
el did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came
to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have
come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice."

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 23

The Lord's My Shepherd

#778

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(please stand as you are able.)

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people especially Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Create in Me

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OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand as you are able.)*

God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

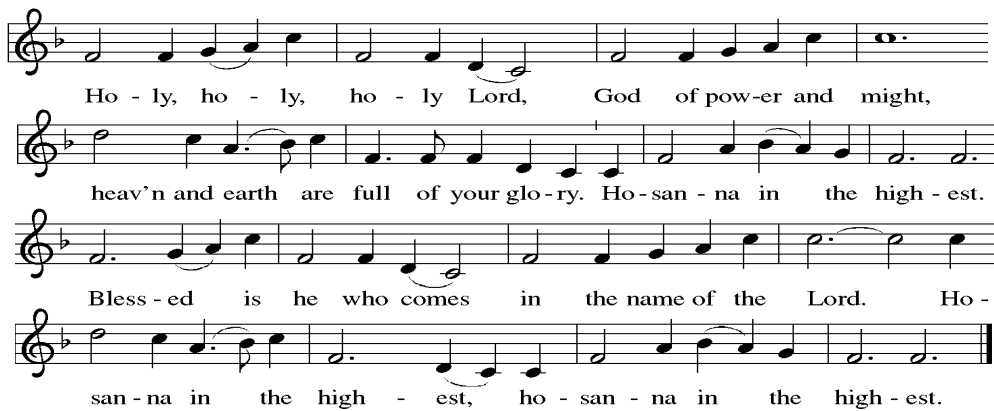
We lift them to the Lord.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here: All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION (please be seated.)

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Be Thou My Vision #793
Lead Me, Guide Me #768

(please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child (ren) if you wish them communed,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 19, -March 26, 2023

*SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Paula (Tossava) Croschere on the loss of her longtime companion, **Robert Gerald Carroll 'Bob' Pelletier**, on Tuesday, March 7th. Also, condolences to the extended Tossava Family: Roy & Jeanette Tossava, Lynne Tossava, Kristen (Tossava) Riley, Ryan Tossava, and all of the Pelletier and Tossava Families.
- Amy (Trevor Mayo) Rynn on the recent loss of her mother, **Barbara Ann Simon**, in North Carolina. Also, condolences to all of the Simon Family. (Amy & Trevor are visitors at Immanuel.)
- The Family of **Duane Leonard 'Bulu' Stille**, who died on Friday, March 10th, at the DJ Jacobetti Home for Veterans. He was from Sporley Lake, Gwinn.



***LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** are held each Wednesday, @ 5:30 pm throughout Lent. We will need soups, breads, & desserts. There is a sign-up sheet posted near the Fellowship Hall door. Please sign-up for the dates and items you can provide. Your cooperation & volunteerism are greatly appreciated. The supper is followed by Lenten worship service at 6:15 - 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. Any monies donated during the supper will support Immanuel's Youth travel.



***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 committee for March is the SENIOR CHOIR. 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 Connie Lindblom (906-475-6139) with your date & any item you wish to bring.



***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Camp offers an early bird discount through April 1st and Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern by April 1st for scholarship details! Call or text: **(906) 361-9123** or stacymc6@gmail.com. *Hurry, Hurry. Get your registrations in!*



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** A Sunday morning Bible Conversation Group meets after the 9:30 am worship service, at 11:00 am in the Youth Room for 1 hour. This is an opportunity for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. There is a team of people who have volunteered to share the leadership for this group. The members of the leadership team consists of Pastor Tom Skrenes, Luanne Skrenes, Martha Hayward, Dan Collins, Andrew Crow-Roberts, Walter Scanlon, Mike Frustaglio, Jim Hayward, and Noreen Collins. Here is the list of leaders and their dates: **Mar. 19**—Andrew Crow-Roberts, **Mar. 26** - Noreen Collins. *Mark your calendars and plan to come.*



***INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY** To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won't be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store.



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***WEEKLY MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The weekly men's Lenten prayer breakfast has resumed. It will be meeting on March 25 and April 1st. There will be breakfast and coffee provided, followed by a 1/2 hour Bible study, discussing the lessons and gospel for Sunday. The time is 8 am to 9 am. For any questions or more information, please call or text Walter Scanlon at 906-235-2294.



***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be **June 12th, 2023**. Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776 or Diana Hetrick @ (906) 235-7110 or dianahetr@gmail.com. **NOTE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A "GO!". OTHERWISE, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD. PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW! EITHER CALL PAULETTE OR DIANA. THEY WANT YOUR CALL!**



***BAR CHURCH, 'Ruthless Elimination of Hurry', by John Mark Comer** This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. **NOTE: THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED FOR THIS WEEK.** It **WILL** meet this Thursday, March 23, at Cognition Brewery in Ishpeming (this has plenty of non-alcoholic options.) The other dates scheduled are: April 13, 27, May 11, 25, 2023. There is also a Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841985297052095/>, or scan the QR code. "There is no need to prepare or bring anything with you. Come as you are, even if it's late. The book is not required to join us! We base all discussion on not having read anything, and you can access all scripture and guides on your phone. Drop-ins are welcome, and we love new faces! Bring a buddy, even if they aren't a member at Immanuel." (says Kaitrin). If you have any further questions, please call or text Kaitrin Raymond at (540) 435-4915.



***HELLO CONFERENCE 8 SIBLINGS IN CHRIST,** I'm writing on behalf of our Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU. This year a group of 13 young adults & adults will be heading on a spiritual pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland where we'll journey inward and listen to how God is speaking to us, stay at the Iona Abbey. We'll worship, live in community & learn about peace & justice, & experience much more! Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for this pilgrimage. Below is information about our major fundraiser & we would love for some of you to be able to make it! **NOTE:** The NMU Campus Ministry invites you to a concert & dessert fundraiser to benefit our pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland in May. "Songs for the Journey" will take place **Friday, March 24 at 7 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette**. There will be music, stories, & sharing of Celtic Wisdom. A suggested donation of \$15 per person, \$30 per family & \$10 per student will be taken at the door. We look forward to sharing our excitement as we journey toward Iona!



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### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Pray For:** *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Debbie Thornberg, and all COVID patients.*

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

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





## **VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP:** *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

**ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:** *Connie Scanlon*

**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

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

### **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | - <i>Larry Marta</i>       |
|                         | - <i>Bob Sylvester</i>     |
| 6:00 pm                 | - <i>Diana Hetrick</i>     |
|                         | - <i>Deb Hicks</i>         |
| 9:30 am LECTOR          | - <i>Noreen Collins</i>    |
| 6:00 pm                 | - <i>Sheila Meier</i>      |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S   | - <i>Dana Echelbarger</i>  |
|                         | - <i>Sally Echelbarger</i> |
|                         | - <i>Jean Manginen</i>     |
| 6:00 pm                 | - <i>Virginia Paulson</i>  |
| 9:30 am Tech Team       | - <i>Tyler Moore</i>       |

(Communion Set-up for March is *Kathy & Doug Palomaki*)

**IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY.....**  
**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPE BOX FOR 2023 FROM THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** If you cannot find one and you want a contribution envelope box, please let the office know. If you **DO NOT** want your box, please let the office know also, and your number will be eliminated.  
*Thank You!*



## MARCH'S MONTHLY MISSION

**IN MARCH**, our Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund will be the Mission Emphasis (ME), enabling people from Immanuel, young and old, to participate in the out-door camping ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.

Outdoor camping ministry reaches people like none other. We'd like to encourage those connections by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats throughout the year. In this special place, campers disconnect from the world in order to reconnect with God, each other, and themselves. Campers experience the beauty of God's creation, amazing camp staff, other campers, Good News themes, and all the fun that a week can hold.

If you wish to give to Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund, use the *March Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.



*Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$ 655.00 in February to  
**Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.**  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

