

Lent

5th Sunday in

Welcome to

complete a

worship! Please

Connection Card and

place the card in the

offering plate. Thank you! In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shad-

Christ that we miaht also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in

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Office@ImmanuelNegaunee.org + www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org Sunday, March 26, 2023, 9:30 am/Monday March 27, 2023, 6:00 pm

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Senior Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sian of the cross, the sian 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 sustains 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

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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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

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

For Paul. Christian spirituality entails livina in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the verv Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 81 looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GoD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.
⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

(please be seated.)

SERMON

(please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land APOSTLES' CREED

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Walter Scanlon

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community

community
of
Negaunee
and the
world,
witnessing
to others
your abundant love,

grace, and

welcome.

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.

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partner-ships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanks-giving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. 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

OFFERING & OFFERING HYMN

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. (please be seated.)





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 THANSKGIVING

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:



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.



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

I Am the Bread of Life What Wondrous Love Is This

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(please stand as you are able.)

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 26, -April 2, 2023

*BIRTHDAYS: Happy 91st Birthday to Butch Pynnonen on April 1st (no fooling).

*LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS are held each Wednesday, @ 5:30 pm throughout Lent. We will need entensoups, 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. (This will be our last one this year.)



*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 April will be THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE. 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 Dana Echelbarger (563) 299-2624 or Marty Saari (906-250-9601) 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!

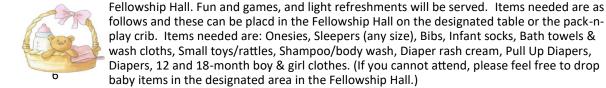


*SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION A Sunday morning Bible Conversation Group meets

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. Today is our last gathering, March 26, and our leader today is Noreen Collins.

*WELCA BABY SHOWER / ISHPEMING CARE CLINIC: Join the women of Immanuel as we host the Ishpeming CARE Clinic Baby Shower on Sunday, April 23, 4:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church,



*HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES COMING: Coming soon is Palm Sunday (April 2nd & 3rd),
Maundy Thursday (April 6th, 6:30 pm service), Good Friday (April 7th, 12 noon - 3 pm
services, 1-hour increments at Bethany Lutheran Church in Negaunee), Easter services
(April 9th, 8:30 am and 10:30 am). NOTE: THERE WILL BE NURSERY PROVIDED FOR THE
2ND SERVICE (@ 10:30am). THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THAT DAY.) Mark all of
these dates on your calendar!



*INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY To view the directory online, go to members.Instant ChurchDirectory.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 PlayTM store and the Amazon Fire App Store.

Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download. The same login protocol as

above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: (906)

475-9161



*WEEKLY MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST: The final men's Lenten prayer breakfast will be next <u>Saturday, April 1st</u>. There will be breakfast and coffee 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. We will then resume our 1st Saturday of the month Men's Prayer Breakfast from 8 am to 10 am. See you there!



*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 at Cognition Brewery in Ishpeming (this has plenty of non-alcoholic options.) The 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.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<u>Pray For</u>: 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: Walter Scanlon

SERVING AS COMMUNION PASTOR: Pastor Thomas Skrenes

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:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS - *Bob Sylvester*

- Need Volunteer 6:00 pm - Diana Hetrick

- Deb Hicks

9:30 am LECTOR - Lori Marta 6:00 pm - Kay Korpi

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S - Larry Marta

- Lori Marta

- Walter Scanlon

6:00 pm - *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am Tech Team - Tyler Moore

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

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

<u>Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support</u>.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 26—April 2, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent

> - 9:30 am - Worship Service - 9:30 am - NO Sunday School - 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship

- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation (Today's leader is Noreen Collins. Last one.)

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

Monday - 6:00 pm - Worship Service

Tuesday - 6-8:30 pm - PEO (Linda Sjolund)

Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study

> - 5:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper (Last one) - 6:15 pm - Lenten Worship Service (Last one)

- 6:45 pm - Choir

Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting

Friday **OFFICE CLOSED**

- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

Saturday - 8-9:00 am - Men's Lenten Bible Study Breakfast

Sunday Palm Sunday

> - 9:30 am - Worship Service - 9:30 am - NO Sunday School - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship

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

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!