



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, 6:00 pm Services

22nd Sunday
After Pentecost

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

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

MI Immanuel Loves
(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

Jamie Crabb

HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors:
I present Mason for baptism.

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Mason* baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring *him* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *he* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help *Mason* grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Mason* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Mason* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy spirit now and forever.

Amen.

Mason James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Mason* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Mason James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

OPENING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

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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

O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

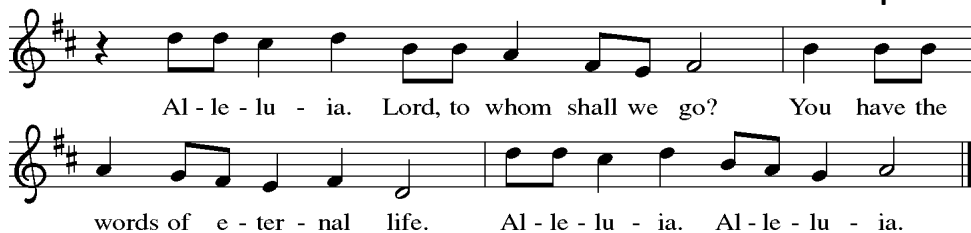
¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow like Streams

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

(Please be seated.)

(Please place your Time & Talents and Estimate of Giving forms in the offering tray.)

OFFERING AND LITANY FOR CONSECRATION SUNDAY

MEAL

- L1: God gave us starry nights and sunsets that take our breath away.
L2: God gave us summer rainstorms and the crunch of fall leaves.
L1: God gave us grocery store clerks that carry bags to our cars and miraculously memorize the number for every avocado and tangerine we place in our basket.
L2: God gave us the sound of music—choirs singing in harmony, the swell of the violin, the satisfying ripple of the snare.
L1: God gave us blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, and coffee—that holy bean water that wakes our bones.
L2: God gave us feather down blankets, fall scented candles, and sacred worn-down slippers that slide onto weary feet.
L1: God gave us grandmothers that slip candy into our hands and grandfathers that smell like peppermint and books.
L2: God gave us toddlers that bounce up and down to music and smash food into their open mouths like baby birds- with palms flat.
L1: God gave us new years of life, marked by embarrassing renditions of “happy birthday” in restaurants and the extinguishing of a candle on a glorified pastry.
L2: God gave us nurses and doctors, who cover shots with colorful band aids and keep lollipops in their scrub pockets.
L1: God gave us welcome mats and nametags and all manner of things that help us feel at home in a place.
L2: God gave us cats that curl up next to us to lend their warmth and dogs that run and slide to the front door to welcome us home.
L1: God gave us old familiar blue jeans that feel like home, and sweaters pulled over hands that feel like security.
L2: God gave us church—this imperfect clump of humanity that gathers week after week, striving to be better, striving to do good in the world.
L1: God gave and gave, and gives and gives;
BOTH LEADERS: and how do we respond?

Congregation responds:

We say thank you. We give what we can. We let it feel like a joy, not an obligation. We let it feel like a gift, not a burden. We show up in this space. We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference, and we refuse to give up on this world. Thank goodness for a God that forever outgives. Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all. Amen.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG

As Saints of Old

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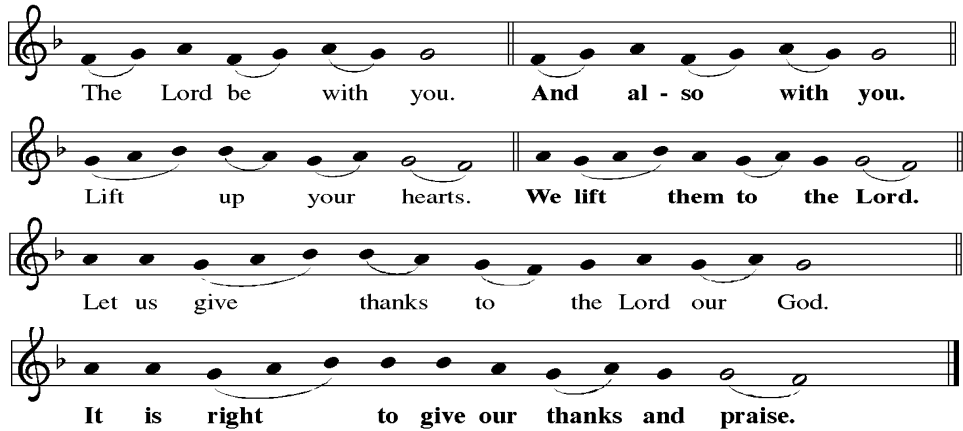
OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.



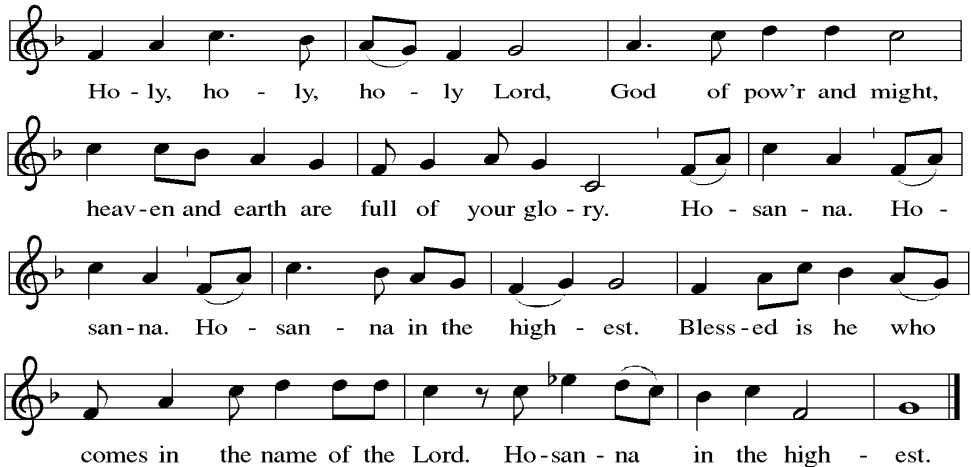
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*We believe
that the
true body
and blood of
Jesus Christ
is in/with/
under the
bread
and wine.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*All are
welcome
and
encouraged
to receive
Holy
Communion
today.
Parents,
please
assist your
child(ren) if
you wish
them
Communed.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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.

(Please be seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Blessed Assurance* #638
 When Peace Like a River #785

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

BLESSING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Creator, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 12—November 19, 2023

***ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO:** *Barbara & Walter Nuorala* on their 75th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on October 30, 1948. They are the parents of *Ronette (Mike) Coduti*, and Kenneth Nurorala. They have 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

***BAPTISM - WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:** *Mason James Roberts*, son of Emily Jean (Garceau) Roberts and Isaac Norbert Roberts. He was born on September 5th. His sponsors are Abby and Joshua Paquet.

***BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 92nd Birthday to *John Roberts* on November 17th.

***UPLIFT** Our new Sunday Youth Group is called **UPLIFT** and meets on Sunday from 5-7 pm here at Immanuel. If you have questions, please contact the office, 906-475-9161.

***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 November is STAFF. PLEASE STEP UP TO HELP OUT. THANK YOU. —> *Pastor Bre Kinnunen, Noreen Collins, Alice Mutkala, Sharon Cottrell, Tyler Taseris, Connie & Walter Scanlon, Connie & Dan Lindblom, Vicki Lempinen.* 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 **the Office @ 906-475-9161** with your date and any item you wish to bring. Right now we have the following who have volunteered for the particular Sundays: **Nov. 12: Stewardship Committee; Nov. 19: Jim & Linda Derocher; Nov. 26: Lempinen's & Chris Koski.**
THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!

***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group meets for a discussion on the Bible lessons from that morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group of people has volunteered to lead these discussions. Today the leader is *Kitty Raymond.* Here is a listing of the up-coming leaders for the Sunday Morning Bible Conversations, held at 11 am every Sunday: Nov. 19-Hayley Smith; Nov. 26-Walter Scanlon; Dec. 3-Kitty Raymond; Dec. 10- Ben Raymond; Dec. 17-Hayley Smith; Dec. 24-????; Dec. 31-Andrew Crow-Roberts. This group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** All are welcome to come to our "*Burritos n' Bible*" study on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. (NOTICE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION AND DAY.). We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! This week, **Tuesday, November 14th,** we are digging into this story: ***Jacob; Deaths of Rachel and Isaac. Genesis 35: 13-19; 35:22; 37:2-11. If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM 2023/2024 – 14th Year Serving Families in our Community. PKKW (Project Keep Kids Warm)** Requests from parents have started coming in and Team Immanuel spent October 18 filling the requests. Urgently needed are snow pants, boots, and winter jackets. Sizes are range from pre-school to elementary ages. Also needed are hats and mittens/gloves. If you have questions, please call *Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020).*

***ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY!** After a look, I could not find all of the candles from the All Saint's Sunday service. If I missed yours, please return it at your convenience to the church kitchen. Thank you to everyone who participated. Hayley S.

***LOCK-UP UPDATES** The church building will be open **Monday - Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm, Sundays, 8 am to noon and Mondays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** Until the new keyless, automatic door system is fully functional, outside of these set hours for special meetings/functions etc., please use the front US41 entrance doors OR the east side building doors by the alley. The west side doors on Baldwin Ave **will not be open** (unless special arrangements have been made) during these times. For special meetings or other church functions scheduled after these hours, meeting leaders and/or committee workers will be assigned an individual access card by contacting Noreen at 475-9161. Some members will be asked to do a little bit extra when using the building. We are in a transition period to make sure our building is open when needed and secure when it is not needed. Please have a little patience in the interim. Thank you! *Noreen Collins, Parish Administrator / Bookkeeper.*

***ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION':** The elevator **IS NOT USEABLE.** Work is being done to replace the elevator with a new lift. Thank you for your patience.

***COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** The Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock Street in Ishpeming is hosting a *Community Fellowship Dinner* from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. For more information please call 486-4681.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL BAPTISM AND PRAYER PROJECT** These several weeks, the Sunday School students have been learning about Baptism and Prayer. In Baptism we are adopted into God's family. All of you in the congregation are all their big brothers and big sisters in God's family! Prayer is talking and listening to

God. It is good to talk to God about our family. Here are the ways you can help with this Project: **(1)** Select a dove (or several) with children's names and photos from a bulletin board in the entry way. Please take it home and pray for the child. **(2)** There are shell cutouts with the bulletins. Please put your name (and names of anyone else for whom you would like the children to pray) one per shell. Put your shells in the offering basket. May we all experience God's renewing power as we pray for each other! *Paulette Patron, S. S. Super'tdnt.*

***"GOT SNEAKERS??"** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Sunday: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:

Sunday & Monday - *Connie Scanlon*

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

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

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am GREETERS	- <i>Larry Marta</i>	6 pm	- <i>Connie Kemper</i>
	- <i>Alice Mutkala</i>		- <i>Need Volunteer</i>
9:30 am USHERS	- <i>Larry Marta</i>	6 pm	- <i>Connie Kemper</i>
	- <i>Alice Mutkala</i>		- <i>Need Volunteer</i>
9:30 am LECTOR	- <i>Lori Marta</i>	6 pm	- <i>Jill Sladek</i>
9:30 am COMM ASST'S	- <i>Larry Marta</i>	6 pm	- <i>Kristine Hill-Alderton</i>
	- <i>Linda Marta</i>		
	- <i>Sally Echelbarger</i>		
9:30 am Tech Team	- <i>Tyler Moore</i>		

(Communion Set-up for November is Karen Saari)

THE 2024 DONATION BOXES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP.
THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX. (If you cannot find one and you would like one, please contact the office and they will prepare one for you.) THANK YOU!

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN NOVEMBER . . . we focus on Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations and Maintenance .

Can you imagine what it's like to have 400 darling campers in your home just during the summer? Think of the cleaning, repairs and folks who are involved in the summer and all of the special programs during the year!



Running a camp is not cheap. FLLC works really hard to keep costs down but there are always constant repairs, maintenance and replacements. The utility bill alone is about \$35,000, repairs \$40,000, and the personnel costs to keep it running a huge part of the budget.

The November Monthly Mission is earmarked for operations and maintenance. We all love and enjoy the camp. Let's do our best to keep it looking beautiful and keep it operational!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use November's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Thank you for giving \$ 1,230.00 in October to Good Samaritan fund.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**

WEEKDAY PLAYGROUP @ IMMANUEL We have had an inquiry about Immanuel having a weekday playgroup for preschool children. We are in the discussion stage- not ready to begin yet. However in the meantime, **there is an existing Playgroup that meets at Lakeview School**. We just saw the flyer, so we do not have any details. Please call Lakeview Elementary School (906-475-7803) if you need more information. The info we have is: Negaunee Birth-Age 5 Playgroup, Lakeview Elementary School, **Dates:** 11/17, 12/8, 1/26, and 3/15. **Time:** 9:30-11:00 a.m. Things to note: Parent/guardian requires to stay and participate in activities. Also, when Negaunee Public Schools are cancelled, Playgroup is also cancelled.





STEWARDSHIP 2023-2024

November 12-13, 2023

“MI Immanuel Loves”

Jamie Crabb

Our Stewardship Ministry theme this fall reminds us that God’s People, gathered as Immanuel Lutheran Church, are called to give. What a privilege to be growing in faith and confidently facing the future by giving of ourselves. We are a people who center our lives on the good news of Jesus!

Today, we hear about “Love” as a part of our Christian experience. Jesus reminds us to love one another as we have been loved. God so loved the world! We welcome Jamie Crabb as she reminds us of the calling to love as individuals and as a congregation. We look forward to her Temple Talk.

Our stewardship information and education efforts continue through this weekend, November 12-13, when we conclude with a meal after today’s worship service. At the worship service today, the congregation will place their “Estimate of Giving” and “Time and Talent Forms” for 2024 in the offering plate. We will all enjoy the fellowship with our family of faith. Please come to the stewardship brunch!