

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday
 February 14 - February 21, 2021

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

- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
 - 10:45 am - Immanuel's Annual Business Meeting
(In person and on Zoom. Annual Reports are available hardcopy at sanctuary entrances and digitally on our church website)
 - Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** **BEACON DEADLINE FOR MARCH & APRIL**
(Please have your info to the office this week ASAP.)
 - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
(A recording of Sunday's worship will be available online by Monday)
 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation (in person at church)
- Tuesday** - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle meets at the church and invites Abigail Circle members to join them.
- Wednesday** **Ash Wednesday**
 - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM - - - go to: www.immanuelnegaunee.org and click on button: **"WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"**
 - 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting at the church
 - 6:00 pm - NO Bible Study (Stay tuned)
- Friday** - OFFICE CLOSED
 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - Sunday School is Virtual
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO: Kris (Terry) Hill-Alderson on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Karen Cecile Blau**, on Saturday, February 6th. Also, condolences to Karen's husband, Ken, and all of the Blau Family.

+QUILTERS Quilting at Immanuel began last Thursday, February 11th, at 10:00 am. Would YOU like to sew? Or Tuft? Come and join us and see what enjoyment you will receive!

+NEEDS OF THE WARMING CENTER (ROOM AT THE INN) The Room at the Inn is in desperate need of the following: paper products, coffee, **FRESH** vegetables & fruit, or donations. The persons are living at the Warming Center now and not at various churches. Their supplies are low. Thank you for any donations you can make.

+WE NEED HELP We're looking for volunteers to join the tech team to operate the live stream camera and AV projection during Sunday services. CAN YOU HELP? Please contact the Parish Administrator if you'd like to sign up. (parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org)

+IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

is seeking a part-time Custodian. Follow this link for a complete job description and how to apply. <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>



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IN-PERSON WORSHIP HAS RESUMED
A LIVE STREAM WILL BE AVAILABLE
Sundays @ 9:30 am. The recording will be on our website by Monday.
Church Council will continue to evaluate in-person worship monthly.
Please check with appropriate contacts for small group meetings whether they will be in-person or by Zoom.
Thank you for your patience.

**** PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2021 ENVELOPE BOXES. ****
THEY ARE FOUND JUST INSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DOORWAY.

+UP CITY SERVE Go to www.upcityserve.org to find out how you can help and / or receive help during this world-wide pandemic.

+IMMANUEL'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY is a new Facebook Group set up by Pastor Steve for sharing reflections as faith community on the Daily Texts. Scripture reading, listening and prayer is a spiritual discipline that fuels us up with God's presence and empowerment. Each day we'll read a portion from the Psalms, Old Testament and New Testament, so that we'll read through the Psalms in one year and the rest of the Bible in two years. Each day we'll have opportunity to share our insights, questions, frustrations, blessings, and more. Active participation is encouraged, but quiet listening is welcome. Come as you are.

To make the conversation secure, this group is private, so please ask Pastor Steve to invite you, if you wish to join. Copies of the Daily Texts are available digitally online and in hardcopy on the upper hallway resource table (\$10 donation suggested, not mandated).



+SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21 Sunday School **IS ALL VIRTUAL**. Sunday School is for **Age 3 through 5th Grade**. Packets include activities for ALL ages. **The packets are posted EACH SUNDAY.** Call the church if you do not know how to participate.



+GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS – Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website.





PRAYER CONCERNS OR OTHER NEEDS? Call Pastor Steve at (906) 458-2145 or click on "Share My Needs & Hopes" (under the Connect menu) on www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org. Or use the Connection Card at church or online.

FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

"Gospel Message"

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

A Cosmos of Kaleidoscopic Fragments

It was several months since her death, months of looking to make sense of his pained world that had changed so completely. In desperation, he wandered into a room of unknown faces, a circle of uncertainty. Welcome. Names. Introductions. Then instructions from the grief counselor: "Next week, bring an item, something that will let us know your loved one."

He wondered how that could possibly be done. What one thing, what symbol would be able to define a whole life? What to bring? Her hiking boots or blue sport sandals, the spinning wheel, a gardenia bush or bouquet of zinnias? The gold wedding ring worn for thirty years? Her passport? Perhaps one of her paintings. Maybe her recipe for spaghetti sauce with olives—no, better, her grandmother's date cookies. The flannel-lined jeans or white linen dress? A picture of her children, her Bible, a book, her diary? He did not return to the circle. He could not imagine any token to be stand-in for a whole life.

There with Jesus on a high mountain apart from the comings and goings below, just hours away from when he would foretell his own suffering and death, three disciples grasped for a full-screen image of their rabbi, Jesus. In one dazzling flash of terrifying brightness they thought they had found it. But then the same voice that presided over Jesus' baptism interjected: "This is my Son . . ." (Mark 9:7). Suddenly, a cosmos of kaleidoscopic fragments rushed in: there was Jesus restoring sight to blind eyes, defying demonic strongholds, settling seas, passing bread and multiplying fish, rattling an empire, embracing a child, drinking the Samaritan's water, eating the sinners' meals, casting mercy about like seed, robing enemies in love, championing the lowly, promising life, accepting death. There is no way that this Jesus could be condensed into a single moment, image, or being.

As if to say, "Don't be blinded by the light," from the cloud there came a voice: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"



Next Week's First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10; Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel: Mark 1:9-15.

In February, Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund is the Mission Emphasis (ME), enabling people from Immanuel, young and old, to participate in the outdoor 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 through-out 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 February's mission envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$715.00 in January to the Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg
Organist/Pianist/Musician: Youth Band/Connie Scanlon
Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am; Monday @ 6pm
Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

- 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS - Deb Moyer & A. Mutkala
- 6:00 pm - Carrie Villalobos & Diane Hetrick
- 9:30 am LECTORS - Luanne Skrenes
- 6:00 pm - Jill Sladek
- 9:30 am COMM. ASST.S - Jim & Martha Hayward
- 6:00 pm - Luanne & Tom Skrenes
- Kay Korpi & Jill Sladek

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Keep in Your Prayers** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Pray For: Kaelyn Amis, Glen Binoniemi, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Wayne Connors, Greg Dix, Elizabeth, Audrey Heater, Christopher Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Connie Lindblom, Billy Jo Kaufman, Yvonne Marcom, Wendy Niemi, Butch Pynnonen, Ray, Jessica Roberts, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Annette Jachimski, Arlene Kivela, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Dave Stromquist, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Dennis Koski, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael (Lauren) Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.