

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK  
1st Sunday in Lent  
February 21- February 28, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)

- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)  
- Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)  
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday - 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 - 6:00 pm - Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM - - go to: [www.immanuelnegaunee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaunee.org) and click on button: "WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"  
- 6:30 pm Lenten Mid-week 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)

†BIRTHDAYS:

- Happy 86th Birthday to **Buster Pope** on February 17th.  
Happy 84th Birthday to **Joyce Peterson** on February 26th.  
Happy 80th Birthday to **Deanna Johnson** on February 27th.

†SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- David (Devin) Makinen on the loss of his brother, **Daniel Robert Makinen**, on Monday, February 8th. Also, condolences to nephew & niece, Dawsen and MaKenna Makinen, and all of the Makinen Family.
- Scott (Darla) Soeltner, on the loss of his mother, **Susan Diane Courtright**, on Tuesday, February 9th, at Caldwell Memorial Hospital in Granite Falls, NC. Also, condolences to her husband, John F. Courtright III, her grandchildren: Brooke and Brent Soeltner, her great-grandchild, Kiara Soeltner, and all of the Courtright Family.

†QUILTERS Quilting at Immanuel meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am. Would YOU like to sew? Or Tuft? Come and join us and see all the enjoyment you can 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](mailto:parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org))



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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP is also LIVE STREAMED**  
Sundays @ 9:30 am/Mondays @ 6:30 pm  
The recordings will be on our website by Monday & Thursday.

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.

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

†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>

†UP CITY SERVE Go to [www.upcityserve.org](http://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 hard-copy 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](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org). Or use the Connection Card at church or online.

**"Gospel Message"**

**February 21, 2021**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

*Secure Even When It's Not Safe*

The world is unsafe in countless ways. It contains wilderness after wilderness, places where temptation and danger seem to reign. Struggle, pain, fear, violence, hate, death, and suffering are all part of the uncertain world that we wake to each day.

Today, the Gospel of Mark discusses Jesus' own encounter with the wilderness. After he was baptized by John the Baptist, Jesus was driven into the desert wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. What's more, when Jesus left the wilderness to re-enter society, he encountered another kind of dangerous wilderness, a world where John the Baptist had just been arrested for confronting Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias with some hard-hitting truth.

After forty days of temptation, Jesus was met by yet another temptation: to play it safe in a world that had just silenced his friend for doing exactly the kind of thing that Jesus came to do. Despite the risk posed by worldly power players like Herod, Jesus proceeded to teach, heal, and spread the good news of God's kingdom. Despite the danger, Jesus trusted in the promise that God's love was bigger than the wilderness of human wiles.

The world is not safe, and believing in Jesus does not change this fact. However, we are secure in an unsafe world because of the promises made by God in baptism. Think of children who are secure in the love of their parents. They may go to school and face bullies—a painful experience, for sure—but they are less likely to trust the lies of the bullies because they know a deeper truth about themselves, a truth instilled by the love of their parents. So it is with us. There is danger and wilderness all around, but we are secure in the truth of our baptism: we are God's beloved children, with whom God is well pleased. Grounded in this secure love, we derive courage to set out into the wild.



**Next Week's** First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31; Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25; Gospel: Mark 8:31-38.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **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.

**FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION**

**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.**



**FORTUNE LAKE**  
*A place of grace in 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 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	- Dave & Judy Hallgren
6:00 pm	- Carrie Villalobos & Diane Hetrick
9:30 am LECTORS	- Dave Keranen
6:00 pm	- Kerri Price
9:30 am COMM. ASST.S	- Linda Dillman/Julie Mager
	- Alice & Bill Zinsser
6:00 pm	- Corey Holcomb/C. Kemper