

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
1st Sunday in Lent
February 28– March 7, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... 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 - 10:30 am - Pericope (using Zoom)
- 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"
- 1:00 pm - Social Ministry Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm Lenten Mid-week Worship Service
- Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting at the church
- Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- 1:00 pm - World Day of Prayer Worldwide
- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service
- Sunday School is Virtual
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+BIRTHDAYS: Happy 81st Birthday to *Vera Palomaki* March 2nd.

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Bill Pellow on the loss of his brother, *Dale John Pellow* on Wednesday, February 17th, in Bull Head City, AZ. Also, condolences to all of the Pellow Family.
- Marie (Robert) Dobbs on the loss of her mother, *Arlene 'Ziggy' Kivela*, on Sunday, February 21st. Also, condolences to grandsons Jeremy and Alex Dobbs, and all of the Kivela Family.

+LENTEN WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM SERVICES We "do" Lent with the whole church. Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love, Lent is also a time for deepening of community. This Wednesday's Theme: *In Community with All the Saints*

+NEW CUSTODIAN HIRED We welcome *Alexander Kent* to our staff as our new custodian. We appreciate Alex's gifts & addition in this ministry of hospitality. Please welcome Alex as you see him & bless him with your prayer support.

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

+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!

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

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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.**

**** YOUR 2021 ENVELOPE BOXES
CAN NOW BE PICKED UP FROM THE
CHURCH OFFICE. ****

+NEEDS OF THE WARMING CENTER (ROOM AT THE INN) The Room at the Inn is in 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. (parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org)

+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.



+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).



+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.

"Gospel Message"
February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday in Lent
A Love That Lets Go

Sometimes we are just not to be trusted with the task of loving. When we really, really love someone or something, our fingers can grasp too tightly, and our fists clench a little too firmly. For fear of losing what we love, we can squeeze the life out of what we were trying to protect.

Today, Jesus announces the trajectory of his mission: he is going to be put to death after great suffering and rejection, and he is going to be raised from the dead on the third day. This announcement sends Peter's hands reaching out to hold onto Jesus with fierce firmness. Peter doesn't want to lose the one he loves, and he goes so far as to shame and criticize Jesus for his words.

Have you ever acted like Peter, letting fear of losing someone you love thwart your ability to actually love them?

When Jesus says that those who try to save their lives are going to lose their lives, he is talking about our instinct to hold on too tightly to the things that we love. Somewhere in this move, our love actually becomes control. In the moment when the instinct to control takes hold, love and life are lost.

Jesus' words invite us to back up. We acknowledge our tight grip on God, on each other, on our own hearts. We let a little air in to those places where our tight grip has been suffocating life. We gather to worship a God who loves this world so deeply that God would rather die at our hands than coerce us into reciprocating that love. Today, we come to know God's love, which never seeks to control or pin us down, but which breathes life into the world.



Next Week's First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm: Psalm 19; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Gospel: John 2:13-22

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: 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	- Judy & Dave Hallgren
6:00 pm	-
9:30 am LECTORS	- Alice Mutkala
6:00 pm	- Sheila Meier
9:30 am COMM. ASST.S	- Sara & Terry Garceau
	- Tyler Moore/A. Mutkala
6:00 pm	- Sheila Meier & Kerri Price

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **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, 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.