

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 7– March 14, 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)
- 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 - Lenten Mid-week Worship Service
- 7:00 pm - Companion Congregation Comm. Mtg.
- Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting at the church
- Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday *Daylight Savings Time Begins Today - Spring Forward 1 hr*
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- Sunday School is Virtual
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+**ALTAR FLOWERS** - displayed today are for "Remembering *Beverly & David Stromquist, dear friends, from Clair & Pat Sawyer.*" (Beverly Stromquist died in 2019, David Stromquist died in 2021.)

+**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 81st Birthday to *Nancy Burton* on March 12th.

+**SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:**

- The Family of *David A. Stromquist*, who died on Thursday, February 18th.
- Gary (Claudette DesJardins) Evans on the loss of his father-in-law, *Charles Clayton 'Chuck' Simons*, on Friday, February 26th. Also, condolences to all of the Simons Family.

+**LENTE 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: "*Community with our Neighbor*"

+**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. parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org



+**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!

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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 Mon & Thurs
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.



FORTUNE LAKE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!

Scholarships are available to campers of all ages. Register by **APRIL 1** and receive a **\$25 discount**. The scholarship will cover **about 50%** of the cost. For the regular full week, instead of paying \$395, your cost would be \$200. For LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT) a FULL scholarship is offered. This 2-week program is a great opportunity for 10-12th grade persons who would like to experience life behind the scenes at Fortune Lake Camp as a leader. The scholarship form is found outside the sanctuary OR on Fortune Lake's website. Once ALL scholarship requests are in, the exact scholarship amount for you can be determined. For more info, or to get on the scholarship list, call or text **ASAP -> Stacy McEachern, 361-9123.** <-----

+**MID-WEEK LENTEN FOOD DONATIONS FOR ROOM**

AT THE INN In lieu of our Lenten Soup suppers we are collecting ingredients for chili soup. A box for the donations will be by the entrance to the Sanctuary. Paper products and coffee are also needed.

+**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.

+**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 for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve and other group members. Daily Texts (available in hardcopy on the upper hallway resource table or digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others. (\$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"

March 7, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent
"God's Love Is Not For Sale"

The trouble isn't that there are people buying and selling animals and exchanging money in the temple. Those things have always happened in the temple. No one is being corrupt; no one is getting rich. These are facets of temple life that exist to uphold God's law.

The trouble is that something has gone haywire: we have allowed our experience of the marketplace to shape the way we see God; if I give God this, God will give me that. Instead of God informing our understanding of the marketplace, it has come to be the other way around. Jesus has come to turn this haywire understanding on its head.

In the face of trouble, promising to give God something as a down payment will not make God any more likely to come to your aid. God has already come and made a home with you in your trouble.

In the face of death, bargaining with God will not attract God's favor for you, because God is already there. Your death is forever wedded to Christ's death, and likewise your resurrection to his resurrection.

In the face of helplessness, negotiating with God for help is useless because God was your helper long before you even asked.

Do you see? God's love is not to be bought or sold, only given freely and lavishly, even to those who could never pay if they wanted to.

As a result, the body of Christ today, the church, sets out to live in ways that are unfathomable to the modern-day market. We spend our communal life on hungry people who will never be able to invite us to their own tables, and on children who cannot contribute to our offering plate, on dying people who after receiving our most prized treasures are not there to enjoy them. Our life is senseless lived by the rules of the marketplace. Thanks be to God that Christ comes to overturn it.



Next Week's First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10; Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Annette Jachimski, Arlene Kivela, Charlene Kivisto, Michael Kjellman, 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.

MARCH'S MONTHLY MISSION

In March, Fortune Lake Administrative Operations will be our monthly mission.



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Fortune Lake's Staff & Board of Directors made the decision to operate Summer Camp 2021 at 50% capacity to help keep our community safe during the pandemic. This means the camp will need the same amount of staff to serve half of the campers. The decision was also made NOT to raise camper fees, so as many people as possible can experience God's love at Fortune Lake. On top of that, COVID-19 protocols require less sharing of sports equipment, arts-n-crafts products, and Bible study supplies. All of this means it is going to be expensive to run summer camp!

However, our youth and families need camp now more than ever. Please help provide these much-needed outdoor ministry experiences to all who want them. God is faithful, and God often shows that faithfulness through people like you!

To be specific, extra contributions will be needed for summer staff salaries, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, additional equipment (air filters, hand sanitizing stations, etc.) and individual camper supplies.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to March's Monthly Mission Emphasis, please 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 \$1,375.00 in February to the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Scholarship Fund. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

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

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	- Walter Scanlon - Alice Mutkala
6:00 pm	- Mike Frustaglio - Deb Hicks
9:30 am LECTORS	- Luanne Skrenes
6:00 pm	- Charlie Smith
9:30 am COMM. ASST.S	- Luanne & Tom Skrenes
6:00 pm	- Judy & Dave Hallgren - Dan LaJoie & Aleah LaJoie