

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

5th Sunday in Lent
March 21– March 28, 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 - Bell Choir Group meets
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting at the church
- Friday** - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** **PALM SUNDAY**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
- Sunday School is Virtual
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+BIRTHDAYS

- Happy 81st Birthday to **Richard Aper** on March 23rd.
Happy 93rd Birthday to **Shirley Lahti** on March 23rd.
Happy 94th Birthday to **Howard Lehto** on March 24th.

+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 Christ*".

+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



+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 also in need of the following: paper products, coffee, **FRESH** vegetables & fruit, or donations. The persons are living at the Warming Center now, not at various churches. Their supplies are low. Thank you for any donations you can make.

+SUPERIOR CENTRAL CLUSTER 8 WOMEN OF THE ELCA The Spring Cluster Meeting for 2021 has been cancelled. It was scheduled for April 25th, but, instead, a letter will be forthcoming to all associated churches of the ELCA, with information of its news and intentions.

+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.



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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.** <-----

+THURSDAY, 6 PM BIBLE STUDY On April 8th, our Thursday, 6 PM Bible Study returns in-person (Fellowship Hall) with a study of Holy Communion. Not only a review of this sacrament's incredible gifts, this will also explore the challenges of faithful administration and use. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to come.

+HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- **March 28 - 9:30 am** - Palm / Passion Sunday (also live streamed)
- **March 29 - 6:00 pm** - Palm / Passion Monday
- **April 1 - 6:30 pm** - Maundy Thursday Service (also live streamed)
- **April 2 - 6:30 pm** - Good Friday Service (also live streamed)
Also, Ecumenical Service at Eastwood Apostolic Lutheran Church, Negaunee
Noon - Face masks required (also live streamed)
1 pm - Face masks optional
- **April 4 - 8:30 am** - Easter Sunday Service
- **April 4 - 10:30 am** - Easter Sunday Service (both live streamed)
- **April 5 - 6 pm** - NO Monday Service / Office Closed

+IMMANUEL'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY Is a new Facebook Group (under the church Facebook page) set up for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve & other group members. Daily Texts (available in hard-copy & digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others.



+GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS

– Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% + \$0.45 per transaction.)





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 21, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent
"Life Not Thwarted by Death"

On Ash Wednesday we put ashes on our heads, allowing our truth to be exposed: we are mortal; we are dust. We spoke a confession, and more and more truth bubbled up, truth that so often is suppressed: we are broken; we have fallen short; we are implicated in the muck of systemic sin. On Ash Wednesday we agreed: we are done putting on airs.

Jesus has never been one for putting on airs, and so today we find him living the consequence of a truthful, authentic life. He has raised Lazarus from the dead, he has attracted a following, and the religious authorities are afraid for themselves and their people living under Roman occupation that Jesus is about to bring Rome down upon their heads. They are actively seeking to silence Jesus for the sake of the nation.

We meet Jesus today facing down the choice either to bury his truth in order to stay safe or to let the truth of his life be known and therefore risk being buried. Jesus chooses to let his truth and his light shine, knowing he will be buried for it. Despite the way it troubles his soul, he is clear that this is what he has come to do. Like the wheat seed that dies to create life in a new stalk of grain, Jesus' life will not be thwarted by the threat of death.

When you were baptized, you were baptized into Christ's life; the seed of your life was buried in Christ. When you dine at Christ's table, you take his life into your own. His fearless, free, unearthed, burgeoning life is yours. You are free, O church, from the work of appeasing others, of contorting yourself to stay safe, of quieting your unique and therefore potent voice, of finding creative ways to hide the light that is in you. Your life will not be thwarted by death. So, live.



Next Week's First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16; Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47; Alternate Gospel: Mark 15:1-39[40-47]

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

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, 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.

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 \$1,395.00 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	- Noreen Collins - Valerie Paulson
6:00 pm	- Reuven Romback - Kevin Crupi
9:30 am LECTORS	- Donna Hayrynen
6:00 pm	- Jill Sladek
9:30 am COMM. ASST.S	- Sue & Terry Cathcart - D. Hayrynen & J. Mager
6:00 pm	- Jill Sladek & Kevin Crupi
9:30 am Tech Team	- Tyler Moore
6:00 pm	- Aleah LaJoie