

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday

March 28– April 4, 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 - NO Confirmation
Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM
Thursday - Maundy Thursday
- 10:00 am - Quilting
- 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service
Friday - Good Friday
- OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- 6:30 pm - Good Friday Worship at Immanuel
Sunday - EASTER SUNDAY
- 8:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
- 10:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
- Sunday School is Virtual
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
Monday - CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER
- 6:00 pm - NO SERVICE

BIRTHDAYS:

Happy 89th Birthday to Wayne Connors on April 1st.
Happy 90th Birthday to Butch Pynnonen on April 1st.

SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO: Sherry (Erik) Ulvila on the loss of her father, Glen Louis Binoniemi, on Sunday, March 21st. Also, condolences to grandchildren: Grace, Lily, Jacob, and Luke Ulvila, and all of the Binoniemi Family.

MID-WEEK LENTEN FOOD DONATIONS & OTHER NEEDS OF THE WARMING CENTER (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. Other need of Room at the Inn are: paper products, coffee, FRESH vegetables & fruit, or monetary donations. Room at the Inn is the "home" for those in need and their supplies are low. Thank you for your help.

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.



THURSDAY, 6 PM BIBLE STUDY On April 8th, our Thursday, 6 PM Bible Study returns in-person (Fellow-ship 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.

*** NOTICE ***
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.

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 hardcopy & 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 28, 2021 ~ ~ Palm Sunday

"Blessing of the Palms"

Congregations across the world were asked to refrain from worshiping in person during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 to stem the spread of the deadly virus. For many, the loss was felt most sharply on Palm Sunday just as Holy Week services were scheduled to begin.

One congregation in Central Washington State worshiped in their homes that morning via conference call. They hadn't been able to distribute palms to one another, so pretending to wave imaginary branches in their own homes felt inauthentic and strange. Absent their usual practices, the pastor of the little church composed a non-traditional "Blessing of the Palms" for worship as they gathered in the safety of their homes. Instead of blessing palm branches on that Palm Sunday morning, the assembly was invited to bless the palms of their own outstretched hands.

The word *hosanna*, shouted by those witnessing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Mark's gospel, can be translated, "Help, please, now!" With this very word on our lips, today we are invited to lay down more than coats and leafy branches at the foot of Jesus. We are invited to lay down our very own palms just as they are.

Imagine today that the palms laid out at the feet of Jesus today are the very palms of hands we meet every day in our own community and in the world. Some of these will be cracked, old, and tired with work; others will be sweating and nervous with worry; still others might be hopeful and open, excited or twitching with anticipation. Today we are invited to lay every one of those things that excite, demand, and trouble us at the foot of Jesus with a word of "Hosanna!" on our lips.



Next Week's First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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

Pray For: Kaelyn Amis, 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's Staff & Board of Directors made the decision to operate Summer Camp 2021 at



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

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 use 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

- Alice Mutkala

6:00 pm

- Carrie Villalobos

- Sarah Hill

9:30 am LECTORS

- Alice Zinsser

6:00 pm

- Connie Scanlon

9:30 am COMM. ASST.S

- Alice & Bill Zinsser

- Martha & Jim Hayward

6:00 pm

- Kay Korpi/Connie Kemper

9:30 am Tech Team

- Mark Patraw/Mary Schlicht

6:00 pm

- Mark Patraw