

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021– April 18, 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

Tuesday - 6:45 pm - PEO (Linda Sjolund)

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"
- 6:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice

Thursday - 8:00 am–4:00 pm - Pre-School (KDG) Screening
- 10:00 am - Quilting
- 6:00 pm - Bible Study in person & via Zoom

Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
- 8:00 am-4:00 pm - Pre-School (KDG) Screening
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
- *Sunday School is Virtual*
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+THANK YOU FOR YOUR LILY DONATIONS The lilies are available for pick-up if you would like one. They are located near the stairs by the Fellowship Hall, near the bulletin boards. Take yours. Thank you.

+CONFIRMATION MENTOR UPDATE: We've paused our 8th Grade mentoring for now. Thank you to all our adult mentors!

+THE WARMING CENTER (ROOM AT THE INN) Needs 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 that was scheduled for April 25th, has been cancelled. A letter or email 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.



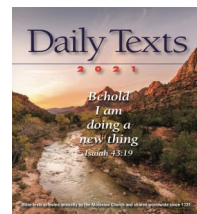
+THURSDAY, 6 PM BIBLE STUDY On April 8th, our Thursday, 6 PM Bible Study group began in person and via Zoom with a study of Holy Communion. Not only a review of this sacrament's incredible gifts, this will also explore the challenges of faithful administration and use. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to come. Zoom details are available on our website under Grow as a Child of God.

*** * * 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. 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.**

+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.)

+BABY SHOWER! So who doesn't love baby showers? The 26th Marquette County Community Baby Shower hosted by CAAM (Community Action Alger Marquette) is scheduled for May 7. It assists families with obtaining necessary supplies for their infants who may otherwise go without. The shower is free of charge and open to all expectant county mothers or ones with an infant under 6 months of age. Baby shower items such as diapers, wipes, new clothing, receiving blankets, etc., are wanted. Monetary donations are also welcome. A table is set up in the fellowship hall for donations. The last day to drop off items is May 2. Thank you for helping the little ones!





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.

APRIL'S MONTHLY MISSION

"Gospel Message" April 11, 2021—2nd Sunday of Easter "From Fear to Freedom"

The disciples had good reason to be afraid. Their teacher, perceived as a threat to social, political, and religious order, had just been crucified; now with rumors swirling about his mysterious resurrection, it wasn't clear if Jesus' followers would face the same dire fate on a cross. Today, most of us, fortunately, can live without fear regarding when and where we are able to worship. At the same time, when we take a moment to look at the world around us, it doesn't take long to notice what a strong influence fear has on our lives.

Fear not of things like tornadoes or spiders or bats, but rather fear of things that keep our hearts closed off from others and God and that keep our truest selves locked up inside. As it was for the disciples in today's reading, our unaddressed fears can get in the way of our recognizing what Jesus is doing in our midst. They turn us in toward ourselves rather than outward toward those who could be blessed by our gifts and who need our care and love. They keep us from growing in our relationship with God and as the people God has created us to be.

Although it can be scary to acknowledge our fear of being inadequate or of losing control or of being alone, or whatever our deepest fear may be, when we do, that's when something powerful can happen. A sense of peace and joy is never far away. Not only are we released from our fear, but giving voice to our fears can set others free from theirs as well.

When Jesus appeared to those first disciples locked together behind closed doors, he came offering peace, and he breathed on them the Holy Spirit. In that moment their lives were changed—forever, and for good. The same is true for us when we dare to surrender our fears to God and embrace God's future for us with courage.



Next Week's First Reading: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm: Psalm 4; Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7; Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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Pray For: Kaelyn Amis, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Wayne Connors, Elizabeth, Carrie Harvala, Audrey Heater, 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 (@ Mission Point, but no visits yet), Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkari-nen, 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.

In April, ELCA World Hunger will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.



ELCA World Hunger is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the April 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 \$1,160.00 in March to the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Administrative Operations. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg
Organist/Pianist/Musician (Monday): Connie Scanlon
Music (Sunday): Katie McEachern, Aleah LaJoie, and Arnie Spickerman
Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6:00 pm
Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	- Dean Patron
	- Bob Sylvester
6:00 pm USHERS/GREETERS	- Carrie Villalobos
	- Sarah Hill
9:30 am LECTOR	- Alice Mutkala
6:00 pm LECTOR	- Sheila Meier
9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S	- Judy & Dave Hallgren
	- Julie Mager & Deb Moyer
6:00 pm COMM. ASST.'S	- Sheila Meier & Jill Sladek
9:30 am Tech Team	- Mark P. & Noreen Collins
6:00 pm Tech Team	- Aleah LaJoie