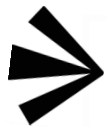


ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 24 - January 31, 2021



***** NOTICE *****
IN-PERSON WORSHIP WILL RESUME BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7th & 8th.
A LIVE STREAM WILL BE AVAILABLE Sundays @ 9:30 am. The recording will be on our website by Monday.
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.
Thank you for your patience.

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... www.immanuelnegaunee.org

Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (online)
- 10:15 am - Zoom Coffee Hour
- *Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)*
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- NO OTHER ACTIVITY

Monday - 6:00 PM - Worship Service (online)
- 7:00 pm - Confirmation on 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"**

Thursday - 6:00 pm - NO Bible Study tonight. It is under development. Stay tuned for more details.

Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (online)
- 10:15 am - Zoom Coffee Hour
- *Sunday School is Virtual*
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



**** PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2021 ENVELOPE BOXES. ****
THEY ARE FOUND JUST INSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DOORWAY.

+BIRTHDAYS

Happy 90th Birthday to **Shirley Terzaghi** on January 26th.

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO: Brian (Tricia) Syrjala on the loss of his sister, **Carol Ann (Syrjala) O'Brien**, Saturday, January 16th. Also, condolences to her husband, Gary, her niece & nephews, Megan, Ryan, and Luke Syrjala and all of the Syrjala / O'Brien Families.

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

+IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking a part-time Custodian.

Follow this link for a complete job description and how to apply. <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>



+LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

for 2021 is starting NOW! Go to our website & find under SYNOD LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION the topics and schedules for your registering.

+THE 2021 DAILY TEXTS is a unique devotional book with two Bible verses for each day - one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. These are followed by a prayer based on the TRIP - Thanks, Regret, Intercession, and Purpose - written by a different person each month. Scripture readings to read through the Bible in one year are also provided. Each Sunday has a Watchword for the week plus a hymn for the church season. The Small Catechism in prayer form is also included. Contact the church office for pick-up. Suggest donation is \$10.



+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.



+GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS - Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website.



+ANNUAL MEETING Our 2021 congregational **elections** meeting is set for **Sunday/Monday, February 7/8**, immediately following each worship service, and the congregational **business meeting** is set for **Sunday, February 14, at 10:45 am.** We will be holding these meetings in-person, but also provide access via smart device and landline telephone. To aid preparation, a mailing was sent out Wednesday, January 20th, sharing access details and requesting a meeting RSVP that designates how you'll access the meeting. One will still be able to attend without an RSVP, but advance notice greatly assists preparations. Praise God for the many means by which community can gather! **WE WAIT FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LETTER. THANK YOU.**



PRAYER CONCERNS OR OTHER NEEDS? Call Pastor Steve at (906) 458-2145 or click on "Share My Needs & Hopes" button at www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org. ("Connect" pull-down menu.)

JANUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

"Gospel Message" 3rd Sunday after Epiphany In the Nets of the Kingdom

Jan, wandering seat to seat on the bus, was crossing state lines from Michigan to Wisconsin. Bruce had sent her the ticket. The two met at a church youth convention; now she was going to be his high school prom date. Here's how it happened: At the youth gathering, during each morning's worship, the two held the same green hymn book. During the afternoon Bible studies, sitting cross-legged in a circle on the floor, she read compellingly from her red leatherette Bible. For evening reflections, the prayers she pulled from her blue plastic packet of devotions swept the room. Bruce was bedazzled. That's why he bought the ticket. When Jan stepped off the bus, she shimmered, telling him how from seat to seat along Highway 2 she had saved souls, netting fourteen converts on a colorful missionary journey.

As delighted as Jan might have been, her proselytizing was not the kind of fishing for people Jesus was after when he passed along the Sea of Galilee, calling oily fishermen to "follow me."

What shook Simon and Andrew, James and John, and countless women and men throughout the ages to—immediately, impulsively—give up their nets, quit mending, abandon boats, and leave families and homes?

Jesus' wild, sea-changing challenge demands courage. It dares us into a way of living, a manner of seeing, and a risk of not knowing but earnestly believing that when he asks us to step up, something more meaningful than all we have awaits us.

Jesus' "follow me" comes amid a lifetime of rigorous monotony, in which we are constantly casting nets to catch more of what never satisfies. Jesus' "follow me" is an epiphany. It is an invitation, not to "save souls," but to be gathered and to gather the weak and despairing, to minister to the ruined and abandoned, scared and starving, to show compassion to the mean and unloving, and to embrace the great, greedy, proud, and demanding; all of this awaits us in the nets of God's kingdom.



Next Week's Reading First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm: Psalm 111; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28.

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

Pray For: Kaelyn Amis, Glen Binoniemi, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Wayne Connors, Greg Dix, Elizabeth, 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, Robert Mager, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Dave Stromquist, 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 January, our Tanzanian companion ministry relationships will be the Mission Emphasis (ME). Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ.



January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, encouraging travel and connections between Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Immanuel.

Stay tuned as future trips are planned!!!

If you wish to give to the Tanzanian Companion Ministry, use the January 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 \$3,645.00 in December to Room at the Inn (The Warming Center). The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg
Organist/Pianist/Musician: Online Music
Worship Services: Sunday & Monday, are online
Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:
NO ONE IS ASSIGNED TO ASSIST AS WE DO NOT HAVE IN-PERSON SERVICES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, 2021.
WE WILL BEGIN IN-PERSON SERVICE IN FEBRUARY.
PLEASE REVIEW YOUR GREETER/USHER ASSIGNMENTS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.