

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
January 31 - February 7, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... [www.immanuelnegaanee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaanee.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 - NO Confirmation class today
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM - - - go to: [www.immanuelnegaanee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaanee.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** *Elections Today, In-person & online*  
- 9:30 am - Worship Service IN-PERSON TODAY  
- 10:30 am - Election Voting  
- Sunday School is Virtual  
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

✚ **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy 88th Birthday to **Betty Kinnunen** on February 5th.

✚ **SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Reuven (Marlene) Romback and Vic (Carol) Romback, on the loss of their brother, **William Arther 'Bill' Romback**, on Saturday, January 23rd. Also, condolences to all of the Romback Family.

✚ **NEEDS OF THE WARMING CENTER (ROOM AT THE INN)** The Room at the Inn is in desperate 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.

✚ **UP CITY SERVE** Go to [www.upcityserve.org](http://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://immanuelnegaanee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>



✚ **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.



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**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.**

**\*\* PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2021 ENVELOPE BOXES. \*\***

**THEY ARE FOUND JUST INSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DOORWAY.**

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

✚ **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 **NEXT WEEK, Sunday/Monday, February 7/8**, immediately following each worship service, and the congregational **business meeting** is set for the following week, **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" 4th Sunday after Epiphany Could He Be the Only One?

Who: Jesus, disciples, observant go-to-worship folks honoring the sabbath. And, yes, a man with an unclean spirit. (Could he be the only such soul in the congregation?)  
What: Reading holy words, the domain of scribes and scholars, and a shocking teaching given "with authority."

Where: In the synagogue.  
When: On the sabbath.

Who is this one who cried out in the congregation? Was he a scared thief creeping from his hiding place? A lanky kid exhausted from bawling outside locked doors? An old man gasping beneath piles of ill-gotten wealth? A young woman cursing heaven by day and hell by night for reasons no one dares to name? A stumbling fugitive worn down by a lifetime of running? A robust profiteer, master of deception? An unjust judge solemnly wearing a robe woven from threads of secret favors? A miser in a mansion perched above slums? A hoarder of vengeance nursing metastasized hatreds? Have you seen, met, or known any of these among the congregation?

The one with an unclean spirit cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" (Mark 1:24). Jesus silences the unclean spirit. But Jesus will not be the destroyer. The crucified one does not crucify. He does not build and fill prisons; he sets free. He does not shun, avoid, and send away; he calls the accursed to himself. He does not condemn the sinner; he rescues and saves.

Yes, they in the synagogue that day and we in the church this day are amazed. Jesus' teaching with authority contradicts all the rules that anchor us to a spirit of despair. Good news, indeed.



**Next Week's** First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **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 MONTH OF JANUARY, 2021.**  
**WE WILL BEGIN IN-PERSON SERVICE IN FEBRUARY.**  
**PLEASE REVIEW YOUR GREETER/USHER ASSIGNMENTS.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**