

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 7 - February 14, 2021

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

- Sunday** *Elections Today, In-person & online*
- 9:30 am - Worship Service IN-PERSON TODAY
- 10:45 am - Immanuel's Elections
(The Worship service will also be available online.)
- *Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)*
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- NO OTHER ACTIVITY
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service IN-PERSON TODAY
- 7:00 pm - Immanuel's Elections
- 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.immanuelnegaunee.org and click on button: "WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting begins at the church today
- 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** *Annual Congregational Meeting Today*
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:45 am - 133rd Annual Congregational Meeting
- Sunday School is Virtual
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

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**+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:**

- Leona Orr on the loss of her sister, **Patricia Ann (Pellow) Carlson** on Thursday, January 21st, at Banner Baywood Hospital in Mesa, Arizona. Also, condolences to all of the Carlson Family.
- Nancy Mager on the loss of her husband, **Robert Donald 'Bob' Mager**, on Monday, February 1st. Also, condolences to his brother-in-law, John Roberts, and all of the Mager Family.

**+QUILTERS** Quilting at Immanuel will begin this coming Thursday, February 11th, at 10:00 am. Would YOU like to sew? Or Tuft? Come and join us and see what enjoyment you will receive!

**+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.

**+WE NEED HELP** We're looking for volunteers to join the tech team to operate the live stream camera and AV projection during Sunday services. CAN YOU HELP? Please contact the Parish Administer if you'd like to sign up. ([parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org](mailto:parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org))

**+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>

**+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.

**NOW HIRING!**  
CHURCH CUSTODIAN



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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES TODAY**  
**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 on-going.**  
**Go to our website & find under SYNOD LIFELONG**  
**FAITH FORMATION the topics and schedules for your**  
**registering.**

**+THE 2021 DAILY TEXTS** is a a unique devotional book with 2 Bible verses for each day - 1 from the Old Testament, 1 from the New Testament. Following are prayers based on the TRIP – Thanks, Regret, Intercession, Purpose – written by different persons each month. Scripture readings to read through the Bible in 1 year are also provided. Each Sunday has a Watchword for the week plus a hymn for the church season. The Small Catechism is also included. To purchase (\$10 suggested), contact the church office for pick-up.



**+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.



Introducing **GIVE+Mobile** from **VANCO**

**+ANNUAL MEETING**

Our 2021 congregational **elections** meeting is TODAY immediately following each worship service. The congregational **business meeting** is set for the NEXT week, **Sunday, February 14, at 10:45 am.** These meetings are in-person & also available by access via smart device & landline telephone. Praise God for the many means by which community can gather!



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

**"Gospel Message"**  
**5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Where the Crowd Is**

"Have you not known? Have you not heard?" So begins the prophet Isaiah's marvelous declaration (Isaiah 40:21, 28).

People were stirring in Capernaum, Simon Peter's sea-side fishing town. Apparently the whole city knew and heard; why else, at day's end, would all the houses have emptied out leaving fish to be cleaned, floors to be swept, children to be bathed, wheat to be ground, and goats to be milked, so people could huddle at his door?

In the morning, crowds were again on the move, this time near the deserted place where Jesus was in prayerful retreat. Apparently everyone knew and heard; why else, at such an hour, would people in neighboring towns have delayed breakfasts, postponed boat launchings, put off opening markets, set aside filling lamps, put down mending, to go searching for him?

Some years ago, theologian Douglas John Hall wrote a provocative book, *Waiting for Gospel*. Its cover pictures an individual standing alone in an open field, looking down, waiting. The book presents a critique and reminder for the church: whole cities, neighboring towns, are crowding doors, searching deserted places for good news, for gospel. But is the church sharing the gospel?

Isn't someone always selling snake-oil solutions for shriveled hearts, beachfront on a desert seashore, joy from a pill? What are we to believe? Who are we to listen to? When pandemic wobbles the globe, seas rise and economies fall, depressions blossom and hopes wither; when people starve in the shadow of mountains of rotting food, artificial intelligence baits kitchen table wisdom, virtual relationships land knockout blows to authentic community, and "mass" is the prefix to "incarceration," "migration," and "destruct-tion"—which door are we to crowd? Where are we to search?

Have we not known? Have we not heard? Good news draws a crowd; the gospel is found in Jesus!



**Next Week's** First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6; Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Gospel: Mark 9:2-9.

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**Pray For:** Kaelyn Amis, Glen Binoniemi, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Wayne Connors, Greg Dix, Elizabeth, Audrey Heater, 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, 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.

# FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

**In February, Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund will be the Mission Emphasis (ME), enabling people from Immanuel, young and old, to participate in the out-door camping ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.**

Outdoor camping ministry reaches people like none other. We'd like to encourage those connections by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them



to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats through-out the year. In this special place, campers disconnect from the world in order to reconnect with God, each other, and themselves. Campers experience the beauty of God's creation, amazing camp staff, other campers, Good News themes, and all the fun that a week can hold.

If you wish to give to Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholar-ship Fund, use the February's mission envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Thank you for giving \$715.00 in January to the Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!**

**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:**

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | - Deb Moyer & A. Mutkala       |
| 6:00 pm                 | - Reuven Romback & Kevin Crupi |
| 9:30 am LECTORS         | - Linda Derocher               |
| 6:00 pm                 | - Renee Prusi                  |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASST.S    | - Linda & Jim Derocher         |
| 6:00 pm                 | - Judy & Dave Hallgren         |
|                         | - Kerri Price & Kay Korpi      |