

Immanuel Lutheran Church

January / February 2017

**OUR PURPOSE**  
 Immanuel, God with us, renewing lives in Christ through the Holy Spirit

**Guiding Principles**  
 Prayer taps into God's renewing power  
 Faith is renewed through the **Word & Sacraments**  
 Worship that renews is done with **many voices but one heart**  
 Renewing mission is best supported by **leaders committed to God's vision**  
 Renewed lives **welcome and care** for one another  
 Renewed, we **live and serve** within a greater community  
 Renewed lives **witness to others**

### Mice in Wheels

Have you ever felt like one of those mice who run within their cage on the spinning wheel, moving faster and faster yet never actually getting anywhere? I don't think I'm the only one. I've discovered even retirees can have that feeling. What do we do about it? Might we consider what's truly important/urgent and what's otherwise.

What *truly is* important in your life? You may say family. Maybe something else. In the midst of the chasing, I've been trying to hear Jesus' guidance once again. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus said, "...strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Or if you prefer the modern rendering: "Wake up and smell the coffee, you idiotic people who chase your tails trying to do and be responsible for everything! You're *not* God; God is. Let God do God's job. You can rest in God's care."



Does this mean that we should cease all work and chasing? Actually, yes,...to start with. It's called "Sabbath Keeping," a time of ceasing the chase and centering upon God. It's nothing to be earned or worked toward. It's purely God's good gift to you. In fact, Genesis 2:1-3 shows it to be the first full day of humanity's existence. Just think, our first day on the job was to rest...in God! Let's practice some Sabbath Keeping together, and the rest of the schedule and our important/urgent priorities will fall into...place? No, God's hands.

See you in church as church. God bless! **Pastor Steve**

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*  
 (Philippians 4:6-7)



### Epiphany House Blessing

Homes are places of life, and to bless a home in Jesus' name is a powerful celebration. St. Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead they were filled with joy and, on entering the house, saw the child with Mary his mother (Matt. 2:10-11). In the home, Jesus Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Jesus Christ is welcome. It's good to bless a home!

Twelfth Night (January 5) or another day during the season of Epiphany offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing of the home. Someone could read Proverbs 24:3-4 or John 1:1-4,14,16, offering a prayer of blessing, while another may inscribe a visual blessing with white chalk above the main door, following an eastern European tradition. What to inscribe? Try "20 + CMB + 17". The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedica*, which means, "Christ, bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).

### Want to Know More About Luther and Lutheranism?

Check out our church website ([www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org/Lutheranism101.php](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org/Lutheranism101.php)) for articles and even links to Luther videos. You can also join the excellent conversations on Martin Luther's *Small and Large Catechisms* Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the youth room.



### Parking in East Lot

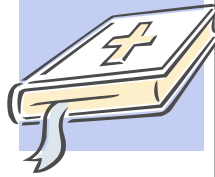
Please be advised that parking too close to the building risks snow and ice falling upon your vehicle... or you. Please allow room for safety. Thank you.



*Winter*

## Don't Forget:

### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY



We still meet **Every Wednesday Morning at 10:00 am** for **Bible Study** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come & join us. Pastor Steve or Pastor Marcia lead the Bible Study. If you would like to become better acquainted with the Bible & grow in your faith, this is a great opportunity for both! We go over the readings for the next Sunday/Monday services. Please join us- everyone is welcome. Come for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Coffee.

## Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sandwich Sale, February 5th



Orders are now being accepted for the Sub Sandwich Sale sponsored by Immanuel's Middle & High School Youth. Subs will be available on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, after both services. We will even deliver your sandwich to your home, or you may pick it up that day!! Italian, Turkey, & Veggie Subs for \$4.00 are available. To order your sandwich, call the church office or pick up your order form, returning it to the church office no later than February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a fundraiser for upcoming youth trips and events. We thank you for your help!



## Post-Super-Bowl Can & Bottle Collection February 11

Do you have cans and bottles sitting in your garage (or some other place you'd like cleared)? Just give the church office a call and request a can/bottle pick-up from our youth on Saturday morning, Feb. 11. They'll gladly help you out, even as you help them raise funds for upcoming trips. Collection will commence at 10am that day. Or, if you wish, bring your cans/bottles to church in the days before. Thank you!

## Bake Sale February 12 & 13

Our youth will have delicious baked goods and wonderful jellies available after worship services. All proceeds will go toward upcoming youth trips. Thanks for eating goodies for a good cause!



## Bible Camp Style Services

... take place the **3rd Monday** of each month. Ellen Lindblom & Katie McEachern lead the music with their guitars. Come join the worship! See what it's all about.

... The **2nd Sunday** each month, Connie & Dan Lindblom and Immanuel's Youth lead the 11:00 am service music. Come join in this worship, starting again in February.



ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2016 ARE DUE THE WEEK OF **JANUARY 8th, 2017**.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, BEGIN PREPARING. TURN IN **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 9-10th**.



## It's Movie Time



Join us for a movie on *Peter and Paul*: their humanness and their spiritual power.

In our study of the book of Acts, we learned about Peter and Paul; both the conflicts and opposition they had as well as the unity in Christ that they shared. We also followed Paul on his missionary journeys and read about the first Church Council meetings.

**Beginning Thursday, January 5, at 6:00 p.m.** we will watch the movie and have discussion. It's a long movie, so will take us about 4 weeks (each Thursday at 6:00 p.m.) to view it. Come on out and bring a date. There will be free popcorn.

Peter and Paul – leaders of the early church and the chief of the apostles. They were as human as we are, and they were consumed with a passion to spread the Gospel of the crucified and risen Savior to both the Jews and the Gentiles.



## What's Ecclesiastes all about?

In **February** our Thursday evening Bible study will be on Ecclesiastes. The writer of this book of wisdom bemoans that everything in life seems to be meaningless. ("Vanity of vanity", he begins. "All is vanity!") But he learns that ultimate satisfaction comes, not from the good things of life but from the Giver of life, the One we are to fear, honor, and obey. Join us on **Thursday evenings at 6:00**, beginning in February.





## Sunday School Report for January/February Beacon

On December 18, we had the Sunday School Christmas Program. Much thanks to Dan and Connie Lindblom for organizing and directing the program. We appreciate their talents and their help in bringing the children's voices together to praise God!

Please continue to bring children and grandchildren to learn with us. We are excited to share God's story! All the best in the New Year!

### Sunday School 2016 Report from Paulette Patron

We have completed this year's lessons of Old Testament stories of God using ordinary people to do extraordinary acts in his name. As I prepared the lessons, I became awestruck at God's infinite patience with us- his people. We learned about God's awesome love for his people through stories:

- God's creation was good. We are part of that creation and we are good.
- Noah followed the Lord, so God used Noah to save a remnant of humans and animals during a flood that lasted from Noah's birthday until after his next birthday.
- God made promises to Abraham and Sarah-offspring, great nation, and blessings for the whole world. The trusted God for 25 years until their son was born.
- Moses was chosen by God to save his people when he was only a baby. God used Pharaoh's daughter to save Moses.
- The Israelites finally left Egypt, but Pharaoh came after them. God told the Israelites to do nothing, God would save them. God used Moses to part the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross on dry land. Then God used the Red Sea to destroy the Pharaoh and his army.
- The Israelites needed to learn how to love God and to love other people so they could grow into that strong nation promised to Abraham. God used Moses to teach them the Ten Commandments and other laws.
- God sent Samuel to Bethlehem, a tiny unimportant village to anoint a king. David was the youngest of 8 brothers. He was so unimportant that his father did not even invite him, Samuel had to ask about him. God chose David to be king because David had a heart for God.
- David became the greatest king because he always loved God. After David, many of the kings no longer loved God.
- God sent Elijah to warn King Ahab to obey God. God used unusual creatures to bring food to Elijah as he was hidden near a brook. Every day *ravens* brought bread and meat to Elijah!
- God used the King Nebuchadnezzar to bring the Israelites into a "big time out" because they refused to obey him.
- During that time out, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego obeyed God. When they refused to break God's commandments, God sent a helper to save them from the fiery furnace.
- The Israelites were in trouble, they needed someone to save them. They asked God for help. The prophet Micah said their savior would be born in the little town of Bethlehem.

*(continued next column....)*

- AND THE PEOPLE WAITED. Advent is the season of waiting. But God does not want us to just sit and wait, we are to love God and love other people as we wait for the Savior to come.
- The Angel Gabriele told young Mary she would become the mother of Jesus. When she was concerned, Gabriele reminded her that nothing was impossible with God.

### Section 2 Sunday School 2017

We will begin the year with a Birthday Party for Jesus where we will learn the story of his birth and celebrate it.

Baptism will be our theme for several weeks. We will start with Jesus' baptism, then study the sacrament as it impacts our lives as Christians.

Continue to pray for the Sunday School ministry as we move into learning about Jesus and how he is our Savior.

### Section 3

The Sunday School program took place during the 11:00 Worship service.

Thanks to Connie and Dan Lindblom and Connie Scanlon. The Lindbloms worked with students in Grades 1-5 to present a scripted message. Connie Scanlon worked with the Preschool and Kindergarten age children to add their music to the worship.

Yours in Christ, **Paulette Patron**  
Co-Sunday School Superintendent

## YOUTH NEWS: Confirmation

You can keep up-to-date with daily family devotions (FAITH5), make-up work, and other resources at:

[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org/ConfirmationMinistry.php](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org/ConfirmationMinistry.php).



*"...that they may know you, the only true God..."*

*John 17:3*

### Youth Lock-in (grades 4-12)

**January 27-28 – Area Youth Lock-in at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Harvey (6:00pm Friday to 9:00am Saturday).**

Join youth from area churches for a great time with Fortune Lake Camp Staff. The cost is FREE! Friends are welcome! Interested? Sign up with Pastor Steve.



### Youth Trip Update!!!

**2017 Quake (March 9-12),** Youth Encountering the Gospel, for Grades 6-12. Housed at the Hilton Minneapolis/ St. Paul Airport Hotel, this is a weekend of great worship, music, speakers, service and friends...and, yes, a trip to the Mall of America. The early bird registrations are already in, but you can still be added before Feb. 6. Cost is \$275. \$100 deposit due with registration. More details at [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org/YouthMinistry.php](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org/YouthMinistry.php).

## January and February Mission Emphases

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 Synod fund, encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ from Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania to visit here.

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 outdoor camping ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (FLC) near Crystal Falls, MI.



Last year was an exciting year of more campers participating than in recent years. We'd like to encourage that trend by providing scholarship funds to our local youth, making it more affordable for them to attend a week of summer camp and other retreats throughout 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 above-and-beyond to the month's Mission Emphasis, please use that month's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelopes box or in some other way designate your gift. Thank you for your generosity!



### NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

One or two scholarships will be available for Immanuel seniors who meet the guidelines. The applications will be available mid-March and the deadline for turning in the applications will be the beginning of April, 2017. More details will follow once information is positively known by the High School Guidance Office. Watch for more information in future BEACONS and Sunday church bulletins.

## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE



**Second Sunday Offering** focus for January 8 and February 12 will be donations to Harbor House / Women's

Center. The following is a list of items that are needed for the shelter:

### Household Products

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towel  
Dishwasher soap  
13 gal trash bags  
Mqt. City trash bags  
Misc. cleaning supplies  
Quart/gallon freezer/storage bags  
Fabric softener sheets  
Laundry soap  
Disinfectant wipes/spray  
Tissue  
Large Plastic Totes

### Non-perishable items

Non-perishable Food Items  
Coffee  
Non-dairy creamer  
Non-perishable snacks for children's group/school snacks  
Juice boxes

*Thank you and God's peace today. Linda Sjolund*

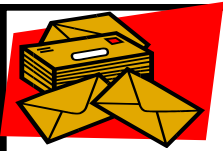
## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Retreats



### WINTER AND SPRING RETREATS @ FORTUNE LAKE:

- **Winter Wondrland Retreat** (Jan. 13-15; 16th opt)- families, groups, adults, Camp w/outdoor activities, campfire, sauna; opt. Ski Brule time Saturday.
- **Sola / Agape! Jr. & Sr. HS Retreat** (Feb 17-19)- Grades 6-12, with special guest for weekend, includes Sat. night concert: Dave Scherer, aka Agape!
- **Congregational Leaders Intensive Retreat** (Feb. 24-25)- Church leaders & councils, take time away to focus on God's mission for your congregation, & deepen your understanding of effective leadership.
- **Financial Peace Retreat** (Mar. 3-4)- Adults only; learn how to take control of your finances with a faith perspective from a biblically based curriculum..... And enjoy Camp!
- **Upper Elementary Retreat** (Mar. 17-18)- Grades 3-6. Try Camp for the 1st time or come back to enjoy more...games, singing, campfires, new friends. Combine all for faith & fun.
- **Adoptive Family Retreat** (Apr. 28-30)- for families formed through adoption or foster care, & those exploring these possibilities; connect to each-other & new friends, share faith & fun.

Further details are available at [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org). (906) 214-CAMP (2267) // Crystal Fall, MI.



## 2017 ENVELOPE BOXES

For anyone who did not pick up their **2017 Contribution**

**Box(es)**, your box can now be picked up from the office. Thank you.



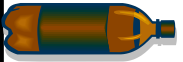
## Fundraisers for Youth

There are several fundraisers going on to raise money to provide camperships for Fortune Lk.



**Book Swap/Donation:** This is an ongoing fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall where you may have noticed one of the corners filled with books on shelves. Take a look at these. If you find something you would be interested in reading, just put a donation into the can. If you have books to donate, drop them off.

**Econo Food slips:** These are still being collected. Immanuel gets a small percentage of the amounts, but they can add up significantly. Please place your receipts into the collection box in the Stewardship Center by the Fellowship Hall.



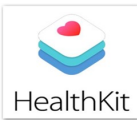
**Pop cans & bottles** are collected & can be brought to the church. Containers are available near the stairs in the Stewardship Center for dropping them off.

**Gordon Food Service** will give a percentage of what you spend at GFS to Immanuel when you sign up at the store. **Thank you for supporting our youth and Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!**

## MARKED! Events connect confirmation youth

across the Northern Great Lakes Synod with each other, and celebrate our identity as baptized children of God in our Lutheran expression. This year's closest event is **Feb. 26 (4-7pm)** at Eden Lutheran Church in Munising.

During this event, participants will assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Health Kits for our global neighbors-in-need and Love Kits for our local neighbors-in-need.



**Please consider donating some of the following ingredients to the cause, placing it in the MARKED! bin in the Stewardship Center** (next to the elevator on the ground level). We're responsible for ingredients for 11 kits, each containing ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (or sealed business-size envelope); ONE sturdy comb; ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Thank you!



## IMMANUEL WOMEN of the ELCA - A CELEBRATION OF CHURCH WOMEN

The WELCA **Booklet of Events for the 2017 Year** needs any updating from all of the circles.

PLEASE get any up-dates you need to make to the Booklet to Jonelle Collins so that the booklet can be updated in January/February. Thanks.

The Executive Board of Immanuel Women of the ELCA will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 7 PM, in the Multi-Purpose room. Representatives from each Circle are requested to help with planning for the year. Updated lists of Circle members will be needed for the new yearbook. Suggestions for activities are welcome. Welcome to Linda Sjolund, our new recorder, and thanks to Cheryl Ulvila for her years of service. Circles will meet during January as previously scheduled.

Belated thanks and recognition to Christy Basolo-Malmsten and her kitchen helpers, the confirmation class servers, Connie Scanlon pianist, Darley Kamppinen's presentation as Katie Luther, & all who helped set up and clean up our 'Ladies Night Out' function held in November. Many hands doing God's work.

**"PROJECT OF THE MONTH of JANUARY** - is a "Kitchen Shower." For the 'Kitchen Shower', all Immanuel members are invited to donate: coffee, tea bags, sugar, creamer, juice, paper toweling, napkins, paper plates (varied sizes), plastic wrap, aluminum foil, dish soap, dishwasher soap, zipper baggies (various sizes), punch, can openers, rubber spatulas, etc.

### W.E.L.C.A. CALENDAR for January

- 5, 12, 19, 26 - 1:00 pm, Quilting at the Church
- 11 - 7:00 pm, Executive Board Meeting
- 16 - 7:00 pm, Naomi Circle at the Church  
For women interested, contact Jonelle Collins.)
- 17 - 9:30 pm, Miriam Circle
- 18 - 1:30 am, Abigail Circle, meets at the Lakeview Apartment

### "PROJECT OF THE MONTH of FEBRUARY -

Kitchen Clean-up is the only Project scheduled at this time.

### W.E.L.C.A. CALENDAR for February

- 6 - 10:30 am, Kitchen Clean-up
- 2, 9, 16, 23 - 1:00 pm, Quilting at the Church
- 20 - Naomi Circle
- 21 - 9:30 am Miriam Circle
- 21 - 2:15 pm Abigail Circle (meets at Eastwood Nursing Center) This is an invitation for all Women of Immanuel to come visit, bring cookies, and help with the residents.
- 22 - 1:30 pm, Abigail Circle @ Lakeview Apartments

**Projects Upcoming: The Health Kits.**

**WELCA Contributed: \$10.00 - Aileen Johnson, Grace Lahti, Barbara Lehtonen, Helen E. Tammelin**



**Social Ministry . . .**  
**The "ANGEL TREE" PROGRAM**  
**Thank you to All!**

Thank you to All of You who participated in Immanuel's Angel Tree Program by providing gifts for children of inmates. This is another way of expressing love for the families of those who are incarcerated. We had 12 children who were blessed with Christmas gifts, thanks to your generosity. Thank you to all of the "Angels" who either provided gifts for the children, or who donated toward this Project. The children were very excited & happy. *Thank you so much!*

*And, ... from 'the Angel Tree Fellowship'... You and your church brought so much joy to prisoners' children. It gives children the chance to see that there is caring in the world. Thank you so much!!!*



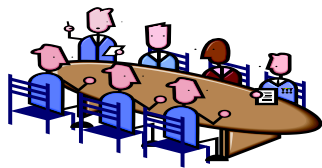
**The 129th Annual Meeting of**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday & Monday**  
**January 22 & 23, 2017**

**9:30 a.m., 12:00 (noon) & 7:00 p.m.**

**for the purpose of Nominations & Elections**

Elections of people to council, synod and conference assembly, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp delegates, auditors, Endowment Fund Committee, etc. will take place in three short sessions following each worship service on Sunday/Monday, January 22/23.

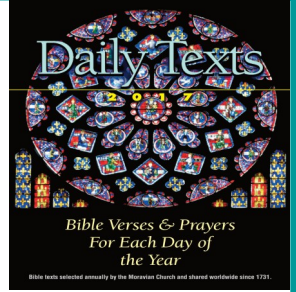
**Please Note:** If you would like to nominate someone or yourself to serve on the Congregation Council, please contact Walter Scanlon, Larry Dillman, Janet Penhale, or Maxine Sylvester or call the church office at 475-9161. (Nominations will be taken from the floor from the 8:30 am service only.)



**The 129th Congregational Annual**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
**at 9:40 a.m.**

The Congregational Annual Business Meeting will be held at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, January 29th, between services. Everyone from the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. *See you there!* **In preparation, all written reports from committee chairs & other ministry leaders are due in the office the week of January 8, no later than January 9-10th.**

**Devotional**  
**Resources**  
**Available**



**The 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. Check the upper hallway resource table. Suggest donation is \$8.

**Our Northern Great Lakes Synod** offers a wonderful **online prayer resource**, including a daily devotional thought. Check it out at [www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully/daily-devotions.html](http://www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully/daily-devotions.html).



**IMMANUEL NOW HAS A PAGE ON FACEBOOK! SEARCH FOR "IMMANUEL NEGAUNEE" AND "LIKE" US.**

**ALSO, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG**



**The Holy Spirit**  
**shows up for Keryx 46!**

The 23 men who attended the Keryx 46 weekend at Marquette Branch Prison were powerfully transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through the prayers of so many Christian brothers and sisters from the "outside" community.

Prayer has the power to bring the forgiveness and transformative love of the Holy Spirit to the hearts and lives of these incarcerated children of God! These men were powerfully touched as evidenced by their enthusiastic participation in the follow-up programs on Monday nights. Being able to witness the transformation on their faces and in their actions is a wonderful blessing. Thanks to all those of Immanuel who participated through prayer and cookie support of the Keryx 46 weekend. You are a blessing to these men and you do make a difference in their futures!

***Jim Hayward***



## LAY SCHOOL NEWS - Winter 2017

Classes are scheduled to resume in early February; however, there are no details in place at this point other than the scheduled classes are Prophets II (Ezekiel and the "Minor" Prophets); Apocalyptic (focus on Revelation) Old Testament Writings (Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes etc.) Polity (Church Governance) and Stewardship of Spiritual Gifts.

Stay tuned for final details in upcoming bulletins and the church website. Classes will still be at Messiah. For further information, you may contact your pastor or Pastor Geier (phone # 486-4351; email is: [pastor@bethanyishpeming.org](mailto:pastor@bethanyishpeming.org), for more information.



### OTHER NEWS FROM FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

We're excited to be planning for the **Summer 2017 Camp Season!** This year's theme: *The Water of Life.*

- Watch in early January for Summer Registration to go live.
- Calling all Future Counselors!!! Taking applications for future wonderful Fortune Lake Staffers - see our website! Please pray for our recruitment efforts & encourage potential staffers.

See the Fortune Lake website and posted flyers for more information, or call the Camp office.

#### FLLC Assoc ANNUAL MTG:

**Sunday, April 30, 3pm central.**



## Funny Church Signs & Quotes

- Tomorrow's forecast: God reigns and the Son shines!
- Why pay for GPS? Jesus gives directions for free.
- Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water!
- What on earth are you doing for Heavens sake!
- Honk if you love Jesus... Text while driving if you want to meet him.
- God will accept broken hearts – but you must give Him all the pieces!
- If the devil is knocking at your front door, let Jesus answer it!
- T.G.I.F. - Thank God I'm Forgiven!
- Is temptation knocking? Let Jesus get the door!
- Faith is Not Blind, Faith is your sight Set On Jesus!
- Feeling thankful and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.
- God expects spiritual fruit, not religious nuts!
- God wants full custody not just a weekend visit!

## Council Corner Council Highlights

Merry Christmas! Blessings to all of you during this time when we remember the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The council has been busy at work preparing for the Annual meeting. The elections meeting will be held January 22, 2016, after each worship service, and our annual business meeting will be held January 28, 2016, at 9:40 am. As always, we have some important items on the agenda and would benefit from your input. One of these is a reduced 2017 budget that still greatly challenges our congregation to generosity. We hope to see you there!

The council is also working with Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Katherine Finnegan through a congregational vitality process. We ask for your prayers during this time as we continue in January toward God's clear and exciting mission for our church.

In missions, council designated 2017 Monthly Mission Emphases as well as the ministries receiving funding from the next annual Endowment Fund distribution (Love INC CUP, 20%; Good Samaritan Fund, 5%; Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship, 10%; Youth Trip, 25%; Companion Synod Travel, 10%; Tanzanian Girls' School, 7.5%; Synod Ad Campaign, 7.5%; CROP Walk, 2.5%; Alpha Course, 2.5%; Finlandia Tanzanian Scholarship, 5%; and 5% kept in reserve for new ministries).

Two new high chairs will be purchased for our fellowship hall. We are thankful to extend this hospitality to our congregation and our guests!

The complete minutes are available in the office if you have any questions or wish to follow up.

In Christ,

Immanuel Church Council



Before you know it, Ash Wednesday and Lent will be here. This year, Ash Wednesday doesn't come until March 1st, and Lent will begin March 8th. But, time flies by so fast, pretty soon winter will be a memory and spring will be on it's way!



# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 1st Sunday after Christmas</b> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Fellowship 7:00 AA	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> (in observance of New Year's) 6:00 Worship (will be held) 7:00 NO Confirmation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 1:00 Quilting 6:00 Bible Study Movie (Peter / Paul)	<b>6</b> 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Baptism of our Lord</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Adult Education 11:00 Worship 6:30 Fin. Peace University (Eastwood Apostolic Ch.) 7:00 AA	<b>9</b> <u>COUNCIL REPORTS DUE</u> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	<b>10</b> <u>COUNCIL REPORTS DUE</u>	<b>11</b> 10:00 Bible Study 11:30 Neg. Ministerial Mtg. (@ Bethany, Negaanee) 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 WELCA Board Meeting	<b>12</b> 1:00 Quilting 6:00 Bible Study Movie (Peter / Paul)	<b>13</b> 10:00 AA 13th-16th Winter Wonderland Retreat @ Forttune Lake OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b> 13th-16th Winter Wonderland Retreat @ Forttune Lake
<b>15 2nd Sun after Epiphany</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Adult Education 11:00 Worship - Baptism 3:00 Synod Committee 4:00 Mather Service 6:30 FPU / 7:00 AA	<b>16</b> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Naomi Circle	<b>17</b> 9:30 Miriam Circle 6:00 Exec Committee Mtg 6:30 Church Council	<b>18</b> 10:00 Bible Study 1:30 Abigail Circle (Lakeview) 6:00 Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 1:00 Quilting 6:00 Bible Study Movie (Peter / Paul)	<b>20</b> 10:00 AA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>21</b>
<b>22 3rd Sun after Epiphany</b> <b>Elections</b> 8:30 Worship-Elections 9:30 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Adult Education 11:00 Worship-Elections 6:00 Alpha Faith Story Shar'g 6:30 FPU / 7:00 AA	<b>23</b> <b>Elections</b> 6:00 Worship-Elections 7:00 Confirmation	<b>24</b> 6:30 Council Meeting with Pastor Finegan	<b>25</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 1:00 Quilting 6:00 Bible Study Movie (Peter / Paul)	<b>27</b> 10:00 AA 27th-28th from 6pm Fri to 9am Sat. - Area Youth Lock-In @ Prince of Peace Church in Harvey OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b> 27th-28th from 6pm Fri to 9am Sat. - Area Youth Lock-In @ Prince of Peace Church in Harvey
<b>29 4th Sun after Epiphany</b> <b>Annual Business Meeting</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee & Fellowship 9:40 Annual Business Mtg. 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 NO Adult Education 11:00 Worship 6:30 FPU / 7:00 AA	<b>30</b> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	<b>31</b> 10:00 Bible Study				





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><b>5 5th Sun after Epiphany</b>  <b>SUB SALE / SUPER BOWL</b>          7:00 Sub Sandwich Making          8:30 Worship          9:30 Coffee &amp; Fellowship          9:45 Sunday School          10:00 Adult Education          11:00 Worship          6:30 FPU / 7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>6</b>          10:30 Kitchen Clean-Up          6:00 Worship          7:00 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>7</b>          10:30 Pericope @ Immanuel</p>	<p><b>1</b>          10:00 Bible Study          6:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b>          1:00 Quilting          6:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b>          10:00 AA          OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>12 6th Sun after Epiphany</b>  <b>YOUTH BAKE SALE</b>          8:30 Worship          9:30 Coffee &amp; Fellowship          9:45 Sunday School          10:00 Adult Education          11:00 Worship          6:30 FPU          7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>YOUTH BAKE SALE</b>          6:00 Worship          7:00 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>          10:00 Bible Study          6:00 Choir Practice          6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b>          1:00 Quilting          6:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b>          10:00 AA          17th-18th Fortune Lk Retreat Jr. &amp; Sr. HS Event          OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>18</b>          17th-18th Fortune Lk Retreat Jr. &amp; Sr. HS Event</p>
<p><b>19 7th Sun after Epiphany</b>          8:30 Worship          9:30 Coffee &amp; Fellowship          9:45 Sunday School          10:00 Adult Education          11:00 Worship          6:30 FPU          7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>20</b>          6:00 Worship          7:00 Confirmation          7:00 Naomi Circle</p>	<p><b>21</b>          9:30 Miriam Circle          2:00 Teal Lk Ast. Living Srv.          2:00 Abigail @ Eastwood          2:15 Eastwood Worship          6:00 Exec Committee Mtg          6:30 Church Council</p>	<p><b>22</b>          10:00 Bible Study          6:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>23</b>          1:00 Quilting          6:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b>          10:00 AA          24th-25th Council Retreat @ Fortune Lake          OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>25</b>          24th-25th Council Retreat @ Fortune Lake</p>
<p><b>26 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>          8:30 Worship          9:30 Coffee &amp; Fellowship          9:45 Sunday School          10:00 Adult Education          11:00 Worship          4:00 MARKED Event (confirm)          6:30 FPU / 7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>27</b>          6:00 Worship          7:00 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>				

## SERVING THE LORD . . . . . FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

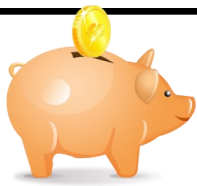
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Mary Ann Laukka Alice Mutkala	Jim Kallioinen John Kallioinen	Walter Scanlon		Sue Cathcart Terry Cathcart	Leslie Suardini Sharon Gagnon Mike Frustaglio
<b>2</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Riley Carlson Kaelyn Amis	Riley Carlson Kaelyn Amis	Bryon Nelson		Heidi Lenten Katie McEachern	Fae Collins Linda Dillman
<b>8</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Mary Ann Laukka Alice Mutkala	Jim Kallioinen John Kallioinen	Sarah Amis		Shirley Koski	
<b>11:00 AM</b>		Mike Frustaglio Deb Moyer	Mike Frustaglio Deb Moyer	Mike Frustaglio		Noreen Collins	Linda Ogea
<b>9</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Riley Carlson Kaelyn Amis	Riley Carlson Kaelyn Amis	Sheila Meier		Sheila Meier	
<b>15</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Linda Dillman Susan Eman	Marty Saari Kyle Saari	Alice Zinsser		Alice Zinsser Bill Zinsser	Mike Frustaglio Judy Hallgren
<b>11:00 AM</b>		Mike Frustaglio Deb Moyer	Mike Frustaglio Deb Moyer	Reuven Romback		Hayley Smith Toby Smith	Dave Hallgren
<b>16</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Katie Ritzenhein Amara Wallner	Katie Ritzenhein Amara Wallner	Karina Suardini		Kristy Malmsten Eric Malmsten	
<b>22</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Linda Dillman Susan Eman	Marty Saari Kyle Saari	David Faust		Shirley Koski	Leslie Suardini Bev Stromquist
<b>11:00 AM</b>		Reuven Romback Noreen Collins	Reuven Romback Noreen Collins	Valerie Paulson		Valerie Paulson	Dave Stromquist
<b>23</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Katie Ritzenhein Amara Wallner	Katie Ritzenhein Amara Wallner	Julie Mager		Julie Mager	
<b>29</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Linda Dillman Susan Eman	Marty Saari Kyle Saari	Jim Kallioinen		Jean Manginen	Fae Collins Linda Ogea
<b>11:00 AM</b>		Reuven Romback Noreen Collins	Reuven Romback Noreen Collins	Dan Lindblom		Jonelle Collins	Sharon Gagnon
<b>30</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Katie Ritzenhein Amara Wallner	Katie Ritzenhein Amara Wallner	Julie Mager		Julie Mager	

## SERVING THE LORD . . . . . FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>Counters</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Mary Ann Laukka	Linda Derocher	Mary Ann Laukka		Martha Hayward	Mike Frustaglio
		Linda Sjolund	Jim Derocher			Jim Hayward	Dave Stromquist
<b>6</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Kevin Crupi	Gary Suardini	Jonelle Collins		Julie Carlson	Bev Stromquist
		Hayley Smith	Susanna Surdini			Randy Carlson	
<b>6</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Morgan Carlson	Linda Ogea	Sheila Meier		Heidi Lenten	
		Kaylen Wallner	Heidi Lenten			Sheila Meier	
<b>12</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Mary Ann Laukka	Linda Derocher	Sarah Amis		Jean Manginen	Leslie Suardini
		Linda Sjolund	Jim Derocher				Judy hallgren
<b>13</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Kevin Crupi	Gary Suardini	Cody Scanlon		Cody Scanlon	Dave Hallgren
		Hayley Smith	Susanna Suardini				
<b>13</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Morgan Carlson	Linda Ogea	Julie Mager		Julie Mager	
		Kaylen Wallner	Heidi Lenten				
<b>19</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Christine Hendrickson	Dean Patron	Alice Mutkala		Betty Lukkarinen	Fae Collins
		Deb Moyer	Walter Scanlon			Alice Mutkala	Mike Frustaglio
<b>19</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Ronette Coduti	John Kamppinen	Kathy Sundine		Kathryn Sundine	Linda Dillman
		Nicole Whitford	Valerie Paulson			Albert Sundine	
<b>20</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Cheryl Ulvila	Cheryl Ulvila	Katie McEachern		Corey Holcomb	
		Ron Ulvila	Ron Ulvila			Madison Holcomb	
<b>26</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Christine Hendrickson	Dean Patron	Linda Derocher		Linda Sjolund	Mike Frustaglio
		Deb Moyer	Walter Scanlon				Sharo Gagnon
<b>27</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Ronette Coduti	John Kamppinen	Dan Lindblom		Valerie Paulson	Linda Ogea
		Nicole Whitford	Valerie Paulson				
<b>27</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Cheryl Ulvila	Cheryl Ulvila	Julie Mager		Julie Mager	
		Ron Ulvila	Ron Ulvila				

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: Green - 5, 12, 19; White - 26.

FEBRUARY COFFEE SERVERS: FORTUNE LAKE SCHOLARSHIPS



## SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

The *Simply Giving* Program is available at Immanuel. It is an automated giving program between you & your bank or credit union & Immanuel. This program allows members to make their contributions via electronic funds transfer. It is free! Contact the office for more information.

***If you have a child in College and / or in the Military, PLEASE let the office know their address. Thank you.***

### College/Military Addresses

If changes/additions, please call the office, 475-9161.

### NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

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### HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please let us know if you go to the hospital or are planning on surgery. Due to privacy laws, we do not have access to any records at any hospitals. Patients sign a release form so the pastor can visit, but this is not always passed along. Be sure to call 475-9161 or 204-2029 to inform us. We want to visit you!



**NOTICE:** Did you know that Immanuel sends out cards, notes and/or care packages several times a year to our college students? BUT... we don't always know who they are. If you have a child in college, please call the church office (475-9161) to give us their address so that they may be put on our list.

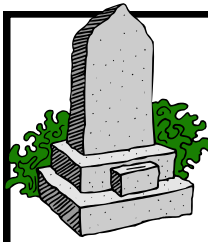


**Don't Forget.....**we do battery recycling here at Immanuel. This is a wonderful way to care for God's creation. We recycle ALL BATERIES, including phone, hearing-aid, and any others. Drop them off in the Stewardship area, into the container for that purpose.

## A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU



*Thank you for all of the beautiful music performed on Christmas Eve. We give thanks to Dan Perucco, Dan, Ellen, Phil, & Doug Lindblom, the Senior Choir, the Youth Choir, Paul, Helen, & Emma Collins, Louis Lenten, Collin Hutcthin, Connie Scanlon, Vicki Lempinen, Connie Lindblom, Karen Fitchett, and Pastor Marcia. Great job!!*



## SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

.... Jeffrey (Pam) Johnson, on the loss of his mother, **Aileen Johnson**, on Saturday, November 12. Also, condolences to son-in-law, Donald Williams, grand-daughter, JoBeth Williams, & all of the Johnson Family.  
... John 'Jack' (Karen Jilbert) Kamppinen, on the loss of his son, **Jeffrey R. Kamppinen**, on Wednesday, November 9, at Henry Ford Hospital in Macomb, MI. Also, condolences to Jeffrey's mother, Marjorie Kamppinen, & all of the Kamppinen Family.  
... the Family of **Barbara Lentonen**, who died on Saturday, November 12th, in Clinton Township, MI. Condolences to all of the Lehtonen Family and all of Barb's friends.  
... the Family of **Zachary Lehto**, who died on Tuesday, November 15th. Condolences to all of the Lehto relations.  
... to Shirley Lahti on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Grace Lillian Lahti**, on Sunday, November 20. Also, condolences to all of the Lahti Family.  
... to John (Sheila) Meier, on the loss of his sister, **Mary M. Dennis**, on Tuesday, November 22nd, at Evergreen Living Center, St. Ignace, MI. Condolences to all of the Dennis Family  
... to Shirley Terzaghi, on the loss of her brother, **James F. 'Jim' Salli**, on Monday, November 28, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L'Anse. Also, condolences to all of the Salli Family.  
... to Nancy (Richard) Toyra, on the loss of her niece, **Jill Ann Hulverson**, on Monday, December 12th, at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann arbor. Condolences to all of the Hulverson Family.



## Another letter from the "Angel Tree" Fellowship Committee

..... The 2016 Angel Tree season culminates 34 years of ministry to children with a mom or dad in prison.

*Through the efforts of thousands of coordinators and their volunteer teams countless lives have been impacted by the love of Christ. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to another year serving together to bring joy to Angel Tree families. Thank You All !!*



## BAPTISM: WE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

.. on Sunday, November 6th, **Nolan John Nault**, son of Danielle Rae Podner and Shane Lindsey Nault. His sponsors were Michelle Laitala and Joshua Nault.

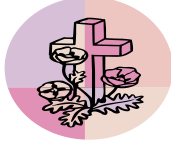


## WE WELCOME INTO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S CONGREGATION...

**Judith Dobi**, a resident of Negaunee, mother of Jill Sladek & Connie Kemper. Welcome, Judith!



## MEMORIALS



### IN MEMORY OF BARBARA LEHTONEN

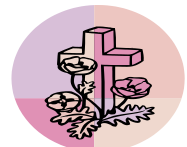
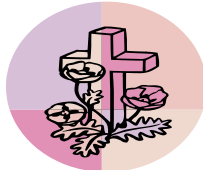
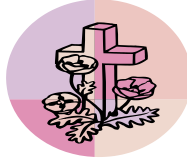
Deanna Anderson  
Bradley & Cathy Argall  
Ted & Mildred Balzarini  
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G. Anthony & Rae Elliot  
William & Susan Fossmo  
Rudy & Sharon Gagnon  
Katherine E. Godbout  
Michael & Christine Haines  
Sigrid Kanerva  
Paul & Kathryn Kish  
Kay Korpi  
Shirley Lahti  
Mary Ann Laukka  
Betty Lukkarinen  
Norman & Shirley Luoma  
Larry & Lori Marta  
Kathryn Anne Merrill  
Mitchell & Joyce Monte  
Alice Mutkala  
John & Ann Neiswander  
Donald & Vera Palomaki  
Dean & Paulette Patron  
Jerry & Karen Sue Plaisier  
Dolores Reichel  
Lillian Rivers  
Dave & Pat Roberts  
Shirley Roberts  
Pat & Clair Sawyer—  
(Mgt. Machining & Fabricating)  
Walter & Connie Scanlon  
Paul & Barb Smith  
Dave & Beverly Stromquist  
Al & Kathryn Sundine  
Robert & Linda Taormina  
Joan Tuoriniemi  
Robert Vernan  
Dorothy Warren  
Bernard & Thyra Zager

### IN MEMORY OF GENE CATHCART

Jonelle Collins  
Harry & Diane Farley  
Dave & Judy Hallgren  
Edna Laurila  
Barbara Lehtonen  
Dave & Kathy Magnuson  
Larry & Lori Marta  
Alice Mutkala  
Ron & Margo Rantanen  
Bishop Tom & Luanne Skrenes  
Al & Kathryn Sundine

### IN MEMORY OF GRACE LAHTI

Shirley Lahti



## MEMORIALS



### IN MEMORY OF LAINA PARTANEN

Dorothy Jarvi  
Christopher & Staci Jones  
Elizabeth Kevern  
Dan & Connie Lindblom  
Mary Ann Lynch  
Rev. Thomas & Luanne Skrenes

### IN MEMORY OF AILEEN JOHNSON

Marilyn Anderson  
Marlene Anderson  
Gregory & Shari Anderson  
Jonelle Collins  
Judy Drew  
Dennis & Nancy Fosco  
Leonard & Dianne Gaboury  
Rudy & Sharon Gagnon  
Dave & Judy Hallgren  
Kristine Hill-Alderton  
Allan & Alice Howard  
Marvin & Laura Kantola  
Leslie Kopman  
Grace Korhonen  
Ronald Korpi  
Shirley Lahti  
Mary Ann Laukka  
Jo Lopez  
Sharon Manz  
Wendy Melzer  
Jean Milholland  
Linda Nicholls  
Mark & Jana Nicholls  
Gwen & Martha Nurkala  
Donald & Vera Palomaki  
Dennis & Kathleen Partanen  
James & Vivian Penrose  
Donald Price  
Barb Schaefer  
Frederick & Lois Stonehouse  
Al & Kathryn Sundine  
Danny & Claudia Thompson  
Sherry Walker

### IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY R. KAMPPINEN

Alice Mutkala

### IN MEMORY OF DON & HAZEL UITTO

Matt Elliott  
Vicki Elliott  
Gavin ;& Ty Jacobson  
Kevin & Becky Jacobson  
Kristin Saatio

## Congratulations to...

... **Lily Ulvila** for being selected at the *Student of the Week* in December. Lily is in the 8th grad and a model student, achieving top marks in all of her academic classes. She is part of the yearbook staff and participates in the quiz bowl. Lily is the daughter of Erik & Sheyy Ulvila.

*Congratulations!!*

... the **Negaunee High School boys cross country team** for winning the Upper Peninsula Division 1 Finals in Flat Rock, the Mid-Peninsula Conference championship, and being named Team of the Year in Division 1 in the U.P. Immanuel members on the team are: **Mitchell LaBelle** and **Ethan Wallner**. *Congratulations!!*



PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY RECOGNITION THAT I CAN INCLUDE IN OUR BEACON FOR THE MONTH. THANK YOU. You can call it in, email it in, send it in, just let me know so that it can be included. Thanks.

## Words of Thanks

From the Guardians of one of our Angel Tree children... "Thanks "snow" much! I know that this means a lot from the dad to feel as if he could be a part of this boy's Christmas, & I know how much this will mean to the child to have his dad a part of his Christmas, and you all made this happen. Thank you!"

**Happy New Year to All !**



**Enjoy the Outdoors this Winter. God Bless You!**

- To **June Jarvi** for assembling the weekly church Sunday/Monday Bulletins.
- To **Lillian Rivers** for assembling the weekly church Sunday/Monday Bulletins.
- To **June Jarvi** and her daughter and son-in-law, **Christine & William Flis**, for assembling the Christmas Eve service bulletins and the Christmas Day service bulletin. Your help is appreciated.
- To **Millie Isaacson, Shirley Koski, John Meier, Sheila Meier, and Lillian Rivers** for assembling the November - December Beacon. Please call the office if you are willing to come and help to put together the Beacon. Thank you.
- To **Alice Zinsser** for organizing the decorating of the church and all of the help she received that day: **Judy & Dave Hallgren, Jim Kallioinen, Bev & Dave Stromquist, Bill Zinsser**.
- To **Heidi Hill, Nancy Toyra, Alice Zinsser, and any other person** who brought in the poinsettias and arranged them in the church sanctuary. Beautiful!!
- To **The Kallioinen Family** for donating our sanctuary Christmas tree this year. Wonderful choice.
- To **Larry Dillman and Bob Sylvester** for repairing the small furnace in the storage area in the Fellowship Hall.
- To **Bill Zinsser** for working / solving our electrical problem with the CD Sound System.
- To **Larry Dillman, Gary Suardini, and Bob Sylvester** for repairing the ladders that go to the loft.
- To **Alice & Bill Zinsser, Gary & Linda Sjolund, Connie Scanlon, Don Palomaki, Foo, Bob Sylvester, Bev & Dave Stromquist, Al & Kathy Sundine, and any other person** I inadvertently omitted, for decorating our church sanctuary with wreaths, bows, lights, tree decorations, etc. Our sanctuary always looks beautiful at Christmas.
- To **ALL OF THE ALTAR GUILD WORKERS** for setting up the communion trays, paraments & attending the altar area. Also, thank you to **the other volunteers**.
- To **Jonelle Collins, Linda Dillman, Judy Hallgren, Martha Hayward, Shirley Koski, Virginia Paulson, Connie Scanlon**, who are our Lay Eucharistic Ministers who deliver communion to our shut-ins each month; to **Fae Collins, Linda Dillman, Mike Frustaglio, Sharon Gagnon, Dave & Judy Hallgren, Linda Ogea, Lillian Rivers, Dave & Bev Stromquist, and Leslie Suardini**, for their dedication in counting the offering last month; to **Fae Collins & Hayley Smith** for making the shut-in CDs; to **Mary Ann Laukka** for scheduling the Greeters, to **Terry Basolo** for scheduling our Communion Assistants; to **Connie Scanlon** for scheduling the Lecturers; to **Kathleen Partanen** for the college student mailings & **Carol Romback** for the military member mailings; to **Linda Dillman** for the Cradle Role. To all **November/December Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, & Coffee Servers** who volunteered, even though you were not scheduled. *Thank you!*





**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those members of our congregation who will celebrate birthdays in the months of:

**JANUARY** \* \* \* \* \*

- Jan. 1 Michael Gustafson, Bradley Hoiem, Helmi Jylha, Wendy Nordeen, Kelli Stille
- Jan. 2 Gregg Nelson, Mindy Pellinen, Michelle Laitala
- Jan. 4 Morgan Carilli, Jim Hetrick, Bryce Jarvi, Dylan Larson, Louis Lenten
- Jan. 6 Ellen Lindblom, Lori Young
- Jan. 7 Doug Leppanen, Kathleen Palomaki, Ronald Ulvila
- Jan. 8 Ben Collins
- Jan. 9 Matthew Jarvi, Douglas Lindblom, Julie Mager, Charlee Schlicht
- Jan. 10 Evan LaBelle
- Jan. 11 Jessica Juchemich, Leslie Kowalski, Maxine Sylvester
- Jan. 12 Loraine Lehto, Thomas Lehto, Jean Manginen
- Jan. 13 Hannah Anderson, Lindsey Thompson
- Jan. 14 Ashley Nelson, Crystal Rivers
- Jan. 15 Kelly Larmour, Linda Rose
- Jan. 16 Taylor Brintlinger, Daniel Lindblom, Janet Penhale
- Jan. 17 Elaine Ault, Susan Bazinette
- Jan. 18 Duane Cotterman, Pamela Dost, Paula Frustaglio, Ruth Palm, Madalynn Peters
- Jan. 19 Rylee Gustafson, Liam Huyck, Bethany Jarvi, Nathan Krook
- Jan. 20 Robert Denofre, Nicole Whitford
- Jan. 21 Julie Fraley, Catherine Gustafson, Darrel Stambaugh
- Jan. 22 Kathryn Nelson
- Jan. 23 Evan Grant, Travis Nelson, Mary Parkkonen
- Jan. 24 Beverly Roberts
- Jan. 25 Jennifer Nelson, Jessica Roberts
- Jan. 26 Cassidy Holcomb, Cheyenne Holcomb, Jacob Kallioinen, Gretchen Lakenen, Shirley Terzaghi, Diane Tincknell
- Jan. 27 Sarah Kroon
- Jan. 29 Howard Manginen, Sydney Mattia, Darryl Tincknell
- Jan. 30 Bethney Bergh, Hunter Bergh-Hetrick, Thomas Heiskanen, Bryon Nelson
- Jan. 31 Macie Annala, Kristy Basolo-Malmsten, Noreen Collins, Tammy Hanson, John Kallioinen, Rheana Nelson, Emily Vercoe

**FEBRUARY** \* \* \* \* \*

- Feb. 1 Riley Carlson, Samantha Toth
- Feb. 2 Mikel Annala, Tashina Bellomy, Brynn Kallioinen
- Feb. 3 Brian Anderson, Helen Collins
- Feb. 5 Courtney Beckman, Betty Kinnunen, Shelley Koski, Sandy Lincoln
- Feb. 6 Brooke Montgomery, Cindy Sirtola
- Feb. 7 Kaitlyn Kallioinen, Alec Nelson
- Feb. 8 Liam Laitala, Zachary Lehto
- Feb. 9 Cooper Chapman, Kurt Collins, Aileen Johnson, Connie Kemper, Jacob Loehr, Darla Soeltner
- Feb. 10 Lori Kill, Charlie Smith

*(FEBRUARY continued...)*

- Feb. 11 Rolf Anderson, Eric Koski, Walter Scanlon, Jr., Arnold Spickerman
- Feb. 12 John M. Thomas
- Feb. 13 Gregg Gustafson, Hailey Williams
- Feb. 14 Connie Scanlon
- Feb. 16 Terry Cathcart, Linda Hickey, Kendra Klein
- Feb. 17 Scott Couture, Victor Orr, Jr., Llewellyn Pope
- Feb. 18 Sannie Luokkala, Sanna Paulson, John Vercoe
- Feb. 19 Kevin Koski, Heather Luokkala, Douglas Palomaki, Debra Young
- Feb. 20 Tammie Purcell
- Feb. 21 Lorin Laukka
- Feb. 22 Sarah Amis
- Feb. 23 Beverly Martin, Michelle Saunders
- Feb. 25 Theresa D'Ambrose, Gavin Jacobson, Marsha Larmour
- Feb. 26 Lindsey Butorac, Trevor Heggaton, Kenley Laitala, Joyce Peterson
- Feb. 27 Deanna Johnson
- Feb. 28 Linda Derocher, Tanya Johnson



**Happy Birthday to All of You !!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

GOD'S BELSSINGS to those members of Immanuel who celebrate milestones in their marriage in the months of:

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY.**



**20 YEARS AND OVER**

- 01/06 - Richard & Nancy Toyra - 23 years
- 01/15 - John & Diana Benti - 22 years
- 01/20 - Daniel & Nonette Carilli - 21 years
- 01/20 - Steven & Rachel Lambertson - 21 years
- 02/20 - John M. & Wendi Thomas - 24 years
- 02/22 - Doug & Mary LaBelle - 25 years
- 02/28 - Dennis & Linda Hickey - 26 years

**30 YEARS AND OVER**

- 02/07 - Thomas & Kathy Heiskanen - 36 years

**40 YEARS AND OVER**

- 01/15 - Rolf & Janice Anderson - 43 years

**60 YEARS AND OVER**

- 01/15 - Howard & Loraine Lehto - 68 years

**ALTER FLOWERS**

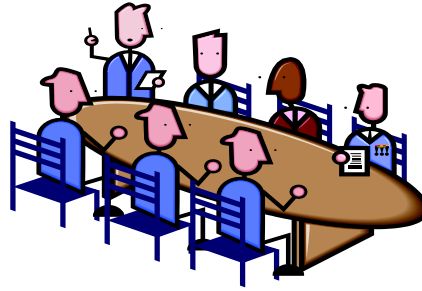


.. On November 20th, were in memory of **Frank & Saima Jarvi**, from the children of Leslie & Irja Kallioinen, June Jarvi, and the Family.

-on December 11th, were in Memory of **Hilja Lahde & Raymond Jarvi**, from June, Dale, Jill, Bryce, & Jhon Jarvi, Chyrl, John, & Lindsey Hemmila, Christine & William Flis.

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**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 29  
9:40 AM  
Business Mtg.**

**The 129th Congregational Annual  
Business Meeting  
Sunday, January 29, 2016 at 9:40 a.m.**

The Congregational Annual Business Meeting will be held on January 29th, at 9:40 a.m. between services. Everyone from the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. *See you there!*



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