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Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, 6:00 pm Services

**18th Sunday
after Pentecost**

GATHERING

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Project Keep Kids Warm

CROP Walk

National Custodian Day

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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GATHERING SONG

Jesus, Name Above All Names

TFF #268

Verse 1:

Jesus, name above all names

Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

Repeat:

Jesus, name above all names

Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, **you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should

bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

#772

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

After driving the money-changers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

We give thanks for all the saints who died, including Leo Nirva, secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING — INCLUDING NOISY OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG *We Give Thee But Thine Own (v. 1, 2)* **#686**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

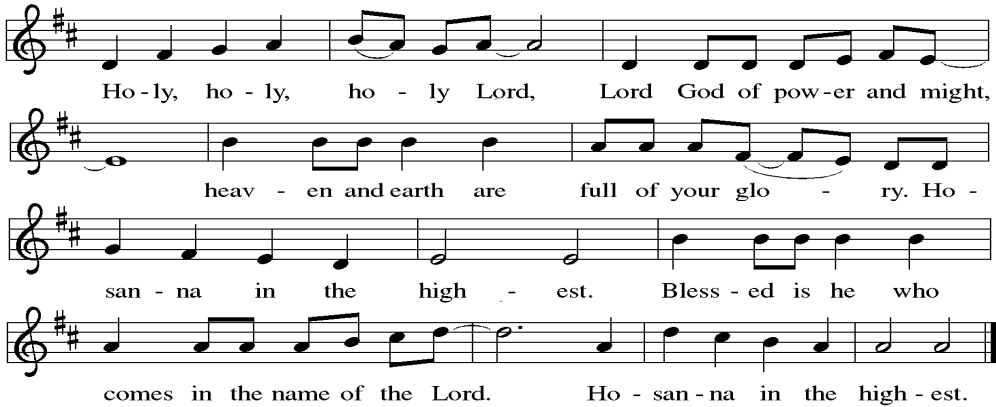
We lift them to the Lord.

*Renew our lives
that we may
welcome and
care for one
another and
that we may
live and serve
within the
greater com-
munity of
Negaunee and
the world,
witnessing to
others your
abundant love,
grace, and wel-
come.*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/ under the bread and wine.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us pray as the Lord taught us

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

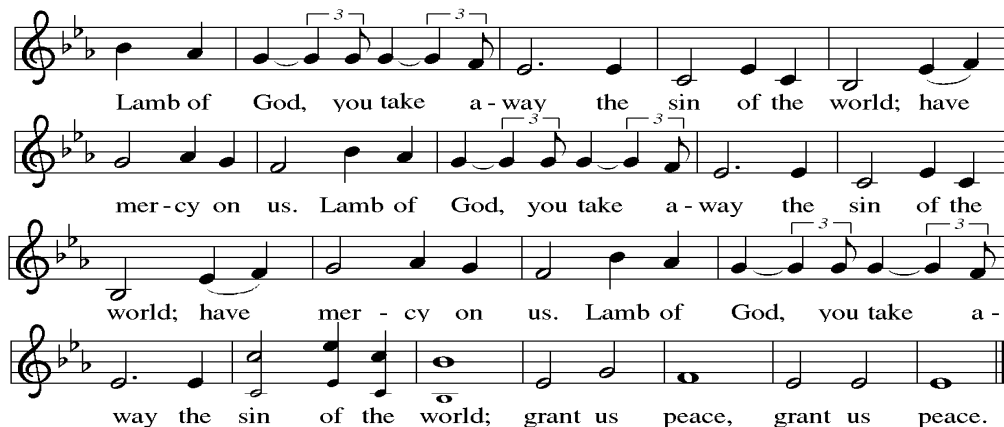
All are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:	<i>We Come to the Hungry Feast</i>	#479
	<i>Amazing Grace,, How sweet the Sound</i>	#779
	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	#595

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)


BLESSING

May God bless your lives, your homes, your journeys. Wherever you rest, wherever you go, God bless you with love and wonder, every day. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



"Thank you for the gift and kind words upon my retirement from locking the church doors in the evening and opening up on the weekends. Those 19 years seemed to go by pretty fast and in Ecclesiastes 3:1, we read, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." And the season is coming up, we call it winter. God's peace to all, . . . Virginia

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 1—8, 2023

Happy Birthday

***BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 80th Birthday to *Charlotte Koski* on October 2nd.

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Elaine M. Nirva on the loss of her husband, *Leo Stanley Nirva* on Monday, September 25th. Also condolences to all of the Nirva Family. A small graveside funeral is planned for Friday, September 29th.



***SENDING A SINCERE THANK YOU** *Dear Members of Immanuel: Thank you for your generous donation to our family. ALS was not something we had in our plan; however, we know God has His own plan. We are so grateful for the support through prayers, cards and donations. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! -Kevin, Sabina, Josie, Katie and Eli Carlson*



***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for October is PROPERTY COMMITTEE. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Dana Echelbarger (563-299-2624) or Marty Saari (906-250-9601) with your date and any item you wish to bring. Right now we have the following who have volunteered for the particular Sundays: TODAY: Saari's & Sylvester's; October 8th: Scanlon's & Echelbarger's; October 15th: D. Palomaki's (anyone else?); October 22nd: D. Keranen's (anyone else?); October 29th: to be assigned. Also, help in the kitchen is greatly appreciated. If **YOU** would like to share with the *Palomaki's* or the *Keranen's*, please let them know. *Thank you for your help!*



***LOCK-UP UPDATES** As of October 1, the church building will be open **Monday - Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm, Sundays, 8 am to noon and Mondays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** Until the new keyless, automatic door system is fully functional, outside of these set hours for special meetings /functions etc., please use the front 41 entrance doors OR the east side building doors by the alley. The west side doors on Baldwin Ave will not be open (unless special arrangements have been made) during these times. For special meetings or other church functions scheduled after these hours, meeting leaders and/or committee workers will be assigned an individual access card by contacting Noreen at 475-9161. With Virginia Paulson retiring (after 19 years of service being our lock up person), we have huge shoes to fill so some members will be asked to do a little bit extra when using the building. We are in a transition period to make sure our building is open when needed and secure when not needed. Please have a little patience in the interim. Thank you! *Noreen Collins*, Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper.



***YOUTH RETREAT** There will be a Youth Retreat for Grades 3-6 on October 20 & 21 at Fortune Lake. For more information, call 906-214-2267 or email www.fortunelake.org.



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group meets for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group has volunteered to lead this group. Today the leader is *Ben Raymond*. On October 8th: Noreen Collins; October 15th, Jim Hayward; October 22nd: Kaitrin Raymond; October 29th: Hayley Smith. This group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.



***DARKNESS TO LIGHT (end child sexual abuse)** On Tuesday, October 10th, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm, the Faith Formation Team in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Team will be hosting a training event for the Superior Central area of our Synod at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They are working with Stephanie Ehle, Youth Coordinator for the Northern Great Lakes Synod, to bring this important topic to light. This training event is open to clergy as well as non-clergy, parents, council members, Sunday School & Youth leaders. They would like to have a core of Immanuel members trained & then support the rest of the congregation in this important aspect of safety for our children. For more information contact Stephanie Ehle at **YOUTH-COORDINATOR@ NGLSYNOD.ORG**. Registration will be online @ www.nglsynod.org.



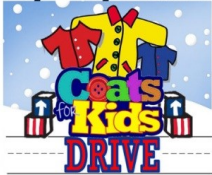
***THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** All are welcome to come to our “Burritos n’ Bible” study on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm at Border Grill in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop-in as your schedule allows. Each week’s discussion will be structured as a standalone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! This week, **Thursday, October 5th**, we are digging into this story: **God protects Ishmael and Hagar. (Genesis 21: 8-20)**. Come see what it’s all about! *Ben & Kaitrin Raymond*



***“GOT SNEAKERS?”** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren’t. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.



***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM 2023/2024 – 14th Year of Serving Families in our Community.** We have **PKKW** (Project Keep Kids Warm)



boxes by the west entry of the church for the collection of **NEW** boots, hats, scarves, and mittens. If you would like to donate any of these items, PKKW would greatly appreciate your donations. This particular Project will run until January 31st, 2024. Thank you for your donation. If you could not make the Training on September 28th, please contact *Linda Sjolund* (906-242-5020). Another training can be set up if you would like to volunteer.



***CROP HUNGER WALK** Join the CROP Hunger Walk **TODAY, Sunday, October 1st, 2023**. Registration is at 1:30 pm; the walk begins at 2 pm. The start and finish is at Marquette Hope Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave., Marquette. See Kay Korpi if you have questions or call (906) 475-5182.



***COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** The Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock Street in Ishpeming is hosting a *Community Fellowship Dinner* from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on the following Thursdays: October 12th, November 9th, December 14th. For more information please call 906-486-4681.



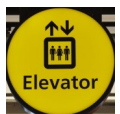
***LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES** - We will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Donations can be placed in the container by the west entry way. Items needed are:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide - or college-rule paper, approximately 8” x 10 ½”; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One Pencil sharpener
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers secured with a rubber band
- Five Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One Pair of blunt scissors
- One 2 ½” eraser
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy drawstring backpack -style cloth bag, approximately 14” x 17”



You can pick up a bag (or more) & and Fill It Up! Instructions for making a school bag pattern are located by the elevator on the WELCA bulletin board.

***ELEVATOR ‘OUT-OF-COMMISSION’:** The elevator **WILL NOT BE USEABLE** for another 3-4 weeks. Work is being done to replace the elevator with a new lift. Thank you for your patience.



***NATIONAL CUSTODIAN DAY—RECOGNIZING OUR UNSUNG HERO!** Mon. Oct. 2, is *National Custodian Day*, a day dedicated to recognizing the hard work that it takes to keep our building in tip-top shape. We appreciate the invaluable contributions of our custodian, Tyler Taseris. On this special day we invite you to join us in recognizing & expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Tyler as his dedication & hard work are vital to our well-being.
Church council Staff Support Committee



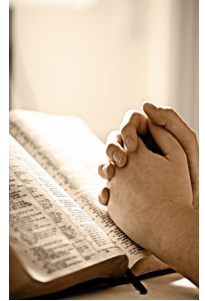
WEEKDAY PLAYGROUP @ IMMANUEL We have had an inquiry about Immanuel having a weekday playgroup for preschool children. We are in the discussion stage- not ready to begin yet. However in the meantime, **there is an existing Playgroup that meets at Lakeview School**. We just saw the flyer, so we do not have any details. Please call Lakeview Elementary School (906-475-7803) if you need more information. The info we have is: Negaunee **Birth-Age 5 Playgroup**, Lakeview Elementary School, **Dates:** 10/20, 11/17, 12/8, 1/26, and 3/15. **Time:** 9:30 -11:00 a.m. Things to note: Parent/guardian requires to stay and participate in activities. Also, when Negaunee Public Schools are cancelled, Playgroup is also cancelled.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:

Sunday - Connie Scanlon

Monday - Judy Hallgren

Worship Services: *Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm*

Office Hours are 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| 9:30 am GREETERS | - <i>Dean Patron</i> | 6 pm | - <i>Jim Hetrick</i> |
| | - <i>Dave Hallgren</i> | | - <i>Diana Hetrick</i> |
| 9:30 am USHERS | - <i>Dean Patron</i> | 6 pm | - <i>Jim Hetrick</i> |
| | - <i>Dave Hallgren</i> | | - <i>Diana Hetrick</i> |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | - <i>Hayley Smith</i> | 6 pm | - <i>Tom Johnson</i> |
| 9:30 am COMM ASST'S | - <i>Lori & Larry Marta</i> | 6 pm | - <i>Julie Mager</i> |
| | - <i>Diane Faust</i> | | |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | - <i>Tyler Moore</i> | | |

(Communion Set-up for October is Diane Faust)

OCTOBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN OCTOBER . . . we focus on . we focus on *Immanuel's Good Samaritan Fund*, a beyond-the-budget financial resource that empowers Immanuel's Good Samaritan Ministry, when appropriate, to back up caring words with caring action for needy people within our congregation and beyond.



What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They're people who have come into hard times for various reasons and are feeling very much alone. Perhaps they've lost their job or can't find a job with enough wage or hours. Perhaps they've been hit by illness of body or mind and just can't keep up. Perhaps they're experiencing the financial grief that can come right alongside the greater grief of death or divorce. Perhaps they've made poor decisions but are trying to put life back in order. These and more are their stories, and their very real needs can include help with rent, utilities, food, fuel, etc, etc, etc. What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They look a lot like you & me.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this ongoing caring mission please use October's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelopes box or in some other way designate your gift.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you for giving \$ 636.00 in September to
ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR).
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1, 2023—October 8, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNeqaunee.org

18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
(Today's leader is *Ben Raymond*)
- 2:00 pm - CROP Walk (registration at 1:30)
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Tuesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study
- Wednesday** - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- 2:15 pm - Worship Service @ Eastwood Nursing Home
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meet
- Saturday** - 8-10 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study
- Sunday** *19th Sunday after Pentecost* ~~ **WELCA Quilts**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
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- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
(Today's leader is *Noreen Collins.*)
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



***MONTHLY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The men's prayer breakfast will be meeting **NEXT Saturday, October 7, from 8 am - 10 am** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information or if you have questions, please call or text Walter Scanlon at 906-235-2294.



Dear Siblings in Christ of Immanuel,

I am still smiling as I think about my installation worship and celebration! It will be one of those days that I will hold on to in my heart for years to come.

The Spirit made herself known so generously and so gloriously, and it was through your efforts, your presence, and your love that the Spirit came.

Thank you to so many of you who shared your gifts, time, and energy to make the day as wonderful as it was. It truly took a team to pull it off, and we did it!

Thank you all! I'm so grateful and excited for our ministry together that we will continue to do with God's help and blessing. Thanks be to God for our life together!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bre



A MESSAGE FROM THE 'GOOD-GIFT' COMMITTEE

School supplies for a child \$10

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/school-supplies-for-a-child>

Many schools require children to obtain their own supply of notebooks, pencils and books before they can be enrolled. And if school is closed or communities are sheltering in place, these supplies become critical tools for children continuing their education at home. We are having trouble securing all of the supplies through our local stores. We are hoping YOU would go to the LWR Back to School web link listed above to donate any amount you would like for this cause. Or, you could give your donation to either one of us & we will purchase the necessary supplies. Thank you for your response.

Linda Sjolund & Susan Cathcart