

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

8th Sunday after Pentecost ~~ July 26, 2020—August 2, 2020

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

VBS PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP ANYTIME
They are on the bench in the entrance way
near the Fellowship Hall. Take it home with you.
Enjoy - Learn - Have Fun !!

- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (in the sanctuary with over-flow going into the Fellowship Hall)
NOTE: Online Worship Service will still be available via livestreaming at 9:30 am or recorded video following the service at: www.immanuelnegaunee.org click on button: **"WORSHIP LIVE STREAM & VIDEO".
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- NO OTHER ACTIVITY
- 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 - The Thursday 6 PM Bible study may be on vacation, but the last study summaries are still available on-line:
"Why Do We Suffer" and "Anxious for Nothing"
- Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Woman's AA Group Meets
- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (in the sanctuary with the over-flow going into the Fellowship Hall)
NOTE: **SEE SUNDAY'S NOTE ABOVE.
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
-NO OTHER ACTIVITY

PRAYER CONCERNS OR OTHER NEEDS?

Call Pastor Steve at (906) 458-2145 or click on "Share My Needs & Hopes" button at www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO: Stacy (Mark Robert) McEachern on the loss of her father-in-law, **Robert J. 'Bob' McEachern**, on Sunday, July 12th, at the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. Also, condolences to his grandchildren: Shane, Katie, Callie, & Derek McEachern, to his wife Mary, and to all of the McEachern Family.

+PASTOR STEVE ON VACATION, JULY 25-31 Here are emergency phone numbers while Pastor Steve is on vacation: Virginia Paulson - (906) 475-9641, and Pastor Bill Payne - (906) 371-1014.

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

+GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS – Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Offering plates will not be passed, but are available at the entrance of our worship space. Electronic giving is still available on our website.



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*During this pandemic, it is especially important that we have a record of those present. Thank You !!*

**Worship Services**  
Sunday: 9:30 am service  
Monday 6:00 pm service  
**Office Hours:**  
8 am-12 pm, Mon.-Thurs.  
(or by appointment)

**Serving in Worship**  
Pastor Steve Solberg  
**Organist/Pianist/Musician**  
Sunday & Monday  
Connie Scanlon

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

|                             |                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Greeter/Usher</b>        | <b>9:30</b> - Alice Mutkala<br>- Will YOU volunteer?                                                                     |
|                             | <b>6:00</b> - Diana Hetrick<br>- Deb Hicks                                                                               |
| <b>Lectors</b>              | <b>9:30</b> - Valerie Paulson<br><b>6:00</b> - Kay Korpi                                                                 |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | <b>9:30</b> - Val Paulson, Kris Hill,<br>- Cody Scanlon<br>- Alice Mutkala<br><b>6:00</b> - Kay Korpi<br>- Connie Kemper |
| <b>Tech Team</b>            | - Marcus Songer<br>- Tyler Moore<br>- Jacob Ulvila<br>- Luke Ulvila                                                      |

**+WORTH YOUR VIEWING TIME: THE CHOSEN** "Put



simply, *The Chosen* is one of the most engaging Bible-inspired productions I've seen," wrote one critic, and I must agree. I believe *The Chosen* is even a

first – a crowd-funded, mini-series depiction of Jesus' life and ministry as shared in the gospels. I also believe that good gospel storytelling speculates on backstories and shares possible perspectives that enhance (as opposed to detract from) the written gospel story. *The Chosen* fits the bill. Season 1 is now available via Youtube or, better yet, through a free dedicated app on iPhone or Android. The latter even shares discussion with theologians about the given episode. I encourage you to check it out.

**“Gospel Message”**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 26, 2020**  
**The Divine Ordinary**

As we make our way through Matthew’s gospel, we often hear Jesus say, “The kingdom of heaven is like . . .” He uses everyday items and experiences to give us a glimpse of God’s realm. Today as you stand for the reading of the gospel, God will use the voice of someone you know (your pastor, perhaps) to proclaim some comparisons Jesus made to the kingdom of heaven: a mustard seed, yeast, a merchant in search of fine pearls.

Our Lord says the kingdom of heaven is like things we already know and understand. It’s like someone giving a wedding banquet (Matt. 22:2), a fishing net (Matt. 13:47), a gardener sowing seeds (Matt. 13:3). Instead of saying the kingdom is divine and far beyond our understanding, Jesus offers stories of ordinary things, pointing to how God’s will is revealed in them.

Look around your worship space before the service. Whom or what has God brought you today that is like the kingdom of heaven? Is a retired man teaching a middle-schooler how to carry the top-heavy cross down the aisle? Are there people who use walkers alongside young ones who skip everywhere they go? Perhaps a newly widowed woman has new seatmates who don’t want her sitting alone. Did someone bring a gluten-free dish to the potluck even though he is not gluten-sensitive?

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to ordinary things because we live most often in ordinary moments and spaces. Again and again, he invites us to find the divine in the day-to-day, to glimpse the eternal in the temporal, and to recognize God’s image in a stranger’s face.

As worship begins, let yourself notice the altogether ordinary things God is using to reveal the kingdom in this place: human voices, handshakes and hugs, music, musicians, books, water, wine, bread. In the coming week, what might God use to reveal the kingdom in your home, your workplace, your school, or other spaces you inhabit?



**Next Week’s Reading:** First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21; Semicontinuous First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31; Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 17:1-7, 15.

**JULY’S**  
**MONTHLY MISSION**

**IN JULY,** we focus on Habitat for Humanity Marquette County. Habitat for Humanity is a part of a global, non-profit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God’s love into action by building homes, communities, and hope.



Repairs to existing homes are also part of the mission. Support for the ReStore helps with all activities.

Help support the vision of Habitat for Humanity: *“A world where everyone has a decent place to live.”*

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use July’s mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

**Thank you for giving \$550.00 in June to**  
**Answer the Call.**  
**The recipients will be richly blessed**  
**with your generosity!**  
**Thank you!**

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

**Pray For:** Sarah Amis, Billy Jo, Shelley Bluse, Jodi, Elizabeth, David Johnson, Anna Laurila, Yvonne Marcom, Wendy Niemi, Vera Palomaki (call 475-5405), Karen Pascoe, Ray, Jessica Roberts, Ryan, Bob Sylvester.

**Our Shut-ins:** Bettie Ahola, Phil Carlson, Rudy Gagnon, Annette Jahimski, Arlene Kivela, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Robert Mager, Buster Pope, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Dave Stromquist, Lynne Tossava.

**Members in the Armed Service:** Luke DeWitt, Dennis Koski, Adriana Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter Hetrick, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael (Lauren) Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.