

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021– May 16, 2021

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

- Sunday** *Happy Mother's Day*
- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
- *Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)*
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday**
- May 9-15 Synod Assembly online
- 6:00 pm - Worship Service
(A recording of Sunday's worship will be available online by Monday)
- Tuesday**
- Synod Assembly online
- 6:45—8:00 pm PEO (Linda Sjolund)
- Wednesday**
- Synod Assembly online
- 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**
- Synod Assembly online
- 10:00 am - Quilting
- Friday**
- OFFICE CLOSED
- Synod Assembly online
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday**
- Synod Assembly online
- Sunday** *Graduate's Recognition Sunday*
- 9:30 am - Worship Service by Youth (also live streamed)
- *Sunday School is Virtual*
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

†BIRTHDAYS:

Happy 82nd Birthday to *Ruth Mattson* on May 12th.
Happy 80th Birthday to *Grace Jalonen* on May 16th.

†SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Joann Connors on the loss of her husband, *Wayne Connors*, on Tuesday, April 27th. Also, condolences to sons: Dennis & Troy (Caitlin) Connors; daughters: Connie (Randy) Champion, Paula Connors, Wendy (Rick) Champion; grandchildren: Stacy (Mark) McEachern, Jessica (Eric) LaPine, Wayne Champion, Tiffany Connors, James Champion, Taylor Connors, Roger Champion; special friend, Jeanie Manginen, and all of the other Connors Family.
- Karen (Scott) Couture on the loss of her brother, *Ralph J. 'RJ' Maki, Sr.*, on Wednesday, April 28th. Also, condolences to nieces & nephews: Duane Cotterman, Megan, Paige, and Ethan Couture, and all of the Maki Family.

†SPRING HAS ARRIVED!! Immanuel is seeking volunteers to maintain and water the garden beds. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Administrator at 475-9161 or email to: parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org.



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IN-PERSON WORSHIP is also **LIVE STREAMED** Sundays @ 9:30 am/Mondays @ 6:30 pm
The recordings will be on our website by Mon & Thurs
Church Council will continue to evaluate in-person worship monthly. Please check with appropriate contacts for small group meetings whether they will be in-person or by Zoom.

FORTUNE LAKE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!! Scholarships are available to campers of all ages. The scholarship will cover **about 50%** of the cost. For the regular full week, instead of paying \$395, your cost would be \$200. For LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT) a FULL scholarship is offered. This 2-week program is a great opportunity for 10-12th grade persons who would like to experience life behind the scenes at Fortune Lake Camp as a leader. The scholarship form is found outside the sanctuary OR on Fortune Lake's website. Once ALL scholarship requests are in, the exact scholarship amount for you can be determined. For more info, or to get on the scholarship list, call or text **ASAP -> Stacy McEachern, 361-9123.**

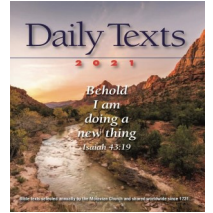
†GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED MAY 16 at the 9:30 am worship. Please contact the church office with any graduation news.

†COMPANION CONGREGATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on the *Day of Pentecost*, May 23rd and 24th. Dr. Rene Johnson of Finlandia University will join us .

†SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21 Sunday School IS ALL VIRTUAL. Sunday School is for Age 3 through 5th Grade. Packets include activities for ALL ages. **The packets are posted EACH SUNDAY.** Call the church if you do not know how to participate.



†IMMANUEL'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY Is a new Facebook Group (under the church Facebook page) set up for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve & other group members. Daily Texts (available in hardcopy & digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others.



†GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS – Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% + \$0.45 per transaction.)





PRAYER CONCERNS OR OTHER NEEDS? Call Pastor Steve at (906) 458-2145 or click on "Share My Needs & Hopes" (under the Connect menu) on www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org. Or use the Connection Card at church or online.

"Gospel Message"

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"Eternal, Unconditional, Unchanging"

To abide is to put down roots: to dwell in the same location and with the same people for the long term. Unlike in Jesus' time, today few of us live in the same place in which we were born. Families are routinely scattered across the country and around the world. Yet Jesus invites us, "Abide in my love" (John 15:9). While so much else in our lives seems impermanent, Jesus' love is eternal, unconditional, and unchanging.

In today's gospel, Jesus is on his way to the cross. Pressed for time and filled with urgency, he can convey only the most important message. Of all the subjects he has explored during his ministry, he chooses to emphasize that which matters most: his own love. Jesus knows that love is eternal, that it transcends death and the grave. He knows that love is essential, that it must be at the core of our being. He knows that love is the embodiment of all his teachings, healings, and ministry.

Jesus knows that Judas has already betrayed him. He knows that shortly, Peter will deny him. In preaching love, he shows us that the sort of love he has for each of us is stronger than our own very human shortcomings—and that his love for us, and for his disciples, is forever. As followers of Jesus, we are charged with loving one another with the unconditional, eternal love that he has for us. In a world of change, such a responsibility is challenging, yet living out that challenge is what gives our lives purpose.

The secret to love is that it puts others first. Love is the only emotion that can defeat our instinctive self-centeredness. In charging us to love one another, Jesus issues an invitation to be awake and aware, to see others as beloved children of God, and to reflect divine love back onto everyone we encounter. In this way, Jesus lives in each of us.



Next Week's First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm: 1; Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13; Gospel: John 17:6-19

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Pray For: Kaelyn Amis, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Elizabeth, Carrie Harvala, Audrey Heater, Pastor Dave Jahn, Christopher Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Connie Lindblom, Billy Jo Kaufman, Wendy Niemi, Yvonne Niemi, Ray, Jessica Roberts, Marty Saari, Maxine Sylves-ter, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Vera Palomaki, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Lynne Tossava.

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

MAY'S MONTHLY MISSION

In May, our Monthly Mission is ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central conference. Our Superior Central Conference 8 of the Northern Great Lakes Synod seeks financial help annually for support of Pastors Mark and Cynthia Rich in their ministry of teaching at Tumaini University Makumira, an institution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.



They are deep into the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. Their classes are humming along and other projects are progressing as well. They write of two classes: (1) an Intensive Student Reading Group on Race and Christian Theology, and (2) an experiment in training for congregations in Mission engagement. The Riches are still at work in Tanzania. Check out their blog page (<https://mcintz.wordpress.com/>).

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to May's Monthly Mission Emphasis, use the May Monthly Mission envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,053.00 in April to the ELCA World Hunger.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg
Organist/Pianist/Musician: Connie Scanlon
Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6:00 pm
Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	- Judy Hallgren
	- Dave Hallgren
6:00 pm USHERS/GREETERS	- Kerri Price
	- Anna Price
9:30 am LECTOR	- Jean Manginen
6:00 pm LECTOR	- Virginia Paulson
9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S	- Sue & Terry Cathcart
	- J. Manginen/A. Mutkala
6:00 pm COMM. ASST.'S	- Kevin Crupi & Jill Sladek
9:30 am Tech Team	- Tyler Moore/Noreen Collins
6:00 pm Tech Team	- Mark Patraw