

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
7th Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021– May 23, 2021

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

Sunday **GRATUATE RECOGNITION TODAY**

- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
- *Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)*
(LAST SUNDAY FOR THIS SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR)
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

- Monday
- 6:00 pm - Worship Service (Camp Style)
(A recording of Sunday's worship will be available online by Monday)
 - 7:00 pm—Tech Team Training for Youth

- Tuesday
- 9:30 am—Miriam Circle - Brown Bag Lunch
 - 6:00 pm—Executive Committee Meeting
 - 6:30 pm—Church Council Meeting

- 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"
 - 1:30 pm—Abigail Circle

- Thursday
- 10:00 am - Quilting

- Friday
- OFFICE CLOSED
 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

- Sunday **Day of Pentecost**
Companion Synod Sunday
- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)
 - 10:30 am—Slide Show in Fellowship Hall
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+BIRTHDAYS:

- Happy 80th Birthday to *Grace Jalonen* on May 16th.
- Happy 80th Birthday to *Dick Koski* on May 17th.
- Happy 81st Birthday to *Reuven Romback* on May 17th.
- Happy 82nd Birthday to *Jeanette Tossava* on May 20th.

+GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED TODAY at the 9:30 am worship service. Those that will be 2021 Graduates are: *Morgan Carlson, Sierra Hendrickson, Madison Holcomb, Olivia Krook, Aleah LaJoie, Katie McEachern, Rachel Popko, Arnie Spickerman, Lily Ulvila, and Amara Wallner.* Congratulations & God's Blessings to All of You!

+COMPANION CONGREGATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on the *Day of Pentecost*, next Sunday and Monday, May 23rd and 24th. Dr. Rene Johnson of Finlandia University will join us. Plan to stay after the Sunday worship for more pictures & stories from Dr. Rene.

+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.



*** NOTICE ***
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.**

+ROOM AT THE INN / THE WARMING CENTER Please continue to make your donations to the Room at the Inn with only products such as paper products, coffee, sugar, or any monetary donation. **BUT, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ANY PARISHABLE PRODUCTS AT THIS TIME.**

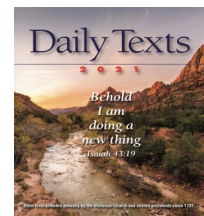
Thank you for all of the donations you have already given. The Warming Center appreciates it very much.

+ "STEWARDS OF HOLY COMMUNION" STUDY ...will return in-person and via Zoom on Thursday, May 27th, at 6:00 pm. Join the conversation.

+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. This coming Sunday, May 16th, will be the **LAST SUNDAY OF SUNDAY FOR THIS YEAR. HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER, & GOD BE WITH YOU ALL!**



+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"
May 16, 2021 - 7th Sunday of Easter
"The Power of Prayer"

Here in the Gospel of John, at the close of Jesus' final speech to his disciples before he is arrested and crucified, he engages in a remarkable, even visceral, act of love. He prays for his disciples.

When we pray, God already knows, of course, what is on our hearts. We are not bringing God any new information. But when we pray, we bring ourselves uniquely into God's presence. In prayer, we bring to God our deepest and most intimate needs, and we make ourselves vulnerable in a way we seldom allow in day-to-day life. This vulnerability is what strengthens our relationship with God, as any repeated physical actions strengthen our muscles. But prayer is not only for our own needs. Unexpectedly perhaps, it is intercessory prayer that nourishes us like nothing else. When we petition God on behalf of another person, we go outside ourselves, becoming other-focused in the way Jesus so fervently invites us to be in his own prayer in today's gospel passage.

In this moment so close to the end of his life, Jesus prays not for himself but for his disciples, whom he loves: "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. . . . But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves" (John 17:11, 13).

How extraordinarily powerful it is to hear someone pray for you! As Jesus prepares to send his disciples out to preach and teach and baptize in his name, he equips them with the tool that strengthens our every act: he prays. He names them, along with his gratitude and his concerns, before God. That is a gift the disciples will be able to carry with them wherever they go.



Next Week's First Reading: Acts 2:1-21; Alternate: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm: 104: 24-34, 35b; Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27; Alternate: Acts 2:1-21; Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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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 Romback, Trevor Romback, 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: Sunday—Katie McEachern, Aleah LaJoie, Rachael Popko, Arnie Spickerman
Monday—Ellen Lindblom
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	- Dale Jarvi
	- Jhon Jarvi
9:30 am LECTOR	- Martha Hayward
6:00 pm LECTOR	- Dan LaJoie
9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S	- Heidi Hill/Paulette Patron
	- Paulette Patron/A.Mutkala
6:00 pm COMM. ASST.'S	- Julie Mager & Kerri Price
9:30 am Tech Team	- Tyler Moore/Mary Schlicht
6:00 pm Tech Team	- No one Assigned