

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021—June 6, 2021

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

- Sunday **Holy Trinity Sunday**
 - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live streamed)
 - 2:00-6:00 pm—Hall Reservation
 - 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday **OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY**
 - 6:00 pm—NO Worship Service (A recording of Sunday’s worship will be available online)
- Tuesday
 - 10:30 am—Pericope Group meets here (in-person and online)
 - 5:30 pm—Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Wednesday
 - 10:00 am—Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday’s Scripture, in-person and online via ZOOM - - - go to: www.immanuelnegaunee.org and click on button: **“WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM”**
- Thursday
 - 10:00 am—Quilting
- Friday
 - OFFICE CLOSED
 - 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
 - 10:00 am—Visitation for Marge Healey
 - 11:30 am—Funeral Service for Marge Healey NO luncheon to follow
- Saturday
 - 11:30 am-1:00 pm—Wedding Renewal
- Sunday **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
 - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live streamed)
 - 10:30 am—Coffee & Fellowship
 - 12:00-4:00 pm—Fellowship Hall Reservation
 - 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

+BIRTHDAYS:

Happy 80th Birthday to **Dean Patron** on May 31st.

Happy 84th Birthday to **Mavis Carlson** on June 6th.

+COFFEE HOUR TO RESUME: Starting **Sunday, June 6th**, we will return to Coffee Hour following the 9:30 am church service. We will follow COVID-19 guidelines and serve individual packages of goodies. If anyone is interested in providing snacks such as wrapped cookies, cheese sticks, crackers, fruit cups, etc., just put these items in the kitchen. Thank you for any donations you may make. **It will be GREAT to get together again! Halleluiah!!**

+ROOM AT THE INN / THE WARMING CENTER Please continue to make your donations to the Room at the Inn but only with products such as paper products, coffee, sugar, or with any monetary donation. **BUT, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DONATING ANY PERISHABLE PRODUCTS AT THIS TIME.** Thank you for all of the donations you have already given. The Warming Center appreciates it very much.

+WE’RE HIRING We are in need of a part-time custodian. If you are interested, you can pick up an application from the office or go to: <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>



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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.**

+COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE Immanuel's council, during their May 18th meeting, resolved to update our COVID-19 Protocol in the following points:

- Facemasks: Facemasks for vaccinated people are still encouraged. Facemasks are required for all wishing to sing worship songs. (We're still not ready to sing robustly.)
- Social Distancing and Lower Capacities:
 - * Worship Space: 75 people maximum, sitting in staggered half-pews
 - * Fellowship Hall: 100 people maximum
 - * A hybrid combination of in-person and internet access will be used for many gatherings
- Coffee hour following Sunday worship will return in June
- Hymnbooks will be returned to the pew racks by June
- Bulletins will return by June, experimenting with a simpler format that works with projections

+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 30, 2021 - Holy Trinity
"Bring Your Questions"

Although Nicodemus comes to Jesus claiming to know that Jesus comes from God, it is clear from the remainder of the conversation that he has deep questions on his heart. And after all of Jesus' talk of being born of water and Spirit Nicodemus almost pleads: "How can these things be?" (John 3:9).

What questions do you bring to worship with you today?

As we gather around the baptismal font, we do so with Luther's reminder that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 1165) We too might ask, "How can these things be?" Does today feel like a new day of righteousness and purity? Does today feel any different than yesterday or the day before? Sometimes the answer is yes, but often it does not seem there is anything "new" about any given day.

Throughout the gospels we hear about people's responses to their encounters with Jesus. They go away healed and rejoicing, grieving or angry. We get no such exit with Nicodemus. Jesus speaks about God's love for the world and is soon on the move again. What happened to Nicodemus? He will reappear in the seventh chapter of John, defending Jesus as the leaders wonder why Jesus has not been arrested, and in the nineteenth chapter to help lay Jesus in the tomb. In both cases today's encounter with Jesus is remembered. It seems that Nicodemus's questions and his struggle to understand are the beginning of a slow reshaping of his life.

Bring your questions to the water today. Bring your questions again and again. Dip your hands in the water; mark yourself with the cross; know that the water and the Spirit will reshape you in ways you may not understand today but will certainly remember in later chapters of life.

Next Week's First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15; Alt. First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm: 130; Alt. Psalm: 138; Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Gospel: Mark 3:20-35



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Pray For: Kaelyn Amis, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Elizabeth, Carrie Harvala, Christopher Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Connie Lindblom, Billy Jo Kaufman, Wendy Niemi, Don Palomaki, Jessica Roberts, Marty Saari, 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: Sunday & Monday
 Connie Scanlon
Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6:00 pm
Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am | USHERS/GREETERS | - Cheryl & Ron Ulvila |
| 6:00 pm | USHERS/GREETERS | - NO Service |
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| 9:30 am | LECTOR | - Mike Lempinen |
| 6:00 pm | LECTOR | - NO Service |
| 9:30 am | COMM. ASST.'S | - Sally & Dana Echelbarger |
| | | - Deb Moyer/Alice Mutkala |
| 6:00 pm | COMM. ASST.'S | - NO Service |
| 9:30 am | Tech Team | - Tyler Moore |
| 6:00 pm | Tech Team | - NO Service |