

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
 14th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 6, 2020—September 13, 2020

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

- 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 by Sunday afternoon at: www.immanuelnegaunee.org Click on button: "**WORSHIP LIVE STREAM & VIDEO**".
 - 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY
 - NO SERVICE & NO OTHER ACTIVITY
- Tuesday** - Office Hours are now 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (or by appointment) Worship Service remains the same, Sunday @ 9:30 am, Monday @ 6 pm
 - 1:00 pm - Social Ministry Committee 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**"
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting is to Begin
 - 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 Begins Today
 - 4:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal (Troy & Caitlin)
- Saturday** - 2:00 pm - Wedding (Troy Connors & Caitlin Fowler)
- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service - Baptism of Zayda Jade Songer, daughter to Danielle Kaye (Holman) Songer & Marcus James Songer. (in the sanctuary with the over-flow going into the Fellowship Hall)
 - 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

†BIRTHDAYS in the MONTH OF SEPTEMBER Happy Birthday!!

- Lillian Rivers** will be 92 years young on September 6th.
- Charlene Kivisto** will be 82 years young on September 10th.
- Nancy Mager** will be 86 years young on September 11th.
- Millie Isaacson** will be 81 years young on September 14th.

†SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Christopher (Kristina (Balzarini)) Wommer on the loss of their grandmother, **Mary Bonetti Wommer**, on Saturday, August 15. Also condolences to great-grandchild, Bruno Wommer, and all of the Wommer Family.
- Rose (the late Mark) Setterlind on the loss of her father, **Arvo 'Bernie' Takkinen**, on Thursday, August 27. Also, condolences to his grandchildren: Stephen and Robert Setterlind, and all of the Takkinen Family.

**** NOTICE ****
PLEASE COMPLETE A CONNECTION CARD & PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

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

| ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:            |                                                                                                 |
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| <u>Greeter/Usher</u>                 | 9:30 - Marty Saari<br>- Kyle Saari                                                              |
|                                      | 6:00 - NO SERVICE                                                                               |
| <u>Lectors</u>                       | 9:30 - Walter Scanlon<br>6:00 - NO SERVICE                                                      |
| <u>Communion Assistants</u>          | 9:30 - Jean Manginen<br>- Deb Moyer<br>- Alice Mutkala<br>- Walter Scanlon<br>6:00 - NO SERVICE |
| <u>Tech Team:</u>                    |                                                                                                 |
| <u>Service Projection Controller</u> | - Jake Ulvila                                                                                   |
| <u>Live Stream Camera Controller</u> | - Luke Ulvila                                                                                   |
| <u>Service Projection Controller</u> | 6:00 - NO SERVICE                                                                               |

**†UP CITY SERVE** Go to [www.upcityserve.org](http://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 available on our website.



**†SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21** Sunday School WILL BE ALL VIRTUAL. We still want you to catch the excitement, but we will do it from our homes, not in the Sunday School classrooms.



Sunday School is for Age 3 through 5th Grade. Packets will include activities for ALL ages. Weekly lesson packets will be posted. The 1st packet will be posted for September 13th.

You can respond to this invitation in several ways:

1. Immanuel Website: <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/Sunday-school.htm/>
2. Call Immanuel's Office at 475-9161 and leave a message with the information
3. Fax Immanuel's Office at 475-9403
4. Mail to Immanuel at 520 E US 41, Negaunee, Michigan 49866.

**PLEASE make sure to answer the 2 BIG questions:**

- 1) Does your child already have a Beginner's Bible or do we need to get one for you?
- 2) Are you able to print off activity pages or should we print off packets for you?

**“Gospel Message”**  
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**September 6, 2020**

**Restoring Right Relationships**

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus turns his attention to the community of believers. Matthew is the only gospel in which Jesus explicitly speaks about the church and therefore addresses some concerns of communal living. This week, Matthew provides a framework for responding to sin and conflict for the sake of restoration within a community.

It is inevitable that in a relationship, a time comes when someone lets you down. They may disappoint you, fail to meet your expectations, hurt your feelings, disagree with you, misspeak, or break your trust. This happens in all relationships and in all places—the church is no exception. Although these actions can be unintentional, occasionally relationships are scarred by purposeful acts of betrayal, abuse, deception, and malice. In all cases, Jesus’ way acknowledges the reality of broken people and relationships, and recommends a path forward.

It is common to seek revenge or try to get even with those who have hurt us. We expect them to be punished for the wrong they have done. What Jesus proposes here is a system not of retributive justice but of restorative justice. Instead of demanding vengeance, we can engage the other person in order to heal and repair the relationship and community. We are to try multiple times, involving the community as needed, to make amends. We are not to give up on the ones who do harm, but to offer opportunities for dialogue and healing.

Jesus does not abandon sinners or the church filled with conflicted believers. He comes among them as they listen to each other and works to restore their relationships. We practice the work of restoration every week by sharing a sign of peace with one another. In each exchange of peace, Jesus comes among us to offer grace and forgiveness.



**Next Week’s Reading:** First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21 ; Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13; Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35; Semicontinuous First Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31; Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 114; Semicontinuous Psalm (Alternate): Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21.

**Worship Services**  
**Sunday: 9:30 am service**  
**Monday - NO SERVICE**  
**Office Hours:**  
**8 am-2 pm, Tues.-Thurs.**  
**(or by appointment)**

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

**SEPTEMBER’S**  
**MONTHLY MISSION**

**IN SEPTEMBER,** we focus on **ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR)**, bringing God’s hope, healing & renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the



**Lutheran Disaster Response**

world When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide on-going assistance to those in need.



Assistance includes relief to those who were impacted by a cyclone in Africa, fires in California & hurricane disaster relief to our southern states in the last

month. The LDR coordinates and partners with local churches, authorities and on-the-ground relief agencies.

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

**Thank you for giving \$525.00 in August to**  
**The Gideons International.**  
**The recipients will be richly blessed**  
**with your generosity!**  
**Thank you!**

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

**Pray For:** Sarah Amis, Billy Jo, Shelley Bluse, Allyssa Collins, Elizabeth, Jodi, Pastor Matt Lamb, Anna Laurila, Mary Mantela, Yvonne Marcom, Wendy Niemi, Vera Palomaki (call 401-0405), Karen Pascoe, Janet Penhale, Ray, Jessica Roberts, and Ryan.

**Our Shut-ins:** Bettie Ahola, Phil Carlson, Rudy Gagnon, Annette Jahimski, Arlene Kivela, Charlene Kivisto, 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, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael (Lauren) Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.