

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020 - October 4, 2020

Stewardship 1, Sept. 27-28, "God's Word Lights the Way in Joy"

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September 27 and 28 - Stewardship "In Joy"

- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service - Baptism of William Matthew Grunwald, son of Nicole Renee (Richards) Grunwald & Michael James Grunwald.
Monday - 6:00 pm - Worship Service (in the Sanctuary)
Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM
Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting
Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday - Oct. 3-4 - (Virtual) Fall Fest at Fortune Lake
Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service (in the sanctuary with the over-flow going into the Fellowship Hall.)

+BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD: William Matthew Grunwald, son of Nicole Renee (Richards) Grunwald & Michael James Grunwald. His sponsor is Nancy Richards, mother of Nicole.

+BIRTHS CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO: Shannon & Mike Finnila on the birth of their son, Watson Lee Finnila, on Monday, September 14th.

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

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

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

- Greeter/Usher 9:30 - Mike Lempinen - Vicki Lempinen
6:00 - Reuven Romback - Mike Frustaglio
Lectors 9:30 - Hayley Smith
6:00 - Jill Sladek
Communion 9:30 - Al & Kathy Sundine
Assistants - Donna Hayrynen - Hayley Smith
6:00 - Corey Holcomb - Kerri Price
Tech Team:
Srv Proj. Controller - Jake Ulvila
Live Camera Controller - Luke Ulvila
Srv Proj Controller 6:00 - Aleah LaJoie

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Rachael (Greg) Annala on the loss of her grandfather, Allan L. Bjork, on Monday, September 7th, in Corpus Christi, TX.
Trevor Romback on the loss of his grandfather, Robert F. Whitaker, on Thursday, September 10th.

+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 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.



\* **PRAYER CONCERNS OR OTHER NEEDS?** Call Pastor Steve at (906) 458-2145 or click on "Share My Needs & Hopes" button at [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)

\* **BELL CHOIR NOTICE:** The Bell Choir will be practicing on Wednesday, September 30th, and will continue every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Even if you have never rung bells before, come & give it a try. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. And, don't forget to wear your mask. We will social distance. Thank you.

**"Gospel Message"**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2020**  
***I Believe in You***

Today's gospel questions what it means to believe in something. Belief can be exhibited by actions or in words, but true belief is displayed when the two contradict each other. We may say we do not believe in monsters under our bed. However, if upon hearing a noise underneath us at night, we clutch the blanket a little tighter around us, do we still claim to not believe in monsters? Believing in something or someone does more than affect our mind. It influences our behavior. It informs our actions and changes our character.

Believing in Jesus is not a cognitive experience alone. If it were, we'd be like the second son who professes to do the will of the father, but doesn't. Rather, our actions are the mirrors of our belief, reflecting our faith outward. This is why worship is structured to rehearse our patterns of behavior for the world. In worship, we gather to practice accountability, interdependence, passing the peace, and turning toward God. Our faith shapes us to live in the world according to God's principles of justice, mercy, and kindness.

When we believe in something, we give authority to it, whether the belief is spoken or enacted. This is why the words "I believe in you" before a feat of courage are often so powerfully effective. Knowing that someone believes in you bestows authority and strength. It moves you from thought to action, making it possible to boldly live into whatever is believed of you.

God believes in you. This does not mean there is a divine being out there who merely believes that you exist. This is not a passive form of believing. God believes in you and gives you authority to live boldly as a disciple of Jesus. Just as Jesus' authority came from God, so does your authority to do what you have been sent to do. "You can do it," God encourages. "I believe in you!"



**Next Week's Reading:** First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15; Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46; Semicontinuous First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 19-20; Semi-continuous Psalm: Psalm 19.

# 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



## Lutheran Disaster Response

and around the 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 \$600.00 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, 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.

**Worship Services**  
**Sunday: 9:30 am service**  
**Monday - 6:00 pm service**  
**Office Hours:**  
**8 am-2 pm, Tues.-Thurs.**  
**(or by appointment)**

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

**†STEWARDSHIP - WEEK 1, SEPTEMBER 27-28**

*"God's Word Lights the Way in Joy" - John 16:23b-4*

**†STEWARDSHIP - WEEK 2, OCTOBER 4-5**

*"God's Word Lights the Way in My Vocation" - Luke 5:27-28*

**†STEWARDSHIP - WEEK 3, OCTOBER 11-12** *"God's Word Lights the Way in Service to Neighbors" - Matthew 25:37-40*

**†STEWARDSHIP - WEEK 4, OCTOBER 18-19** *"God's Word Lights the Way in Life Decisions" - Galations 5: 22-25*

**†STEWARDSHIP - WEEK 5, OCTOBER 25-26** *"God's Word Lights the Way in Grief and Hardships" - Psalm 34: 3-4*

**†STEWARDSHIP—WEEK 6, NOVEMBER 1-2** *"God's Word Lights the Way in our Community & Fellowship" - Acts 2:46-47*

**STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN INSERT  
AND WEBSITE WEEKLY ARTICLE-FALL 2020**

**Week One: September 27-28**

*"God's Word Lights the Way in Joy" (Stewardship at Immanuel Fall 2020) - John 16:23b-4*

God is at work in our congregation! What has 2020 taught us? Anything can happen including a medical and economic pandemic that has hurt so many in our world. So where is the joy that we are told comes from God? This week the Stewardship ministry of our congregation focuses on joy. The Scriptures make the promise to us of great joy and as Christians we look to God for that precious gift.

We hear from Kathy Sundine in worship on Sunday and Monday. She has a story to tell of joy in her life. In the midst of difficulty and uncertainty, troubles and burdens, listen to how God has made all the difference and brought her joy.

This fall we ask you to complete a Time and Talent Sheet and an Estimate of Giving for financial offerings. You can participate in our work together by completing these forms in preparation for our November 1 and 2 worship. God's Word does light the way!

**Week Two: October 4-5**

*"God's Word Lights the Way in My Vocation" (Stewardship at Immanuel Fall 2020) - Luke 5:27-28*

What is your vocation? How has God guided you in your choice? God has called us all by name to follow him and we do this through the work that we do while on Earth in His name. While we may believe that we are making these choices of our own free will, the Lord has led us on the path we follow to do his work. This week the Stewardship ministry of our congregation focuses on how God has led us to our chosen vocation.

We will hear from Kristine Keranen in worship on Sunday and Monday. She has a story on how God has influenced her in her vocation. While we all face difficult choices at work, following the word of the Lord simplifies these choices. Listen to how He has helped Kris.

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**Week Three: October 11-12**

*"God's Word Lights the Way in Service to Neighbors" (Stewardship at Immanuel Fall 2020)- Matthew 25:37-40*

This pandemic we are currently experiencing continues to show the needs our neighbors throughout the area, state, country and world have and the many ways we can help provide for them. We are asked to share what little we may have so that others can find some joy in life. We are told that whatever we share with our neighbors has also been shared with the Lord.

We will hear from Linda Dillman in worship on Sunday and Monday. She has a story on how sharing within her life has enriched her. Giving of our earthly possessions to others only brings us closer to the way of our Lord. Listen to how Linda has enriched her life through giving to others.

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## **Week Four: October 18-19**

*“God’s Word Lights the Way in Life Decisions”* (Stewardship at Immanuel Fall 2020) - *Galatians 5:22-25*

As a congregation we have face a multitude of roadblocks during this pandemic. Individually we have made and continue to make decisions on how we will worship, in person or via technology; how can we help our neighbors in need, how is the joy that we have with the Lord shared with those looking for this peace and serenity? We need to continue our belief that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we navigate these troubled times.

We will hear from Dr. Jim Hayward in worship on Sunday and Monday. He has a story on how the decisions he has made during his lifetime have been influenced by the Lord. Listen to how Jim has followed the teaching of the Lord to make these decisions.

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## **Week Five: October 25-26**

*“God’s Word Lights the Way in Grief and Hardships”* (Stewardship at Immanuel Fall 2020) - *Psalms 34: 3-4*

With all the uncertainties that surround us here in the present, we all seek answers or justification for the way we react. Our common response is to ask, “Why is God allowing this to happen?” Did we not hear Him when He said to follow Him and all our fears would disappear? We need to trust that the Lord has a plan for us and He will guide us through all our grief and hardships.

We will hear from Jim Kallioinen in worship on Sunday and Monday. He has a story on how the Lord has been his light during the darkest of times. Believe in and follow the Lord to find a path in our lives.

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## **Week Six: November 1-2**

*“God’s Word Lights the Way in our Community and Fellowship”* (Stewardship at Immanuel Fall 2020) - *Acts 2:46-47*

As we search for ways to gather together as a congregation during these troubling times, God continues to enlighten our lives. Reach out to your friends, encourage them to praise the Lord as He will lighten our loads and provide for our spiritual needs. We need to continue with worship and provide for the work of the Lord as we navigate the paths that have been set before us.

Pastor Steve will be providing our inspiration through the words of the Lord on Sunday and Monday. Come and listen to him as we praise God for the goodness that has been provided to us and in response, we can share these bounties with our church and community.

Please come to church prepared to complete a Time and Talent Sheet and an Estimate of Giving for financial offerings or they can be mailed to the church if you are attending church through the wonders of technology. God’s Word does light the way!