

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCA Blanket / Kit Sunday-Monday

October 4, 2020 - October 11, 2020

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW

- AT... www.immanuelnegaunee.org**
- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - Sunday School is Virtual
 - CROP WALK (Virtual) any time
 (Virtual) Fall Fest/Quilt Auction at Fortune Lake
 Oct 4-5—Stewardship *"In My Vocation"* (wk 2)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service (in the Sanctuary)
 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation - 6th-8th Grade
 Oct 4-5—Stewardship *"In My Vocation"* (wk 2)
- 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"**
 - 6:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
 - 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
- Saturday** - 10:00 am - Woman's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** - LWR semi-truck loading (CANCELLED)
Pastor Appreciation Day
 - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 10:45 am - Sunday School online any time
 Oct. 11-12 - Stewardship *"In Service to
 Neighbor"* (wk. 3)
 - 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
 - NO OTHER ACTIVITY

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**+BIRTHDAYS** Happy 81st Birthday to **Bob Sylvester** on October 17th.

**+CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES ON THE MARRIAGE OF:**  
**Camille Ann Sliger & Adam William Kemper** which occurred last  
 Saturday, September 26th, at the Belsolda Farm in Marquette. Pastor  
 Steve officiated and Hannah K Holman and Thomas W. Lehto were  
 their witnesses.

- +SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:**
- Dean (Paulette) Patron on the loss of his brother, **Ronald T. Patron**, on Wednesday, September 23rd, in Menominee, MI., Also, condolences to Ronald's wife, Marcia, and all of the Patron Family.
  - The Family of **Judith Caroline Chiri**, who died on Monday, September 21st at the Marquette Cnty Medical Care Facilities.

**+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.



**\*\* 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:	
Greeter/Usher	9:30 - Mike Lempinen - Vicki Lempinen
	6:00 - Reuven Romback - Mike Frustaglio
Lectors	9:30 - Luanne Skrenes
	6:00 - Kerri Price
Communion Assistants	9:30 - Jim/Martha Hayward - Luanne/Tom Skrenes
	6:00 - Dan LaJoie - Jill Sladek
Tech Team:	
Srv Proj Controller	- Jake Ulvila
Live Camera Controller	- Luke Ulvila
Srv Proj Controller 6:00	- Aleah LaJoie

+SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21 Sunday School WILL BE ALL VIRTUAL. 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. **The packets will be posted EACH SUNDAY.** You can respond to this invitation in several ways: **(1)** Go to 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, MI, 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?



+STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 4-5 - "God's Word Lights the Way in My Volcation" *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.
 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!

Thank you to Pastor Terry Cathcart for his worship service this weekend.



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

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP IS IN THE SANCTUARY WITH THE OVERFLOW GOING INTO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. MONDAY'S WORSHIP IS IN THE SANCTUARY.

NOTE: Online Worship Service is available via livestreaming at 9:30 am, Sunday, or recorded video by Sunday afternoon at: www.immanuelnegaunee.org. Click on: "WORSHIP LIVESTREAM & VIDEO".

SUNDAY SCHOOL packets are posted each Sunday. Log on & enjoy the activities & learning experiences provided.

"Gospel Message"

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October 4, 2020 - Call to Confession

Throughout his ministry in Matthew's gospel, Jesus draws in people at the margins of society. As the leader of a reform movement, Jesus spoke as a Jew to fellow Jews. When we read these stories centuries later, we must remember that his intent was to condemn exclusion and abuses of power—not to reject Judaism. His critiques still ring true for the power structures of the religious institutions of our time.

Jesus' parables stirred people up, provoking questions, doubts, even hostility. When his listeners recognized themselves in the parables, it was rarely comforting or affirming. Do we have the honesty and vulnerability to see ourselves critically in the stories as the chief priests and Pharisees did?

There aren't any clear heroes in this story, as in any story of class warfare. Perhaps the tenants turned to violence out of frustration with the economic injustice of their situation. The Pharisees were quick to side with the powerful landowner, asserting his right to kill the tenants and crush their revolt, yet Jesus does not affirm this escalation either.

We begin worship with a prayer of confession, recalling the image of God's goodness in each of us and yet honestly admitting our shame and guilt. Today's parable also issues a call to confession, alluding to the vineyard of Isaiah 5, which yielded wild grapes instead of sweet. God has created a world that can provide abundant life for all. What are the fruits of our congregations? God's heart longs for justice for all people. How might we unintentionally and unknowingly cultivate the sour wine of exclusion, discrimination, and injustice?

In the prayer of the day, we ask: "Beloved God, . . . lead us . . . to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them." Empowered by God's grace and forgiveness, we set to work removing the blinders that keep us from recognizing ourselves in parables' antagonists and repenting of the injustices that we perpetuate.



Next Week's Reading: First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm: Psalm 23; Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14; Semicontinuous First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14; Semi-continuous Psalm: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23.

OCTOBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN OCTOBER, we focus on *Immanuel's Good Samaritan Fund*, a beyond-the-budget financial resource that empowers Pastor Steve, when appropriate, to back up caring words with caring action for needy people within our congregation and beyond.



What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like?



They're people who have come into hard times for various reasons and are feeling very much alone. Perhaps they've lost their job or can't find a job with enough wage or hours. Perhaps

they've been hit by illness of body or mind and just can't keep up. Perhaps they're experiencing the financial grief that can come right alongside the greater grief of death or divorce. Perhaps they've made poor decisions but are trying to put life back in order. These and more are their stories, and their very real needs can include help with rent, utilities, food, fuel, etc, etc, etc. What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They look a lot like you & me.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this ongoing caring mission, please use October's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelopes box or in some other way designate your gift. Thank you!

Thank you for giving \$1,170.00 in September to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief. 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, Pastor Matt Lamb, Anna Laurila, Mary Mantela, Yvonne Marcom, Wendy Niemi, Vera Palomaki, Karen Pascoe, 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, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Dave Stromquist, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Dennis Koski, Adriana 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