

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020 - October 18, 2020

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

- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service - Sunday School is Virtual Oct 11-12 - Stewardship "In Service to Neighbor" (wk 3) - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) Monday - 6:00 pm- Worship Service (in the Sanctuary) - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Oct 11-12 - Stewardship "In Service to Neighbor" (wk 3) 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 - 7:00 pm - Companion Congregation Committee Mtg Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting - 6:00 pm - Bible Study - on Zoom (This will be on a "4 Gospel Journey" & will include a 6-part series with Alexander J. Shaia, as he uses the great map of the four Gospels to guide us on the Christ journey, one of love, growth, and transformation.) Go to www.immanuelnegaunee.org & click on THURS 6PM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM. Follow instructions there. Friday - OFFICE CLOSED - 10:00 am - Woman's AA Group Meets Sunday Confirmation Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service - 10:45 am - Sunday School online any time - 2:00 pm - Affirmation of Baptism Oct. 18-19 - Stewardship "In Life Decisions" (wk. 4) - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) - NO OTHER ACTIVITY

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

+LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) GOOD NEWS! Although the LWR semi-truck loading of quilts and kits was cancelled this year in Ishpeming because of the Covid-19 & the Quilters could not send their supplies to the overseas countries, they were able to send out 68 quilts, 12 baby care kits, 3 sewing kits through First Lutheran Church in Gladstone. God continues to be at work making all things possible. Thanks be to God!!

+PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM Immanuel will participate this fall in the annual clothing drive by providing NEW jackets, boots, hats, and mittens for infants and youth up to 18 years old live in western Marquette County. A marked clothing box will be by the Fellowship Hall to place your donations in. A financial contribution may also be sent to Wesley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 342, Ishpeming MI 49849 noting Project KKW in the memo line. Please note that this year because of COVID 19 only new clothing items will be accepted.

+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 1



\*\* 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 - Dale Jarvi - Jhon Jarvi 6:00 - Kevin Crupi - Deb Hicks Lectors 9:30 - Alice Zinsser 6:00 - Sheila Meier Communion 9:30 - Bill & Alice Zinsser Assistants - Jean Manginen - Alice Mutkala 6:00 - Sheila Meier - Connie Kemper Tech Team: Srv Proj Controller - Jake Ulvila Live Camera Controller - Luke Ulvila Srv Proj Controller 6:00 - Aleah LaJoie

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/should we print off packets for you

+STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 11-12: God's Word Lights the Way in Service to Neighbors" - 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.

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!

+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.





**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)

**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](http://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 11, 2020 - Justice for All

As we try to make sense of today's unsettling parable, it helps to recall that it was told during the last week of Jesus' life, as the events leading to the crucifixion were already unfolding. The Jews gathered in Jerusalem were celebrating Passover, recalling how God had led them from slavery into freedom—and yet they were living under the oppressive thumb of the Roman occupation.

The wedding banquet of the parable, like the festival of Passover, takes place against a backdrop of exclusion, injustice, and escalating violence. The king of the parable who sends troops out to wage war on those who have spurned his invitation reminds one less of God, who leads us beside still waters, than of Lin-Manuel Miranda's King George III of *Hamilton*, who says, "I will kill your friends and family to remind you of my love."

And yet, to a people who are oppressed and calling on God to hold the powerful to account, it is indeed good news that God will not be silent and passive forever. It matters to God how we treat one another.

In the liturgy of Holy Baptism, we are asked three times to renounce sin and the devil and all the forces that defy God, rebel against God, and draw us away from God. This renunciation can feel awkward to a people steeped in grace, yet it is critical to recognize and name the fact that there are forces in this world that would pull us into complicity with systems that deny life and liberty to our neighbors.

The God of Matthew's parable is the same God of Psalm 23, the one who walks with us through the valley of the shadow of death. Jesus reminds us how passionately God resists the powers that deal in fear and death. Instead of claiming that God is on our side, we are invited to join God's side through our own dedication to justice for all of God's people.



**Next Week's Reading:** First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22; Semicontinuous First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23; Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 99.

# 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 - Connie Scanlon**  
**Monday - Judy Hallgren**