

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
 20th Sunday after Pentecost
 October 18, 2020 - October 25, 2020

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

- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - Sunday School is Virtual
 - 2:00 pm - Affirmation of Baptism
 Oct 18-19 - Stewardship *"In Life Decisions"* (wk 4)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** BEACON DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
PLEASE HAVE YOUR INFO INTO THE OFFICE ASAP
 - 6:00 pm- Worship Service - Camp Style
 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation
 Oct 18-19 - Stewardship *"In Life Decisions"* (wk 4)
- Tuesday** - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle
 - 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting
 - 6:30 pm - Church Council
- 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"
 - 1:30 pm - Abigail Circle (check first)
 - 6:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
 - 6:00 pm - Bible Study - on Zoom (This topic is *"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** *Reformation Sunday. Anniversary of Luther*
 - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - *Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)*
 Oct. 18-19 - Stewardship *"In Grief & Hardship"* (wk. 5)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
 - NO OTHER ACTIVITY

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**+AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:** Those persons affirming their baptism today at 2:00 pm are: *Courtney Michelle Beckman, Cassidy Crabb, Owen Christopher Debelak, Emily Ann DeMarois, Madison Pearl Frustaglio, Alec Glen Nelson, Anthony James Newman, and Eliza Marie Willaims.* God's Blessings to All of You! May you continue your worship here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**+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 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!!*

**+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.

**\*\* 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.

+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 who 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 520 E US 41, Negaunee MI, 49866.



+STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 18-19: *God's Word Lights the Way in Life Decisions" - Galations 5: 22-25.* As a congregation we have face a multitude of road-blocks 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.

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!

+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

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. 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, 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.

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 18, 2020 - The Image of God

The Pharisees and Herodians come to Jesus with a seemingly simple question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes or not?" In a deft move characteristic of his ministry, Jesus refuses to pick a side. He doesn't debate them, but reframes the whole question. In doing so, he creates space in which they are open to hear a new possibility and be amazed.

The imperial coin bears the image of the emperor, just as our currency bears the image of our nation's favored leaders. What bears God's image? You! In the first chapter of Genesis we learn that all of humankind is created in the image of God, blessed, and entrusted with caring for every living creature.

When Jesus says, "Give . . . to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21), we are reminded that there is nothing in this world and nothing in ourselves that is beyond the scope of God's care. Like the money stamped with the ruler's image, we see what God treasures in the face of every person on the planet: ourselves and our neighbors, those we love and those we fear. God's own image is in every race, every age, every gender identity, every ability. Each of us shines forth a unique facet of who God is. All that we have and all that we are is from God and for the sake of the whole world.

The sacred image in us is reinforced every week when we take part in the celebration of Holy Communion. As we are fed with the body of Christ, we pray that we too might "give ourselves away as bread for the hungry" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 114). Nothing is ours to keep. All is gift from God, freely given and constantly renewed. Set free by the promises of God's steadfast presence and generosity, we may live with open hands and open hearts.

Next Week's Reading: First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm: Psalm 1; Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-18; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46; Semicontinuous First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Semi-continuous Psalm: Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17.

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 - Ellen Lindblom

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

Greeter/Usher 9:30 - Alice Mutkala
 - Will YOU volunteer?

6:00 - Kevin Crupi
 - Deb Hicks

Lectors 9:30 - Linda Derocher
 6:00 - Kevin Crupi

Communion Assistants 9:30 - Jim/Linda Derocher
 - Noreen Collins
 - Alice Mutkala

6:00 - Kevin Crupi
 - Julie Mager

Tech Team:
Srv Proj Controller - Jake Ulvila, Luke Ulvila,
Live Camera Controller - Tyler Moore, Marcus Songer, Aleah LaJoie

Srv Proj Controller 6:00 - Same as above.