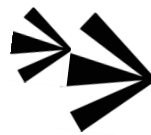


ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
Reformation Sunday
 October 25, 2020 - November 1, 2020



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ALL WORSHIP SERVICES & SMALL GROUP MEETINGS ARE "ON-LINE" (using ZOOM) at least THROUGH NOVEMBER 17th. AT THAT TIME, ANOTHER DECISION WILL BE MADE. STAY TUNED.

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

- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service - using ZOOM (on-line)
 - Sunday School is Virtual
 Oct 25-26 - Stewardship "In Grief & Hardship" (wk. 5)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm- Worship Service (on-line, using ZOOM)
 - 7:00 pm - Virtual Confirmation
 Oct 25-26 - Stewardship "In Grief & Hardship" (wk. 5)
- Tuesday** - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Mental Health Class (E. Lindblom)
 - 6:00 pm - Faith Formation Comm. Mtg (on-line)
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM - - - go to: www.immanuelnegaanee.org and click on button: "WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"
 - 6:00 pm - NO Bell Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - NO 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.immanuelnegaanee.org & click on THURS 6PM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM. Follow instructions there.
- Friday** - OFFICE CLOSED
 - 10:00 am - Woman's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - Actual Reformation Day
 - Halloween
- Sunday** *All Saint's Sunday*
 - 9:30 am - Worship Service (on-line using ZOOM)
 - *Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)*
 Nov. 1-2 - Stewardship "In Our Community & Fellowship" (wk. 6)
 - 11:30 Baptism - (To Be Determined) *Ava Grace LaJoie*, daughter of Traci Michelle (Kosonen) LaJoie & Jason Lee LaJoie, will be baptized. (This will be private but can be viewed on Immanuel's website at a later time.)
 - 5:00 pm - Place candles at graves in Negaanee cemetery. (Candles are \$3.00 & can be bought at the cemetery, if you have not already purchased one.)
 - 5:30 pm - Short Worship Service at the Negaanee Cemetery
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
 - NO OTHER ACTIVITY

+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://immanuelnegaanee.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, Negaanee MI, 49866.



+STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 25-26: God's Word Lights the Way in Grief and Hardships" - Psalm 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**. on-line, using Zoom. 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.

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.



Introducing **GIVE+Mobile** from **VANCO** Electronic giving is available on our website.



+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 to find out how you can help and / or receive help during this world-wide pandemic.



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

**"Gospel Message"
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020
Before the Truth Is Finished**

"You will know the truth," Jesus said, "and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32).
"The truth will set you free," David Foster Wallace wrote, "but not until it's finished with you."

Before the truth is finished with us, it demands that we admit that we are not already free. We are enslaved to sin. This is the part of the truth that Luther called the law: the hard part that points out that we are controlled by our fears and desires, our self-absorption and self-doubt, our addictions and facades.

Here's the truth: You are not your Sunday best or your Facebook profile. You are broken, and enslaved by your attempts to cover it up. That can be hard to hear, but until it sinks in we are unable to be released and receive the truth of the gospel, the good news of grace.

Today we celebrate Reformation Day, and in the spirit of Martin Luther the church must be always reforming, always pointing beyond itself to God's grace. The temptation is always there to settle for so little: a cozy collective of our most presentable selves, the right side of social issues, pat answers to incomprehensible mysteries of the universe.

Jesus' invitation is to bring the mess that we're in, the mess that we *are*. We are called to show up as our true selves, fears and regrets and doubts and all. God can handle it. The communion of saints—that is, *us*, the people of God—can handle it. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are free.

The truth of God that sets us free first tears us open. Church can and must be a place where we bring our broken-open selves and encounter the healing power of a God who sees us, knows us, loves us as we are, and sets us free.



Next Week's Reading: First Reading: Micah 3:5-12; Psalm: Psalm 43; Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12; Semi-continuous First Reading: Joshua 3:7-17; Semi-continuous Psalm: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **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.

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!**

Worship Services
Sunday & Monday will be on-line using ZOOM
Office Hours:
8 am-2 pm, Tues.-Thurs.
(or by appointment)

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

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:	
Greeter/Usher	9:30 - NO ONE ASSIGNED - AS WE DO NOT
	6:00 - HAVE IN-PERSON - SERVICES FOR THE
Lectors	9:30 - MONTH OF 6:00 - NOVEMBER, 'TIL
Communion Assistants	9:30 - NOVEMBER 17TH - AND THEN A - DECISION WILL
	6:00 - WILL AGAIN BE - MADE.
Tech Team:	-
Srv Proj Controller	STAY SAFE !!!
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