

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021– May 9, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)

- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)  
- Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)  
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service  
(A recording of Sunday's worship will be available online by Monday)  
- 7:00 pm - 8th Grade Confirmands
- Tuesday** - 6:30 pm - Companion Cong. Comm. Meets
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM - - - go to: [www.immanuelnegaunee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaunee.org) and click on button: "WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting  
- 6:00 pm - Bible Study
- Friday** - OFFICE CLOSED  
- Marquette County Community Baby Shower  
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** *Mother's Day*  
- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed)  
- Sunday School is Virtual  
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

**+BIRTHDAYS:**

- Happy 81st Birthday to **Paul Rosten** on May 2nd.
- Happy 81st Birthday to **Carl Basto** on May 5th.
- Happy 83rd Birthday to **Virginia Paulson** on May 5th.
- Happy 81st Birthday to **Betty Carilli** on May 6th.
- Happy 90th Birthday to **Jonelle Collins** on May 7th.
- Happy 89th Birthday to **Elsie Suardini** on May 7th.

**+SPRING HAS ARRIVED!!** Immanuel is seeking volunteers to maintain and water the garden beds. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Administrator at 475-9161 or email to: [parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org](mailto:parishadmin@immanuelnegaunee.org).



**+STEWARDS OF MYSTERY** – Join the conversation this Thursday at 6 pm in person at church or via Zoom (via the church website). We've discussed the theological foundation of Holy Communion. Now we consider real-world application and administration.

**+GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED MAY 16** at the 9:30 am worship. Please contact the church office with any graduation news.

**+SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21** Sunday School IS ALL VIRTUAL. Sunday School is for Age 3 through 5th Grade. Packets include activities for ALL ages. **The packets are posted EACH SUNDAY.** Call the church if you do not know how to participate.



**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***  
**IN-PERSON WORSHIP** is also **LIVE STREAMED** Sundays @ 9:30 am/Mondays @ 6:30 pm  
The recordings will be on our website by Mon & Thurs Church Council will continue to evaluate in-person worship monthly. Please check with appropriate contacts for small group meetings whether they will be in-person or by Zoom.

**FORTUNE LAKE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!** Scholarships are available to campers of all ages. The scholarship will cover **about 50%** of the cost. For the regular full week, instead of paying \$395, your cost would be \$200. For LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT) a FULL scholarship is offered. This 2-week program is a great opportunity for 10-12th grade persons who would like to experience life behind the scenes at Fortune Lake Camp as a leader. The scholarship form is found outside the sanctuary OR on Fortune Lake's website. Once ALL scholarship requests are in, the exact scholarship amount for you can be determined. For more info, or to get on the scholarship list, call or text **ASAP -> Stacy McEachern, 361-9123.**

**+IMMANUEL'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY**

Is a new Facebook Group (under the church Facebook page) set up for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve & other group members. Daily Texts (available in hardcopy & digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others.



**+GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS** – Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the



following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% + \$0.45 per transaction.)

**+BABY SHOWER!** So who doesn't love baby showers? The 26th Marquette County Community Baby Shower hosted by CAAM (Community Action Alger Marquette) is scheduled for **this Friday, May 7**. It assists families with obtaining necessary supplies for their infants who may otherwise go without. The shower is free of charge and open to all expectant county mothers or ones with an infant under 6 months of age. Baby shower items such as diapers, wipes, new clothing, receiving blankets, etc., are wanted. Monetary donations are also welcome. A table is set up in the fellowship hall for donations. **TODAY** is the last day to drop off items. Thank you for helping the little ones!





**PRAYER CONCERNS OR OTHER NEEDS?** Call Pastor Steve at (906) 458-2145 or click on "Share My Needs & Hopes" (under the Connect menu) on [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org). Or use the Connection Card at church or online.

**"Gospel Message"**  
**May 2, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter**  
**"We Are the Branches"**

To encourage flowering and fruit production in vines, trees, and shrubs, most of us know that pruning is necessary. This isn't the easiest of work, nor does it make the pruned plant look all that great for a while afterward. Yet often what results after pruning is a plant that is more abundant, beautiful, and healthy than it would have been otherwise.

In our reading today, Jesus makes it very clear that he is the vine, his Father is the vine grower and, we, his disciples, are the branches on which fruit grows. Without the vine and the vine grower, the branches do not exist. Yet, often in our spiritual lives it seems as though we get these roles mixed up. We are wooed by the sense of accomplishment and value that comes from producing results of one kind or another, & we fail to acknowledge the source that makes that "fruit" possible.

However, in today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that our job isn't to produce results; it's to stay connected. "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing," Jesus says (John 15:5). Jesus is our source and strength; it is only by our connection to Jesus the vine that we the branches bear fruit that will last, such as love, compassion, forgiveness, hope, service, kindness, & patience.

To grow this kind of fruit, Jesus relates how necessary it is for us to be pruned occasionally. In other words, those things that are not of God in our lives have to be rooted out from time to time. The process of pruning isn't always the most enjoyable and can even include a good deal of pain, but it leads to lives that are whole and abundant. As we abide in Jesus, we are given the strength we need to endure the pruning process. We also experience the peace that comes from knowing that the fruit that will follow is for the glory of God.



**Next Week's** First Reading: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm: 98;  
 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6; Gospel: John 15:9-17

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**Pray For:** Kaelyn Amis, Kari Borchert, Bryon Butterfield, Elizabeth, Carrie Harvala, Audrey Heater, Pastor Dave Jahn, Christopher Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Connie Lindblom, Billy Jo Kaufman, Wendy Niemi, Yvonne Niemi, Ray, Jessica Roberts, Marty Saari, Maxine Sylvester, and all COVID patients.

**Our Shut-ins:** Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Vera Palomaki, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, 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.

# MAY'S MONTHLY MISSION

**In May, our Monthly Mission is ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central conference.** Our Superior Central Conference 8 of the Northern Great Lakes Synod seeks financial help annually for support of Pastors Mark and Cynthia Rich in their ministry of teaching at Tumaini University Makumira, an institution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. They are deep into the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. Their classes are humming along and other projects are progressing as well. They write of two classes: (1) an Intensive Student Reading Group on Race and Christian Theology, and (2) an experiment in training for congregations in Mission engagement. The Riches are still at work in Tanzania. Check out their blog page (<https://mcintz.wordpress.com/>).



If you wish to give above-and-beyond to May's Monthly Mission Emphasis, use the May Monthly Mission envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Thank you for giving \$1,053.00 in April to the ELCA World Hunger.**  
**The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!**

**Serving in Worship:** Pastor Steve Solberg  
**Organist/Pianist/Musician:** Connie Scanlon  
**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6:00 pm  
**Office Hours:** 8 am-2 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	- Alice Mutkala
	- Need Volunteer
6:00 pm USHERS/GREETERS	- Kerri Price
	- Anna Price
9:30 am LECTOR	- Paulette Patron
6:00 pm LECTOR	- Sheila Meier
9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S	- Sue & Terry Cathcart
	- Linda Sjolund/Heidi Hill
6:00 pm COMM. ASST.'S	- Sheila Meier/Julie Mager
9:30 am Tech Team	- Tyler Moore/Luanne Skrenes
6:00 pm Tech Team	- Mark Patraw