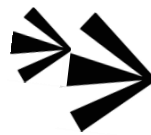


ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8 - November 15, 2020



***** NOTICE *****
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.immanuelnegaunee.org

- Sunday** - 9:30 am - Worship Service (online)
- 10:15 am - Zoom Coffee Hour
- **Sunday School online any time (ALL VIRTUAL)**
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- **NO OTHER ACTIVITY**
- Monday** - **NO Kitchen Clean-Up**
- 6:00 pm- Worship Service (online)
- 7:00 pm - Virtual Confirmation online on Zoom
- Tuesday** - 1:00 pm - WELCA Exec Board Meeting on Zoom
Check with WELCA 1st to see if this will be held.
- 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 - 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.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** 9:30 am - Worship Service (online)
- 10:15 am - Zoom Coffee Hour
- **Sunday School is Virtual**
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

+BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- **Annette Heggaton** was 83 years young on November 3rd.
- **David Hallgren** will be 87 years young on November 11th.
- **John Roberts** will be 89 years young on November 17th.
- **Robert Laitala** will be 82 years young on November 26th.

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Ruth Perucco on the death of her sister, **Marty (Laksonen) Merrill** on October 30th, in Houston, Texas. Also, condolences to all of the Merrill Family.
- Linda Sjolund on the death of her son, **Andy Sjolund**, on Friday, October 30th, in Lansing, Michigan. Also, condolences to all of the Sjolund Family.

+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.

+DIAPER DRIVE Now through December 31st, diapers will be distributed locally through The Care Clinic. Sizes needed are 3, 4, 5, 6, & pull-ups. Donations of diapers may be dropped off at Immanuel in the container near the Stewardship Center. Please sign in on the clipboard provided as you make your donation, OR you may send a financial donation to Immanuel OR by using the "GivePlus" app on your smartphone, designating **"DIAPER DRIVE."**

+ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE this year will be online. It will be posted on the church website by November 24th, at 7 pm. Even now, especially now, thankfulness is a gift from God.

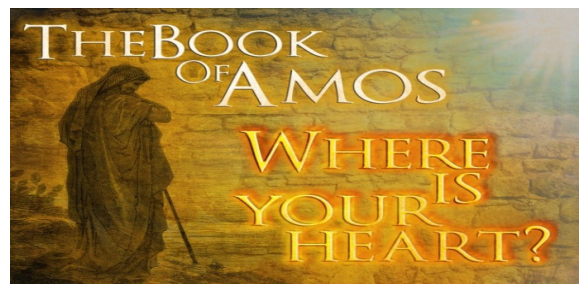
+SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21 Sunday School **IS ALL VIRTUAL**. We will do it from our homes, not in the Sunday School classrooms. Sunday School is for Age 3 through 5th Grade. Packets include activities for ALL ages. **The packets are posted EACH SUNDAY**. You can respond to this invitation in several ways: (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.



+UP CITY SERVE Go to www.upcityserve.org to find out how you can help and / or receive help during this world-wide pandemic.

+STEWARDSHIP If you haven't already done so, please prepare your Time and Talent Sheet and an Estimate of Giving for financial offerings that was sent in the mail last week. They can be mailed to the church or completed online at: www.immanuelnegaunee.org. Look for "A Stewardship Celebration". 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

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

"Gospel Message" 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Invitation to grace

The parable of the ten bridesmaids easily draws our attention to the differences in their levels of preparation. Some have enough oil to welcome the bridegroom; others do not. The ability of each bridesmaid to control her fate finds ready ears in a culture that favors independence and individual effort. Every day we see the consequences—good or bad—of our actions.

The early part of the parable speaks to a commonality among the bridesmaids. As they wait for the bridegroom, all of them become drowsy and fall asleep. Then comes the cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." We might hear this as a command. We certainly have commands from God throughout Scripture. However, what if we heard the cry as an invitation?

God's commands are a gift that invites us to live into the reality of the ever-present and ever-coming kingdom. God does not force or compel us to follow, to be obedient, or to love. It is always framed as an invitation. The psalmists invite us to praise God. God invites the people of Israel into covenantal relationship. Jesus invites all who are weary to come to him and find rest.

If the kingdom of heaven is close to us now, of course our actions will have consequences. Whether we choose to love or hate, share or hoard, work for peace or not—all of these choices impact the people around us. And yet, God's command that we live into a way of love is not coercive, but rather an invitation to life.

In worship we gather around the sacraments of baptism and the eucharist. Neither is forced; neither is required. Both are invitations to experience what Augustine called visible signs of God's invisible grace, a gift given for each and every one of us.



Next Week's Reading: First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30; Semi-continuous First Reading: Judges 4:1-7; Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 123.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Keep in Your Prayers** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Pray For: Billy Jo, Kari Borchert, Emily DeMarois, Cheryl & Greg Dix, Elizabeth, Anna Laurila, Yvonne Marcom, Wendy Niemi, Vera Palomaki, Ray, Jessica Roberts, and Caleb Scanlon.

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.

IN NOVEMBER, our mission emphasis is Lutheran Social Services, Welcome Home Ministry. Having a place to call home is something most people take for granted. For some, it's often a dream. The Welcome Home program can turn these dreams into reality.



Welcome Home is a rental assistance and support program providing rent vouchers and additional support to anyone who is homeless or on the verge of living on the streets. In return, clients meet weekly with a case worker and begin the process of moving toward independence. It is not a hand-out, but a hand up, where clients must take responsibility to learn how to live on their own.

The Welcome Home program is open to anyone in Alger or Marquette County who is:

- Currently homeless
- Due to be discharged from an institution within 7 days
- Living somewhere not meant for habitation
- Living in an emergency shelter
- Facing court-ordered eviction

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

Thank you for giving \$ 1,620.00 in October to Immanuel's Good Samaritan Fund. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

Worship Services
Sunday & Monday
will be on-line
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.

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