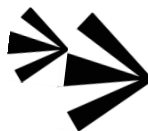


ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK  
 24th Sunday after Pentecost  
 November 15 - November 22, 2020



\* \* \* \* \* **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.immanuelnegaanee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaanee.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** - 6:00 pm- Worship Service (online)  
 - 7:00 pm - Virtual Confirmation online on Zoom
- Tuesday** - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle & Abigail Circle (online using ZOOM. See Beacon article page 5 for instructions.)  
 - 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting  
 - 6:30 pm - Church Council (pick up your packet from the hallway near the office.)
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday's Scripture online via ZOOM - - go to: [www.immanuelnegaanee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaanee.org) and click on button: "WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"  
 - 5:30 pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting (online)  
 - 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](http://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
- Sunday** *Christ the King Day*  
 - 9:30 am - Worship Service (online)  
 - 10:15 am - Zoom Coffee Hour  
 - *Sunday School is Virtual*  
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

**+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."

**+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 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://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, Neg. MI, 49866.



**+IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** is seeking a part-time Custodian. Follow



this link for a complete job description and how to apply. <https://immanuelnegaanee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html> Thank you for your input.

**+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.immanuelnegaanee.org](http://www.immanuelnegaanee.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.



**+BIRTHS CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:** Tiffany Lynn (Sirtola) Garcia and David Garcia on the birth of their daughter, **Lennon Clair Garcia**, born on July 14, 2020. The proud grandparents are Cindy and Duane Sirtola of Cornell, MI.

**+BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!** **Annette Heggaton** was 83 years young on November 3rd, **David Hallgren** was 87 years young on November 11th, **John Roberts** will be 89 years young on November 17th, and **Robert Laitala** will be 82 years young on November 26th.

**+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.

**+ANGEL TREE CHILDREN** We have 6 children needing an Angel to provide them with Christmas gifts this year. There is 1 8-year-old male, 2 9-year-old males, 1 13-year-old female, 1 15-year-old male, and 1 18-year-old female needing your help. Can you help?

**+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. 1



**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)**

# NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

## "Gospel Message" 24th Sunday after Pentecost *A Significant Trust*

On one level we can read the parable of the talents and see a simple lesson: A property owner entrusts property to his workers and goes away. The workers respond in different ways to this trust, and he responds to them in different ways upon his return. The third is paralyzed by fear. We ought not fear putting the gifts God has given us to work for good in our world.

There is another depth to this story found in the property entrusted to the workers: One is given five talents, the second two talents, and the third only one talent. We are told this is according to their ability. How much was a talent? In our culture, where we have coins and bills for our currency, this last worker seems to be entrusted with pocket change. A talent, however, was not a denomination of currency in the way we might understand. A talent was more than fifteen years' wages for a laborer. Fifteen years!

For illustration purposes, let us assume a laborer today makes \$10 an hour. If a person works forty hours per week with two weeks of vacation, a year's wages would be \$20,000. Fifteen years of wages would be \$300,000. This would be one talent. Two talents would be \$600,000; five would be \$1,500,000.

Why all this math? What we see in the value of the talents are significant amounts of property entrusted to the workers—even the one with the least ability. What is beautiful in this story is the trust the property owner has in his workers. His disappointment with the third shows the trust to be sincere. What if this one had trusted himself as much as the property owner did?

Psalm 139 tells us we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Perhaps this parable is an invitation for us to believe in ourselves as much as God believes in us, and thus experience the joy our loving Creator already has for us.

**Next Week's Reading:** First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a; Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46; Semicontinuous **First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 100.**



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Keep in Your Prayers** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~  
**Pray For:** Merry & Jay Bengry, Billy Jo, Glen Binoniemi, Kari Borchert, Emily DeMarois, Cheryl & Greg Dix, Elizabeth, Anna Laurila, Yvonne Marcom, Wendy Niemi, Linda Ogea, Ray, Jessica Roberts, and all COVID patients.  
**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 Rombach, Trevor Rombach, 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.

**Tech Team:**  
**Srv Proj Controller** STAY SAFE !!!  
**Live Camera Controller**

**Srv Proj Controller 6:00 -**