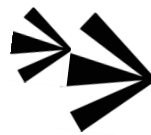


ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 22 - November 29, 2020



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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** *Christ the King 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** - 7:00 pm - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service Online, go to www.immanuelnegaanee.org and click on **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
- 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** - OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Happy Thanksgiving to All - Stay Safe !!
- Friday** - OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Woman's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** *1st Sunday of Advent*
- 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** was 87 years young on November 11th
- **John Roberts** was 89 years young on November 17th
- **Robert Laitala** will be 82 years young on November 26th.

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:

- Michael (Ami) Klein, on the death of his father, **William L. "Ozzie" Klein**, on Sunday, October 18th. Also, condolences to William's wife, Janet, his grandchildren: Kendra & Kolton Klein, and all of the Klein Family.
- Rev. Thomas (Sue) Wickstrom on the loss of their daughter, **Michelle (Wickstrom) Brendalen**, on Sunday, November 8th. Also, condolences to Michelle's son, Paul, Jr., (PJ), her brothers Lucas & Thomas (TJ) Wickstrom, and all of the Wickstrom / Brendalen Families.

+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 5 children needing an Angel to provide them with Christmas gifts this year. There are 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? Thank you to those already volunteering for a child.

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

+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."

+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>

+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 are doing it from our homes. 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 by: **(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.

+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. 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.

+LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION (former Lay School) for 2021 is now being advertised. Go to our website and find under SYNOD LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION the topics and schedules for your registering.





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" Christ the King Sunday 25th Sunday after Pentecost Action and Reflection

The story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 begins with the Son of Man on a throne. It is an image of a king sitting in judgment. In any era of human history, this image of an all-powerful ruler sitting in judgement would be consistent with our images of power and authority. What follows runs against all of our expectations. The king connects his presence to the people who are poor and oppressed. This does not fit our human practices of power. Even a benevolent leader is not seen in the presence of the least among us.

Though Jesus makes this connection, it is easy to read this story and get hooked into the power dynamics of judgment. We may wonder if we are a sheep or a goat and think about this status in an eternal sense as it relates to our relationship with God. This heavy reflection may lead us to think we might somehow have to earn our way into God's grace.

The theology of the cross finds Jesus exercising his kingship through the weakness of the cross. From the resurrection that follows this death, we receive the gift of life. This gift comes with the freedom to leave aside worries about eternity in favor of attending to faithful living today. If Jesus frees us from concern about our relationship with God, the story of the sheep and the goats becomes more of a checklist for grace-filled living than a scorecard for eternity. It becomes an invitation and a guide rather than an indictment.

Included in this invitation is an opportunity for reflection. Neither the sheep nor the goats realize how their actions have or have not been faithful. In this way the story gives us a simple gift by which to measure our path in faith and reflect on the ways we spend our days.




Next Week's Reading: First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Gospel: Mark 13:24-37.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ *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.

We send a THANK YOU to Bob Sylvester (known as the 'Cross Guy'), for supplying the many folks with his hand-carved crosses. He has supplied every child who received a Vacation Bible School packet with a cross, all confirmation children with crosses, and, for this Christmas, he has made available his hand made pocket crosses to a deployed National Guard Unit through PFC Hunter Hetrick. He has handed out crosses to many, many members of the congregation, has a collection in a dish for people to pick up if needed or desired, and shares this love of God throughout our community. Thank you, Bob, for this gift of spreading God's love to the world. 

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
Online Music

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 -	