

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
1st Day of Advent
November 29 - December 6, 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 1st Sunday of Advent
- 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

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 2nd 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)

** PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2021 ENVELOPE BOXES. **
THEY ARE FOUND JUST INSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DOORWAY.

+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.

+THE 2021 DAILY TEXTS is a unique devotional book with two Bible verses for each day - one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. These are followed by a prayer based on the TRIP - Thanks, Regret, Intercession, and Purpose - written by a different person each month. Scripture readings to read through the Bible in one year are also provided. Each Sunday has a Watchword for the week plus a hymn for the church season. The Small Catechism in prayer form is also included. Contact the church office for pick-up. Suggest donation is \$10.



+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://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, Neg. MI, 49866.



+BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY 83rd BIRTHDAY to Elaine Nirva on December 6th.

+SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO: Peggy (Larry) Laitala on the loss of her brother-in-law, David Allen Laitala, on Monday, November 16th. Also, condolences to all of the Laitala Family.

+ANGEL TREE CHILDREN We have 6 children needing an Angel to provide them with Christmas gifts this year. There is 1 7-year-old female, 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 in advance for any donations you can make.

+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://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>

+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.



+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

**"Gospel Message" ~ 1st Sunday of Advent
Hurry! Hurry! Slow! Slow!**

"Yalla! Yalla! Hurry!" shouted Yusef in a friendly, if impatient, order to his laggardly collection of travelers. He was their Palestinian guide. His Arabic "Yalla! Yalla!"—a plea as predictable as breath itself—urged them with the honking determination of a mother goose prodding disoriented goslings. Through the old city's ancient labyrinth of streets, shopkeepers' cries of "Schwei! Schwei!" ("Slow! Slow!") prefaced their own seductive plea for these same travelers to come in and spend. But the shopkeepers' mixed hopes of calculating and managing the day and its hours were lost in the fray of "yalla" and "schwei."

About the day and the hour no one knows. Predictions are pointless, Jesus tells his disciples. What they wanted to know, he says, neither angels nor even the Son could tell them. Upon their first hearing, these words of Jesus may whistle by, their sharp edge of warning falling on the dull side of awareness. In our attempts to manage the unknown, we miss the unexpectedness of the Son of Man's coming.

Jesus' cosmic alert, among the last of his teachings before his death in Jerusalem, leads the church's Advent procession toward his very earthly birth in Bethlehem. Jesus' coming to us is beyond our attempts to manage, exempt from schedules, and unaffected by our pleas. "Yalla! Yalla! Schwei! Schwei!" To no avail.

Yet, we are still prompted to be ready for the unknown. How can that puzzle be solved? Only fools and charlatans compute the hours that even angels cannot assign. The answer to the divine riddle will not be revealed by asking "When?" Perhaps the question is "How?" Or, better yet, we may begin with "Where?" The rough and ragged chill of a Bethlehem stable is a good place to begin . . . a clue for the mystery ahead.




Next Week's Reading: First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

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

Pray For: Merry & Jay Bengry, Billy Jo, Glen Binoniemi, Kari Borchert, Emily DeMarois, Cheryl & Greg Dix, Elizabeth, Anna Laurila, Connie Lindblom, Jean Manginen, 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, 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.

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. 

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

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 - MONTHS OF
6:00 - NOVEMBER AND

Communion Assistants 9:30 - DECEMBER, 2020.
- A DECISION WILL
- BE MADE AT THE
6:00 - END OF THE YEAR.
- THANK YOU FOR
- YOUR PATIENCE.
STAY SAFE !!!

Tech Team:
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Live Camera Controller

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