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Sunday, May 14, 9:30 am/Monday, May 15, 6:00 pm, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate when it is passed. Thank you!

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

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HOLY BAPTISM

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CHOIR ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Senior Choir

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God.

Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

*Bless our God,
you peoples; let
the sound of
praise be
heard.
(Ps. 66:8)*

*The author of
1 Peter encour-
ages Christians
to remain faith-
ful even in the
face of defama-
tion and perse-
cution. In
baptism we are
made clean to
act in
accordance
with what is
right.*

*In final words
to his disciples
on the night of
his arrest, Jesus
encourages
obedience to
his command-
ments and
speaks of the
Spirit, who will
be with them
forever.*

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING 1 PETER 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. Word of God.

Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that

day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

...The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God beyond All Praising

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints especially Doris Marie Wainio and John S. ‘Jack’ thomas. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

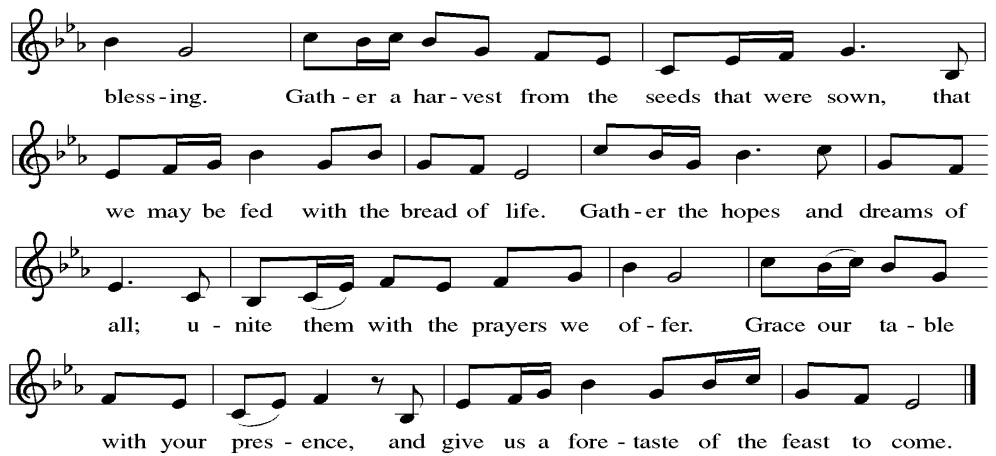
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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.





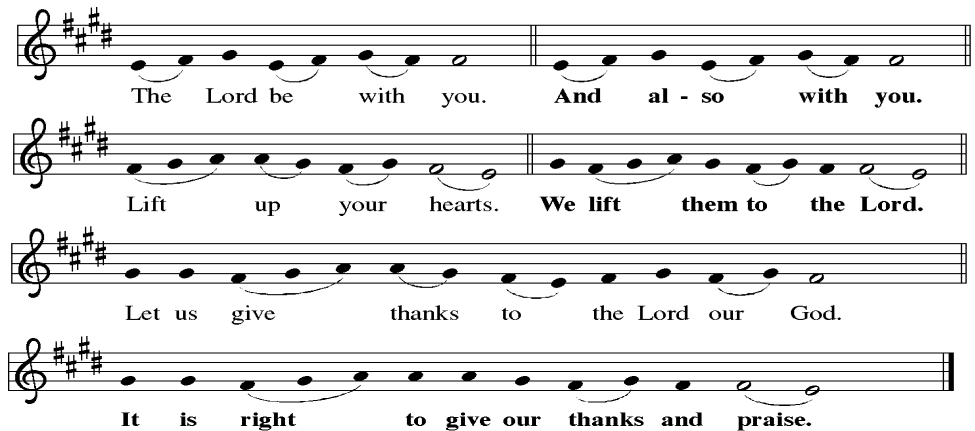
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al-also with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, ... let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit ... let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers ... almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

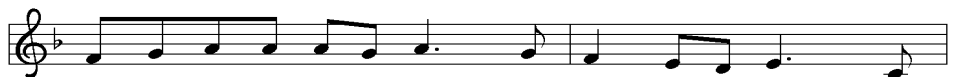
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

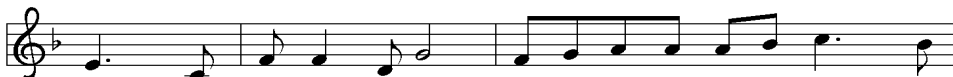
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Thy Holy Wings #613

Jesus Loves Me! #595

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child (ren) if you wish them communed.

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



With regret & apologies, these Birthdays have been omitted from the bulletin unintentionally: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

APRIL: Rudy Gagnon on the 24th of April.

MAY: Paul Rosten on the 2nd of May.
Carl Basto on the 5th of May.
Virginia Paulson on the 5th of May.
Betty Carilli on the 6th of May.
Jonelle Collins on the 7th of May.
Elsie Suardini on the 7th of May.
Ruth Mattson on the 12th of May.
Grace Jalonon on the 16th of May.
Dick Koski on the 17th of May.
Reuven Romback on the 17th of May.
Jeanette Tossava on the 20th of May.



If you see ANY of these persons, wish them a belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 14- May 21, 2023

* **ALTAR FLOWERS** The Altar Flowers today are for **a Happy Mother's Day, In Honor of All Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Great-Grandmothers, & other female adults** in our congregation.



* **WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD** **William Leonard Makela**, son of Leann Marie (Koski) Makela & Joshua James Makela. His sponsors are Daniel & Christie Makela. Leann is the niece of Dan & Chris Hendrickson.

* **SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:**

- The Family of **Doris Marie Wainio** who died on Saturday, December 24th, 2022. Her Interment will take place in the Negaunee Cemetery.
- John 'JT' (Wendi) Thomas on the loss of his father, **John S. 'Jack' Thomas**, on Tuesday, May 2nd. Also, condolences to his grandchildren, Haley & Tyler (Nicole Tierney) Thomas, and all of the Thomas Family.
- Bettie (Rose) Ahola, on the loss of her brother, **Phillip Wade Hyry** on Thursday, May 4th, in Duluth, MN. Also, condolences to son, Kevin (Shylo) Hyry, his grandchildren Ashley, Hadden, and Zakary Hyry and all the Hyry Family.



* **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for May will be THE STAFF. Please step up to be responsible for the Sunday mornings in May: Virginia Paulson, Connie Scanlon, Vicki Lempinen, Connie Lindblom, Dan Lindblom, Tyler Taseris, Noreen Collins, Tech Personnel. Thank you. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee hour**. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **The Church Office (906) 475-9161** with your date & any item you wish to bring.



* **FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Register now. Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern for scholarship details! Call or text: (906) 361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com. Hurry. Get registered!



IMMANUEL IS HAVING A DAY VISIT TO FORTUNE LAKE FOR ALL AGES! Everyone is invited to enjoy an intergenerational day at camp complete with Bible study, waterfront time, games, a picnic lunch, a visit to the canteen, camp songs, and loads of fun!

When: Tuesday June 27th from 10a - 2p CT. (9a - 1p ET)

Cost: will be covered with Immanuel's Fortune Lake scholarship fund.

RSVP: ASAP, with a June 7th deadline to Stacy McEachern
Call/text or email: (906)361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com



* **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group is meeting for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group has volunteered to lead this group. Today your leader is *Pastor Terry Cathcart*. On May 21st, *Walter Scanlon* is the leader. On May 28th, *Martha Hayward* is the leader. They will continue meeting after that with leaders assigned at that time.



* **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be June 12th, 2023. Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776 or Diana Hetrick @ (906) 235-7110 or dianahetr@gmail.com. **NOTE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A "GO!". OTHERWISE, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD. PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW! EITHER CALL PAULETTE OR DIANA. THEY WANT YOUR CALL!**



WE ALSO NEED KIDS, KIDS, KIDS!!! REGISTER NOW!!!



***STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE** This Committee is looking for volunteers. It serves as a “people-building” group charged with making sure that the ministry goals of the congregation are carried out mutually by the Staff leadership and Members. The Committee has no decision-making authority but serves as an advocate for the Staff before the Church Council. If you are interested in being a part of this Committee or need more information, please contact Christine Koski at 214-546-8179.



***BAR CHURCH, ‘Ruthless Elimination of Hurry’, by John Mark Comer** This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the Cognition Brewery in Ishpeming. The next date scheduled is: May 25, 2023. There is also a Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841985297052095/> or scan the QR code. “There is no need to prepare or bring anything with you. Come as you are, even if it’s late. The book is not required to join us! We base all discussion on not having read anything, and you can access all scripture and guides on your phone. Drop-ins are welcome, and we love new faces! Bring a buddy, even if they aren’t a member at Immanuel.” (says Kaitrin). If you have any further questions, please call or text Kaitrin Raymond at (540) 435-4915.



***COUNTERS** We could use a couple more counters (regular and those that would be captains) to help with our Tuesday morning counting. We usually have 2 persons at a time along with 1 captain. The counting occurs at 9 am on Tuesday mornings and takes about 1 - 2 hours, depending on the number of contributions envelopes that are accumulated each week. If you are interested, please call the office at 906-475-9161. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.



***ATHLETIC SHOES ADDED** New to the Stewardship / Environmental Corner is a collection box for any / all athletic shoes, regardless of condition. These shoes will be sent for recycling. Please, NO cleated shoes. Thank you.



***INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY** To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “Instant Church Directory” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help/have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.



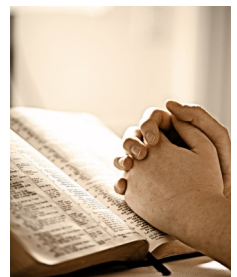
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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Debbie Thornberg, all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.





VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | - <i>Deb Moyer</i>
- <i>Alice Mutkala</i> |
| 6:00 pm | - <i>Tom Johnson</i>
- <i>Katie Ritzenhein</i> |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | - <i>Jim Hayward</i> |
| 6:00 pm | - <i>Sheila Meier</i> |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASST'S | - <i>Dan Collins</i>
- <i>Fae Collins</i>
- <i>Shirley Koski</i> |
| 6:00 pm | - <i>Sheila Meier</i> |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | - <i>Tyler Moore</i> |

(Communion Set-up for May is Fae Collins)

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. Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas. Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school, or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. And still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience through the Young Adults in Global Mission.



No matter where or how they serve, every one of these missionaries needs your prayers, support and gifts to succeed in their work. Your gift connects you directly to these missionaries. You make their life-changing ministry happen.

Please join us in God's amazing work. Help grow the Lutheran church around the world. If you wish to give to Immanuel's ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central Conference, 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 \$ 1,021.00 in April to
ELCA World Hunger.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14, 2023 - May 21, 2023



YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...
www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***6th Sunday of Easter***
 - 9:30 am - Worship Services—Baptism
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
 (Today's leader is *Pastor Terry Cathcart*)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

 - Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 - 6-8:00 pm - Confirmation

 - Tuesday** - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle (Hostesses are:
 Christine Flis & Fae Collins)
 - 1:30 pm - Abigail Circle
 - 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting
 - 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting

 - Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study
 - 11:15 am - Social Ministry Committee Meeting.
 - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice

 - Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- Thursday - Saturday (May 18 - 20, 2023) - Synod Assembly @ NMU**
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

 - Saturday** - 1-5:00 pm - Fellowship Hall Reservation

 - Sunday** ***7th Sunday of Easter ~ ~ Graduate Recognition Day***
 - 9:30 am - Worship Services
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School (last one)
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship celebrating the Grads
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
 (Today's leader is *Walter Scanlon*)
 - 12-4:00 pm - Fellowship Hall Reservation
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



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GOD WITH US