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Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, 6:00 pm Services

**21st Sunday
after Pentecost**

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

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

TEMPLE TALK

MI Immanuel Prays

Sue Cathcart

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from God in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

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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

Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45: 1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD make s this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

*Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
(Ps. 96:7)*

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. **Word of Life.** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 96: 1-13

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. **Word of Life.** **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 15-22

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

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



Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG

Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

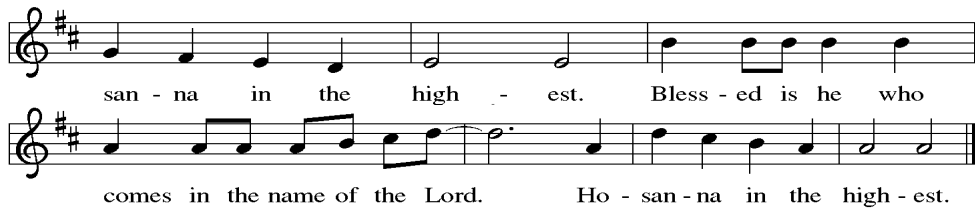
We lift them to the Lord.

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.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

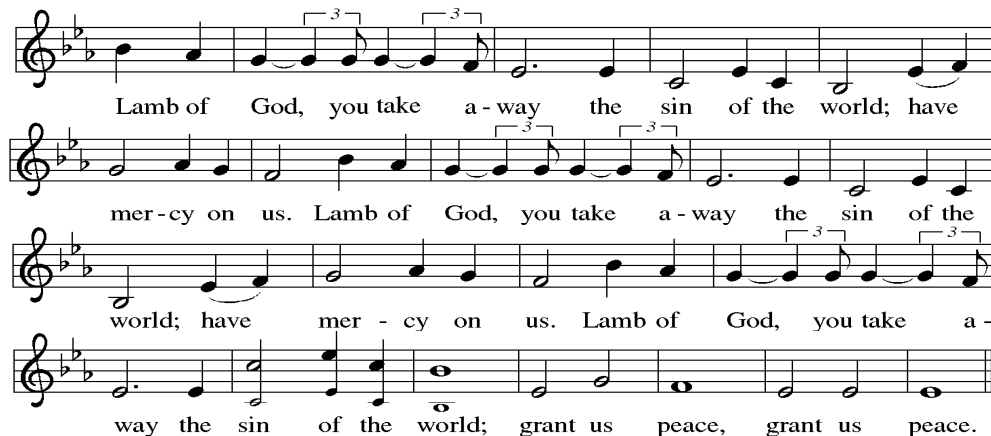
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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, grant us peace.

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

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Take My Life, That I May Be #685

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me #623

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

BLESSING

May God bless your lives, your homes, your journeys, Wherever you rest, wherever you go, God bless you with love and wonder, every day. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 22—29, 2023

* **BAPTISM:** On October 15th, 2023, Pastor Bre had a baptism for **James Wilfred Kinnunen** in Marquette, in Lake Superior. The parents are Mark Kinnunen and Meghan McLeod. The sponsors were Breanne Kinnunen and Thomas Kinnunen. Mark is the brother to Tom.

* **UPLIFT** Watch for news about our new Sunday Youth Group UPLIFT beginning November 5th, at 5 pm here at Immanuel.

* **SUNDAY SCHOOL APPRECIATION DAY - JOIN US IN CELEBRATION!** TODAY, October 22nd we celebrate *Sunday School Appreciation Day*. Sunday School plays a vital role in nurturing the spiritual growth of our children. On this special day, we invite you to join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks to **Joette Holman, Macie Crabb, Rory Smith, and Paulette Patron** for dedicating their time, energy, and love to our Sunday School program. Thank you all!



Church Council Staff Support Committee

* **CONFIRMATION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 29, REFORMATION SUNDAY** After a hectic start, Immanuel is excited to announce there will be 3 confirmation candidates this year. They are: **Maci Crabb, Max Frustaglio, and Camryn Sandstrom**. Hayley Smith will be meeting with them discussing what Confirmation means and give them the joys and responsibilities of Confirmation. This is a year of allowing the Spirit to move within youth and she is so proud of Immanuel's congregation for supporting the youth of the church.



* **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 October is PROPERTY COMMITTEE. 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 **Dana Echelbarger (563-299-2624) or Marty Saari (906-250-9601)** with your date and any item you wish to bring. Right now we have the following who have volunteered for the particular Sundays: **TODAY: Dave & Kris Keranen** (does anyone else want to help?); **October 29th:** to be assigned. Also, help in the kitchen is greatly appreciated. If **YOU** would like to share with the *Keranen's*, please let them know. *Thank you for your help!*



* **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group meets 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 the leader is **Kaitrin Raymond** On October 29th: *Hayley Smith*. This group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.



* **THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** All are welcome to come to our "Burritos n' Bible" study on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. (NOTICE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION). We welcome you to drop-in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! This week, **Thursday, October 26th**, we are digging into this story: **Jacob wrestles with God (Genesis 32: 3-30)**. Come and see what it's all about.



***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM 2023/2024 – 14th Year of Serving Families in our Community.** We have **PKKW** (*Project Keep Kids Warm*) boxes by the west entry of the church for the collection of NEW boots, hats, scarves, and mittens. If you would like to donate any of these items, PKKW would greatly appreciate your donations. This particular Project will run until January 31st, 2024. Thank you for your Donation(s). If you have questions, please call *Linda Sjolund* (906-242-5020).



***LOCK-UP UPDATES** The church building will be open **Monday - Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm, Sundays, 8 am to noon and Mondays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** Until the new keyless, automatic door system is fully functional, outside of these set hours for special meetings/functions etc., please use the front 41 entrance doors OR the east side building doors by the alley. The west side doors on Baldwin Ave **will not be open** (unless special arrangements have been made) during these times. For special meetings or other church functions scheduled after these hours, meeting leaders and/or committee workers will be assigned an individual access card by contacting Noreen at 475-9161. Some members will be asked to do a little bit extra when using the building. We are in a transition period to make sure our building is open when needed and secure when not needed. Please have a little patience in the interim. Thank you! *Noreen Collins*, Parish Admin/Bookkeeper

***ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION':** The elevator **IS NOT USEABLE.** Work is being done to replace the elevator with a new lift. Thank you for your patience.



***INSTALLATION OF REVEREND TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, BETHEL LUTHERAN, ISHPEMING**

You are cordially invited to a Holy Communion service with installation for Reverend Timothy Johnston **TODAY**, Sunday, October 22nd, 3:00 pm, with dinner to follow, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. Pastor Tim comes to us after having served congregations in Wisconsin, the Keweenaw Peninsula, & Florida. He began his journey with the people of Bethel on June 19, 2023. He, along with his wife and 2 children reside in Ishpeming. The color of the day is red for all rostered and licensed lay leaders who would like to process. Please come to celebrate with Bethel. If you cannot attend, please remember Bethel & Pastor Tim in your prayers.



***SUNDAY SCHOOL BAPTISM AND PRAYER PROJECT** These several weeks, the Sunday School students have been learning about Baptism and Prayer. In Baptism we are adopted into God's family. All of you in the congregation are all their big brothers and big sisters in God's family! Prayer is talking and listening to God. It is good to talk to God about our family. Here are the ways you can help with this Project:



(1) Select a dove (or several) with children's names and photos from a bulletin board in the entry way. Please take it home and pray for the child. (2) There are shell cutouts with the bulletins. Please put your name (and names of anyone else for whom you would like the children to pray) one per shell. Put your shells in the offering basket. May we all experience God's renewing power as we pray for each other!



Paulette Patron, Sunday School Superintendent

***"GOT SNEAKERS??"** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.



***COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** The Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock Street in Ishpeming is hosting a *Community Fellowship Dinner* from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on the following Thursdays: November 9th and December 14th. For more information please call 906-486-4681.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambough, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.*



Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, 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, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

****The Family of Pastor Bob Langseth** (retired, age 90) who died on Tuesday, Oct. 17. He served Faith Lutheran in Calumet for many years, preaching in Copper Harbor on Sun., Oct. 15.)

OCTOBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN OCTOBER . . . we focus on . we focus on *Immanuel's Good Samaritan Fund*, a beyond-the-budget financial resource that empowers Immanuel's Good Samaritan Ministry, when appropriate, to back up caring words with caring action for needy people within our congregation and beyond.



What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They're people who have come into hard times for various reasons and are feeling very much alone. Perhaps they've lost their job or can't find a job with enough wage or hours. Perhaps they've been hit by illness of body or mind and just can't keep up. Perhaps they're experiencing the financial grief that can come right alongside the greater grief of death or divorce. Perhaps they've made poor decisions but are trying to put life back in order. These and more are their stories, and their very real needs can include help with rent, utilities, food, fuel, etc, etc, etc. What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They look a lot like you & me.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you for giving \$ 956.00 in September to
ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR).
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 22, 2023—October 29, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

	<i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Sunday	- 9:30 am - Worship Service - 9:30 am - Sunday School - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation (Today's leader is <i>Kaitrin Raymond</i>) - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
Monday	- 9 am-1 pm - LWR Quilts/Kits need to be delivered to Messiah in Marquette for transporting - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
Tuesday	- 10:00 am - Bible Study - 6:00 pm - Council Executive Meeting - 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday	- 10:00 am - Quilting
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday	<i>Reformation Sunday ~ Confirmation Sunday</i> - 9:30 am - Worship Service + Confirmation - 9:30 am - Sunday School - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation (Today's leader is <i>Hayley Smith</i>) - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



WEEKDAY PLAYGROUP @ IMMANUEL We have had an inquiry about Immanuel having a week-day playgroup for preschool children. We are in the discussion stage- not ready to begin yet. However in the meantime, **there is an existing Playgroup that meets at Lakeview School**. We just saw the flyer, so we do not have any details. Please call Lakeview Elementary School (906-475-7803) if you need more information. The info we have is: Negaunee **Birth-Age 5 Playgroup**, Lakeview Elementary School, **Dates:** 10/20, 11/17, 12/8, 1/26, and 3/15. **Time:** 9:30-11:00 a.m. Things to note: Parent/guardian requires to stay and participate in activities. Also, when Negaunee Public Schools are cancelled, Playgroup is also cancelled.



STEWARDSHIP 2023-2024

October 22-23, 2023

“MI Immanuel Prays”

Susan Cathcart

Our Stewardship Ministry theme this fall reminds us that God’s people gathered as Immanuel Lutheran Church are called to pray. What a privilege to be growing in faith and confidently facing the future. We are a people who center our lives on the good news of Jesus!

Today we hear about “Prayer” as a part of our Christian experience. One of the great spiritual disciplines is prayer. We welcome Sue Cathcart as she reminds us of the calling to pray as individuals and as a congregation. We look forward to her Temple Talk.

Our stewardship information and education efforts continue through November 12-13 when we conclude with a meal after our Sunday November 12th worship service. At the worship services that weekend, the congregation will receive your “Estimate of Giving” and “Time and Talent Forms” for 2024. And we will enjoy the fellowship of our family of faith. Please come to stewardship brunch!

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Sunday: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN:
Sunday & Monday - *Connie Scanlon*

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

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



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am GREETERS	- <i>Marty Saari</i> - <i>Kyle Saari</i>	6 pm	- <i>Katie Puckett</i> - <i>Tom Johnson</i>
9:30 am USHERS	- <i>Marty Saari</i> - <i>Kyle Saari</i>	6 pm	- <i>Katie Puckett</i> - <i>Tom Johnson</i>
9:30 am LECTOR	- <i>Lisa Saari</i>	6 pm	- <i>Paulette Patron</i>
9:30 am COMM ASST'S	- <i>Randy Carlson</i> - <i>Julie Carlson</i> - <i>Alice Mutkala</i>	6 pm	- <i>Paulette Patron</i>
9:30 am Tech Team	- <i>Tyler Moore</i>		

(Communion Set-up for October is Diane Faust)



JOB OPPORTUNITY Do you want a wonderful, rewarding, and fulfilling part-time position serving God in many ways? Pick up an application from Immanuel Lutheran Church ASAP so you can do *God's Work With Your Hands*. You must: be organized, computer and software literate, punctual, maintain confidentiality and willing to do clerical tasks in support of the mission of the Church, supporting the Pastors and Parish Administrator. You need to be able to encourage all members of Immanuel to use their God-given gifts in some way to also benefit the life and mission of the Church; be able to create accurate bulletins weekly and newsletters bi-monthly with up-to-date information and attention to detail for the congregation to know the happenings at the church and in the community; do mailings that are requested by the Pastor, Parish Administrator, and/or Committees in the church, bringing them to the post office with accurate paperwork; have follow-through with all of your duties; have integrity and be trustworthy with records and monies; maintain accurate church records on baptisms, confirmation, deaths, weddings, attendance, funerals, and memberships; be able to update church records, personnel and financial information, correctly, backing up files when necessary; be able to update the web-site, update the Tablet Ministry's Ipad, the 'Tech's' Ipad for broadcasting the worship services online. You are the 1st point of contact, answering & directing phone calls. Other duties as required. This is an exciting and rewarding position. Apply today!

THE UNREST HAPPENING TODAY

(This is a letter from Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton.)

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,
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