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Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, 6:00 pm Services

16th Sunday
after Pentecost

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

In today's second
reading Paul
questions why we
judge one
another, since we
all stand before
the judgment of
God. Yet we do
sin against one
another, and
Jesus' challenge
that we forgive
seventy-seven
times reveals
God's boundless
mercy. When we
hear the words of
forgiveness in
worship and sign
ourselves with
the cross, we are
renewed in
baptism to be
signs of
reconciliation in
the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

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.

GATHERING SONG

10,000 Reasons

Refrain: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul

Oh my soul, worship his holy name

Sing like never before, Oh my soul

I'll worship your holy name

1.) The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord,

2.) You're rich in love and you're slow to anger

Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Refrain X 2: Bless the Lord,

3.) And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Refrain X 3: Bless the Lord,

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

O Lord God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.** Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.
(Ps. 103:8)

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not

pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.¹¹ For it is written, "As I live," says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." ²³ For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

SERMON

Walter Scanlon

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

#605

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment.

Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world like Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, whom we commemorate today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL



(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG

Sing to the Lord of Harvest (v.1)

#694

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

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.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

(Please be seated.)

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.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Where Charity and Love Prevail #359

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken #603

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON & BLESSING OF TEACHERS & STUDENTS

Pastor Bre

(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 September 17 - September 24, 2023

* **BIRTHS: CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:** Brent Soeltner & Sanna Paulson on the birth of their daughter, **Julia Kay**. The proud grandparents are Steve & Valerie Paulson and Scott & Darla Soeltner. Even prouder are great-grandmothers Virginia Paulson and Jean Manginen.

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

- Terry (Sara) Garceau on the loss of his brother, **William James 'Jim' Garceau**, on Saturday, September 2nd. Also, condolences to Jim's wife, Janet, and his nieces, Emily Roberts and Abby (Joshua) Paquet, and all of the Garceau Family.
- Billie Jo (Roger) Heggaton on the loss of her grandmother, **Ann Marie Helen 'Annie' Kind**, on Thursday, September 7th. Also, condolences to her great-grandchildren, Trevor & Kylie Heggaton and all of the Kind / Heggaton Family.

* **WEDDING: CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO:** Anna Marie Solberg & Patrick Houlahan on their recent marriage yesterday, Saturday, September 16th, in Ohio. Pastor Steve Solberg officiated the marriage.

* **YOUTH RETREAT** There will be a Youth Retreat for Grades 3-6 on October 20 & 21 at Fortune Lake. For more information, call 906-214-2267 or email www.fortunelake.org.



***INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BREANNE KINNUNEN** Pastor Bre will be installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church **next Sunday, September 24th at 3 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar. *We all welcome Pastor Bre to Immanuel!!*



***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 September is **CHOIR**. 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 **Connie Lindblom (906-475-6139)** with your date and any item you wish to bring. Help in the kitchen is also appreciated.



***YOUTH FUND RAISER** The Youth of Immanuel will be having a Fund Raiser on Saturday, September 24th during the Installation Ceremony of Pastor Bre in the Fellowship Hall. There will be things for sale such as caramel apples, apple sauce, and various other goodies. Come prepared to support the Youth Fund.



***DARKNESS TO LIGHT (end child sexual abuse)** On Tuesday, October 10th, from 5:30 -



8:30 pm, the Faith Formation Team in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Team will be hosting a training event for the Superior Central area of our Synod at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They are working with Stephanie Ehle, Youth Coordinator for the Northern Great Lakes Synod, to bring this important topic to light. This training event is open to clergy as well as non-clergy, parents, council members, Sunday School & Youth leaders. They would like to have a core of Immanuel members trained & then support the rest of the congregation in this important aspect of safety for our children. For more information, contact Stephanie Ehle at **YOUTHCOORDINATOR@NGLSYNOD.ORG**. Registration will be online @ www.nglsynod.org.



***“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.



***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.



***CROP HUNGER WALK** Join the CROP Hunger Walk on **October 1st, 2023**.

Registration is at 1:30 pm; the walk begins at 2 pm. The start and finish is at Marquette Hope Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave., Marquette. See Kay Korpi if you have questions or call (906) 475-5182.



***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 will be *Pastor Terry Cathcart*. The group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.



***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: October 12th, November 9th, December 14th. For more information please call 906-486-4681.



***LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES** - We will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Donations can be placed in the container by the west entry way. Items needed are:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide - or college-rule paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One Pencil sharpener
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers secured with a rubber band
- Five Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One Pair of blunt scissors
- One 2 ½" eraser
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy drawstring backpack -style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17"

You can pick up a bag (or more) & and Fill It Up! Instructions for making a school bag pattern are located by the elevator on the WELCA bulletin board.



***ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION'**: The elevator WILL NOT BE USEABLE for 3-4 weeks. Work is being done to replace the elevator with a new lift. Thank you for your patience.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae 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, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.*

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

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen
and Walter Scanlon*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: - *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 - *Kathleen Palomaki
Doug Palomaki*

6:00 pm GREETERS - *Deb Hicks
Connie Kemper*

9:30 am USHERS - *Kathleen Palomaki
Doug Palomaki*

6:00 pm USHERS - *Deb Hicks
Connie Kemper*

9:30 am LECTOR - *Dan Lindblom*

6:00 pm LECTOR - *Jill Sladek*

9:30 am COMM ASST'S - *Kaitrin Raymond
Ben Raymond
Andy Crow-Roberts*

6:00 pm COM AST - *Jill Sladek*

9:30 am Tech Team - *Tyler Moore*

(Communion Set-up for September is Chyrl Hemmila & Christine Flis.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE 'GOOD-GIFT' COMMITTEE



School supplies for a child \$10
<https://goodgifts.elca.org/school-supplies-for-a-child>

Many schools require children to obtain their own supply of notebooks, pencils and books before they can be enrolled. And if school is closed or communities are sheltering in place, these supplies become critical tools for children continuing their education at home. We are having trouble securing all of the supplies through our local stores. We are hoping YOU would go to the LWR Back to School web link listed above to donate any amount you would like for this cause. Or, you could give your donation to either one of us &

we will purchase the necessary supplies. Thank you for your response.

Linda Sjolund & Susan Cathcart

SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN SEPTEMBER . . . we focus on ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR), bringing God's hope, healing & renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide on-going assistance to those in need.



**Lutheran Disaster
Response**

This year, assistance includes for wildfires in the western United States, assistance to Eastern European crisis (Ukraine), African drought, Middle Eastern & European refugees, domestic hurricanes, wildfires, including Hawaii's catastrophic fire, and floods. The locations change but the need is still there. Also, for working with Ukrainian refugees. In this country, for relief from hurricanes & severe storms. In the last year, approximately 55% of funding went to international disasters, the remainder remained here. *"God is present in the violence, in the crisis, & in the moments of rest".* (Rev. Rachel Eskeren, LDR)

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

Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you for giving \$ 645.28 in August to
Scholarships for Liberian (African) Children.**

**The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 17, 2023 - September 24, 2023



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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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>Pastor Terry Cathcart</i>)
	- 7:30 pm	- AA Group Meets (men & women)
Monday	- 6:00 pm	- Worship Service
Tuesday	- 9:30 am	- Miriam Circle (Pot luck & Study at the Collin's Camp in Big Bay. They will carpool from Baldwin parking lot @ 9:30 am)
	- 10:00 am	- Bible Study
	- 6:00 pm	- Executive Committee Meeting
	- 6:30 pm	- Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	- 9:00 am	- Staff Meeting (review Council meeting)
	- 1:30 pm	- Abigail Circle (NOTICE DAY CHANGE ****)
	- 6:00 pm	- Choir Practice
Thursday	- 10:00 am	- Quilting
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
	- 10:00 am	- Women's AA Group Meet
Sunday	17th Sunday after Pentecost	
	- 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>TBD</i>)
	- 3:00 pm	- Installation of Pastor Bre followed by a gathering in the Fellowship Hall
	- 7:30 pm	- AA Group Meets (men & women)

A message from Pastor Albert Barchue on August's Scholarships for Liberian Children:

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church family,

Thanks again for your touch of grace upon the lives of both Danlett & Simeon. They were successful in obtaining promotions for the last academic year. Danlett is now a junior(11th Grade) student, & Simeon has just graduated elementary (Grade 6), & is now starting junior high(7th).

Please see their annual reports below. Simeon's elementary graduation certificate from elementary is also attached. The new school year begins at the end of this month (Sept.), & due to Simeon's transition from elementary to junior high, his fees are now increased by \$100.

Because I have moved to a new appointment, all checks are now written to my new congregation. Therefore, please write all checks for students' fees for the new school year to:

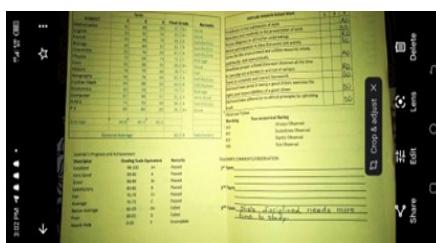
Merritt-Butterfield UMC, & Memo: "Liberian Scholarship."

And then mail it to: **C/O: J. Albert Barchue, 7037 E Houghton Lake Rd, Merritt, Mi. 49667**

I want to mention that there has been some delay in Obey's university enrollment. As soon as this is accomplished, I will inform you immediately. Once again, I am so grateful to you for the great impact you are making in the lives of these kids. Thanks so very much. Grace and peace, **Pastor Albert**



(These are documents for Danlett showing her accomplishments.)



(These are documents for Simeon's accomplishments.)

If you want to see a larger version of any of these, please see them in the office.)

Fall Classes Now Open for Registration for Life-Long Learning

Registration is quick and easy for the interesting variety of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Join the bible studies and conversations on topics that are important to your congregation, your community, and the church. Beginning in September and October, Lifelong Faith Formation courses will meet online via Zoom. Two of them will also meet in-person. Go to the synod website -- <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation> -- for details and to sign-up for classes by September 15. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org if you have any questions.

More information will appear in the September/October Beacon to be mailed out next week. Check it out.