

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus savs that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote. in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING

PRELUDE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFESSION & 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 GREETING

Come, All You People

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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 eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more anary when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a auestion that challenaes anv who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush. but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twentv thousand Ninevites?

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8) the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever. ²Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,

and I will recount your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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(Please stand as you are comfortable.)



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vinevard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when thev received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Lord of All Hopefulness

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

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HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

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.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve. God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. 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



OFFERING

OFFERING SONG OFFERING PRAYER

(Please stand as you are comfortable.) Create in Me a Clean Heart

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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.

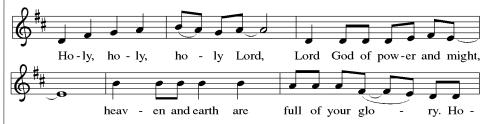
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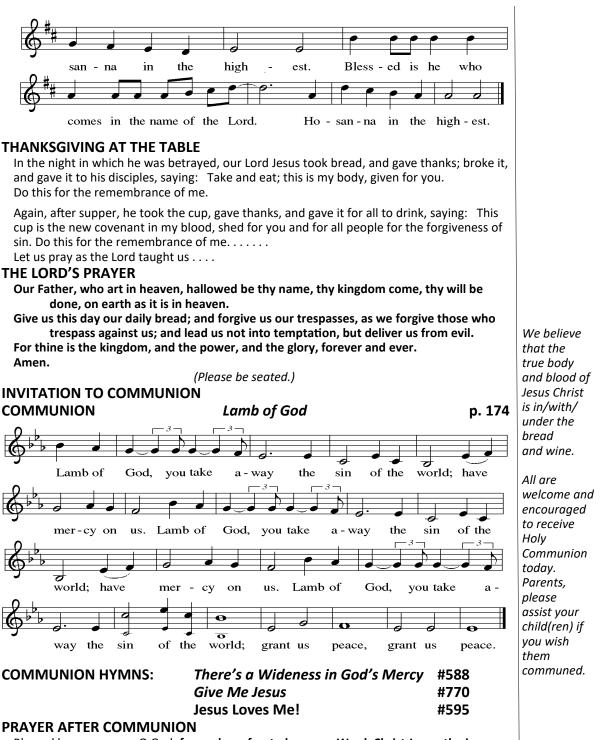
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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:





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

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(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

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 24 - October 1, 2023

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



*INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BREANNE KINNUNEN Pastor Bre will be installed at



Immanuel Lutheran Church **TODAY**, **September 24th at 3 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. There will be additional seating and online viewing of the Installation Ceremony in the Fellowship Hall for those that are unable to do the stairs or anyone else desiring that location. *We all welcome Pastor Bre to Immanuel!*



*CAKE FOR VIRGINIA PAULSON We want to officially <u>RECOGNIZE & THANK</u> Virginia Paulson for her many years of lock-up service here at Immanuel. Her final day will be September 30th. We will be having cake & coffee to celebrate this on Tuesday, September 26th, at 10 am during our Bible study.





*<u>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</u>: 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 <u>Coffee</u> hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact <u>Dana Echelbarger (563-299</u> <u>-2624) or Marty Saari (906-250-9601)</u> with your date and any item you wish to bring. Right now we have the following who have volunteered for the particular Sundays: <u>October 1st</u>: Saari's & Sylvester's; <u>October 8th</u>: Echelbarger's & Scanlon's; <u>October 15th</u>: D. Palomaki's (anyone else?); <u>October 22nd</u>: D. Keranen's (anyone else?); <u>October 29th</u>: to be assigned. Also, help in the kitchen is greatly appreciated. If **YOU** would like to share with the Palomaki's or the Keranen's, please let them know. Thank you for your help!

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



*<u>SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION</u> 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 **Andy Crow-Roberts.** On <u>October 1st</u>: Ben Raymond; <u>October 8th</u>: Noreen Collins; <u>October 15th</u>, Jim Hayward; <u>October 22nd</u>: Kaitrin Raymond; <u>October 29th</u>: Hayley Smith. This group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.

*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.

*****"<u>GOT SNEAKERS</u>??" 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 <u>PKKW</u> (*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.

STOP

CHILD ABUSE

Thank you for your donation. <u>Volunteer training for PKKW will take place on **Thursday, September 28 at 1pm**, Wesley United Methodist Church, second floor, Ishpeming. If you can make this training please contact *Linda Sjolund* (906-242-5020). Another training can be set up if you would like to volunteer but cannot make this training.</u>

KEEP THE KIDS

MAAM

*CROP HUNGER WALK 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.

*<u>COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER</u> 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.

*<u>LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES</u> - 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,

- 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.











Help us keep kids warm.

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



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WEEKDAY PLAYGROUP @ IMMANUEL We have had an inquiry about Immanuel having a weekday 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 <u>Birth-Age 5 Playgroup</u>, Lakeview Elementary School, <u>Dates</u>: 9/29, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8, 1/26, and 3/15. <u>Time</u>: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Things to note: Parent/guardian requires to stay and participate in activities When Negaunee Public Schools are cancelled, Playgroup is also cancelled.



*<u>THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES</u> All are welcome to come to our "Burritos n' Bible" study on <u>Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm at Border</u> <u>Grill in Negaunee</u>. We welcome you to drop-in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a standalone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! This week, **Thursday, September 28th**, we are digging into this story: **Abraham's covenant with God**. (**Genesis 17:1-11, 14-16, 21:3-7**). Come see what it's all about!



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

<u>Pray For</u>: 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, Marlene Romback, Louise Spickerman, Bob Walker.

<u>Our Shut-ins</u>: 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.

<u>Members in the Armed Service</u>: 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

<u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>: Pastor Bre Kinnunen <u>ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN</u>: - Connie Scanlon <u>Worship Services</u>: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm Office Hours are 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

| - Kathleen Palomaki - Doug Palomaki - Jim Hetrick - Diana Hetrick |
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| - Jim Hetrick |
| - Diana Hetrick |
| - Linda Derocher |
| - Kay Korpi |
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| - Jim Derocher |
| - Walter Scanlon |
| - Kay Korpi |
| - Tyler Moore |
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(Communion Set-up for September is Chyrl Hemmila & Christine Flis.)

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.

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 <u>Scholarships for Liberian (African) Children.</u> The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 24, 2023 - October 1, 2023

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YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... <u>www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org</u>

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| Monday | - 6:00 pm - Worship Service |
| Tuesday | - 10:00 am - Bible Study (cake for <i>Virginia Paulson</i>) - 6:00 pm - PEO Meeting - 7-8:00 pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice |
| Thursday | - 10:00 am - Quilting |
| Friday | OFFICE CLOSED - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meet |
| Sunday | 18th 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>Ben Raymond.</i>) 2:00 pm - CROP Walk with registration at 1:30 pm 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |



<u>A MESSAGE FROM THE 'GOOD-GIFT' COMMITTEE</u> <u>School supplies for a child \$10</u> <u>https://goodgifts.elca.org/school-supplies-for-a-child</u>

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 continu-



ing 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