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Sunday School and Adult Bible
Class at 9:00
Divine Service at 10:00

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“Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace.” During the next few weeks, we will consider what it means to be a “faithful steward” and how our stewardship translates into practical Christianity.

This emphasis is built in its entirety on two concepts: First, God owns everything! As Psalm 24:1 states clearly, *“The earth is the LORD’S, and the fullness thereof.”* God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Second, our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God which God has entrusted to us. In other words, all that we have is a blessing from God and represents that which God has loaned to us on a temporary basis.

What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly our time is a gift from our Heavenly Father that is given to everyone equally. All of us have the same amount of time — 24 hours per day. How we use our time is what makes the difference for this life and for eternity. Some will squander their time by giving priority to activities that carry little impact for eternity. Others will invest their time wisely for God’s glory and for the good of others.

Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, but all of us can excel at something. Some are called to a public ministry whereby what they do is highly visible, including pastors, worship leaders and teachers. Others are called to a less visible role in the ministry and work of the church. But all

of us are given talents and abilities which can be used for God’s glory and to strengthen the Gospel outreach here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The question is not *whether* we can do something for the Lord. The question is *if* we *will* use our talents and abilities to serve God. Unfortunately, many times, we offer excuses to avoid serving the Lord, excuses that often appear humorous when applied to other activities. *Moody Monthly* once carried an article which illustrated excuses people might use for not attending sports events. The analogy is easy to make in terms of serving the Lord.

Every time I went, they asked me for money. The people with whom I had to sit didn’t seem very friendly. The seats were too hard and not comfortable. The coach never came to call on me. The referee made some decisions with which I could not agree. I was sitting with some hypocrites — they only came to see what others were wearing. Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home. The band played numbers that I had never heard before. The games are scheduled when I want to do other things. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow. I don’t want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves which sport they like best.

On the second day of their conference at Yalta, Premier Stalin gave President Roosevelt a reason why a proposed plan would not work.

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LWML



Ladies Aid: Emmanuel Ladies Aid met in the fellowship hall on October 8th with 14 members answering Roll Call "Best grade school friend". Dee Cole had devotions. Secretary & Treasurer reports were read and approved. Treasury has a balance of \$1,306.60 with Birthday fund total of \$161.12. Sent birthday card to Dorothy Wolfe.

June 2016 is LWML Convention at Okoboji with Lake View helping Sac City & Storm Lake. Discussion on new flower pots was tabled to next meeting. September 28th 21 Quilts were tied. Next tying of Quilts will be November 16th. Halloween event coming up, so need to help if you wish. Nursing home reports on visits were given. Nominating Committee was decided. Doris Larsen and Dee Cole will try to find someone for Sec. and Vice President. Lord's Prayer and table prayer were said, Hostesses were Lois Meyer and Karen VanMeveren. Doris Larsen, Secretary.

Dorcas: Dorcas met on October 1st in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Peterson led the Bible Study. President Norma Wallace called the meeting to order. The minutes from the May 14th meeting were read and approved. Roll call was taken, with ten members present. The Treasurer's report was given. Three Scholarship checks were written for books. Communications were read. There was a Thank you from the Kramer family and a request for donations for the seminary in St. Louis. Karen gave a report on the National Convention in Des Moines. Pam and Judy have been attending the planning meetings for the 70th LWML District Convention in 2016. It will be held June 24-26. The Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran in Odebolt was very nice, with 55 people in attendance. The program on the Orphan Grain Train was really good.

OLD BUSINESS: The Potato Bake was briefly discussed and will be discussed more in November. Deb suggested we do the potato bake every other year and have a soup lunch on the alternate years. The picnic was not well attended this fall. The possibility of moving it back to spring will be discussed in January. LWML Sunday is October 4th. Dorcas usually helps with ushering. Deb and Carol will usher. Karen will have the Mite Box display and will talk about mites and Mission grants. Dorcas members will provide bars for Fellowship on Sunday. We are to wear purple.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be pumpkin carving and Trunk or Treat on October 25th. It will be held from 4:30-

6:00 and open to the public. Elections will be in November. Pam and Judy are on the nominations committee. President and Secretary are up for election. Suggestions for projects Dorcas could do need to be turned into Norma before the November meeting so they can be discussed and voted on. Secret pals will be discussed at the December meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Daughters Of Emmanuel: September 23, 2015

The September meeting was hosted by Helga in the Fellowship Hall. Six members were in attendance. Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. Thank you notes from the Kramer family were read.

No treasurers report was available, so 2 receipts were held over to the October meeting. Questions about the number of poinsettias and lilies ordered last year were brought up. Need to check with the treasurer for last years receipts to verify counts. Mollie paid the Does mites to the zone at the fall rally. \$25.00 needs to be paid for the Love offering for shipping of quilts, and the Harvester yearly fee needs paid as well. The need for a Zone invoicing booklet to help keep track of payments was discussed. Londa made a motion to purchase the booklet for \$5.00. Jennifer 2nd and the motion passed.

Committees:

Christian Life & Leadership: No report

Mission Servant: Londa will run another list of items needed in the church bulletin for the Outreach in Omaha Program as they are still accepting donations. She also suggested DOES might help with a Scrap bucket list for kids. Londa will look into this idea more and follow up with the group with additional information.

Decorating: No report

Kitchen: No report

Chicken Dinner: 550 people were served this year, and a new head person is needed to organize next years event.

Old Business:

Membership drive: Londa has the bags cut out and hopes to have them together by our next meeting.

Jennifer has the booklets ready and the insert that explains the DOES group and activities. A mite box will be included with each bag, and Mollie will pick up some chocolate to include as well.

New Business:

LWML Convention @ Camp Okoboji is June 23-25th.

Our zone is in charge of organizing the event. The next planning meeting is in January, and Emmanuel's point person is Judy Kramer. There will be more information to come on this event.

Pastor attended the Fall Rally September 21st. 55 ladies were in attendance. He passed along a grant opportunity for mission projects. The deadline to apply is October 31st.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING– October 14, 2015

Those Present: Pastor Peterson, Gary Kruse, Wes Drost , Dave Woltman, Roger Pieken, Pat Smith, Beth Hatch and Deb Stehr.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Gary Kruse called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September 9th meeting were read and approved after a correction was made. Dick Knop was still a member of Emmanuel when he passed away in August. The financial report for September was given. Dave Woltman made a motion, seconded by Wes Drost to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

ELDERS REPORT: Everything is fine.

TRUSTEES REPORT: John Westergaard and his wife Laurie donated left over sod from a project at their home to the church.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor gave his report. He made 8 shut-in visits, 11 hospital visits and 3 member visits. The Junior High Youth Gathering in Des Moines is October 24-25. Reverend Mark Gerken will be filling in on October 25th while Pastor is in Des Moines with the confirmation students. Thank you to Julie Kraft for also attending the youth gathering as a chaperone. Dave Cole passed away on September 11th and Reka Bohm passed away on September 19th. Movie Night went well, with 34 people attending. The only problem was with the sound system as there was a short in it. Pastor will try a different power cord and see if that works.

OLD BUSINESS: There was an update on the front step project. Wes Drost checked on a railing for the front step. An aluminum railing will be much cheaper than a stainless steel one and will work just as well. There was discussion on using the Peter's memorial money towards a concrete area and bench near the front steps. The landscaping will be done in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS: The first Family Social Night went well. The next one will be on November 15th. The pumpkin carving and Trunk or Treat Night will be on October 25th. Having a dedication and debt reduction event for the new front steps was discussed. Dave Woltman made a motion, seconded by Roger Pieken to have a Step Dedication on Sunday, November 22 with a special offering to be used for debt reduction. The motion passed.

Dave Woltman made a motion, seconded by Roger Pieken to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel Continued:

Londa suggested using a grant to obtain a hot chocolate machine to be used for youth activities, and when Emmanuel serves hot chocolate and cookies at the Lake View Christmas day.

Rachel thought it could also be used for the new Advent Candlelight Service as well. Mollie will check on the grant process and email out an update. **LWML** Sunday is October 4th. Everyone needs to wear purple. 2 Pans of bars are needed from the DOE's group. Londa and Rachel volunteered to make these. The bulletin cover was emailed to Londa, and she will be able to simple print them this year at no extra expense.

Cookie Walk Date: December 6th with each member to provide 5 dozen cookies

Trunk or Treat and Advent Candlelight Service: Rachel gave a brief overview of the activities planned for these events and encouraged everyone to participate.

Mites and Offering were collected.

Pastor gave a bible study entitled "Focus Lost...Focus Restored". Our first lesson covered Adam and Eve and how they lost focus from God's desired path, and the consequences that resulted from that lost focus. The next planned lesson moves on to Cain and Abel.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor's Article (continued from p. 1)

Roosevelt gently reminded Stalin that this was not the same reason he had given the previous day. Stalin replied, "My dear Roosevelt, whenever you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another."

Stop and think about it: 80% of the work in most churches (including our church) is done by 20% of the people. The rest have made other activities a priority for their time and talents.

As one of the "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace" here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, will you go against that trend by making a commitment to the "Proprietor of the Universe" to use the time and talents that have been given to you to make a difference in the ministry and outreach of our church? We are blessed by God with all that we have and He as entrusted these things to us. Let us use them in thanksgiving for what He has given us, most of all the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life with Him.

In Christ,

Pastor

Junior High Youth Gathering



The Junior High Youth Gathering (October 24-25) was a wonderful time for both kids and chaperones. This year we had 12 kids (Alex Hauser, Ayden Huisenga, Laryn Sharp, Connor and Carly Tegels, Christian Reaman, Kayla Kraft, Ryli Racobs, Kristen and Elizabeth Drost, Tawna Gross, and Merrison Schlepp) and 2 adults who learned about God as He is taught in the Apostles' Creed. There was also fun, fellowship, and pizza (a big "Thank You" to Julie Kraft!). Thank you also to those who helped drive kids to Des Moines and back. We especially want to thank Emmanuel for paying a portion of the registration fee that helps the students attend a great event. We appreciate all you do for the youth of our congregation!



Sponsorship Opportunity: Next July, the members of the LYF will travel to UNI in Cedar Falls for the Higher Things Conference. Higher Things is a great chance for Missouri Synod youth to get together for worship, interesting topics, and fun. The retreat costs \$355/youth. If you wish to help sponsor the trip please contact Pastor. It's a great opportunity for our youth to grow in their faith. Keep your eyes peeled for some fundraisers that will be going on in the months to come.

Bible Studies

All ladies are invited to Bible Class on Mondays at 7:00. We have just begun a great study on the book of Acts, so come and learn more about the beginnings of the Church.

On Sundays we're continuing our study on the Lord's Prayer. We'd love to have you! Bring your Bibles and your questions!



Advent Postures

Have you ever been told that good posture is important? It's good advice because good posture is easier on our bodies. So what if I told you that we need to have good spiritual posture as well? This year's mid-week Advent sermon series will be on the Postures of Advent. So please join us Wednesdays starting December 2 at 7:00 for a time of mediation as we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus.

Advent By Candlelight

Join us December 1st for Advent By Candlelight. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of devotion, fellowship, and delicious dessert in a beautiful setting.

Tickets are \$5 and available today from the table hostesses: Tami Auen & Kim Drost, Joyce Bettin, Brooke & Sandy Boeckman, Gert Drost, Julie Kraft & Melissa Cleveland, Mary Meyer, Tami Moeller, Donita Mork, LuAnn Norris, Jodi Pieken & Gina Schlepp, Tara Reaman, Mollie Scott, Donna Smidt, Jan Stock, Karen Wetzstein.

Please get your ticket before November 10th when an ad will be placed in the Resort and the tickets are offered to the general public. Any profit from the event will be divided between the Step Fund and buying diapers and baby wipes for Sac County Outreach. Volunteers are need to make desserts. Contact Rachel Hemer (790-0749) and Judy Kramer (665-2219).



Emmanuel Board of Christian Education – October 4, 2015

The Board of Education met briefly on Sunday, October 4 after church. Chairwoman Jennifer Peterson opened the meeting with Helga Gross, Tara Reaman, Julie Kraft, Rachel Hemer, Jenna Boeckman, and Angelina Huegerich present. Pastor Peterson joined us later.

New Business

Sunday School Christmas Program – Sunday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m.

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Will focus on the angels in the Bible and the Good News they shared

Rachel will write this

Board will meet in two weeks to assign lines

Will have one bell choir song

Rachel will start these practices on October 18th after church

Practices

Saturday, December 12th and 19th from 9-11

Also going to use SS time to learn songs starting asap and briefly practice lines starting on November 15th

Christmas Program Soup Supper – immediately following children’s program

Soups: Chicken noodle – will ask Dorcas ladies again

Chili – will ask Julie Drost again

Potato – will ask Tami Auen again

Lasagna – Helga

Rolls – Tara (100)

Bars – ALL Board of Ed members (2 pans)

Punch – Rachel (more than last year)

Shredded cheese – Julie

Sour cream – Jennifer

Make regular and decaf coffee

Decorations – Jennifer (white and gold with angels)

Hostess - Jenna

Upcoming meeting dates: Sunday School teachers – October 18th after church to assign lines for the program

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Hemer



Thanks to all who decorated trunks(14), furnished bars, apples, pumpkins, grills, and

Trunk Or Treat

2015



worked for the Halloween Party. About 95 children and adults enjoyed a wonderful evening.



REFORMATION
2017 *It's Still All About*
Jesus

500th Anniversary

With the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation just two years away, the Lutheran Church is gearing up for a wonderful celebration of Luther’s faithfulness to God’s Word. To prepare, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has set up a fantastic webpage with the history, theology, and other fascinating tidbits of the Reformation. Check out lutheranreformation.org and keep checking back for more additions

Happy Birthday To You !!!

November 2015

11- 1 Donald Meyer
Dan Mork
LuAnn Kennebeck

11-17 Chad Schlepp

11-18 Talon Graff

11-2 Terri Page
Nick Bogue

11-19 Bill Riley
Brittney Leichti

11-6 Kyle Norris

11-20 Jordin Carroll

11-7 Jesse Carroll

11-21 Gary Kruse
Dakota Werkmeister

11-9 Marni Roth
Bruce Leitz

11-24 Roger Petersen

11-10 MaKenna Leichti

11-25 Karen Wetzstein
Taylor Wessels

11-11 Kylie Hauser

11-30 Brody Boeckman

11-12 Addison Phillips

Linda Schuknecht

11-16 Brooklyn Boeckman

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	2	3 1:30 PM Quilting	4	5 November 2 - 8	6	7
8 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	9 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	10 Pastor on Vacation 1:30 PM Quilting 7:00 PM Evangelism Comm. Meeting	11 Vacation 4:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12 November 2 - 8 1:30 Ladies Aid 7:090 PM Dorcas	13	14
15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 Potluck and Movie	16 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	17 1:30 PM Quilting 2:30 PM Serve @ BHLCG Delores Lucht & Rita Peters	18 4:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM LYF 7:00 PM DOE's	19 9:30 AM World Relief Quilting	20	21
22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	23 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	24 1:30 PM Quilting	25 4:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Worship	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION Church Decorating	30 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	December 1 6:00 PM Advent By Candlelight	2 7:00 PM Advent Service			

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Elder:

November 1: Lannie Miller
November 8: Wes Drost
November 15: Dave Wolman
November 22: Lyle Tegels
November 25:
November 29: Lannie Miller

Greeters

Reggie & Faye Rohrbeck
George & Jean Mohrhauser
Larry & Barb Bundt
Gary & Myrna Kruse
Ivadel Huisenga & Karen Wetzstein
Vernon & Karen VanMeveran

Acolytes

November 1: Connor & Carly Tegels
November 8: Elizabeth & Kristen Drost
November 15: Brett & Laryn Sharp
November 22: Tawna Gross & Rylh Racobs
November 29 & Dec. 2: Kayla Kraft

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Emmanuel's Values Jesus Christ, our Savior, leader and teacher has bonded these values to guide us ever forward in expanding God's kingdom to all people. Therefore these values are the foundation and future of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

- **God's Vision** – Discipling that all people may be saved (Matthew 28:18-20)
- **God's Grace** – A gift to all from Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8-9)
- **Prayer & Praise** – We honor God through prayer and praise (Philippians 4:4-7)
- **Stewardship** – Using the time, talents, and treasures God has given us to serve Him (Matthew 25:14-28)
- **People** – We are committed to the Christian Education and Spiritual growth of all (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Compassion** – Sharing a life of care, concern, love, and kindness for all (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

The following are stations and times for the Lutheran Hour:

KTLB	Fort Dodge	105.9 FM	Sun	8:00 A.M.
KJYL	Newell	96.3 FM	Sun	6:00 P.M.
KSCJ	Sioux City	1360 AM	Sun	8:30 A.M.
KICD	Spencer	1240 AM	Sun	10:30 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	Sun	10:00 A.M.

*You can also listen to the Good Shepherd Hour each **Sunday**.*

KSCI	Sioux City	1360 AM	8:00 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	10:30 A.M.
	Storm Lake	101.7 FM	10:30 A.M.
KVFD	Fort Dodge	1400 AM	8:00 A.M.

President: Gary Kruse **Secretary:** Deb Stehr
Elders: Wes Drost, Lannie Miller, Lyle Tegels, Dave Woltman
Trustees: Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Jeff Frank
Treasurer: Pat Smith **Financial Secretary:** Beth Hatch
Board of Christian Education/Youth: Jennifer Peterson (Chair), Julie Kraft, Helga Gross, Julie Drost, Rachel Hemer, Jenna Boeckman
Sunday School Superintendent: Tara Reaman & Jennifer Peterson

Submit articles to Londa by November 22 for the December Newsletter.
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