

EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:00 (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays 10:00 am
Sundays 9:00 (Memorial Day to Labor Day)



From the Pastor's Study

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

Whenever I hear stories from fellow pastors or read articles about churches here in the United States and around the world, I always thank God for all that He has done for and through Emmanuel. It's not an exaggeration to say that we're richly blessed by God! In fact, I don't know if "richly blessed" even begins to cover how good God has been to us! I won't list all the ways that God has blessed us (that would take far too long) but here are some: great members who love Christ and each other, a faithful ministry of God's Word and Sacraments, a beautiful facility, volunteers who step up time and time again, an abundance of material blessings, and most importantly, the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins every, single Sunday. You can't help but see God's hand at work in His congregation in Lake View!

There are many who would say that we have a healthy congregation, and I would agree wholeheartedly. What would you say though if I told you we can be even healthier? You'd like this, right? Who doesn't want Emmanuel to be as healthy as possible? An extensive research project by Ted Kober of Ambassadors of Reconciliation (an LCMS registered service organization) revealed the unexpected answer that Bible study attendance is the number one indicator of a healthy congregation. Kober says, ***"Healthy churches are those whose leadership and membership are solidly grounded in Christ, are nourished by God's Word, apply it to their lives, and spiritual maturity is seen when members practice confession and forgiveness with one another."*** He goes on to say, ***"Spiritually unhealthy churches are those whose leadership and membership are unfamiliar with God's Word, fail to apply the Word to the themselves, and are spiritually immature."***

At the last Board of Education meeting, we had an extensive discussion about the state of education here at Emmanuel and the consensus was that overall attendance at Bible study and Sunday school is consistently low. Of course, we recognize that there are valid reasons for missing Bible study and Sunday school: work interferes, children visit their non-custodial parent, and people get sick. What we're interested in knowing is what leads you to attend Bible study and bring your children to Sunday school and what could be keeping you and your family from taking part. We also want to know what we can do to help you grow both in your knowledge of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

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To help us fulfill our duties, the Board of Education is asking all members to take an anonymous survey. We want to learn from you what you think we need educationally to make Emmanuel healthier than ever. The survey is attached to this newsletter or you can take it online at bit.ly/EducSurvey.

We sincerely wish to know what you think about the educational opportunities at Emmanuel. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete and we want as much feedback from as many people as possible. One of my duties as your pastor is to proclaim the forgiveness of your sins while at the same time leading you in your Christian walk, and this survey will help me fulfill my duty to oversee your Biblical education.

Please complete the survey or return it to the church office by August 19th. And in case you missed it earlier, I thank God for Emmanuel and each one of you. I praise Him for the overabundance of blessings He continually showers upon us. To Him be the glory and honor!

In Christ,
Pastor

Chicken Dinner

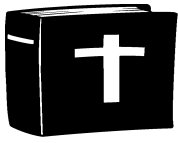
Plan now to attend Emmanuel's Annual Chicken Dinner is Sunday, August 18th. Tickets are available from Deb Stehr.



Lakeside Service

Join us Saturday August 10th at 5:30 PM for the Lakeside Service. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy God's Word and the view.



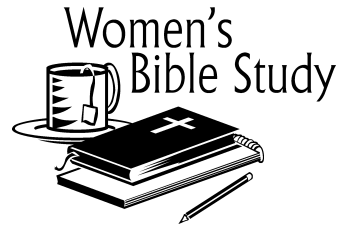


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Board of Christian Education has been working hard this summer. We have been brainstorming ways to increase our educational opportunities at Emmanuel for all members, not just our Sunday School children. Joining together in study is beneficial not just for our spiritual growth and strengthening, but also for fellowship and encouragement with fellow believers. To that end, we are exploring some new study opportunities to offer this year. Read on for more information...

WOMEN!!! Have you ever wanted to go to a Bible Study but you were worried you didn't "know enough" or maybe were concerned about a weekly time commitment? Maybe you were just not sure what Bible Study meant or what you would do. Our new Monthly Women's Study might be right for you! For any women who would like to dip their toes into Bible Study, or would like to try something a little different—we have a new option for you. More information will be coming but let me just say, it will involve chocolate, will meet only once a month and is sure to be full of laughter, fellowship, yummy treats and most of all, time together in the Word! Watch the bulletins for announcements on date, time & how to sign up!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

GENTLEMEN!!! Yes, I'm talking to you! We know you like coffee... we know you like getting together and talking...so what could be better than getting together and discussing God's Word over coffee? Pastor has been exploring some interesting studies for our menfolk and he has some great new options. Look for more news to come on a new Men's Only Study time ~ and maybe, with a little luck, it might involve that cute little bakery being built downtown...

EVERYONE!!!

And don't forget, these new opportunities are IN ADDITION to our regular Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study and our Sunday Morning Bible Study. We are sure to have a format and time that fits into your schedule. And if we don't, please let Pastor or Jennifer know. We'd be happy to see what we can do to make sure everyone has a "just right" fit to encourage study and fellowship. We hope to offer some select short-term studies as well throughout the year, focusing on specific topics and areas of interest. And let's not forget our teenagers! We want to encourage study not just at JIF and LYF activities—let us know if there is a special study you'd like us to look into. We would be thrilled to help explore new avenues of study and fellowship. There are endless opportunities to study God's Word and so many ways to strengthen our faith together. Join us! You won't regret it!



For any questions at all, please contact Pastor Peterson or Jennifer Peterson (Board of Education chairperson).

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Emmanuel reminds you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

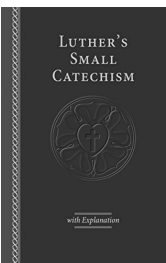
Head over to www.lakeviewemmanuel.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Contact Pastor if you prefer to sign up with a paper form.

For those who are tech savvy, there's also an app available. In your favorite app store look for "Give+ Church", install it, enter Emmanuel Lutheran or 51450, select it, and you're good to go. You may either set up an account or make offerings without one.

Thank you for your generous stewardship as we do the Lord's work here in Lake View and beyond.



To get church announcements, catch up on the sermon you missed, see inspiring posts, and be involved in conversations about Emmanuel, God, faith, etc., be sure to join Emmanuel's Facebook group. You'll find it by searching for Emmanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS) Group or by clicking "Join Group" on Emmanuel's main Facebook page. You don't see all of Emmanuel's posts on the main Facebook page but you will as a member of the group.



It's that time again! Confirmation Class begins August 28th at 3:45. There will be a brief meeting with students and their parents Sunday August 25th following service. Please let Pastor know if you're unable to attend the meeting. See you soon!

Emmanuel Board of Christian Education – July 14, 2019

The Board of Education met on Sunday, July 14th after church. Chairwoman Jennifer Peterson opened the meeting with Helga Gross, Bridget Frank, Paula Addison, Angelina Huegerich, LuAnn Norris and Pastor Peterson.

Last month's minutes were read and approved.

Reports

Adult Education – No report

JIF and LYF – no news to report as group activities are on hold for summer

Confirmation – Pastor will be using the old curriculum this coming year; 7th grade girls will be with the 6th grade class, 7th grade boys with 8th grade class

Cradle Roll- doing really good; 5 children on now, one coming this fall, new cradle roll packets

Old Business

Wrap Up End of Year

Palm Sunday and Easter- went really good, however there was noted low attendance

Confirmation and Graduation Receptions – went really good; help from parents was greatly appreciated

Wrap Up: VBS – went very well this year, great turn out with 50 kids daily;

New Business

Sunday School Specifics:

Singing-will be using the tapes from VBS, will continue to work on children singing during church service

Classes- with attendance down, discussed combining grades. At this time current class grade groupings will remain the same

New Sunday School teaching material was discussed; new material will be tried for the first couple of months of Sunday school so teachers may utilize the material to get ideas on how/if the new material will work.

Sunday School Mailboxes (switching BOE to 2nd Sunday of the month)

September: (15th) Paula

October: Angelina

November: Bridgit

December: Advent Activity, Jen

Rally Day- September 15th

Theme ideas were discussed; Part of God's Plan (puzzles), Prayer Focus, Bible/God's Word Focus, and Highest Power (mountain climbing). 'Jesus Be Our Guide' combined with an Amazing Race theme, using puzzles and brain teasers.

Will discuss activities and snack ideas at next BOE meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Date: August 11th to discuss Rally Day Prep

Respectfully submitted,
Angelina Huegerich



Has it been awhile since your last photograph was taken??

We're taking pictures for a new photo directory
September 19-21, and we want you in it!

There is no cost (unless you want to purchase additional
prints) and everyone gets a free 8x10. Sign up sheets are in
the Fellowship Hall or you can sign up online at
bit.ly/EmmanuelDirectory.

The Gifts of Cain and Abel

The first gifts that we read about in Scripture are the offerings made by Cain and Abel who were the sons of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 4:2-4 we read, “. . . *Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.*” Cain and Abel, having been instructed by Adam in the knowledge of the Lord, brought offerings or gifts for the Lord. Because one worked the land and the other raised animals, their gifts were different. We read that Cain “*brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering,*” whereas Abel “*brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.*”

Between the two brothers there is also an indication of a difference in the attitudes of their hearts. While Cain wasn't concerned about giving the first or best of his crop, Abel brought in his best. God looked with favor upon Abel's offering. God looked into the hearts of both Cain and Abel as He looks into our hearts. He saw Abel's humble faith. In his gift, Abel showed his sincere gratitude for all that God had done for Him.

We need to understand that it's not the size of our gifts and offerings which makes them acceptable to the Lord, but rather it is the attitude of our hearts and minds toward God. God wants our gifts to be an expression of our love for Him. He wants us to give cheerfully rather than grudgingly. He wants us to give out love through faith. We are told by the writer in Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

May this story of giving by Cain and Abel help us to examine our attitude toward giving. If we are not giving our first and best out of faith and love to the Lord, God does not look with favor upon our giving. May God grant us all faithful, loving, and giving hearts.



Camp Okoboji is sponsoring a bus trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. The bus will leave Camp Okoboji at 7am on Monday, September 23 and return late on Friday, September 27.

For more information or to sign up, go to www.campokoboji.org or call Camp at 712-337-3325.

Birthdays

Name	Date
Tami Werkmeister	August 1
Nick Mauer	August 1
Phyllis Brus	August 2
Bob Bengtson	August 4
Wes Drost	August 4
Jenny Stock	August 4
Roger Pieken	August 4
Ethan Peters	August 4
Kenna Mork	August 4
Kolter Mork	August 4
Sandy Boeckman	August 5
Delores Lucht	August 7
Cole Frank	August 8
Sue Eneboe	August 9
Bradley Leitz	August 9
Eldred Lietz	August 11
Jake Frye	August 13
John Swenson	August 16
Twila Cleveland	August 17
Andy Boeckman	August 19
Judy Kramer	August 23
Jim Wallace	August 25
Jim Carroll	August 25
Lannie Miller	August 27
Phyllis Leitz	August 29
Nathan Peters	August 29

Anniversaries

Jay & Brittany Liechti	August 1 (5 years)
Wes & Kim Drost	August 5 (30 years)
John & Julie Kraft	August 11 (30 years)
Tom & Julie Reaman	August 17 (51 years)
Lyle & Lori Tegels	August 17 (19 years)
Minard & Susie Petersen	August 21 (69 years)
Jerry & Janine Waldrop	August 22 (32 years)
Lyle & Linda Schuknecht	August 23 (44 years)
Eldred & Mildred Lietz	August 26 (68 years)
Marty & Lori Mauer	August 27 (36 years)
Jeff & Sheryl Huisenga	August 28 (48 years)
Lynn & Lisa Mohr	August 29 (36 years)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office so our records can be updated.

Serving in God's House

Elders:

August 4:	Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
August 11:	Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
August 18:	Lannie Miller (712) 661-9216
August 25:	Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321

Greeters:

August 4:	Mike & K'Lee Naberhaus
August 11:	Larry & Barb Bundt
August 18:	Pat Smith
August 28:	Lyle & Lori Tegels

Acolytes:

August 4:	Weston Drost & Kyler Snyder
August 11:	Caroline & Kennedy Reaman
August 18:	Reed Musselman & Ethan Peters
August 25:	Brody Boeckman

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August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00 AM Divine Service	5	6 7:00 PM Evange- lism Committee Meeting	7	8 6:00 PM Mary & Martha Family @ Shelter in Town Bay	9	10 5:30 PM Lakeside Service
11 9:00 AM Divine Service	12	13	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Divine Service	19	20 3:00 PM Serve at BHLCC Marsha Frank and Wanda Freese	21 7:00 PM LYF	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:00 AM— Confirmation Meeting	26	27	28 3:45 PM Confirma- tion Class	29	30	31