

EMMANUEL HERALD

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

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



From the Pastor's Study

Saint Paul is often considered a great missionary, and rightfully so. He established churches in Turkey, Syria, Greece, Cyprus, Crete, and Macedonia, all the while suffering serious physical and financial hardships. Paul didn't just start congregations, he was also their pastor, and like all pastors, he worried about them. He writes, ***“And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches”*** (2 Cor 11:28). Paul worried about the churches that faced constant opposition from Jewish and non-Jewish groups. He was also concerned by the threats that arose in individual congregations. In response to these threats, Paul reminds Christians and congregations that none of us are ever alone.

He writes, we ***“are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another”*** (Rom 12:5). In First Corinthians he writes, ***“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”*** (1 Cor 12:26-27).

We haven't yet come to the point of shedding our blood for Christ, and for that we thank God. There are, however, many of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering greatly for their faith. Because they're suffering, we're suffering, their pain is our pain. Here are few examples of what's going on in other parts of the world:

The Chinese Communist Party is tearing down churches, confiscating the property of Christians, controlling what is taught from the pulpits, and imprisoning and torturing those who dare object.

When someone is discovered to be a Christian in North Korea, they will be arrested and imprisoned in one of North Korea's terrible labor camps, or even killed on the spot; their families to the fourth generation share their fate as well.

In Pakistan an estimated 700 girls and women are abducted each year, who are then raped and forcefully married to Muslim men in the community.

Christians in India face horrific levels of violence from extremists—thousands of attacks take place every year. In rural India, Hindu tribes uses water and food as weapons against Christians, cutting them off from access to the village's water supply and government-subsidized groceries.

No fewer than 2002 defenseless Nigerian Christians were killed in the first six months of 2020. In addition to this, hundreds of Nigerian women and girls are kidnapped and given to Islamic fighters as “wives”, to be abused and often killed.

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It might be tempting to think that you can't do anything for these suffering Christians or maybe they're out of sight so they're out of mind. We must understand that our Christian freedom allows us the opportunity to help those who are suffering for their faith. Here are a couple of options:

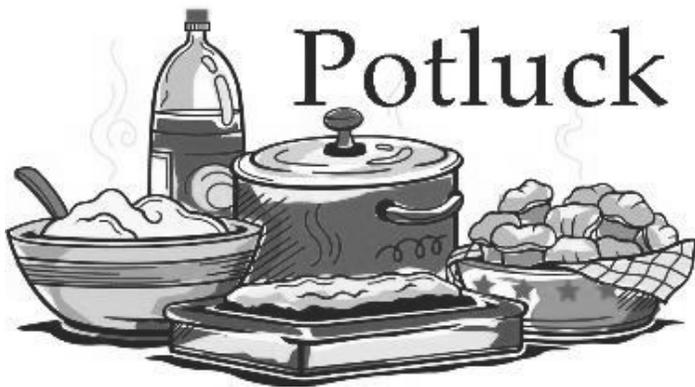
Pray, pray, pray! Never stop lifting these Christians up in prayer. Open Doors offers an app for your cellphone or tablet that delivers specific prayer requests from persecuted Christians,

Connect with groups such as Open Doors USA and Voice of the Martyrs to see what they need to continue their ministry. Open Doors actively pushes to provide Bibles and educational materials to those without (\$7 is all it takes to purchase a Bible), even in countries such as North Korea or Saudi Arabia,

Study the Bible to understand that to be a Christian means taking up your cross (suffering for your faith) and following Jesus. Your Biblical knowledge will equip you if you must give a witness to Jesus to a hostile audience.

We're blessed that confessing our faith in Jesus will probably not result in our death, so let's do it fearlessly. We're also blessed that we can look at the suffering Christians and find strength in their confessions of faith and deaths. We are one body and it's imperative we remember that none of us is alone in our faith. We're part of the Church, the Body of Christ, and we look forward to the day when the Church is no longer persecuted but reigns with Christ in Heaven.

In Christ, Pastor



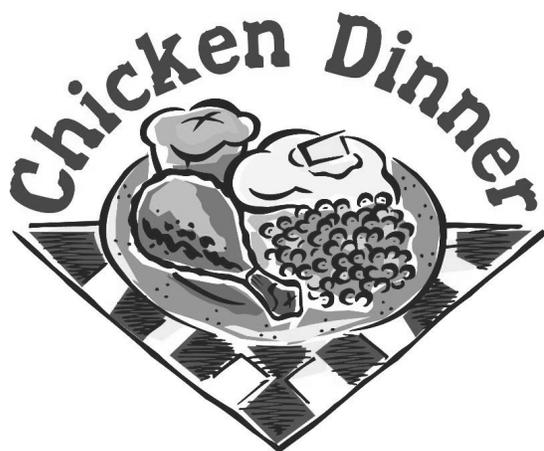
Come one, come all to Emmanuel's Annual Potluck Supper. Join us Saturday, August 15, at 5:00 PM in the Shelter at Speaker Park. Meat will be provided so bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Watch for scheduling updates in case they're needed because of Covid-19.



Confirmation classes begin August 26th at 3:45. Students are to come straight to Emmanuel after they get off the bus at the high school. Rides to the church will be available when the weather is cold or rainy.

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Pastor on Vacation—August 1 & 2	
2 9:00 AM Worship	3	4 7:00 PM Evange- lism Committee Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 AM Worship	10	11	12 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13	14	15 5:00 PM Fami- ly Potluck @ Speaker Park
16 9:00 AM Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 AM Worship	24	25	26 3:45 Confirmation	27	28	29
30 9:00 AM Worship	31					



**The Annual Staley's
Chicken Dinner has been
canceled.**



Thank you for your continuing support of Emmanuel and Christ's mission with your offerings. We appreciate your offerings in these difficult times. Until you are able to join us for worship, you may still give your offerings to the Lord by slipping them under the office door, mailing them to PO Box 260, or setting up an online offering schedule that works for you by visiting www.lakeviewemmanuel.com and clicking on the "Give Online" box. Contact Jackie Wallace at 712-830-7392 if you need assistance or have questions.

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
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 (6 years)
Wes & Kim Drost	August 5 (31 years)
John & Julie Kraft	August 11 (31 years)
Tom & Julie Reaman	August 17 (52 years)
Lyle & Lori Tegels	August 17 (20 years)
Minard & Susie Petersen	August 21 (70 years)
Jerry & Janie Waldrop	August 22 (33 years)
Lyle & Linda Schuknecht	August 23 (44 years)
Eldred & Mildred Lietz	August 26 (69 years)
Marty & Lori Mauer	August 27 (37 years)
Jeff & Sheryl Huisenga	August 28 (49 years)
Lynn & Lisa Mohr	August 29 (37 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 2:	Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
August 9:	Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
August 16:	Lannie Miller (712) 661-9216
August 23:	Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321
August 30:	Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532

Worship Online

Facebook.com/LakeViewEmmanuel— Sunday services will be shown live and a recording will be available.

www.lakeviewemmanuel.com—click on the box with a video camera. The video here is not live but directs to the recorded Facebook video (you do not need a Facebook account to watch the video).

Call (844) 605-2344 and listen to the service live or call later and listen to the recorded service.

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