

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

Quid est veritas? "What is truth?" asked Pilate of Jesus (John 18:38). Standing before him was not just a speaker of truth, but Truth itself. Sadly, Pontius Pilate was blind to the Truth and thereby rejected it. Some argue that Pilate was mocking Jesus, others say he was exasperated by the events of the morning. Either way, he didn't stay for the answer, nor did he ever find it.

Pilate's question has been argued for centuries, both before and after him. I tried to look at how the philosophers answered this question, but honestly, it made my eyes glaze over and my head hurt. It's hard to understand how people could argue over the truth; something is either true or it's not. However, according to many, my statement is only partially true.

A phrase frequently being thrown around is something like, "You have your truth and I have mine." This line of argument essentially ends the discussion because you can't argue with the truth. If someone's truth is that the earth is flat, you can't argue with them because you can't argue with the truth (even if they're the only ones who think it's the truth).

Now, the argument the world is flat is a silly one, but what if the topic was more serious? Is a pregnant woman carrying an unborn baby or a clump of cells? Is a fetus human or not? I would say that it's an unborn human being with the right to be born. Someone else might say that their truth is that it's a parasitic clump of cells mooching of the woman. You have your truth, I have mine, and everyone's happy. The problem is that there is no such thing as my truth and your truth. There is the truth and there is opinion. Opinions and beliefs are not truths, nor can they be facts.

This pitting of my truth against your truth even extends to the Bible. My truth is that the world was created in six days and your truth is that it took billions of years of evolution. Both of us can't be right, so who is it? My truth is that marriage is made up of one man and one woman, while your truth is that marriage is made up of one man and two women. Again, whose truth is true? The answer to these questions is remarkable easy, depending on your view. If the Bible is entirely God's Word, what He says is the God-given truth. So unborn babies are people and marriage (regardless of how society tries to redefine it) is between one man and one woman. If the Bible isn't God's Word, then it doesn't matter whose truth is accepted. But it is, so it is trustworthy and true.

We thank God that His Word is true! Your "truth" might be that you're too bad a person to be forgiven, but you're wrong. When God says your sins are forgiven, that's the Truth. When Jesus offers you a light burden in exchange for the struggle that weigh you down, you can rely on Him when life is out of control. Your truth might be that God has abandoned you, but when God says that He is with you always, He is. The eternal and divine truth is that God wants all people to be saved through the death of His Son, and those who believe are granted eternal life.

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The whole argument about my truth versus your truth wears me out. There is only, there can only be, one truth. If we each have our own truths, one or both of us is wrong. So, while we were engaged in a world that seems to have lost its way and lost the meaning of truth, God's

Word hasn't. It's the one thing we can lean on for complete trustworthiness. After all, if God sent His Son to die for us, why would He ever lie? So, what is truth? It's God love, His compassion, His forgiving heart, and His Son who lived as the perfect Truth, and still does.

In Christ,

Pastor

Emmanuel Council Minutes—September 9, 2020

Those present: Pastor, Beth Hatch, Roger Pieken, Randy Drost, Dave Woltman, Marlin Johnson, Wes Drost

Wes called the meeting to order, Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary's report was emailed to all council members. No changes were made. The financial report for August was given. Marlin made a motion, seconded by Dave to approve both. Motion passed.

Elder Report: Nothing to report

Trustee Report: The south door to the church has been fixed. The batteries in the smoke alarms have been changed.

Evangelism Report: Potluck supper was held with 20 people in attendance. Planning has started for Trunk or Treat.

Pastors Report: Pastor visits: shut-ins 2, member 1, counseling 2. Dee Coles funeral is being held Friday, Sept 11th at 2:00. Pastor will be attending a retreat in Kansas Sept. 28-30. A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Randy to approve \$100 for an online continuing education course (Scripture in Counseling). Motion approved. A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Beth to approve a Pastor's Conference Oct 5-6. The fee is \$75 and the hotel is \$109. Motion approved. Covid update: normal service will resume Sept. 20th with fellowship after. There will still be the second service for people who are not comfortable attending the normal service.

Old Business: The front steps are done.

New Business: Pastor did not take the recent call that he received.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Marlin and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Next council meeting will be Oct. 14th, 2020.

Minutes taken by Roger Pieken. Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

LWML Minutes



Mary & Martha—Mary and Martha met September 10 with 12 members answering Roll Call “Favorite school memory”. Donna Smidt gave devotion “Be Faithful”. Pastor led topic from the quarterly “Anchored in God’s Word”.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Will ask church council if they will take over the Book Scholarship. A motion to give \$50 to the Christmas charities in stead of \$25.

We have quilts to tie but will postpone until a later date.

The first Sunday in October is LWML Sunday, will plan on Muffins for Mites.

Fall Rally at Peace, Wall Lake is September 22, 6:00-6:30, no charge ice cream social and meeting with speaker Pastor Haney. Ingathering is for Lotus Women, a shelter for abused women at Ft. Dodge. Items needed are underwear, sweat pants & shorts, low cut socks, coffee creamer, and store plastic bags. A motion to give \$50 from Birthday Fund for ingathering. Karen Van Meveren will purchase these items. A motion to give \$50 to St. Paul Schaller youth group food pantry as they are in need of supplies.

We are on the auditing committee for the LWML Fall Rally. Pam volunteered.

The Birthday song was sung and we closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Gert Drost, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel— 9/24/2020

The meeting began with 5 members & Pastor Peterson present. Jennifer led the meeting at Angelina's request, as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Before the Bible Study, Jennifer shared with the group that Angelina, for personal reasons, is unable to finish her term as President. As there is no VP and the bylaws do not address this particular scenario, Jennifer offered to finish out Angelina's term. This was approved by the members present.

Pastor Peterson led us in a study on 2 Timothy from the summer LWML Quarterly.

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Mollie & the Mohrhausers were read.

Treasurer's Report: There is an approximate balance of \$881.59 after expenses for the last 6 months. These include lilies, LV Foods to augment the food collection items in February and Cookie Walk proceeds given to a local family in need.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for September were recognized and noted for October.

Committee Reports:

Mission Servants: No report; collected items from March prior to the shutdown will be delivered to the Wheatland Fund by Mollie's daughter Abby; we will finish the year with our regular activities and look to 2021 for new mission opportunities.

Decorating: No report

Kitchen: No report; Jennifer will ask Rachel to touch base with the other members of the kitchen committee to determine if any kitchen supplies are needed as there appears to at least be a lack of regular napkins for fellowship time.

Christian Leadership: Jennifer apologized for some birthdays/anniversaries getting missed in the last 6 months - her Outlook calendars are not synching properly but she will get that corrected; Jennifer also gave each DOE member an anchor pocket worry stone, as part of this year's Rally Day theme, so it can always be with them as a reminder that Christ is our anchor, no matter what the storms.

Old Business:

Lenten Dinner: No dinner as it was scheduled to be held right after the shutdown began.


Lilies: 14 were ordered, approximately 10 were sold

Easter Baskets: Assembled by Helga, Tawna, Pastor & Jennifer, delivered by Helga & Pastor; many thanks go to Helga for working so hard on these and the SS bags that were delivered to each child.

Called to Vote

A Christian's Approach to Elections
KEN SCHURB

Join Us for a New Group Study
Sundays in October
9:00 am

 **Called to Vote: A Christian's Approach to Elections** by Ken Schurb
Whether you're certain of who you're voting for this November or still deciding whether to vote at all, this study is for you. While this four-session study isn't a voting guide—it won't lead you to a specific candidate or party platform, it will spark thoughtful and biblical conversation about voting in a democracy and our duty as Christian citizens.

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New Business:

Board Meeting & Rally: Jennifer updated the group regarding the board meeting; Rally was not held at the last minute; Irene Thayer will provide boxes at each church so anyone who had items for the ingathering can put them in the box and she will collect them; more details to follow; cost of LWML Quarterlies is going up, will need to discuss with Mary & Martha how many copies are needed as most DOEs members do not take them and this may be an expense that can be reduced; Activity Money has not been paid to the zone; after discussion, it was approved to send \$100 to the Zone for this fund.

LWML Sunday/Muffins & Mites: Mollie volunteered to set up an LWML display table; no ushers are needed this year; M & M will be providing muffins & kitchen help.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Baskets: We will again be doing baskets for shut-ins & other members as **determined by Pastor; more on that next month.**

SS Mailboxes: Reminder that if you are hosting the DOEs meeting, you are also responsible for putting a little something in the SS children's mailboxes on the 4th Sunday of the month; see Jennifer if you have any questions or concerns on that item.

Mites & Offerings were collected.

Mite Calendars will be in your mailboxes next week!


The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Peterson, President



Once again we will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, from 5:00-6:30 PM and your vehicle trunk is needed! Start planning now. You can decorate your trunk but it's not required! Let's make this the best year yet! Sign-up in the fellowship hall.

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	3
4 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship	5	6 7:00 PM Evange- lism Committee Meeting	7 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 6:30 PM Endow- ment Committee	8 1:30 PM Mary & Martha	9 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	10
11 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship	12 7:00 PM Ladies Bi- ble Study	13	14 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 5:30 PM JIF 7:00 PM Council	15	16 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	17
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Birthdays

Name	Date
Bryson Drost	Oct 2
Ashlee Graff	Oct. 3
Mason Drost	Oct. 3
Charlie Green	Oct. 7
Konnor Snider	Oct. 7
Dennis Werkmeister	Oct. 9
Linda Shultz	Oct. 9
Londa Haukap	Oct. 9
Andrea Ross	Oct. 9
Melissa Wallace	Oct. 11
Jeff Frank	Oct. 11
Greeley Schlepp	Oct. 12
Dane Monahan	Oct. 14
Korey Drost	Oct. 15
Owen Frye	Oct. 17
Minard Petersen	Oct. 19
Jimmy Stock	Oct. 19
Tyler Pieken	Oct. 20
Marty Mauer	Oct. 20
Jonathon Frank	Oct. 21
Keely Swenson	Oct. 21
Bennett Swenson	Oct. 21
Michael Van Meveren	Oct. 22
Jan Stock	Oct. 23
Kayla Kraft	Oct. 23
Judy Miller	Oct. 25
Ben Wallace	Oct. 25
Dave Woltman	Oct. 26
Roger Peters	Oct. 27
Lori Mauer	Oct. 27
Grace Wallace	Oct. 27
Deb Riedell	Oct. 28
Jacob Huegerich	Oct. 28
Jo Schmidt	Oct. 30

Anniversaries

Chad & Gina Schlepp	Oct 3 (21 years)
George & Jean Mohrhauser	Oct 11 (49 years)
Mark & Tami Auen	Oct 30 (43 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:

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

Acolytes:

October 4:	Jordin Carroll & Paige Zimmerman
October 11:	Kyler Snider & Landon Graff
October 18:	Kennedy Reaman & Lily Peters
October 25:	Adam Frank & Xander Hemer

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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