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EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School: 9:00 (Sept-May)

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

From the Pastor's Study

Occasionally, you might hear it said that someone is living in the past. You might have heard it directed at yourself. I know I'm guilty of it: my favorite music is from the 1980s, my favorite movies aren't new, and, of course, my favorite memories come from the past (that kind of goes without saying). I think we often look fondly at the past because the present and the future are scary and uncertain. However, I know that many want to forget the past because it's filled with painful memories, mistakes, and regrets. Maybe, if you're like me, you find yourself somewhere in between reminiscing and wanting to forget.

Remembering is easy, but how do we go about forgetting? The truth is that, as much as we want to forget, there are people, places, and events we never will. The question is, how do we deal with these? I suggest a few things to keep in mind:

If you're struggling with your sinful past (even if it's as recent as yesterday or this morning), you need to take to heart what Jesus says about you. In Romans 5:6-8 Paul promises: ***"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*** Yes, you sinned. You have hurt others through your words or actions. You have hurt yourself with your word or actions. But you know what? That doesn't matter! There may be earthly ramifications, but when it comes to your relationship with God, it just doesn't matter. And why doesn't it? Because Christ died for you! His death has erased your sins! It can be hard to forgive yourself, but by realizing that God has forgiven you, you see the truth. You're not defined by your past sins; you're defined by what God has done for you. You're not your past, you're a redeemed and forgiven child of God. God has taken you from your sinful past and given you a hopeful future that's centered on His love and forgiveness.

If you've been victimized or sinned against in the past, Jesus' saving death takes on a different meaning. It doesn't mean you're forgiven for what has been done to you because you haven't sinned. It also doesn't mean that forgiving the offender is easy. We are called to forgive those who have hurt us, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, but often forgiving them is virtually impossible (and God knows this). In these situations, turn your hurts over to God and let Him help you forgive, even if it takes a lifetime.

The sins committed against you in the past don't define you either. Rather, when the past is hard to shake, when the pain is recalled, God gives you hope. He says, ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"*** (Jeremiah 29:11). The past hurts have been destroyed by God as He points you to a future free of painful memories. He has taken you out of the past and given you a future that is centered on Christ's death through which God wraps you in arms. You can be sure of His eternal love for you. <u>On a side note: if you're still being victimized, tell someone, tell me, and God will work through us to deliver you from the painful past and present, to give you hope for the future.</u>

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Being stuck in the past can be quite pleasant when faced with an uncertain future. It can be painful when faced with bad memories. Regardless of your situation, God is with you. He forgives you, He strengthens you, He moves you from the past to the glorious future He has promised to all His people. May you find peace and hope in this promise.

In Christ, Pastor

Confirmation Class will begin on August 25th immediately following school.

Teacher wanted: We need someone to teach 6th grade confirmation class. No experience is necessary, just a love of Jesus. Pastor will give help and guidance. Contact him at 830-5017 to volunteer.

Help Support Our Local School

Do you get a little excited seeing the new school supplies coming out, but sad because your children are grown & you have no "excuse" to wander the aisles? No? That's just me? Well, if there are any like me out there, or if you'd just like to support our local school, the DOEs are sponsoring a school supply drive to help families in need. If you feel so moved, please consider purchasing any of the items on the list below & placing it in the box located in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to collect up through August 15th, giving the school plenty of time to distribute supplies. This list was compiled with the help of our elementary teachers, who were able to say which supplies are really in need throughout the year, which things are "wish items" and what is really NOT needed. This should help us target really needed supplies & help our local families. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Peterson (712-657-3056 or email jennifer_r_peterson@hotmail.com). Thank you so much for participating in this mission work!

Needed Supplies: Glue sticks, Black Sharpie Markers, Crayola Crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, Washable markers
Their wish list of supplies is: Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, Copy paper for Art
Things we have a lot of and DON'T need: Rulers, scissors

One of our biggest challenges as a church is to ensure that our children are taught the Christian faith, and one of the best places to do that is in our Sunday School. Adults likewise need regular exposure to God's Word outside what they hear on Sundays.

The Board of Education invites you to join them in planning the educational opportunities at Emmanuel. We need your help to plan VBS, Sunday school, Adult Bible class, and other classes that occur at Emmanuel. To volunteer

Emmanuel will not be hosting the Staley's Chicken Dinner this year.

In order to make Emmanuel more accessible to our elderly members, visitors, and those who struggle walking, please leave them the spots closest to

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship	9	10	11 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship	23	24	25 3:45 PM Confir-mation Class	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship	30	31				

Pastor on Vacation - August 16-22

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
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 (7 years)
Wes & Kim Drost	August 5 (32 years)
John & Julie Kraft	August 11 (32 years)
Tom & Julie Reaman	August 17 (53 years)
Lyle & Lori Tegels	August 17 (21 years)
Minard & Susie Petersen	August 21 (71 years)
Jerry & Janie Waldrop	August 22 (34 years)
Lyle & Linda Schuknecht	August 23 (45 years)
Eldred & Mildred Lietz	August 26 (70 years)
Marty & Lori Mauer	August 27 (38 years)
Jeff & Sheryl Huisenga	August 28 (50 years)
Lynn & Lisa Mohr	August 29 (38 years)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church

Serving in God's House

Elders:
August 1: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221
August 8: Marlin Johnson (712) 210-0879
August 15: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
August 22: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
August 29: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221

Acolytes:
August 1: Kennedy Reaman & Lily Peters
August 8: Adam Frank & Xander Hemer
August 15: Jordin Carroll & Paige Zimmerman
August 22: Kyler Snider & Landon Graff
August 29: To Be Announced

Counters:
August 1: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
August 8: Julie Kruse & Judy Miller
August 15: Deanna Cole, Barb & Larry Bundt
August 22: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
August 29: Julie Kruse & Judy Miller

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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).