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EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School: 9:00 (Sept-May)

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



From the Pastor's Study

What can you say when 19 children and 2 teachers are murdered in cold blood? Another mass shooting has launched the usual debate about gun control, although there are plenty of other things to discuss and debate: social media use, identification and treatment of mental health issues, the decline of the family, and the attitude that nothing matters. I know there are differing opinions at Emmanuel about gun control, so I won't give you my opinion (except that there should be armed guards in schools). The biggest question in all this is "why?" and it's being asked by parents, teachers, police officers, government officials, and most observers.

We can let the politicians, psychiatrists, and celebrities debate, place blame, and spew their thoughts, we Christians are different. When confronted by evil and the question of why we turn to the Bible. It is in His Word that God not only answers our question of "why?" He also tells us what's next.

When the world was infected with Sin it brought with it sickness, misery, sorrow, and death. It also brought evil hearts and minds. Jesus says, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander." (Matt 15:19) King David wrote, "Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their heart." (Ps 140:1-2) There will always be evil people; there is no escape from them. Satan is a murderer, and he stirs up murder and bloodshed wherever he can. Satan led the Texas shooter to think that since life is meaningless, death is the answer. Satan led the Buffalo shooter to murder people simply because of their skin color. There are consequences of living in a sinful world.

However, God has more to say than the world is sinful and full of wicked men. He also reminds promises His people that no matter what we see, He is the one who is in control. This doesn't mean He tells mass shooters to carry out their terrible crimes. It means He uses all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28) and while evil seems to have won, that's not the case at all. Our Lord Jesus, in His death and resurrection, conquered Sin, Death, Satan, Evil, and all other wickedness. They have no real power. They can take our lives, our fortunes, our families, but they cannot take the love of Christ or our salvation.

I know that this doesn't necessarily make people feel better because we tend to focus on the here and now, but the truth is that all this will come to an end one day. In his Revelation, the Risen Savior tells believers of all times and places: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." We have something better to look forwards to; a time when all this suffering comes to an end.

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Until then we have God's promise to comfort us in these terrible times:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

May you find peace amid turmoil in the promises of God, and while you may never get that answer you want to the "why?" question, you have something more. You have the promise of God that He has conquered all things and that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, not even senseless violence and murder.

In Christ, Pastor



Our God can make the impossible possible!

A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us.

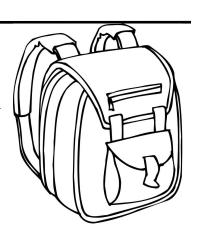
Register by calling the church office (712-657-3324), email to lakeviewem-manuel@outlook.com, picking up a registration form in the fellowship hall,

or online at vbsmate.com/EmmanuelVBS

Connect Children with God's Eternal Good News at VBS: Every child needs to hear the Good News that Jesus their Savior calls us, teaches us, keeps us safe, saves us, and provides all we need by His amazing grace through faith. At *God's Wonder Lab* VBS, you will connect children with the most important message of their lifetime:

Backpacks of Learning

Emmanuel Lutheran is teaming up with local churches from Lake View, Wall Lake, and Sac City to provide backpacks for East Sac School kids from kindergarten to 6th grade. We are in need of NEW backpacks for our children for the fall school year. If you would like to donate a new backpack or make a monetary donation for purchasing backpacks, please contact Marlin Johnson or Pastor. Deadline for this great mission is the second week of July 2022.



LWML Minutes

Mary & Martha— Mary & Martha met May 12 with 15 members present. Devotion was given by Karen Van Meveran. The topic on Balancing Life's Challenges from the Quarterly was led by Judy Kramer.



Secretary and Treasurers reports were read with a working balance of 361.89.

179 pairs of socks for the LWML 80th Anniversary were taken to Orphan Grain Train along with 49 quilts.

A motion by Joyce & seconded by Vicki to give \$50 for cans for Camp at Okoboji. District Convention is June 16-

- 18, Donna has ordered the fleece for Joy Camp. Convention Offerings are: 1. Heart to Heart Sisters Program
- 2. From Iowa to Uruguay. 3. Special New Mission outreach Lutheran Church to Pakistan. \$25 will be given for each offering.

June Breakfast meeting will be changed to June 2 instead of June 9 at Judy Kramer's.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer.

Gert Drost, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel— Met in the fellowship hall with eight members plus Pastor in attendance. No Bible study – will continue with 1 John in September.

Secretary report: read March minutes with one correction – TWO sets of fleece, not ten; read one correspondence item

Treasurer report: Balance of \$841.80

Deposits: \$230 lilies, \$50 funeral, Payments: \$15 Love offering, \$50 Zone activity money, \$700 to Lovin family*, \$143.16 Hilltop Nursery (lilies), \$85 ESC FFA (planters), *Stopped payment on first check mailed to Lovin family

Committee reports:

Mission Servant – Londa has the shirt bib example, we will make these in September Decorating – LuAnn wishes to step down at the end of the year

Kitchen – check supplies before VBS

Old Business

Rally recap – successful, collected \$708 offering, speaker fee was donated to mites, \$1,200 ingather ing went to sending supplies to Ukraine

Lilies recap – sold 16, all have paid

District Convention follow-up

Mollie sent Love offering and activity money

DOEs will not have a delegate

Londa has one set of fleece for blankets ready; Rachel will get another set

Mystery gift – Rachel will purchase local \$50-75

Send items with Kaylin or Karen?

"80" ideas – 40 shirt bibs and 40 walker bags?

New Business

Moved to send \$100 to Ellie Eskam

Next meeting: after service in August to plan fall activities

Collected mites and offerings

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by secretary Rachel Zehnder

Did you know that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has its own credit union? It does! The Lutheran Federal Credit Union serves members of the LCMS and offers all the same services as a bank or other credit unions.

They offer Checking and Savings Accounts, Trust Fund options, Personal and Car Loans, and Credit Cards. There is also a app for your smartphone that allows you to mobile deposit, transfer funds, and pay bills.

LFCU is headquartered in Saint Louis, BUT, through an arrangement with CO-OP Financial Services you can make deposits, withdraw funds, and use other services at credit unions across the country—including Dupaco Credit Union in Carroll!

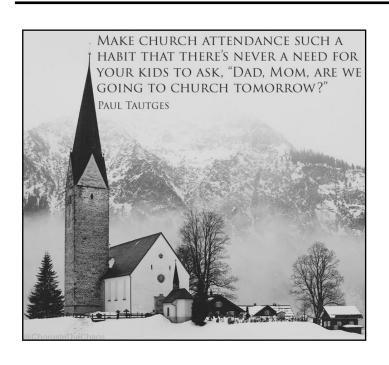
They're friendly, helpful, and it's easy to start your membership.

Call (844) 430-1563, online at Lutheranfcu.org, or email operations@lutheranfcu.org.



PS—If enough Emmanuel members join, LFCU returns money to the congregation!





SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

JUNE 3-5.....KIDS' KAMP

JUNE 9-12.....JOY CAMP 40th ANNIVERSARY

IUNE 12-15...CUB WEEK #1

JUNE 30......OPEN HOUSE VBS (more info soon)

JULY 3-8.....JULY 4 FAMILY RETREAT

JULY 10-16.....JR HIGH WEEK

JULY 17-23.....CUB WEEK #2

IULY 24-30.....YOUTH WEEK

JULY 31-AUGUST 5.....FAMILY RETREAT #1

June 2022

26 9:00 AM Worship	19 9:00 AM Worship	12 9:00 AM Worship		5 9:00 AM Worship		Sun
27	20	13	Vaca	6		Mon
28	21 2:00 PM Serve at BHLCC Judy Miller & Jackie Wallace	14	Vacation Bible School—June 6-10-	7		Tue
29	22	15		8 7:00 PM Coun- cil Meeting	1	Wed
30	23	16	9:00 AM- 11:30 AM	9 9:30 AM Mary & Martha Breakfast	2	Thu
	24 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	17 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	AM	10 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	Fri
	25	18		11	4	Sat

Birthdays

Name Difficulty 5	Date
Lance Peters	June 1
Tammy Peters	June 1
Donna Smidt	June 2
Ryli Racobs	June 3
Tawna Gross	June 4
Courtney Schreck	June 5
Faye Rohrbeck	June 8
LaVerna Schoneboom	June 10
Angelina Huegerich	June 10
Tom Reaman	June 11
Jaxon Carroll	June 12
Sue Anthony	June 13
LuAnn Norris	June 15
K'Lee Naberhaus	June 15
Makaylon Graff	June 15
Mike Frank	June 16
Emilee Drost	June 17
Kristen Norris	June 19
Don Cole	June 22
Kristen Drost	June 25
Elizabeth Drost	June 25
Eldo Schoneboom	June 27
Paula Addison	June 30
Mark Auen	June 30

Anniversaries

Jim & Kathy Carroll	June 7 (48 years)
Matt & Ashley Mork	June 7 (8 years)
Ross & Tami Moeller	June 10 (33 years)
Wayne & Donna Smidt	June 11 (55 years)
Rev. Donald & Jennifer Peterson	June 17 (27 years)
Bob & Brenda Bengtson	June 21 (48 years)
Ben & Melissa Wallace	June 22 (9 years)
James & Phyllis Leitz	June 25 (50 years)
Chuck & Pam Wollesen	June 25 (55 years)
Eldo & LaVerna Schoneboom	June 27 (73 years)

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

Serving in God's House

Elders:

June 5: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221 June 12: Marlin Johnson (712) 210-0879 June 19: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532 June 26: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Acolytes:

June 5; Jordin Carroll & Paige Zimmerman
June 12: Miley Monahan & Macy Monahan
June 19: Adam Frank

June 26: Xander Hemer & Emmett Hemer

Counters:

June 5: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman

June 12: Deanna Cole, Barb & Larry Bundt

June 19: Julie Kruse & Judy Miller

June 26: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman

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).

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