

EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School: 9:00 (Sept-May)

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



From the Pastor's Study

A news article this week detailed how a longtime college professor was fired after he taught something controversial in his class. Dr. Johnson Varkey, a biology professor, taught that sex was determined by X and Y chromosomes and reproduction can only occur between a male and female of a species. Egad! He should've been fired, right? How can an educated man still teach outdated ideas? Doesn't he know that his reality is no longer correct?

I hope you're as appalled by his firing as I am. It's hard to believe that anyone would be disciplined for such a "radical" teaching, let alone be fired. But that's where we are. Reality is supposed to be confirmed by what's observable. The sun is bright. The hot stove burns. The car is blue. Opinions can be debated, ideas can be discussed, but facts cannot be disputed. Only the blind and the ignorant challenge observable facts. And yet today, common sense facts, known for hundreds and thousands of years, have been upended by a false reality.

Students may not like what Dr. Varkey taught in his Human Anatomy and Physiology class, but who cares when he teaches the facts? Apparently, the administration, students, and those outside of the academic halls care. They "believe" that human plumbing no longer matters. A man can be pregnant and a woman can impregnate a man. A child born with XY chromosomes is a male if he agrees to be. A child born with XX chromosomes is a female, but if she decides she's no longer a female, that is her new reality. And to avoid scorn and hostility, we must concur with and support her fake reality.

Reality is being distorted and facts are being changed to fit the horribly sinful practice of gender reassignment. We don't tell a boy who thinks he's a Tyrannosaurus Rex that we'll shorten his arms; so why do we tell a boy who thinks he's a girl that we'll remove his reproductive organs? It's crazy!

It's crazy, and yet, oddly predictable. I don't mean this whole transgender chaos and butchery was necessarily predictable thousands of years ago, although, it might've been. What I am saying is that sin has corrupted reality, and a corrupted reality is predictable from all that's come before. There is nothing more real than the sin that infects us and this world. There is no fact more observable than we live in a messed-up world. The reality of Sin is our constant reality. Even if people stop the lunacy of boys becoming girls and competing in women's sports, there'll will always be another sinful reality that raises its ugly head.

But ah, I've lied to you! There is something more real than the sin which infects us and our world. It's more real than anything, and while He may be debated, challenged, and ignored, Jesus Christ is the unchangeable reality. He is always loving, just, and holy. He is always forgiving, patient, and your

Savior. Regardless of the transgender insanity that we daily observe, regardless of whatever craziness comes up, Jesus is the reality who will sustain us. The forgiveness of your sins is an eternal reality. Christ's love is an unchangeable reality. His self-sacrificing death is a reality revealed in bloody hands and feet. His very real death is seen in His pierced side. His real resurrection is the promise of the new reality that awaits those who call on His name. The sinful world is a reality. The perfect Heaven that is being prepared for you is the reality that destroys the facts of sin.

God says to you in Revelation 21:3-5: ***“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.” And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”***

This sinful world has corrupted the definition of reality, and so many ignore the truth of what is readily observed. But the reality Jesus will never be corrupted. May this reality, the reality of your Lord and Savior, keep you firm in the faith until the sinful reality is left eternally behind.

In Christ,
Pastor

Are you ready for RAG-PIE?

RAGBRAI will be coming through Lake View on the morning of Monday July 24th and we need your help!

Emmanuel, along with the Methodist and UCC congregations, will be selling pies and ice cream to riders and volunteers that will arrive that morning from Early.



Volunteers are needed to staff the tent, and this year is expected to be a large ride, so we'll need a lot of you to help. Some volunteers will work with the Legion, which has been gracious enough to let us store pies in the Legion Hall.

RAG-PIE is right around the corner so please sign up in the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible. You may also call/text Pastor at 712-830-5017

Upcoming Events:



July 9-15: Junior High Week (Grades 6-8)

July 16-22: Cub Week (Grades 3-5)

July 16-22: Cub Week (Grades 3-5)

July 23-29: Youth Week (Grades completed 8-12)

July 30-August 4: Family Retreat

August 6-11: Family Retreat

To register call Camp at 866-449-3326 or go online at campokoboji.org.

Emmanuel Council Minutes—June 14, 2023

Those present: Pastor, Craig, Jackie, Roger, Marlin, Sheryl, Dave, Lyle, Wes, Jon

Pastor called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with devotion. The secretary's report for May was emailed to all council members. No changes were made. Financial report for May was given. A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Marlin to approve the financial report. Motion approved.

Elder Report: Nothing to report

Trustee Report: June 30th after men's bible study there will be a clean up around the outside of the church.

Evangelism Report: Church potluck will be the last Sunday in July. The church will have a float in the street and water parades.

Pastors Report: Pastor had 4 hospital visits and 9 shut in visits. Pastor will be on vacation June 18 – 25. Pastor Carlisle will be covering during this time. 9:00 am service will begin May 28th. Vacation Bible School is June 5-9. VBS recap – 60 kids total. The biggest day had 45. There will be a Screen Wise Presentation: June 25 at 1:30 at Peace in Wall Lake.

Old Business: Pies are here for RAGBRAI. We are still in need of volunteers. The Chicken Dinner is set for August 20th – a sign up sheet to come. No date has been set yet for the roof.

New Business: There will be no July meeting. A motion was made by Marlin, seconded by Craig to give \$500 from Thrivent money to the Raider Friends Backpack Program. Motion approved.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer. A motion was made by Marlin, seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Next council meeting will be Aug. 9th.

Minutes taken by Roger Pieken and submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

Emmanuel's Evangelism Committee invites you, your friends, and family to **Speaker Park on Sunday July 30th at 5:00.**

The meat and buns will be provided, you just need to bring a salad or dessert. A sign up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other Emmanuel members who you might not know or with those you do.

There will be Bingo (for prizes) and Bag Toss (for pride). Bring the whole family, and maybe a frisbee, to a great evening!



Join us at the **Picnic in the Park!**

It's Water Carnival Time!

Once again, Emmanuel will have a float in the parades this year.

If you'd be willing to be part of the experience, we need volunteers to help assemble the floats.

Volunteers will also be needed to get the float for the parade of boats put together Saturday morning.

The time for constructing the floats work hasn't been decided yet, but if you can help please call Marlin (712-210-0879) or Gary (712-830-7305).



The Chicken Dinner is back on the schedule for August 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together as a church family and it only succeeds when we work together.

Please say "I'd love to" when asked to help!

Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or financial struggles. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 AM Worship	3	4	5 7:00 PM Evange- lism Meeting	6	7 7:00 AM Men's Bi- ble Study	8
9 9:00 AM Worship	10	11	12	13	14 7:00 AM Men's Bi- ble Study	15
16 9:00 AM Worship	17	18	19	20	21 7:00 AM Men's Bi- ble Study	22
23 9:00 AM Worship	24	25	26	27	28 7:00 AM Men's Bi- ble Study	29
30 9:00 AM Worship	31					

Birthdays

Name	Date
Shawndra Kelly	July 1
Rachel Zehnder	July 4
Marlin Johnson	July 7
Christina Caton	July 7
Julie Drost	July 7
Justin Kraft	July 7
Norma Wallace	July 10
Pat Smith	July 11
Bradly Racobs	July 11
Carletta Brown	July 16
Kim Drost	July 16
Kathy Carroll	July 17
Rev. Donald Peterson	July 19
Jay Liechti	July 19
Gert Drost	July 20
Charlotte Busch	July 21
Bonnie Peters	July 22
Brylea Wessels	July 22
Kyler Snider	July 25
Sheryl Huisenga	July 26
Julie Kruse	July 26
Evelyn Knop	July 27
Marcia Frank	July 28
Darwin Roth	July 28

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Jenny Stock	July 3 (19 years)
Tom & Cindy Wilcke	July 4 (37 years)
Bill & Joann Clausen	July 6 (66 years)
Brian & Ashlee Graff	July 8 (17 years)
Jake & Melissa Frye	July 9 (6 years)
Stewart & Jennifer Bohm	July 21 (23 years)
Nathan & Tammy Peters	July 26 (10 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:

July 2:	Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
July 9:	Marlin Johnson (712) 210-0879
July 16:	Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321
July 23:	Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
July 30:	Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Acolytes:

July 2:	Macy Monahan & Katie Ryan
July 9:	Carter & Kylie Rudd
July 16:	Jacob Huegerich
July 23:	Emmett Hemer
July 30:	Braxton & Talon Graff

Counters:

July 2:	Larry & Barb Bundt and Lucas & Kalyn Johnson
July 9:	Judy Miller & Faye Rohrbeck
July 16:	Christina Caton, Amber Hadden & Julie Reaman
July 23:	Larry & Barb Bundt and Lucas & Kalyn Johnson
July 30:	Judy Miller & Faye Rohrbeck

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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