

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

If Satan and his evil legions were to march down the main streets of New York City, Los Angeles, or Lake View chanting “We’re coming for your children!”, you’d be shocked, appalled, angry, or frightened (or maybe all the above) because that chant threatens your children, grandchildren, and children you know and don’t know. It’s one of the vilest declarations you’d ever hear, and it would make you sick. I’ll also wager that like me, you’d fight back with all your resources – spiritual and physical.

Children are precious gifts from God, and they are precious to Him. Listen to some of the things God says about them:

“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea” (Mark 9:42).

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10).

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deut 6:4-7).

The scenario I raise above is not hypothetical! It’s not actually Satan and his demons; it is however chanted under his unholy and destructive influence. And while it hasn’t happened in Lake View, it has in multiple American cities.

For several years the chant has been part of the Pride marches that typically happen every June during LGBTQ+ Pride month. A newsletter article on the LGBTQ+ issues would be incredibly long, and it wouldn’t adequately address the issue, so we’ll save that for another time. I do want to address a couple connected issues.

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First, parents raising your children in the Christian faith so they know and believe God's Law and Gospel is your most important responsibility. All you give and do for them is worthless in the end if they don't believe in the forgiveness of sins that comes exclusively from Jesus Christ. And this isn't just a surface knowledge, it is a deep-rooted faith that clings to the promises of God in the face of all trials and temptations. Your children belong to God and He has entrusted them to you! Teach them the faith and teach them to recognize the voice of Satan, for he is coming for them. By your instruction and by the power of God, Satan's threats will come to nothing. By the way, these same instructions apply to grandparents, sponsors, and extended family as well.

Second, the unholy trend of exposing children to drag queens and transgenderism must come to an end! I heard it said that the question isn't "Why do children need to see drag queens?", rather it's "Why do drag queens want access to children?" You know the answer! They want access to your children to pervert their understanding of male and female biology and the roles each plays in the life of the other. It's time for Christians to stop burying their heads in the sand and pretending that it's nothing to worry about. It's also time for Christians to stop endorsing these activities aimed at children! The children don't belong to the government, the community, the school, the neighbors, nor do they as President Biden claimed, belong to all Americans. They belong to God alone and our primary duty as Christians is to defend them from Satan's attacks.

Third, children are under attack from all directions, including in their own homes. They are constantly exposed to Satan's influence, not just occasionally, but every minute of their lives. Technology especially has opened new avenues for Satan to exploit and he is doing a good job corrupting children and adults. We must, by God's power granted us in our baptisms and the Bible, fight Satan's attempts to manipulate and destroy (I say that with all seriousness) God's children.

Protecting your children is a 24/7/365 responsibility, it's tough, it's also the most rewarding assignment you'll ever have. Nothing will matter if there isn't a grand reunion the day that Jesus returns to bring His children home. Again, you don't do this alone! Turn to the Lord, hear His promises, come to worship, send your children to Sunday school, and tell others, and by God's grace Satan's attacks will be thwarted.

In Christ, Pastor

**AS WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND HANDS TO OTHERS, GOD SUPPLIES US
WITH MORE TO GIVE.**

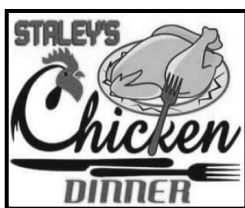
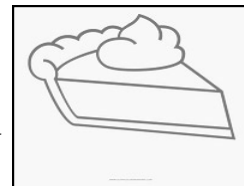
"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).



Emmanuel Council Minutes—No Meeting in July



RAGBRAI – Thank you to all who made RAGBRAI /RAGPIE a success! So many of you stepped up to help, I can't name you all. I appreciate every one of you!



Chicken Dinner tickets are now available for sale and purchase. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall following service or by calling the church office (712-657-3324).

Work lists will be distributed soon and since we'll need a lot of willing volunteers to pull this off smoothly, please say **"I'd love to"** when asked to help!

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The ILSTO is a fantastic opportunity to support our LCMS schools in Iowa. Donations are a tax credit so 75% of your donation would be taken off your state income tax (even if you don't itemize). At the federal level, 25% of your donation qualifies as an itemized charitable deduction on your Federal income tax return.

This summer, Iowa Lutheran schools continue working through the new Educational Savings Account (ESA) legislation. The STO program remains intact for 2023 as these funds will provide additional tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year. Because of the ESA legislation, we will likely see an increase in enrollment in our Lutheran schools this fall. The Iowa legislature made no changes to the STO program this past session but certainly did make changes to Iowa taxes for seniors. Please contact your tax advisor to see how these laws affect your donations to ILSTO. Your continued support of the ILSTO program is greatly appreciated. If you are new to the program, please give me a call to discuss tax advantages of the STO program. Dewey Torkelson, ILSTO Program Manager, 712-260-2991.



Camp Okoboji welcomes all campers regardless of age, race, religious background, or financial capability. This places two burdens on the Camp. First, to be true in our message and setting to the saving power of Jesus Christ. The impact of camp on the daily lives, relationship building, and faith nurturing of children is a great responsibility. Second, there is constant pressure to keep the costs of camp programs affordable and providing further support to those needing additional help. Your financial gift provides assurance in

both areas. First it sends a message that you support the ministry and outreach of Camp Okoboji. Sacrificial sharing of your resources gives testament to our efforts. Second, it helps ease the tension we have in providing quality programs, capable of impacting lives in ways we may never see. Please continue to join us in praying that our words and deeds are always acceptable in the sight of God and that the Holy Spirit continues to work in the lives impacted by Camp Okoboji. Thank You.

Our Sunday School Needs YOU!

Yes, YOU!



We are very much in need of teachers for our Sunday School. Please do not automatically think you cannot do it—for whatever reason (you are not too old, too young, too inexperienced, too over experienced, etc.). The fact is, we cannot run Sunday School this year without more volunteers offering their time & talents to help.

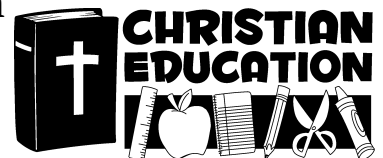
There is no age limit (although we would prefer adults, especially for our older grades). **Men, we need you too!** Our children need to see our dads, grandpas, uncles, friends as involved in our Christian Education as our moms, grandmas, aunts & friends. Everyone has something they can offer to help our children. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact me or Pastor. If we have enough volunteers, you will be able to team-teach, so it's not an every week commitment. Our SS materials are very detailed and have multiple resources for additional helps, as well as having Pastor available for help & questions. Please, prayerfully consider how **YOU** can help keep our Sunday School going. You can call, text or email me with any questions.

Jennifer Peterson, Board of Education chairperson

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Calling all Board of Education members & current (or new?!) Sunday School teachers!

We will be having a BOE meeting on Sunday, August 13th, following service. We welcome all of you to join us as we make plans for this year's Rally Day (tentatively planned for Sunday, Sept. 10th), Sunday School year and all other Christian Education opportunities. Please plan to be there to help make this year a smashing success! Feel free to contact me with any questions! ~ Jennifer Peterson, BOE chair



August 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Pastor on Vacation - July 31st to August 6th | | | | |
| 6 9:00 AM Worship | 7 | 8 | 9 7:00 PM Council Meeting | 10 | 11 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study | 12 |
| 13 9:00 AM Worship Board of ED after Service | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study | 19 |
| 20 9:00 AM Worship 11:00-1:00 Staley's Chicken Dinner | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study | 26 |
| 27 9:00 AM Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 3:45 PM First Day of Confirmation | 31 | | |

Birthdays

| Name | Date |
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| 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 |
| Linda Wiebers | August 18 |
| Judy Kramer | August 23 |
| Jim Carroll | August 25 |
| Lannie Miller | August 27 |
| Phyllis Leitz | August 29 |
| Nathan Peters | August 29 |

Anniversaries

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| Jay & Brittany Liechti | August 1 (9 years) |
| Wes & Kim Drost | August 5 (34 years) |
| John & Julie Kraft | August 11 (34 years) |
| Tom & Julie Reaman | August 17 (55 years) |
| Lyle & Lori Tegels | August 17 (23 years) |
| Jerry & Janie Waldrop | August 22 (36 years) |
| Lyle & Linda Schuknecht | August 23 (47 years) |
| Dale & Linda Wiebers | August 26 (45 Years) |
| Marty & Lori Mauer | August 27 (40 years) |
| Jeff & Sheryl Huisenga | August 28 (52 years) |
| Lynn & Lisa Mohr | August 29 (40 years) |

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

Serving in God's House

Elders:

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| August 6: | Marlin Johnson (712) 210-0879 |
| August 13: | Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321 |
| August 20: | Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532 |
| August 27: | Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151 |

Acolytes:

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| Aug 6: | Macy Monahan & Katie Ryan |
| Aug 13: | Carter & Kylie Rudd |
| Aug 20: | Emmett Hemer |
| Aug 27: | |

Counters:

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| Aug 6: | Christina Caton, Amber Hadden & Julie Reaman |
| Aug 13: | Larry & Barb Bundt and Lucas & Kalyn Johnson |
| Aug 20: | Judy Miller & Faye Rohrbeck |
| Aug 27: | 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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