

EMMANUEL NEWS

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 you did a quick web search for the characteristics of a strong congregation, you'd find that there are plenty of experts who have the answer. Some lists overlap, some differ, some are theologically bad, others less so. For the most part, I think their lists are fairly accurate. A strong congregation loves Christ, reaches out to its community, is friendly and welcoming, has members that tithe and/or give regular offerings, and is Biblically faithful. I'm not an expert who has done extensive research on this topic, but I do know what's missing on most lists: Bible study attendance. I am certain that a congregation which studies the Bible together will be stronger in every regard. Okay, now stick with me, don't skip the rest of this article because you're not interested in Bible study. I ask and pray you hear me out.

Here's a Top Eleven list of the reasons God wants you to attend Bible Study and why a congregation immersed in God's Word is stronger than most.

Your Christian faith is like a plant. A plant that isn't watered, fed, or exposed to the sun is going to die. Your faith will shrivel, and you run the risk of it dying, if you don't regularly feed it and expose it to the Son. Jesus says, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God*" (Matt 4:4).

You didn't learn it all in Confirmation class. Confirmation instruction is crucial for the development of the faith of our youth as they work toward the Rite of Confirmation. What Lutherans don't understand is that Christian education is a lifelong endeavor which doesn't end at 8th grade.

You don't know it all. You read the instructions for a recipe, a piece of equipment, or anything else because you don't know everything. You will never learn or know enough when it comes to your faith and Savior. How can you?

You need to teach your children. What's the best way to show your children that Sunday school is important? Attend yourself! What's the best way to teach your children about Jesus? With the knowledge you gain from Bible Study.

There's nothing more important than your faith. There's not a thing more important than what God has done for you in Christ Jesus, you show God you know this and give Him praise when you study His Word.

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Bible Study equips you to face life. Every one of you is going to face a turbulent, trying time. It might be a death, a divorce, retirement, work, school, the list is virtually endless. Wouldn't it be great to be able to draw on God's promises and the stories of His faithfulness when confronted by these hardships? How do you do that? By learning them!

Bible Study aids you in your battle against Satan. The Devil is a prowling lion looking for a Christian to devour (I Peter 5:8). How do you defend yourself? With the armor of God which is provided to you in faith, your baptism, the Lord's Supper, and His Word. Satan must flee when confronted by God's Word. Learn God's Word and the Devil will flee from you.

Bible study strengthens a Christian life. Regular exposure to God's Word helps you distinguish between right and wrong, and not just to distinguish, to act. When you've been in God's Word, it's easier to choose right over wrong. And it's where you find the forgiveness of your sins and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, move forward as a new creation in Christ.

The congregation is a family. We meet for worship and Bible study to encourage one another, to work together to face challenges, and see that Christians from all walks of life share many of the same fears and burdens. We study God's Word together to help one another as Christians.

You need organized Bible studies. Sure, you can study the Bible on your own, but do you? And if you do, how do you know that you're on the right track? How do you find answers to your questions? Google? I sure hope not. Group Bible studies enable you to ask questions, hear the thoughts of others, and explore the text more deeply while encouraging others in their Christian walk.

Jesus calls you to be vocal in your faith. How can you answer the questions of others about Jesus if you don't know the answers? As Peter says, *"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15).

This is a list of eleven reasons, but with more time (and space in the newsletter), I'm sure we could come up with more. God commands worship, Bible study, and that Christians assemble together. God commands these things because they're good for you! If you worship and study the Bible, what's the worst thing that can happen? All of Emmanuel will grow in its faith and Christian life? If you don't worship and study the Bible, what's the worst thing that can happen? Eternal death.

Make plans to stay after service on September 10th to eat ice cream, talk about Bible study, and Sunday school, and kick off a great school year.

In Christ,
Pastor

Mary & Martha– No August Meeting

DOE'S– No August Meeting

Emmanuel Board of Christian Education – August 13, 2023

The Board of Education met on Sunday, August 13 in the fellowship hall following service. Chair Jennifer Peterson opened the meeting with Helga Gross, Rachel Zehnder, Kim Drost, and Pastor Peterson in attendance.

Reports -Adult Education

Sunday morning Bible study will study Ezra and Nehemiah beginning Sept. 17

Monday ladies' study will begin Daniel on Sept. 11

Friday morning men's group is doing a survey of the Old Testament and will begin again on Sept. 8

JIF – met once last year; will meet when the students earn an activity through proper behavior

LYF – need new leaders, Kim is willing to guide with her notes from past years

Confirmation – major changes this year in response to poor behavior and performance

Lost homework – parents must print another copy from website

Parents and children responsible for keeping track of memory work, homework, and sermon notes

Discipline issues – repeated offenses will result in child's removal from class

Acolyte duties – if students cannot make it on their assigned day, they must contact another student to swap duties

Old business: VBS recap – had fewer than ten adult volunteers; need more volunteers to continue VBS

New business

Sunday School -Old Testament focus this year

Teachers Kim Drost – preK-kindergarten and music

Kalyn & Lucas Johnson – 1st-3rd grades

Helga Gross – 4th-8th grades

Old lessons – find a place to donate them? We reuse many of the lesson books.

Attendance – brainstorm ways to bring students and families back

Rally Day – September 10 Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Try to reach students in each grade

preK – SS bags

3rd grade - Bibles

6th grade – starting confirmation

8th grade – this year's confirmands

All bring backpacks!

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Zehnder

It's time for...
RALLY DAY!!

Join us Sunday,

September 10th, for our annual kick-off
to the

Sunday School year! We will have a fun journey through the Old Testament, which will include activities & a craft, not to mention a sweet treat or two! All children ages 3 through 8th grade are welcome! We'll start at 9 am downstairs and don't forget to join us for worship where we will have the backpack blessing, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles and we will pray for all of our children at the beginning of this new year! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor or Jennifer! We can't wait to see you!



Train up a child in the way he should go
and when he is grown he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Stewardship Corner

Jim Elliot, who was a missionary and a martyr for his faith, gave us this profound statement: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Through faith, we understand the truth in this statement. All of our worldly possessions will at some time be taken away from us. We will lose them during our lifetimes, or they will be taken away at death. They cannot be kept forever. However, we have the opportunity to use our material possessions in service to the Lord by giving to those in need and God's Church. What we give through faith will provide spiritual dividends for us as well as for others. As Paul wrote, "[The gifts you sent] are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18). In verse 17, he wrote, "Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account." What we do in Christ's name for Him, we cannot lose.

Time Change

September 10th we move back to
10:00 AM Worship.

(Not to worry. If you are here at 9:00 am, we'll make
room at Bible Study for you!)



Emmanuel Council Meeting—August 9, 2023

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

Pastor called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer. There was no July meeting therefore no minutes were emailed. Financial report for June & July was given. RAGBRAI profit for Emmanuel was \$2404.06. A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Roger to approve the financial report. Motion approved.

Elder Report: Nothing to report

Trustee Report: Nothing to report

Evangelism Report: 27 people attended the church picnic. Around 100 students took part in the Raider Backpack program.

Pastors Report: Pastor had 3 hospital visits and 11 shut in visits. Funeral July 12 for Roger Petersen. Confirmation starts Aug. 30 with 5 8th graders, 5 7th graders, 2 or 3 6th graders. Helga is tentatively teaching 6th & 7th, but that might be adjusted. Sunday school teachers are needed for this year. We need to get more children to start coming to Sunday school on a regular basis. Pastor Carlisle will be retiring Dec. 31, 2023. Our Lutheran Service Builder software needs updated....Helga will be trained for the new program.

Old Business: Chicken Dinner is Aug. 20th from 11-1. The roof is done and paid for. They did a great job on it.

New Business: No new business

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer. A motion was made by Marlin, seconded by Randy to adjourn the meeting. Next council meeting will be Sept. 13.

Minutes taken by and submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

On Sunday, September 10th,
following worship Service, the Board of Christian
Education presents...

"Sundaes for Sundays!" Join us for ice cream sundaes and an opportunity to check out the Christian Education opportunities here at Emmanuel! Pastor will be on hand to answer questions about Adult Bible Studies as well as confirmation. Sunday School teachers & BOE

members will be available to answer Sunday School questions. Let's kick the year off strong with a fresh commitment to education. It's not just for the kids! You're never too old to learn something new! Even if you've never attended Bible study before, join us now! I guarantee you won't regret it!

Bible studies return

Ladies' Bible Study : Mondays starting

September 11th 7:00 PM

Studying the Book of Daniel

Men's Bible Study: Fridays starting

September 8th 7:00 AM

Studying the Old Testament

Sunday Morning Bible Study starting

September 17th 9:00 AM

Studying Ezra and Nehemiah



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 AM Worship	4	5 7:00 PM Evangelism Com- mittee Meeting	6 NO Confirmation	7	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	9
10 9:00 AM Rally Day 10:00 AM Worship	11 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	12	13 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 1:30 PM Mary/ Martha Meeting	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	16
17 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship	18 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	19	20 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM LYF	21	22 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	23
24 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship	25 Pastor at Conference	26	27 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM DOES	28	29 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	30

Birthdays

Name	Date
Makenna Huisenga	September 1
Katherine Ryan	September 1
Brook Boeckman	September 2
Rita Peters	September 3
Dan Huisenga	September 3
Adam Bengtson	September 3
Ashley Bengtson	September 3
Jackie Wallace	September 6
Rebecca Peterson	September 6
Joyce Bettin	September 7
Megan Drost	September 8
Larry Rix	September 8
Shawna Norris	September 10
Barbara Smith	September 11
Cindy Phillips	September 11
George Mohrhauser	September 14
Donna Schmidtke	September 16
Melva Case	September 17
Melanie Ross	September 18
Randy Drost	September 19
Julie Kraft	September 19
Alex Frank	September 24
Caroline Reaman	September 24
Jenna Boeckman	September 25
Adam Haukap	September 25
Pat Schug	September 26
Carol Roth	September 26
Kari Mahler	September 26
Stephanie Strode	September 26
Marjorie Werkmeister	September 27
Hunter Pieken	September 28
Weston Drost	September 29
Braxton Graff	September 29

Anniversaries

Kevin & Renae Schmidt	September 4 (42 years)
Roger & Rita Peters	September 5 (59 years)
John & Mollie Scott	September 14 (32 years)
Rich & Linda Schultz	September 18 (41 years)
Jesse & Kelli Carroll	September 23 (17 years)
Randy & Julie Drost	September 23 (28 years)
Vernon & Karen Van Meveren	September 27 (57 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:

September 3: Marlin Johnson (712) 210-0879
September 10: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221
September 17: Dave Woltman (712)660-3532
September 24: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Acolytes:

September 3
September 10: Emmett Hemer
September 17: Jacob & Carter Huegerich
September 24: Braxton & Talon Graff

Counters:

Sept. 3: Barb & Larry Bundt, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson
Sept. 10: Judy Miller, Faye Rohrbeck
Sept. 17: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
Sept. 24: Barb & Larry Bundt, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson

Worship Online

Facebook.com/LakeViewEmmanuel— Sunday services will be shown live and a recording will be available. You do not need a Facebook account to watch videos. Visit www.lakeviewemmanuel.com for sermons, newsletters, and other interesting things.

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