

EMMANUEL NEWS

Sunday School: 9:00 (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00 am (Memorial Day
through Labor Day)
Sundays at 10:15 am



From the Pastor's Study

In 2013 the word FOMO was added to the Oxford English Dictionary. What, you may ask, is FOMO? It's the acronym for "Fear of Missing Out", and FOMO occurs when an individual is unable, or not invited, to attend an event. When the pictures are circulated or when the stories are told, the one who is left out can be overwhelmed by what they missed out on. The fear of missing out is one of the key drivers for the use of social media by teens and young adults. FOMO is recently named, but it's not new. Think about your days in high school when the stories of the past weekend circulated, a weekend you were grounded, sick, or excluded.

I started thinking about FOMO when I read an article about church announcements. The author's advice is that we shouldn't end an announcement with "Don't miss it!" He says, *"When you say, 'Don't miss it!!' about an upcoming event you're implying there will be consequences if people fail to attend."* He then adds: *"But with church events, if people miss something, there will be zero actual consequences 99% of the time."* What do you think? Is he right? While he's considered to be an expert in communications, I think he's wrong.

Let me explain. It's true that if you miss a family game night, fish fry, church picnic, there aren't any serious consequences – you're not going to be shunned. Are you missing out though? Absolutely, and I believe there are consequences. When you skip opportunities to have fellowship with other Christians, you're missing the chance to receive something while at the same time sharing something. What might that be? You may never know. You might provide or receive encouragement. It could be a new friendship. You could learn that Christians of all ages struggle with the same fears, sins, and concerns. You might even have fun!

I believe you're missing out when you fail to attend church fellowship events. I know, without a doubt, you're missing out when you fail to attend Bible study and worship. What are you losing out on? More than you realize! You miss out on worshipping with family and friends. You don't get the chance to build up a struggling brother or sister in Christ. You're not taking the opportunity to praise God for what He's given you. You're not learning God's Word. You're not hearing what it means to be a Christian. You're not receiving forgiveness for your sins! You're not putting on the armor for another week of facing the devil. You're not getting the real body and blood of Jesus! You're not receiving what God wants to give you! That's what you're missing out on.

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We need to rediscover FOMO when it comes to the Church. Every time you skip a service, you need to be afraid you're missing out on God's great gifts, because you are. When you wake up on Sunday mornings, you should want to come to church so you get what everyone else is getting. When you talk about church to another person, you make church sound so good that people will develop feelings of FOMO for the church. They'll want to know what they're missing out on. What are you getting that they're not? Then you have your chance! Answer their FOMO questions and feelings by pointing to Jesus who meets His people in His Church.

We experience FOMO when we see vacation pictures, hear stories, or see updates on social media. This FOMO can leave us feeling discouraged, depressed, and disliked. It's no wonder that youth and young adults are more depressed and unhappy now than ever before.

We need a revival of FOMO when it comes to God. Let's stir up FOMO in our own hearts and minds and in the hearts and minds of those who don't know Christ. By doing so, we'll stir up a hunger for God's gifts which He provides every time the congregation gathers for worship. To miss out on the gifts that God gives, has consequences and this is true of 100% of church services. So, you know the best way to avoid FOMO? Don't miss out! Pretty simple, huh? It is indeed.

In Christ, Pastor

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

March 13, 2024

Present: Sheryl H., Wes D., Marvin J., Jodee, Dave W., Lyle T., Jon R, John F., Pastor Peterson, Deanna C.

Pastor opened meeting with a prayer Wes D called meeting to order.

Secretary Report: February Meeting minutes read and approved.

Financial Report: read and approved by Dave W and second by Marvin J

Elder Report: none

Evangelism Committee: Easter plans are to hand out bags.

Trustees Report: Wes and Randy Drost installed new lights in Fellowship Hall.

Discussed carpet samples brought in by Dave W provided by Keith Interiors.

Carpet squares would be beneficial in the entry due to ease of removing and replacing.

Also discussed replacing vinyl in the bathrooms which will be decided by Church Council in future meeting.

Pastor's Report: Lenten Services have been well attended by both congregations.

Wall Lake should by announcing new pastor soon.

Old Business: none **New Business:** none

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes taken and submitted by Deanna C, Council

Mary & Martha Meeting Minutes

Mary & Martha met March 14th with 12 in attendance. Minutes and financial reports were given and approved. Judy thanked all who helped with Lasagna dinner.

Camp Okoboji reports: annual meeting Saturday April 6th

Quilt Auction June 1st with luncheon.

Group voted to donate large can food items to Camp.

Spring rally date unknown at meeting time.

Muffins & Mites April 7th and group will tie quilts April 8th at 9:00 am. All are welcome to help.

Orphan Grain train collection April 1-28th,

Rolls will be served Easter morning.

Our April meeting will be held at Blackhawk Care Center.

Closed with Lord's Prayer and table prayers.

Submitted by Pam Wollesen, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel Meeting Minutes

DOEs – March 27, 2024

Met in the fellowship hall with eight members in attendance. Rachel hosted.

Secretary report: roll call and January minutes approved

Treasurer report: Balance of \$1,028.20

Deposits: \$102 poinsettias, \$335 Lenten dinner, \$50 IH funeral

Payments: \$32.08 to Jennifer for tote, \$200 to Zone for mites, \$15 to Zone Love money, \$17.98 to Helga for bulletin covers

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Mollie, Jen/Brigit and Jon

Committees

Kitchen – Jen purchased little tongs

Old Business

Lily sales – all 16 have sold, need to collect money from two

Lenten dinner – took in \$335, will continue to think about where to give money

DOEs booklets are in mailboxes

Little free library and devotional books – Jen will remind Pastor to talk to elders about putting a library on church grounds; continue collecting gently used devotional books and place in box in fellowship hall

New Business

Children's church bags – will go through tonight and restock with items leftover from VBS

Mission ideas – checking on IOWAY ideas, voted and approved paying to rent a tux for an ESC student – Rachel will work on this

Spring rally – Helga will send out info when she receives it

Next meeting: April 24

Collected mites and offerings

Assembled Easter bags

Respectfully submitted by secretary Rachel Zehnder

Camp Okoboji Volunteer Work Weekend May 3-5

Come help Camp Okoboji! We have projects for everyone: splitting wood, moving furniture, sit-down jobs, and more!



**Lutheran
Family Service**

Lutheran Family Service walks with those experiencing difficult times through mental health counseling, marriage counseling, crisis pregnancy counseling, and adoption services.

If you or someone you know would benefit from Christ-centered mental health counseling, refer to or contact us today. • Lindy

Hinckley, LMFT • Call: 605-271-1081 • Email: info@lutheranfamilyservice.org • Web Form: <http://lutheranfamilyservice.org/act/>



Have you seen Flat Jesus lately? We sure haven't! Don't forget to take pictures of him enjoying the places you go. Maybe someone will ask you about him, and you can tell them about Jesus who loves them more than they know.

Send the pictures to lakeviewemmanuel@outlook.com or text them to Pastor (712-830-5017).

If you need a Flat Jesus, he's available in the narthex.



Women: Mondays at 7:00 pm on the book of Daniel.

Men: Fridays at 7:00 am on the Parables of Jesus.

Contact Pastor for more information.

We'd love to have you!

Make Sure Your Kids Are On The Ark!

Tonight during the message my nine-year-old son, Jay, came to the realization that the children who were not on the ark didn't make it. He looked to me with such a sad, questioning face. All I could say was "Their parents didn't make sure they were on the ark." The weight of that statement is still weighing on me.

Of all the things that I do for the Kingdom of God, NOTHING is more important than making sure that my children find their way to a relationship with Jesus.

-Traci Jaco

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	2	3 3:45 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm LYF	4	5 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	6
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	8 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	9	10 3:45 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11	12 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	13
14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	15 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	16	17 3:45 Confirmation 7:00pm LYF	18 1:30 pm Mary & Martha meeting At Blackhawk Care Center	19 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	20
21 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	22 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	23	24 3:45 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm DOES meeting	25	26	27
28 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Service Questioning Sunday	29 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	30				

Birthdays

Name	Date
Lynn Mohr	01
Peggy Busch	08
Wayne Smidt	09
Lincoln Frye	09
Robert Bogue	10
Lavon Karstens	15
Susie Petersen	16
Rena Schmidt	16
Darlene Wollesen	19
Michelle Leonard	19
Elaine Frank	20
Jennifer Bohm	20
Landon Graff	23
Doris Larsen	26
Kevin Schmidt	27
Kylie Rudd	28
Lindsay Rudd	29

Anniversaries

Larry & Barb Bundt 59 years

Serving in God's House

Elders:

April 7: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

April 14: Marlin Johnson (712)210-0879

April 21: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221

April 28: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532

Acolytes:

April 7: Brynn Boeckman, Kylie Rudd

April 14: Jacob Huegerich, Carter Huegerich

April 21: Emmett Hemer

April 28: Braxton Graff, Talon Graff

Counters:

April 7: Judy Miller and Dale & Lynda Wiebers

April 14: Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren, Lucas &
Kalyn Johnson

April 21: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman

April 28: Judy Miller and Dale & Lynda Wiebers

If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list, please contact the church office so we can add you to our list.

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