

EMMANUEL NEWS

Sunday School: 9:00 am (Sept-May)

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



From the Pastor's Study

This past week I had my annual physical. I was going to cancel it, but Jennifer refused to let me, and she was right. It's one of those things we must do, even if it's unpleasant. In between questions about blood pressure and cholesterol, the doctor and I had an interesting discussion about addictive behavior. Those who abuse alcohol or drugs can hit rock bottom which forces them to make changes. Those who smoke and eat too much don't hit rock bottom in the same way which makes overeating and smoking harder habits to break. I'm not a smoker, but I do love to eat so what he said made sense to me.

I was thinking about this discussion, and I wonder if it is too big a leap to compare overeating to the Bible. Too many Christians are on a starvation diet when it comes to the Bible. They nibble a little bit here and there. If they attend service, they're given a delicious meal, but overall, Christians are not nourishing themselves with the Word of God.

Jesus says that He is the Bread of Life and that those who eat of Him through faith will have eternal life. He also tells satan, "Man does not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Jesus invites us, no it's more than that, He urges us to come be fed with the words that come from the mouth of God.

The Bible is the Word of God and gives food to those who are spiritually hungry and starving to death. All the nourishment we need are found between two covers: food to replenish depleted hearts, encouragement for the discouraged, healing for the broken, forgiveness for the sinner, and the list goes on.

While it's easy to overeat on Thanksgiving until your buttons burst or to have that second piece of cake, it's impossible to overeat what God has written down for your benefit and to bless you. Feast on His Word! Keep a Bible app on your phone, read the Portals of Prayer, ask me for some devotional materials, and you'll find your hunger begin to be satisfied. Then eat and eat some more, fill yourself, and as we say in one prayer "inwardly digest" that Word which gives life and salvation.

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It's okay to stuff yourself with the songs of David in the Psalms, the accounts of Jesus in the Gospels, or the comforting promises of Saints Peter, Paul, and John. As you eat, you'll want more, and the more you eat, the more you'll want, and it will go on and on. So dig in! The Bible doesn't need to be read from page 1 to the end, just pick a place and start reading.

If a person stranded on a desert island found food, he would eat it. Don't reject the food placed before you by God who urges you to eat and be satisfied. Eat! Eat every day for you're blessed with Jesus the Word of God.

In Christ,

Pastor

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

July 10, 2024

Present: Jodee, Jon R, Marlin J, Pastor Peterson, Craig W, Dave W, Wes D, Lyle T and Deanna C

Secretary's Report read and approved.

Treasurer/Financial Report: a total of \$500 given to Backpack Program. For month of July members may donate money during Sunday church offering for flood relief. Report approved and seconded.

Evangelism Report: It was decided not to enter a church float for either parades. Reminder that the Church Picnic is July 28th at 5pm.

Pastor's Report: Pastor visited 12 shut-in members in June. Pastor Caryle to cover July 20 Sunday during Pastor's vacation. Pastor has re'c another call.

Trustee Report: there was some water in church basement-a dehumidifier is now in place. Air Conditioner is still not fixed. Light in Parsonage laundry is not working.

Old Business: week of July 22nd church pews are to be moved to the Fellowship Hall in preparation of carpet installation starting July 29th. Fellowship Hall carpet is to be cleaned after the pews return to the church. Painting church walls is to start July 22nd and completed by July 26th. Registers are to be painted a dark grey.

New Business: none

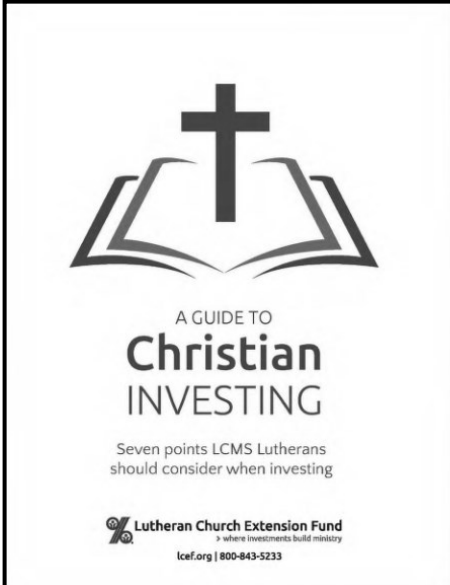
Meeting Ajourned.

Deanna Cole/Secretary



Board of Education

We have an opening on the Board of Education and anyone who has love for children and a desire to help with the Christian Education (children, youth, adult) at Emmanuel is invited to talk to Pastor or Jennifer (830-9015).



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Dinner



Staley's Chicken Dinner

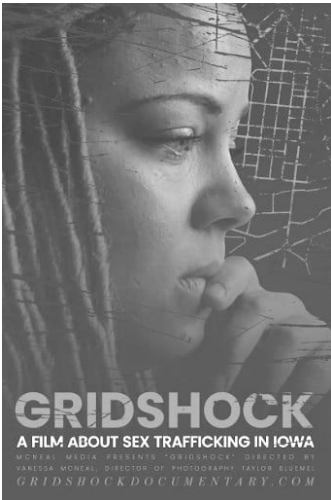
Sign ups sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall for the Chicken Dinner on August 25th.

Please sign up to bring any kind of a salad or dessert and also for task during the dinner.

When everyone pitches in we have a wonderful fundraiser and a great opportunity to welcome the community into our church.

Remember: the earlier you sign up, the more likely you'll get the job you want!

Tickets are available for purchase and to sell to others. See Wes and Kim Drost or Sheryl Huisenga for tickets. Adults - \$13, Kids 6-10 - \$7, Free for 5 and under. To go orders will be available. Share the news, you can't go wrong with Staley's!



The Truth about Sex Trafficking in Iowa

Hard facts:

- Trafficking of men and women, girls and boys is a nationwide epidemic.
- Iowa and its rural communities are not immune. Per capita, Iowa ranks 3rd (as in 3rd from the bottom) for sex trafficking.
- It is not an insurmountable problem and we can work together to eliminate it.

Plan on attending a free screening of the movie *Gridshock* and the discussion which follows on what is being done to help victims and bring their traffickers and abusers to justice.

This eye opening presentation will be THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND AT 7PM at Emmanuel.

This presentation is open to everyone because it is for everyone. Invite your concerned neighbors and friends for a sobering and, in many ways, shocking presentation by Stacy Besch.

For additional information please contact Gary Kruse (712-830-7305)

Stewardship Thought — God Works through Us

J. Hudson Taylor wrote, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” The message from this statement is that God has given His people all the material and spiritual resources needed to accomplish His purposes. When we do God’s will, He will supply, through us, all the resources that are needed for His Church (2 Corinthians 9:10-11). He wants us to be His channels through which the gifts needed for His work will flow. By God’s grace, we can be faithful stewards who willingly share our gifts for God’s work.



Prayer: Dear Lord, I come to you as a humble grateful servant who gives You praise and thanks for who You are and all that You have done and continue to do for me. Show me my sin, that I might repent and be restored to fellowship with You through the blood of Jesus. Help me to know the work which You have laid before me. I pray that You will help me to faithful steward of all the blessings entrusted to my care. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen

Thank you!

A heartfelt and sincere thank you to all those who helped get the church ready for the installation of the carpet. We had a great crew of men and women who made short work of a big project. I appreciate how many gave up their free time to beautify God’s house. A special thank you to the men who took on the challenging job of hauling in scaffolding and ladders to paint the front of the sanctuary. Oops! I almost forgot to thank Dave who worked hard and provided pizza for the volunteers.

God has blessed Emmanuel with so many great volunteers!

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00 Worship	5	6 7:00 pm Evangelism Comm Meeting	7	8	9 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	10
11 9:00 Worship	12	13	14 7:00 pm Council Meeting	15	16 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	17
18 9:00 Worship	19	20	21	22 7:00 pm Trafficking Seminar	23 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	24
25 9:00 Worship Chicken Dinner	26	27	28 3:45 Confirmation	29	30 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	31

Birthdays

Name	Date
Tami Werkmeister	01
Nicholas Mauer	01
Phyllis Brus	02
Wes Drost	04
Jenny Stock	04
Roger Pieken	04
Sandy Boeckman	05
Delores Lucht	07
Cole Frank	08
Susan Eneboe	09
Brad Lietz	09
Eldred Lietz	11
Jake Frye	13
Jim Keefe	16
John Swenson	16
Twila Cleveland	17
Lynda Wiebers	18
Judy Kramer	23
Jim Carroll	25
Lannie Miller	27
Carter Rudd	27
Phyllis Leitz	29

Anniversaries

Jay & Brittany Liechti	01	10 yrs
Wes & Kim Drost	05	35 yrs
Julie & John Kraft	11	35 yrs
Tom & Julie Reaman	17	56 yrs
Lyle & Lori Tegels	17	24 yrs
Jerry & Janine Waldrop	22	37 yrs
Lyle & Linda Schuknecht	23	49 yrs
Dale & Linda Wiebers	26	46 yrs

Anniversaries continued

Marty & Lori Mauer	26	46 yrs
Jeff & Sheryl Huisenga	28	53 yrs
Lynn & Lisa Mohr	29	41 yrs

Serving in God's House

Elders:

Aug 4: Marlin Johnson (712)210-0879
Aug 11: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221
Aug 18: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
Aug 25: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Acolytes:

Aug 4: Evan Brockman, Konnor Snider
Aug 11: Brynn Boeckman, Kylie Rudd
Aug 18: Emmett Hemer
Aug 25: Braxton Graff, Talon Graff

Counters:

Aug 4: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
Aug 11: Judy Miller and Dale & Lynda Wiebers
Aug 18: Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson
Aug 25: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman

Greeters:

Aug 4: Bob & Twila Cleveland
Aug 11: Lyle & Linda Schuknecht
Aug 18: Wes & Kim Drost

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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