

EMMANUEL NEWS

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

Divine Service: Sundays at 10:00 am



From the Pastor's Study

Seventy-three million. That's the number of Christians not expected to vote in the upcoming presidential election. That's a huge number of Christians whose voices won't be heard because they're silent. Here are some of the excuses used for not voting: they don't like either of the candidates, they're uninterested in politics, they don't think their vote will matter, and no candidate reflects their most important views. I'd wager that some of you have these same opinions. However, let me suggest a couple things that I hope will change your mind about not voting.

First, we have an obligation to vote to obey the Fourth Commandment. The Fourth Commandment isn't just about honoring our parents, it's also about honoring and respecting authorities and elected officials. Honoring authorities includes educating yourself on major issues and voting. Saint Paul says that the government is God's servant for our good (Romans 13:3-5) and by voting we are helping elect the official that will best serve as God's instrument for our nation.

Second, while our true citizenship is in Heaven, we are exiles here on earth. That doesn't mean though that we ignore what is going on around us. Jeremiah told the people of Judah: **"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare"** (Jeremiah 29: 4-7). God uses good government for our good (He uses bad government as well), but who we elect can either help or hinder the welfare of our nation and us as citizens. We pray for good elected leaders, and then we vote. Sometimes that vote requires us to choose the lesser of two evils.

It's against the law for me to tell you who to vote for in the upcoming election. I also don't believe it's my place to suggest appropriate candidates. I am allowed to give advice, and I believe that as your pastor it's my duty.

No candidate ever perfectly reflects our beliefs. We will disagree with some of their political stances, their morals, or their religious beliefs. There is only one perfect King and one day we will

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live in His kingdom. Until that day, it is our obligation to look at all the issues and stances of the candidates for all elected positions. Their stances on taxes or foreign relations are important and a part of our decision-making process. Are they as important as their stances on abortion, assisted suicide, and the sinful (and I do mean sinful) sexual and gender ideologies being pushed on children? I'd say they're not. I'm not saying that the candidate must be a Christian (some of the Founding Fathers were not Christian), but which of the candidates best reflects God's desires for our counties, states, and nation.

I urge you to educate yourself on the issues and candidates and pray for guidance as you prepare to cast your vote. And regardless of who is elected as county representatives, state representatives, school board members, national representatives, and as president, trust that God will use whoever is elected for our good and for His purposes. He is the only "official" who will never let us down, rather guides us to eternal life.

In Christ,

Pastor

Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Present: Wes D, Marlin J, Randy D, Dave W, JoDee, Sheryl H, Craig W, Deanna C, Pastor Peterson.

Secretary's Report read and approved.

Financial Report:

Elder's Report: no new business

Evangelism Committee:

Trustee Report:

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

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).

Mary and Martha Meeting Minutes

Mary & Martha's met Oct 10 with 11 in attendance. Judy called to order and minutes, financial reports and correspondence was read and approved. Joyce gave devotions.

- 13 quilts were tied and we'll tie again Nov 11. All are invited to help with quilts.
- Items taken to Orphan Grain Train Oct 15, and there will not be any more collections until spring.
- Discussed turkey drive and the grocery cart will be available for food items.
- Advent by Candlelight is Monday, Dec 2nd.
- Emmanuel will be hosting Spring Rally and groups will be formed.

Closed with Lords Prayer
Pam Wollesen, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel Meeting Minutes Oct 23 2024

DOES met at 6pm to clean the sanctuary. 9 members in attendance. Tami A was hostess and prepared supper as well. Minutes and financial reports were read and approved.

Birthdays: Brittany L. Nov 19 Anniversaries: Tami & Mark A Oct 30th

Old business: VP and secretary needed for next term. Julie completed a financial audit of the books. Mollie and Marlin will be putting the book house together this week. 3 police kits were created with wipes and pacifiers needed to complete. Helga will get and deliver these.

New business: Nov meeting on 20th. Thanksgiving bags will be assembled. Sign up sheet sent around.

We will order 24 poinsettias after we confirm pricing. A few ideas were presented for nursing home crafts to assemble at our Xmas party. No decision made yet.

Jen suggested a mite challenge to help us reach the LWML mite goal starting in Jan. She also will put together a reverse Advent calendar for the church.

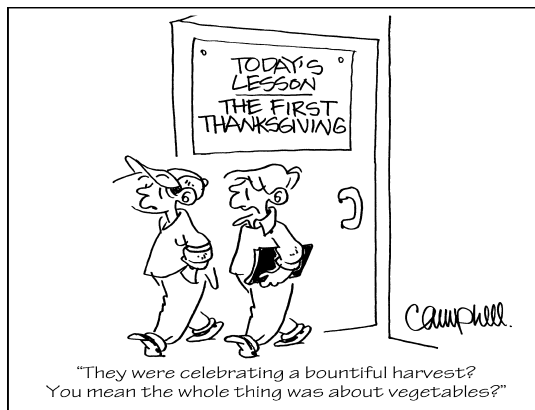
Mites/Offering collected. Closed with LWML Pledge. Submitted by Helga Gross, President



Welcome back to the Education Corner!

As you may remember from our September newsletter, we will be featuring news & information for every member of the congregation ~ not just Sunday School families ~ because continuing in our Christian Education is a goal for all of us! We have some fun activities coming up in November, so please read on!

Now...you're probably wondering why are there Christmas trees in the November newsletter? Hmm...it could be because Jen loves Christmas. No, that's not it (this time). This year, we are going to encourage everyone to use a "Reverse Advent Calendar". For anyone who is not familiar with this idea, what it is ~ is a calendar that goes through the month of December (or in our case, we'll start a little early in November so we can gather before Christmas Day itself) and on each day, instead of "getting" something, you GIVE something, such as a food product, a hygiene product or other item that many around us in need could use, especially this time of year. Each day will have a Scripture passage from the Gospel of Luke, which will take you through Jesus' life during the Advent season, so you can focus on the true gift and reason for the season ~ and maybe inspire you a little to spread that Gospel with others. These will be available in the fellowship hall in mid-November. Please contact me with any questions.



Sunday School Activity



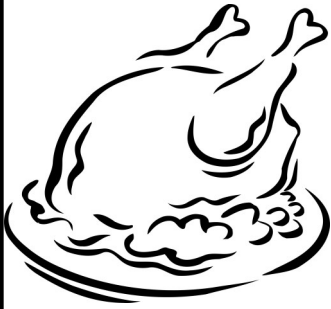
This month, the children will receive an activity in their SS mailboxes that we hope enhances their education hour with us each week. The younger grades will receive a "placemat" that has a number of activities ~ we encourage you to work on these with your children. Our older grades (grades 3 and up) are going to have a "harvest" word search! This will be a list of Bible passages on one side and words on the other. Your child will need to look up each passage and discover what word is mentioned or talked about and match it with the correct one on the other side. We hope that parents will do this activity with their child, also, to help encourage familiarity with the Bible and that not only is it important to spend time in the Word, but it's also fun too! You never know what you may find...!

Blessing Kits

This month, each Sunday School family will receive a "blessing kit" during the education hour on Sunday, Oct. 27th (if your child is not here that day, we will hold it for them). In the kit will be a small container that you can decorate as a family and little slips of paper to write down blessings you think of through the month of November. At Thanksgiving, share the blessings that everyone has put into the container throughout the month. We think this will be a great way to focus on the wonderful world around us and the many blessings, big and small, that God bestows on each of us. And since I think this is important for everyone, I have created some kits for our members who want to participate too! You can find these on the table in the Fellowship Hall (1 kit per household, please). I hope this will be an activity that helps us reflect on what is truly important and valuable in our lives, rather than what the "world" would like to tell us should matter. Let me know if you have any questions!



Turkey Drive



It's time once again for Emmanuel's Turkey Drive for families in the ESC school district. The turkeys will be combined with other donated fixings to provide a Thanksgiving meal.

Monetary donations can be given to Marlin Johnson, Pastor, placed in a marked envelope in the offering plate, or placed in the basket in the sanctuary.

Our goal this is year is 60 turkeys and 15 chickens

Any questions should be directed to Marlin (712-210-0879).

Thank you for supporting this needed community outreach!

SAC CITY CIRCUIT CONVOCATION

Sunday, November 17th 4 pm at Peace in Wall Lake

Join other members of the Sac City Circuit (Schaller, Odebolt, Sac City, Lake City, Lake View, Early, Auburn) for a special presentation by Rev. Keith Haney on the future of our churches and their pastors. He'll talk about partnerships between congregations as they plan for demographic changes which will inevitably take place. These discussions best take place in advance of being needed. These partnerships can take a variety of forms, so please join us as we learn more from the mission executive of Iowa District—West.

**THE LORD IS GREAT AND
WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE!**

“Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song” (Psalm 95:2).



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	2
3 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	4	5	6 Pastor on vacation	7	8	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	11 7:00 Women's Bible Study	12 7:00 pm Evangelism Comm Meeting	13 3:45 Confirmation 7:00 pm Council Meeting	14 1:30 pm Mary/ Martha Meet- ing	15 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Circuit	18 7:00 Women's Bible Study	19	20 3:45 Confirmation 7:00 LYF 7:00 DOFS meet- ing	21	22 7:am Men's Bible Study	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	25 7:00 Women's Bible Study	26	27 7:00 Thanksgiving Service	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

Birthdays

Name	Date
Dan Mork	01
Kyle Norris	06
Jesse Carroll	07
MaKena Liechti	10
Amber Hadden	14
Kalyn Johnson	14
Brooklyn Boeckman	16
Heidi Swenson	17
Bill Riley	19
Brittany Liecht	19
Jordin Carroll	20
Gary Kruse	21
Karen Wetzstein	25
Taylor Wessels	25
Linda Schuknecht	30

Serving in God's House

Elders:

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

Acolytes:

Nov 3: Brynn Boeckman, Kayla Coates
Nov 10: Kylee Rudd
Nov 17: Talon Graff, Ryder Siebrecht
Nov 24: Carter Huegerich, Konnor Snider

Counters:

Nov 3: Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson
Nov 10: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
Nov 17: Judy Miller and Dale & Lynda Wiebers
Nov 24: Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson

Greeters:

Nov 3: Wes & Kim Drost
Nov 10: Lannie & Judy Miller
Nov 17: Tom & Julie Reaman
Nov 24: Lyle & Linda Schuknecht
Nov 27: Gert Drost

Anniversaries

Bob & Wanda Freese	08	63 yrs
Tom & Cindy Shelp	08	44 yrs
Joel & Amber Hadden	12	8 yrs
Jon & Tara Reaman	17	23 yrs

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