

EMMANUEL NEWS



Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: 9:00 am (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

From the Pastor's Study

Whether tightening a bolt, crocheting, or typing on a computer, there is so much that we do with our hands. The Greek physician Galen called them *the instrument of instruments*. Indeed, hands are instruments that can do a great deal of things. Hands can be used to heal or hurt, work or wreck, build or break, seize or surrender, and on and on. Hands are so often central to life that it shouldn't be a surprise that hands throughout the Bible.

The Lord's hand is referred to over two hundred times in the Old Testament. The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel when He gave him a vision (Ezekiel 3:22), and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines in the days of Samuel (1 Samuel 7:13). The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel.

Perhaps surprisingly, specific references to the "hand of the Lord" are not all that frequent in the New Testament. However, it is precisely in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. We have several examples throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ's hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that He has come down to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Jesus used His hands to save drowning Peter, to feed the multitudes, to touch those who were unclean, to stop a funeral procession in its tracks, to lift up Jairus's daughter, and to bless the children. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus.

On a greater level, we know that it was the hand of the Lord at work all along, most especially in His crucifixion. Christ laid down His life of His own authority as He allowed Himself to be delivered into the hands of sinful men (John 10:18). His hands were pierced for the sins of the world. His hands rested on Holy Saturday. Yet, on the third day, He rose again. He now holds us in His hands, and no one can snatch us from His hand (John 10:28). Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ this season of Lent and see the miracles of Jesus' hands.

In Christ,
Pastor

Mary/Martha Meeting Minutes

Mary & Martha met Feb 20th with 9 in Attendance. Minutes and financial reports were read and approved.

Pastor led a Bible Study

Sent Valentine's to elderly and ill people in nursing homes.

Group discussed:

- * Tie quilts March 18th.
- * Camp Okoboji April 26th
- * Omaha Convention June 25-29
- * Group will serve Ash Wednesday dinner: lasagna, salad, bars and garlic bread.
- * Discussion on what the group could do for the people in the military. Will continue discussion later.
- * Spring Rally, April 29
- * Wall Lake's Peace is having a special speaker Sat March 8th from 9-3. If interested, call Karen Weitzstein.

Closed with Lord's Prayer and table prayer

Pam Wollesen, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel February Meeting

DOEs met Feb 26th with 9 members in attendance.

Pastor led a continuing Bible study on finding Purpose in Life.

Kim opened the meeting with the LWML Pledge. Minutes and financial reports were read and approved.

Mission Servant: Megan and Tami issued a 40/40 day challenge where everyone is invited to walk or run mile a day and read a devotion every day of Lent. We will check in and keep up in our group chat and Megan will send out a Log sheet.

Kim will put the spring flowers in the outdoor planters.

Christian Leadership: Jen will put a surprise in our boxes Sunday.

Old Business: The Souperbowl luncheon went well and donations will go towards landscaping projects around the church.

New Business:

DOES booklet was distributed.

March meeting will be after our March 19th dinner: Tacos, salads, and deserts.

Easter Liles now on sale \$12/ea. See Mollie or Helga.

Spring Rally -Mollie & Rachel will meet with Judy to start the planning.

DOES will sponsor a basket at the Camp Okoboji meeting April 16. Rachel will assemble and deliver.

If anyone has books to donate for the library house, please see Mollie.

Offering and mites collected. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer. Helga Gross, Secretary

LYF meeting – February 26, 2025

LYF met in the fireside room with four members to plan upcoming events.

Upcoming events

March 9

Sunday Funday with area youth groups

3-4:30 in the big gym in Lake View

Invited all churches in Auburn, Wall Lake, Sac City, and Lake View plus FCA members

Lenten dinner

April 2

Serving maidrites, party potatoes, salads, desserts

Signed up for what to bring; will send the food list out asap

Camp Okoboji

July 20-26 – Youth Week

Juniors and seniors can volunteer to be counselors at Cub Weeks

Tied a fleece blanket for future silent auction fundraiser

Bible study on prayer

Next gathering – March 9 at Sunday Funday

All HS youth groups and ESC's
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
are invited to



SUNDAY FUN DAY
March 9 from 3:00-4:30

ESC big gym
volleyball and basketball pick-up games
snacks provided



Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



There is still time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Emmanuel! When you do so by March 31st, Emmanuel receives a gift from Thrivent to assist us in our ministry.

Emmanuel is richly blessed by the Thrivent members who regularly direct their dollars to our church.

To designate funds go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 before March 31 and say, "Thrivent Choice."

Thank you again!

Education Corner



Observing the Season of Lent

Wednesday, March 5th, we begin the Season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday. Many of you may be thinking, “Oh great, something else I have to fit in”. I’m here to encourage you to think of Lent as an invitation to slow down, spend time with our Lord as He journeys to the cross, to focus on what Lent is all about and of course, to share this with your families.

Lent is 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday & going through Holy Saturday (for those of you figuring out how that makes 40 days: Sundays aren’t counted in Lent). Some of you may think the number 40 rings a bell: 40 days during the Great Flood, 40 years of wandering, 40 days Jesus was tempted by Satan after His baptism. What does 40 represent to us in Scripture? The number 40 is often used to illustrate a time of testing or preparation. So, why would we “test” or prepare ourselves during Lent? Well, we’re preparing for our Lord’s death & Resurrection. We spend this time cleansing our hearts, minds & bodies, to repent of our sins & focus on being Christ’s followers.

So what are some ways you can walk with Jesus this Lenten season?

1. First & foremost, come to the Wednesday Lenten services. Wednesdays are supposed to be “off days” for sports, etc, so it’s a perfect time to join us. The services are usually shorter, they are definitely quieter (less chance to “hype up” your kids before bed) and we also have great meals beforehand, saving you having to cook!
2. Most everyone has a cross of some type in their house. (If you don’t, now’s a great time to get one and use this as a conversation starter as to why Christians have crosses in their homes!) Drape a piece of purple cloth over it during the season of Lent. I’ll have some pieces available on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you don’t have any.
3. Fasting/Giving Something Up: While this is commonly seen among our Catholic friends, fasting or giving something up for Lent is very common. Denying ourselves treats or special activities during Lent is a way to share in Jesus’ suffering & temptations. Alternatively, you can also commit to a certain activity during Lent, hopefully something that is Christ-centered (examples might be helping your child memorize the Lord’s Prayer, reading an Arch book or Bible story each night, praying for others).
4. Lastly, “almsgiving” has also been a practice during Lent: collecting coins to give to the poor. A way to encourage your child or family to do so would be to pick up an LWML mite box and fill it during Lent.

I encourage you to prioritize the Lenten season this year. You will be able to more fully celebrate Jesus’ joyful Resurrection if you first walk with Him to the cross.

Symbols of Lent

As you journey through Lent the next 40 days, help your child(ren) observe symbols around us that point us to Christ. Some you will find in church, some in everyday things around you. Some examples are:

1. The color purple: In church paraments are purple during this time. Purple is a color of royalty, but it also represents our season of penitence and reflection. You can encourage your child to wear purple each week, as a way to remember the season.
2. Ashes: We most commonly see ashes on Ash Wednesday. Pastor will make a cross on your forehead, reminding you that you are dust and to dust you shall return.
3. Rocks: rocks often litter pathways and make our journeys difficult. Talk with your children about what made Jesus’ journey to the cross difficult, what “rocks” littered his path? (unbelief, distrust, religious leaders at the time, etc.)

Look for these symbols around you this month and see what you find that reminds you of Jesus’ journey. We’ll discuss more symbols in April.

Education Corner continued:

Some helps for teaching your child(ren) about Lent:

1. The Bible! Scripture is our infallible source of information! Look for a purple bookmark on the table in the Fellowship Hall that has highlights of Jesus' life leading through His Passion.
2. Arch Books: There are so many Arch books about Jesus' life. Take a look at concordiapublishing.org and you will find so many of them. Amazon also has some of these Arch books at lower prices and if you're an Amazon Prime member, you can get free shipping to boot!
3. Come to worship & Sunday School! Pastor will be talking about Lent through these 40 days during services and our Sunday School teachers are also ready & able to help with questions. If your child is too shy to ask any questions during SS or after services, please feel free to email Pastor or request a private meeting to talk one-on-one with you & your child.

And as always, if you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to Pastor or me (Jennifer). We're delighted to help!

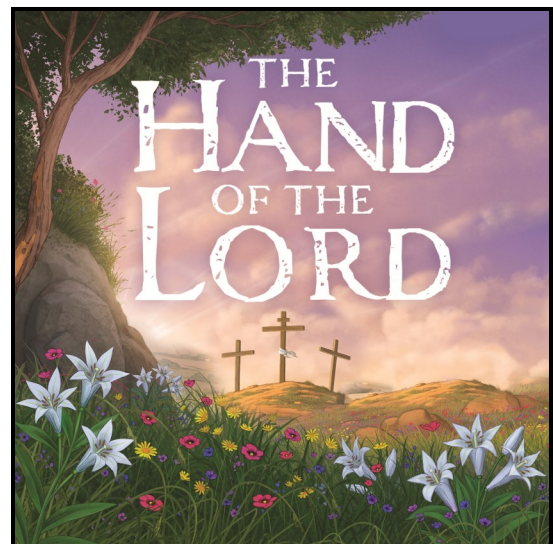
2025 Lenten Schedule

Midweek Lent Service Schedule:

Ash Wednesday March 5 @ 7pm: Emmanuel
March 12 @ 7pm: Peace
March 19 @ 7pm: Emmanuel
March 26 @ 7pm: Peace
April 2 @ 7pm: Emmanuel
April 9 @ 7pm: Peace

Wednesday Dinner Schedule:

March 5: Lasagna (Mary Martha)
March 12: Maidrites (Peace LYF)
March 19: Walking Tacos (Daughters of Emmanuel)
March 26: Soups, sandwiches, bars (Daughters of Peace)
April 2: Maidrites (LYF – High school youth)
April 9: Fried Fish Dinner



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:00 Worship	3	4	5 3:30 Confirm 6:00 Mary/Martha Lenten Supper 7:00 Ash Wed Service	6	7 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	1 8
9 9:00 Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:00 Worship	10	11	12 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 Lenten supper 7:00 Lent Service Both at Peace	13 Mary/Martha 1:30 pm	14 NO Men's Bible Study	15
16 9:00 Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:00 Worship	17	18	19 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 DOEs Lenten Supper 7:00 Lent Service	20	21 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	22
23 9:00 Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:00 Worship	24	25	26 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 Lenten supper 7:00 Lent Service Both at Peace	27	28 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	29
30 9:00 Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:00 Worship	31	25				

Birthdays

Name	Date
Brianna Garms	03
Lori Tegels	05
Laryn Sharp	06
Mollie Scott	07
Christian Reaman	11
Wuanita Tegels	12
Charles Bohm	12
Carter Huegerich	13
Vanessa Swenson	14
Kiersten Carroll	14
Gina Schlepp	17
Emmett Hemer	17
Carson Rudd	19
Byron Goslar	20
Julie Reaman	22
Jean Mohrhauser	23
Stuart Bohm	23
Barb Bundt	24
Joani Vohs	25
Jennifer Peterson	27
Jon Reaman	31

Anniversaries

Reggie & Faye Rohrbeck	13	49yrs
Craig & Jackie Wallace	14	44yrs
Gary & Myrna Kruse	15	44yrs
Jon & Brigit Frank	28	16yrs

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

Serving in God's House

Elders:

March 2: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)
March 9: Lyle Tegels (712-830-7151)
March 16: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
March 23: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)
March 30: Lyle Tegels (712-830-7151)

Acolytes:

March 2 & 5: Talon Graff and Ryder Siebrecht
March 9: Carter Huegerich and Konnor Snider
March 16&19: Katie Ryan and Kalee Jenkins
March 23: Brynn Boeckman and Kayla Kotz
March 30: Kylie Rudd

Counters:

March 2&5: Lucas & Kalyn Johnson, Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren
March 9: Judy Miller, Dale & Lynda Wiebers
March 16&19: Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
March 23: Lucas & Kalyn Johnson, Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren
March 30: Judy Miller, Dale & Lynda Wiebers

Greeters:

March 2: Tom & Julie Reaman
March 5: Jennifer Peterson
March 9: Dale & Lynda Wiebers
March 16: Lannie & Judy Miller
March 19: Lyle & Lori Tegels
March 23: Donna Smidt
March 30: Karen Wetzstein and Judy Miller

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