

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

July 4th rightly stands as one of the most important dates in the history of the United States. On that date in 1776 the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, and by doing so declared, *“That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved.”* In the midst of the Revolutionary War, 56 men, representing each of the colonies, took a stand and announced their freedom from British rule.

This freedom would not come easily as the Revolutionary War continued for another seven years until the British formally acknowledged the Independence of the United States in the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Over the eight years the war raged, the Colonists endured thousands of casualties due to combat and disease. Just like in any war, there were grumblings at times, but the Colonists never wavered in their desire for absolute freedom. The freedom that they won is a key principle of the United States and it is an ideal we treasure to this day.

Freedom is a precious commodity that not everyone in this world gets to enjoy. In most parts of the world freedoms we take for granted such as religion, press, and speech, are severely limited or non-existent. As we celebrate 249 years of independence I urge you to take a few minutes to thank God for the blessings of living in a free country.

While you are doing that I would like to remind you of another freedom that you get to enjoy, not a freedom to speak what you want or from having to house soldiers against your will, but a better freedom, a more powerful freedom. This is the freedom that comes to you through Christ Jesus, a freedom from Sin, Death, and the Devil.

The truth is that you are born enslaved by Sin and Death. Jesus says, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”** and Paul says **“Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.”** The Sin in which you are conceived and in which you live keeps you in unbreakable chains that keep you under its control. This makes it sound like there is no escape, that we are condemned to a life serving cruel masters but this isn't the case at all!

In another hard fought victory, Jesus set us free from those who would enslave us. The blood He shed dissolves the chains that would hold us forever in bondage. His cry of **“It is finished”** is the Christian Declaration of Independence from Sin and Death. We can now hear the words of Christ and be assured that our sins are forgiven and that we are completely free from the consequences and control of our Sin.

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Jesus says in John 8, **“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”** His death has set you free and now we can rejoice with Paul when he says, **“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”** This is great freedom is yours through your baptism, and that is something you can celebrate every day of your life. You are free, and while the government will try to take your freedom from you, in Christ you are free forever.

In Christ,
Pastor

Mary & Martha Meeting Minutes

Mary & Martha met at Judy Kramer's June 12 for breakfast with 15 in attendance. Joyce B gave the devotions and Pastor led our Bible Study. Judy called the meeting to order. Minutes and financial reports were read and approved.

There were 7 quilts tied.

New Business: Quilting July 14th at 9am.

Muffins for Mites is July 6. Shery, Pam and Judy will make muffins.

National Convention is June 26-29th in Omaha. If interested in going, let Judy know. No trip planned.

Aug 24th is Chicken Dinner-Kim, Wes and Sheryl are committee heads.

Signed and sent birthday cards and get well cards.

Judy urged group to visit shut ins and nursing homes.

Discussed backpack program and will donate.

Meeting adjourned with Lords Prayer. No meeting in July and August

Submitted by Pam Wollesen, Secretary

THANK YOU!!!

To everyone who volunteered or donated supplies to VBS.

We are blessed to have such wonderful people sharing their gifts with our kids!



Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025

Pastor opened meeting with a prayer. Secretary's Report read and approved.

Treasurer/Financial Report: Due to weather there was a decrease in utilities expenses. In 2025 so far there has been a total of \$1538 has been contributed. Bill for landscaping has been paid in full.

Elder's Report: no new business.

Evangelism Committee: It was suggested that The Alert Wagon be in the Carnival Parade. Check with Pastor Carlisle for its whereabouts.

Trustees' Report: Per Dave W the women's bathroom faucet needs to be replaced or repaired.

Pastor's Report: 14 women volunteered to help with VBS. Pastor Egger from Galva was elected District President.

Old Business: Lyle T will get a quote from Austin King to take care of tree in Pastor's yard.

New Business: A cookout at Lyle T's for the next meeting. on July 9, \$500 was donated out of the Thrivent Fund to go to Backpack for Raiders.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Deanna Cole/Council Secretary

LWML News

Voted #3 at the District Convention: Fund Haitian Seminarians \$8000

Young Haitian men returning from seminary as ordained pastors has not happened for generations in Haiti. The ability to serve and plant new churches in Haiti is of utmost importance in this country at this time in history. Concordia the Reformer Seminary was opened in 2017 in Palmar Arriba, Santiago, Dominican Republic and serves all the Caribbean, Latin America, and South American. As Haiti and the Dominican Republic share an island, four young men have been invited to attend the seminary at the Dominican Republic. Ministry in Mission, Chesterland, Ohio.



Annual Church Picnic

July 27th at 5:00

Speaker Park

Meat and buns will be provided.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

This is a great chance to socialize with other members of the Emmanuel family and maybe learn more about your fellow Christians.

See you then!

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	2 7:00pm Evangelism Committee Mtg	3	4 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	5	
6 9:00 Worship	7 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	8	9 7:00 Council Meeting	10	11 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	12
13 9:00 Worship	14 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	15	16	17	18 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	19
20 9:00 Worship	21 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	22	23 Pastor out of town	24	25 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	26
27 9:00 Worship	28	29	30 Pastor on Vacation	31		

Birthdays

Name	Date
Shawndra Kelly	01
Rachel Zehnder	04
Marlin Johnson	07
Christina Caton	07
Julie Drost	07
Jacob Bock	07
Justin Kraft	07
Norma Wallace	10
Pat Smith	11
Bradley Racobs, Jr	11
Drake Swenson	15
Carletta Brown	16
Kim Drost	16
Kathy Carroll	17
Rev Donald Peterson	19
Jay Liechti	19
Gert Drost	20
Charlotte Busch	21
Bonnie Peters	22
Brylea Wessels	22
Kyler Snider	25
Sheryl Huisenga	26
Julie Kruse	26
Evelyn Knop	27
Marcia Frank	28

Serving in God's House

Elders:

July 6: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)
July 13: Lyle Tegels (712)830-7151
July 20: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
July 27: Craig Wallace (606)584-3221

Acolytes:

July 6: Katie Ryan and Kalee Jenkins
July 13: Brynn Boeckman and Kayla Kotz
July 20: Kylee Rudd
July 27: Talon Graff and Ryder Siebrecht

Counters:

July 6: Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman
July 13: Kalyn Johnson, Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren
July 20: Judy Miller, Dale & Lynda Wiebers
July 27: Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman

Greeters:

July 6: Bob & Twila Cleveland
July 13: Lyle & Linda Schuknecht
July 20: Gary & Myrna Kruse
July 27: Jennifer Peterson and Brigit Frank

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Jenny Stock	03	21yrs
Tom & Cindy Wilcke	04	39yrs
Jake & Melissa Frye	09	9yrs
Stuart & Jennifer Bohm	21	25yrs

Contact Us

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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