

# EMMANUEL NEWS

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

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00 am  
Sundays at 10:00 am (Sept-May)



## From the Pastor's Study

In recent years Artificial Intelligence (AI) has grown from a novelty to a common tool used by millions. Doctors use it to help diagnose illnesses, students rely on it to write their term papers, and professors use it to identify students who use it to write their term papers. Other uses include solving scientific problems, generating images from just a description, and talking to God. Yes, you read that right, Christians and non-Christians alike are turning to AI to get answers from God.

Artificial Intelligence programs like AI Jesus, Virtual Jesus, Jesus AI, Text with Jesus, and Ask Jesus are being used to get answers to theological questions, help with personal issues, and spiritual guidance. If the answers were the results of a search of the great thinkers that you could sort through and come to your own conclusion that would be okay. Alarmingly though, these virtual gods are identifying themselves as Jesus and God. When I checked out AI Jesus, the first screen said, "My child, ask me about life, faith and love." When I asked it who died for my sins it replied, "I, Jesus Christ, died for your sins." I know it's not Jesus, and you probably know that also, but what about the spiritually immature? What about those who turn to Virtual Jesus and come to believe the answers really are from God. What about those who are unable to discern when Virtual Jesus gives the wrong answer?

There are thousands of examples of AI making things up which can have serious consequences. The two programs I played with answered my questions about anxiety, hell, and the resurrection with Bible passages and advice like "Talk to others and get their help". This sounds harmless, right? It does, until we go deeper. When asked if abortion is wrong, one replied, "Ultimately, it is your heart that should drive your actions." When asked if Muslims are saved AI Jesus answered, "Judge not, that you be not judged." These answers are fundamentally wrong, but those who are spiritually immature may not realize it and can be led the wrong way. It's not difficult to find articles where AI answers led to suicide, divorce, mental illness, and in the case of AI Jesus, damnation.

One author described why people are attracted to AI Jesus: you can talk to it like a friend, it doesn't judge you or get angry, and it seems real. There's the rub. It seems real when it's not. Just because AI Jesus can pull out the correct Bible verse doesn't mean that it's infallible or that you have a connection to the God.

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The kicker is that you don't need AI Jesus to talk to God, you have prayer. God has invited you to approach Him anytime and He has promised to hear you. Don't ask Virtual Jesus to give you the right answers and advice. Open your Bible and read it! That's God speaking to you! Why settle for fake and flawed when you have the real deal.

You may be thinking that none of this applies to you, that you don't have a computer, and AI doesn't appeal to you. This might be true, but your neighbors, children, grandchildren, and friends may turn to AI Jesus for their answers. When this occurs, you need to be able to explain how the fakes pales in comparison to the all-knowing God who speaks through His Bible, hears and answers our prayers, and sent His Son who died for our sins. That's something Artificial Intelligence can't comprehend nor reproduce.

In Christ,

Pastor

### September 10, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Peterson. Secretary report previously emailed to all council members was approved.

**Treasurer/Financial Report:** 8/31 offering was included with September financials. Proceeds from the Chicken Dinner will go to the General Fund. We cleared \$1746.00 after expenses. We had 332 paid guests which is down from the previous year. Report was approved.

**Elder's Report:** No new business

**Evangelism Committee:** Sign-up for Trunk or Treat continues. It will be decided at a later date if enough has signed up in order to have it. In October will start Turkey Drive with the goal of raising enough money to buy 75-80 turkeys. Distribution date is 11/12.

**Trustees' Report:** Randy D has been replacing lights as they go out. Final bill from MGM has been received.

**Pastor's Report:** Confirmation classes have started. Pastor will be attending a conference from September 22 to the 23rd. Funeral for Wayne Smidt went well.

**New Business:** Synod Convention will be in July of 2026 at Phoenix, Az. A Pastor and a lay delegate will be chosen to attend the convention..

**Old Business:** discussion of Church's new property insurance policy.

Meeting was adjourned the Lord's Prayer

Deanna Cole, Council Secretary

## Mary & Martha Meeting

September 11, 2025

Mary/Martha met with 13 in attendance. Minutes & financials reports were given and approved.

Discussed:

\*Orphan Grain Train

\*LMWL Sunday –October 5th

\*Fall Rally –September 30th

\*October Trunk or Treat

\*December-Lake View Christmas

Closed with Lords Prayer and table prayers

Submitted by Pam Wollesen, Secretary

## Daughter's of Emmanuel Meeting—September 24, 2025

DOEs met in the Fellowship Hall with 8 in attendance including 2 new members. Pastor led a bible study. LWML Pledge recited. Reports were read and approved.

Birthdays: Megan Drost and Julie Kraft      Anniversary: Mollie Scott

Old Business: Boat ride get together in August was well attended and we will repeat in 2026.

New Business: Welcome new members

Still need a VP

Reminder about Sunday School boxes. We will also check church to-do bags next meeting.

Fall Rally is Sept 30th in Odebolt at 5:30. Socks & Underwear are ingathering.

Oct 5th LWML Sunday-4 volunteers to usher

Sign up for Thanksgiving basket sent around.

Trunk or Treat Oct 31st Sign up now

Next meeting Oct 22 at 6pm. Kim to bring supper and we will clean the Sanctuary prior to the meeting.

November meeting will be the 19th.

Mites & offering collected. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Helga Gross, secretary

# Education Corner

## TRYING TO REMEMBER THE SERMON?

The confirmation students are required to complete 16 sermon reports during the school year. The purpose of the sermon notes is to teach the kids active listening. Active listening is engaging with the sermon and text, asking or answering questions (in your head), following the line of thought (hopefully it's clear), and identifying the Law and the Gospel.

Active listening isn't easy listening, it takes work, and just as you focus on your spouse's feelings or listen to your child's exciting story, so to you should focus on the sermon.

Here are a few tips to help you get into the habit of listening to the sermon.

- Do a sermon report (they're on the narthex table with pencils).
- During the sermon jot down a few words on your bulletin which contain the main points of the sermon.
- During the reception of the offerings review these points in your mind.
- During the silent prayer at the end of the service let your prayers concentrate on these points as you talk to the Lord.
- When you're in your car for the drive home review and think about and discuss the main points again, (if you're with somebody, do this with them).
- Sunday evening in your private prayer time go over these points with the Lord and pray for guidance in implementing them.
- On Monday be conscious of what you need to do. Act out the instruction of the sermon in your life.
- Watch it again on Facebook or read the manuscript on the Facebook page or our website to refresh your memory.

## Education Opportunities

### Sunday Morning

Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Study  
9:00am

*Philippians*

### Ladies' Bible Study

Monday evenings  
7:00 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall

*Genesis*

### Men's Bible Study

Friday mornings  
7:00 am in the  
Fellowship Hall

*Ten Commandments*



There's still time to contribute to Emmanuel's annual turkey fundraiser!

We hope to buy 75 turkeys for the ESC Food Pantry. Place your offering in the basket at the back of the church or give it to Marlin by November 5th. **Thank you!**



Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity for Christians to share a Christmas gift and Gospel message with children in 3rd

world countries and other areas of disaster or poverty. There will be a door offering on Nov 9th or you can give your donation to Gary Kruse. He can also answer all your questions. **Thank you!**

## LYF Meeting September 10, 2025

LYF kicked off the year with a fun night at the park with Peace, Wall Lake's LYF group!

From left: Braxton Graff, Xander Hemer, Talon Graff, Jacob Ulmer, Jordan Ulmer, Thaddeus Gerdes, Jordin Carroll, Paige Polzien, Emma Carico, and Sarah Bontrager.



## LYF meeting – September 24, 2025

LYF met in the fireside room with six members in attendance.

Fields of Faith – 8<sup>th</sup> Fields of Faith in Carroll; bus leaves at 6:15 from the school

Socktober – through the month of October, collect new socks for men, women, and children and place in the basket in the fellowship hall to donate

### October meetings

8<sup>th</sup> in fireside room

22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> fall festivities with Peace:  
hayride, hot chocolate, smores,  
pumpkin carving

### November meetings

5<sup>th</sup> in fireside room

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday at school with all  
area youth groups

### December meetings

17<sup>th</sup> Christmas party with Peace

Bible study on grief; closed with prayer

HELP THE LYF WITH

# SOCKTOBER

SOCKS ARE ONE OF THE  
MOST REQUESTED ITEMS IN SHELTERS.  
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER,  
DROP OFF **NEW SOCKS OF ANY SIZE FOR  
GUYS OR GALS** IN THE BASKET IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE LYF TO DONATE.



# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30 Confirmation	2	3 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	4
5 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	6 7:00 Women's Bible Study	7	8 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 Council Meeting 7:00 LYF	9 1:30 Mary/ Martha meeting	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	11
12 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	13 7:00 Women's Bible Study	14	15 3:30 Confirmation 5:15 JIF	16	17 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	18
19 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	20 7:00 Women's Bible Study	21	22 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 DOEs 7:00 LYF	23	24 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	25
26 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	27 7:00 Women's Bible Study	28	29	30	31	

## Birthdays

Name	Date
Bryson Drost	02
Ashlee Graff	03
Mason Drost	03
Konnor Snider	07
Londa Haukap	09
Melissa Wallace	11
Robert Rudd	12
Greeley Schlepp	12
Dane Monahan	14
Korey Drost	15
Dale Wiebers	17
Owen Frye	17
Jimmy Stock	19
Tyler Pieken	20
Jon Frank	21
Bennett Swenson	21
Keely Swenson	21
Jan Stock	23
Kayla Kraft	23
Judy Miller	25
Ben Wallace	25
Dave Woltman	26
Roger Peters	27
Grace Wallace	27
Deb Riedell	28
Jacob Huegerich	28
Jo Schmidt	30

## Serving in God's House

### Elders:

Oct 5: Lyle Tegels (712)830-7151  
Oct 12: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532  
Oct 19: Craig Wallace (606)584-3221  
Oct 26: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)

### Acolytes:

Oct 5: Ryder Siebrecht and Riley Frocht  
Oct 12: Brynn Boeckmann and Cora Maddix  
Oct 19: Konnor Snider  
Oct 26: Keely Swenson and Bennett Swenson

### Counters:

Oct 5: Kalyn Johnson, Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren  
Oct 12: Judy Miller, Dale & Lynda Wiebers  
Oct 19: Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman  
Oct 26: Kalyn Johnson, Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren

### Greeters:

Oct 5: Sheryl Huisenga & Paula Addison  
Oct 12: Gary & Myrna Kruse  
Oct 19: Lyle & Linda Schuknecht  
Oct 26: Brigit Frank & Karen Wetzstein

### Anniversaries

George & Jean Mohrhauser	11	55yrs
Mark & Tami Auen	30	49yrs

*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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