

# 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

A gold star to anyone who can tell me who said: ***“I am a doctor and a preacher, yea, as learned and experienced as all those may be who possess such presumption this sense of security...I cannot master the Small Catechism as I desire but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism.”***

Any guesses? It was Martin Luther! The man who wrote the Small Catechism went back to it every morning (and then some), so he could refresh what he had learned. He read it slowly, focusing on the meaning of the words while reading appropriate portions of Scripture. He felt “off” any days that he allowed himself to be distracted before he could do his daily reading. It’s kind of amazing that the man who had the God-given gift of understanding Scripture and who was an extraordinary preacher and teacher, felt the need to go back to what he had written. For Luther, the Catechisms (both Small and Large) were brief transcripts of the Holy Scriptures which Christians needed to read, learn, and inwardly digest. Even men and women as educated as Martin Luther needed to stay in touch with the basic teachings of the Small Catechism.

If you were a Lutheran when you entered 8<sup>th</sup> grade, chances are you had a Small Catechism. It was probably blue and dated around 1943. If you are younger than some of us, your catechism may be dated around 1989 or 1991. Our most recent confirmands have a brand-new catechism which was released in 2017. Hopefully you know where yours is. Sadly, in the course of all my moves, I lost track of mine. Maybe someday it will return, and then I will cherish it even more.

Luther wrote the Small Catechism after touring German Lutheran churches and discovering that the people didn’t even know the basics of the Christian faith. They didn’t know the Lord’s Prayer, Apostles’ Creed, or the Ten Commandments, and this was of great concern to Luther and the other Reformers. Now, I’m quite confident that most of you have a pretty good grasp on the basics, but as Luther said, we should all remain students of the Catechism. My goal for this year is to increase our knowledge of the Catechism by making it part of the Sunday Divine Service.

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While there won't be any lectures, quizzes, or homework, we will recite a portion of the Small Catechism every Sunday. This will be refresher for some, for others the material may be brand new. But either way, it will be a beneficial exercise as we recite what we as Lutherans believe (which is what the Bible teaches).

If you can, dig up your old Catechism. Bring it in or take a picture of it and we'll have prizes for most loved (most raggedy) and the oldest. Spend some this year between the Sundays refreshing and learning the Biblical doctrine found within those pages and first published in 1517. It will be a great exercise (non-sweating) that we can do together, which will benefit you, our children, and Emmanuel.

In Christ,  
Pastor

## August 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. The Secretary's report was previously sent via email to all council member and was motioned and approved. Treasurer/Financial Report: Nothing new to report, staying close to budget. It was questioned why was there a \$46.11 for fuel in July. It was explained this was a monthly meter charge. Sunday offerings are at 49%

Elder's Report: no new business

Evangelism Committee: There was a good turnout to the Church Picnic at the end of July. Roger Peters made a \$100 donation to help cover the cost of the picnic and Sheryl Husinga paid the Shelter House fee.. Good fellowship was had by all.

Trustees' Report: Randy Drost installed a new light fixture in the SS room. Church air conditioner is running at 60%. A new part has been ordered.

Pastor's Report: visits to shut-ins was 13 and he made 12 visits to the hospital to comfort church members. Pastor will be on vacation from August 18 through the 25th. Rev. Carlisle will fill in during Pastor's vacation. Pastor will also be gone on September 7th and the elder on duty will lead the service.

Old Business: No bill yet has been submitted for tree service. Craig Wallace passed out a handout about Thrivent's products. It was decided that in order to educate church members, that an insert in a future bulletin and Church newsletter explain how Choice Dollars can be donated to non-profit of member's choice like Emmanuel Church.

New Business: Craig Wallace, Wes Drost and Rand Drost met with insurance carrier for Church property.. It was decided that in order to save \$1716.00 yearly, it would be prudent to change from a combined policy to a scheduled property format and increase deductible to \$5000.00. Motion was moved and seconded it. It was suggested to move Chicken Dinner in 2026 from August to September in order to increase attendance. Sheryl Huisenga and Marlin Johnson will meet to discuss further..

Deanna Cole, Council Secretary

## Time Change

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September 7th

Worship moves

Back to

10:00 am

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Join us September 14th

9:00 am

Sunday School

Adult Bible Class

LYF starts Sept 10th

7:00 pm

# Education Corner

## Welcome back to the Education Corner!

It's been a beautiful summer and although temperatures & humidity levels remain high, it is time to turn our minds to the fall! On Sunday, Sept. 14th, our church will have our Annual Rally Day. Most people believe this is just about Sunday School, but that couldn't be further from the truth! Rally Day is a time for EVERYONE to recommit their time, talents & treasures to the church. Yes, education time is VERY important and we urge you to participate in one of our Bible Studies (we have many options for your scheduling needs). But what is just as important is joining with your Emmanuel family for worship & praise. In order to sustain our faith, to grow our faith, it is important to come regularly to be fed by Word & Sacrament at worship. Please, please...make a commitment to set Sunday aside to first be fed in Bible Study/Sunday School and then in worship services. The Lord set aside Sundays for this purpose. It's not only about worship & praise, though, it's about REST. God knew then and knows now that we need to give our bodies, minds & hearts time to rest, this is why He set aside the Sabbath Day. Come learn, worship and then spend time with your family. And I don't mean by running the kids from one practice to another. Protect your Sunday times to be a family and to "be" together ~ intentionally, purposely and faithfully. Put the electronics aside, enjoy an old-fashioned Sunday dinner, play a board game, go outside and play with the littles, focus on one another. I guarantee you, the rest you will find will refresh you for the week to come. I look forward to seeing you all each week! Let's make this fall a great time to refocus!



## Education Opportunities

### Sunday Morning

Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Study 9:00am

### Ladies' Bible Study

Monday evenings  
7:00 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall

### Men's Bible Study

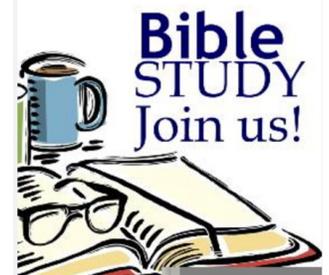
Friday mornings  
7:00 am in the  
Fellowship Hall

### Teachers Needed!!!

We are in need of help with our middle grade class (grades 1st-4th). Materials are provided & the stories are basic Bible ones you probably already know. You can also team-teach so you don't have an every week commitment!



Any questions, please see Pastor or Jennifer.



Mark your calendars!!

Rally Day is Sunday, Sept. 14th

This isn't just for Sunday School!

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 Evangelism Committee	3 3:30 Confirmation	4	5	6
7 10:00 Worship	8	9	10 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 Council Meeting 7:00 LYF	11 1:30 Mary/ Martha meet- ing	12 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	13
14 9:00 Rally Day 10:00 Worship	15 7:00 Women's Bible Study	16	17 3:30 Confirmation	18	19 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	20
21 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Pastor's Conference</div>	23	24 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 DOEs 7:00 LYF	25	26 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	27
28 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	29 7:00 Women's Bible Study	30				

## Birthdays

Name	Date
MaKenna Kunneke	01
Brook Boeckman	02
Rita Peters	03
Dan Huisenga	03
Jackie Wallace	06
Becca Peterson	06
Joyce Bettin	07
Megan Drost	08
Mardi Mohrhauser	09
George Mohrhauser	14
Donna Schmidtke	16
Melva Case	17
Melanie Ross	18
Randy Drost	19
Julie Kraft	19
Caroline Reaman	24
Jenna Boeckman	25
Pat Schug	26
Carol Roth	26
Hunter Pieken	28
Weston Drost	29
Braxton Graff	29

## Serving in God's House

### Elders:

Sept 7: Lyle Tegels (712)830-7151  
Sept 14: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532  
Sept 21: Craig Wallace (606)584-3221  
Sept 28: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)

### Acolytes:

Sept 7: Carter Huegerich and Konnor Snider  
Sept 14: Brynn Boeckman  
Sept 21:  
Sept 28:

### Counters:

Sept 7: Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman  
Sept 14: Kalyn Johnson, Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren  
Sept 21: Judy Miller, Dale & Lynda Wiebers  
Sept 28: Amber Hadden, Julie Reaman

### Greeters:

Sept 7: Judy Kramer & Karen Van Meveren  
Sept 14: Lyle & Lori Tegels  
Sept 21: Dale & Lynda Wiebers  
Sept 28: Charles & Pam Wollesen

### Anniversaries

Kevin & Renae Schmidt	04	44yrs
Roger & Rita Peters	05	61yrs
John & Mollie Scott	14	34yrs
Jesse & Kelli Carroll	23	19yrs
Randy & Julie Drost	23	30yrs

*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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