

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

Last month, you read the account of Justin Martyr who died confessing his faith in Jesus. I'd like to continue this theme of Christian martyrdom to teach you Church history and by hearing the accounts of these martyrs I pray you will follow their examples and stand firm in the faith.

This month's saint is Polycarp the Bishop in Smyrna (modern Izmir in Turkey) who was martyred in 160 AD. We pick up his story following his arrest:

+ The Proconsul asked him whether he was Polycarp. On hearing that he was, he tried to persuade him to apostatize, saying, *"Have respect for your old age, swear by the fortune of Caesar."*

The Proconsul again urged: *"Swear! Reproach Christ, and I will set you free."*

Polycarp declared, *"86 years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"*

Again, the Proconsul pressed him: *"Swear by the fortune of Caesar!"*

Polycarp responded: *"Since you are vainly urgent that, as you say, I should swear by the fortune of Caesar and pretend not to know who and what I am, hear me declare with boldness, I am a Christian. And if you wish to learn what the doctrines of Christianity are, appoint me a day, and you shall hear them."*

The Proconsul continued: *"I have wild animals here! I will throw you to them if you do not repent."*

Polycarp replied: *"Call them. It is unthinkable for me to repent from what is good to turn to what is evil. I will be glad though to be changed from evil to righteousness."*

Again, the Proconsul threatened: *"If you despise the animals, I will have you burned."*

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Again, Polycarp stood strong: *“You threaten me with fire which burns for an hour, and is then extinguished, but you know nothing of the fire of the coming judgment and eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. Why are you waiting? Bring on whatever you want.”*

The crowd collected wood and bundles of sticks from the shops and public baths. The Jews, as usual, were keen to help. When the pile was ready, Polycarp took off his outer clothes, undid his belt, and tried to take off his sandals – something he was not used to, as the faithful always raced to do it for him, each wanting to be the one to touch his skin – this is how good his life was. But when they went to fix him with nails, he said, *“Leave me as I am, for he that gives me strength to endure the fire, will enable me not to struggle, without the help of your nails.”*

After being tied to the stake, Polycarp prayed: *“O Lord God Almighty, the Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, by whom we have received the knowledge of you, the God of angels, powers and every creature, and of all the righteous who live before you, I give you thanks that you count me worthy to be numbered among your martyrs, sharing the cup of Christ and the resurrection to eternal life, both of soul and body, through the immortality of the Holy Spirit. May I be received this day as an acceptable sacrifice, as you, the true God, have predestined, revealed to me, and now fulfilled. I praise you for all these things, I bless you and glorify you, along with the everlasting Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. To you, with him, through the Holy Ghost, be glory both now and forever. Amen.”*

Then the fire was lit, and the flame blazed furiously. We who were privileged to witness it saw a great miracle, and this is why we have been preserved, to tell the story. The fire shaped itself into the form of an arch, like the sail of a ship when filled with the wind and formed a circle around the body of the martyr. Inside it, he looked not like flesh that is burnt, but like bread that is baked, or gold and silver glowing in a furnace. And we smelt a sweet scent, like frankincense or some such precious spices.

Eventually, when those wicked men saw that his body could not be consumed by the fire, they commanded an executioner to pierce him with a dagger. When he did this a dove flew out and such a great quantity of blood flowed that the fire was extinguished. The crowd were amazed at the difference between the unbelievers and the elect, of whom the great Polycarp was surely one, having in our own times been an apostolic and prophetic teacher, and bishop of the Catholic Church in Smyrna. For every word he spoke either has been or shall be accomplished.

In the end, the Romans refused to let Polycarp's friends have his body, rather his remains were burned, after which they gathered his bones for burial.

Pastor

Council Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2026

Attending: Wes Drost, Lyle Tegels, Marlin Johnson, Jon Reaman, Sheryl Huisenga, Jodee Sharp, Deanna Cole, Dave Woltman, Pastor Peterson

Meeting opened with prayer led by Pastor Peterson Secretary's Report approved

Treasurer's/Financial Report: bill from Al's Corner submitted. motion to approve and seconded it.

Elder's Report: thermostat setting discussed for 9am service. acolytes will not be scheduled for summer. Please let an elder know if you want communion at your pew prior to service.

Evangelism Committee: working on float for street parade during Water Carnival.

Trustees' Report: water droplet device bought, now need to upgrade WiFi. Yard sprayed for weeds.

Pastor's Report: Elders will need to provide sermon for July 5th service. Need new computer for balcony.

Old Business: letter from insurance company received about update to shingles on church roof.

New Business: ESC Raiders backpack program-church will donate \$500 from church savings account. motion passed.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer

Deanna Cole/Church Council Secretary

**WITH GOD'S POWER WITHIN
US, WE ARE EMPOWERED
TO SERVE.**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Pastor on vacation

June 29-July 5

Please contact Pastor Kroonblawd 651-295-7590 or Pastor Wennedt (260-440-6807) and an elder for care while Pastor is on vacation.

Mary/Martha Meeting

June 10, 2026

Mary & Martha met June 10th at Judy Kramer's for our June guest breakfast. Pastor lead our devotion. Judy called the meeting to order. Minutes and financial reports were approved.

Old Business: Discussed Orphan Grain Train

*Quilters tied 14 quilts on June 1st

New Business:

*Camp Okoboji Convention

*VBS

*Muffins for Mites July 5th

*Group does not meet in July or August

Meeting adjourned with Lords Prayer

Submitted by Pam Wollesen, Secretary

Annual Church Potluck

July 26th at 5pm

Speaker Park Shelter House

Church is providing meat and buns.

Sign up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall soon.



Birthdays

Name	Date
Rachel Zehnder	04
Marlin Johnson	07
Christina Caton	07
Julie Drost	07
Justin Kraft	07
Pat Smith	11
Bradley Racobs	11
Drake Swenson	15
Carletta Brown	16
Kim Drost	16
Kathy Carroll	17
Rev Don Peterson	19
Jay Liechti	19
Gert Drost	20
Charlotte Busch	21
Bonnie Peters	22
Elizabeth Schram	22
Brylea Wessels	22
Kyler Snider	25
Sheryl Huisenga	26
Julie Kruse	26
Marcia Frank	28
Darwin Roth	28

Serving in God's House

Elders:

July 5: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
July 12: Craig Wallace (606)584-3221
July 29: Marlin Johnson (712)-210-0879
July 26: Lyle Tegels (712)830-7151

Acolytes:

July 5: Keely Swenson & Bennett Swenson
July 12: Jaxon Carrol & Liam Mohr
July 19: Carter Huegerich & Kellan Johnson
July 26: Makena Liechti & Grace Wallace

Counters:

July 5: Lucas & Kalyn Johnson and Karen Van Meveren
July 12: Brigit Frank and Mark Kruthoff
July 19: Amber Hadden and Julie Reaman
July 26: Lucas & Kalyn Johnson and Karen Van Meveren

Greeters:

July 5: Jan Stock & Joyce Bettin
July 12: Donna Smidt & Sheryl Huisenga
July 19: Tom & Julie Reaman
July 26: Lyle & Linda Schuknecht

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Jenny Stock	03	22yrs
Tom & Cindy Wilcke	04	40yrs
Bill & JoAnn Clausen	06	69yrs
Jake & Melissa Frye	09	10yrs
Stuart & Jennifer Bohm	21	26yrs

*If your birthday or anniversary is not on
our list, please contact the church office so*

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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Pastor on vacation	1	2	3	4 HAPPY 4TH
5 9:00 Worship	6		8 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	11
12 9:00 Worship Evangelism Comm Meeting	13		15	16	17 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	18
19 9:00 Worship	20		22	23	24 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	25
26 9:00 Worship 5:00pm Potluck At Speaker Park	27	28	29	30	31 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	