

EMMANUEL NEWS

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

Divine Service: Sundays at 10:00 am
Sundays at 9:00 am (June-August)



From the Pastor's Study

The past three months, I've brought you accounts of Christians who died rather than deny their faith in Jesus. They and other Christians were crucified, fed to wild animals, burned at the stake, and killed by means that can only be described as satanic. There are many books and websites where you can learn more about Christians who've been martyred the last two thousand years. Foxe's Book of Martyrs, Voice of the Martyrs (persecution.com), and Open Doors (opendoors.org) are just three. A quick Google search will point you in the direction of more resources and firsthand accounts.

The last account I want to share occurred just twelve years ago. In 2014 the Iraqi city Mosul fell under the control of ISIS. ISIS is an Islamic terrorist group bringing death and destruction wherever it goes. With supporters in the Middle East and Africa, their hatred keeps spreading. Thousands of Christians have been killed, sold into slavery, and tortured, while hundreds of thousands of others have been displaced. In this scene of death and destruction, four children faced an unimaginable choice.

A witness recorded the following scene:

The Islamic State turned up and said to the children, "You say the words that you will follow Mohammed."

The children, all under 15, four of them, said "No, we love Yesua (the Iraqi name for Jesus), we have always loved Yesua, we have always followed Yesua, Yesua has always been with us."

Then once again, the ISIS militants forced the children to convert and yet again they refused. The terrorists decapitated all four children.

Jesus says, **"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"** (Matthew 16:24-25). These four youth took the cross set before them and received eternal life with their Lord.

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I share this account for two reasons. The first reason is simply to inform you of the persecution our brothers and sisters in Christ are enduring. I encourage you to pray for them. The second reason is to force us to look inside and contemplate what would happen if we were confronted with this terrifying situation and how would our children respond?

Why did these four children boldly proclaim their faith even when faced with death? They had been taught by their parents, and possibly grandparents, who Jesus was, what He had done for them, and why heavenly glory is better than earthly safety. The Holy Spirit settled in their hearts and minds assuring them of Jesus' presence, love, and forgiveness.

Let us more urgently take to heart our Lord's instruction to teach children the story of Jesus. Let us lead them to worship and prayer. Let us share the Word of God so the Holy Spirit will fill their hearts and minds. By God's grace, they will know the joy of forgiveness, and by that same grace, remain steadfast in the face of satanic threats and temptations.

Children are a precious gift from the Lord, entrusted to us for our lifetime. Let us not only treasure them but teach and encourage them. We pray and teach so they will be faithful witnesses until the day they enter heaven. As Jesus reminds us: **"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven"** (Matthew 19:14).

In Christ,

Pastor

Council Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2026

Attending: Wes Drost, Marlin Johnson, Jon Reaman, Randy Drost, Sheryl Huisenga, Jodee Sharp, Deanna Cole, Pastor Peterson, Craig Wallace

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

Treasurer's/Financial Report: quiet month. No overages. Less than 3% behind on budget. Moved and seconded to approve the report.

Elder's Report: none

Evangelism Committee: Next meeting is in September.

Trustees' Report: On Demand Water Heater was donated by Charles and Pam Wollesen. It will be installed by Wes D.

Pastor's Report: Shut in visits (12), Sick (2), Member (1), no other updates

Old Business: Encourage people to attend Chicken Dinner.

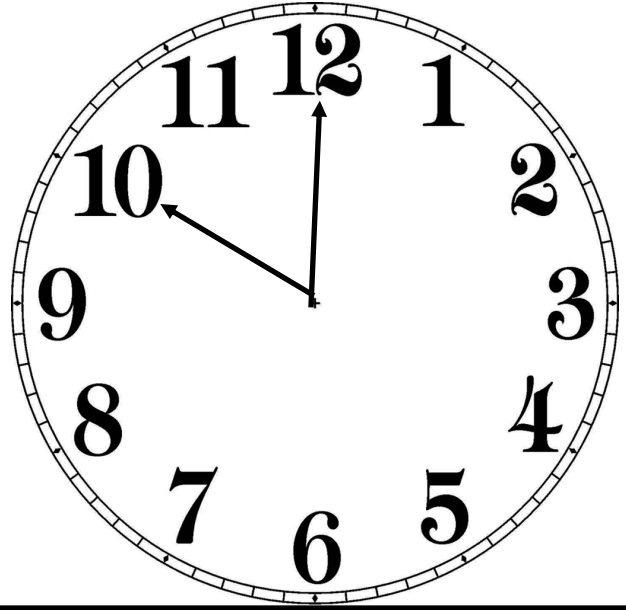
New Business: none

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer

Deanna Cole/Church Council Secretary

Time Change

**September 13th service
moves back to 10:00 am**



Rally Day

September 13th at 9:00 am

There is a lot planned for Rally Day and we'd love to see you!

- Sunday school starts at 9:00 am
- Kids will sing some songs from Vacation Bible School at the beginning of service.
- 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles during service.
- Kids should bring their backpacks for a special blessing and token to remind them that Jesus is with them.

After service please stay for a delicious breakfast with Jesus!

Adult Bible class also resumes on Rally Day and will continue a study of the Gospel of John.

Now is the perfect time to join us!

The Gifts of Cain and Abel

The first gifts that we read about in Scripture are the offerings made by Cain and Abel who were the sons of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 4:2-4 we read, “. . . Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.” Cain and Abel, having been instructed by Adam in the knowledge of the Lord, brought offerings or gifts for the Lord. Because one worked the land and the other raised animals, their gifts were different. We read that Cain “brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering,” whereas Abel “brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.”

Between the two brothers there is also an indication of a difference in the attitudes of their hearts. While Cain wasn’t concerned about giving the first or best of his crop, Abel brought in his best. God looked with favor upon Abel’s offering. God looked into the hearts of both Cain and Abel as He looks into our hearts. He saw Abel’s humble faith. In his gift, Abel showed his sincere gratitude for all that God had done for Him.

We need to understand that it’s not the size of our gifts and offerings which makes them acceptable to the Lord, but rather it is the attitude of our hearts and minds toward God. God wants our gifts to be an expression of our love for Him. He wants us to give cheerfully rather than grudgingly. He wants us to give out love through faith. We are told by the writer in Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

May this story of giving by Cain and Abel help us to examine our attitude toward giving. If we are not giving our first and best out of faith and love to the Lord, God does not look with favor upon our giving. May God grant us all faithful, loving, and giving hearts.



Birthdays

Name	Date
Makenna Kunnicke	01
Katie Ryan	01
Brook Boeckman	02
Rita Peters	03
Dan Huisenga	03
Jackie Wallace	06
Rebecca Peterson	06
Joyce Bettin	07
Megan Drost	08
Mardi Mohrhauser	09
Shawna Norris	10
George Mohrhauser	14
Donna Schmidtke	16
Randy Drost	19
Julie Kraft	19
Alex Frank	24
Caroline Reaman	24
Pat Schug	26
Carol Roth	26
Kari Mahler	26
Stephanie Norris	26
Kelli Carroll	28
Hunter Pieken	28
Weston Drost	29
Braxton Graff	29

Serving in God's House

Elders:

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

Acolytes:

Sept 6:
Sept 13: Keely Swenson & Bennett Swenson
Sept 20: Grace Wallace & Mekana Liehti
Sept 27: Liam Mohr & Jaxon Carroll

Counters:

Sept 6: Lucas & Kalyn Johnson and Karen Van Meveren
Sept 13: Brigit Frank & Mark Kruthoff
Sept 20: Amber Hadden and Julie Reaman
Sept 27: Lucas & Kalyn Johnson and Karen Van Meveren

Greeters:

Sept 6: Randy & Julie Drost
Sept 13: Charles & Pam Wollesen
Sept 20: Kari Mahler & Karen Van Meveren
Sept 27: Roger & Rita Peters

Anniversaries

Kevin & Renae Schmidt	04	45yr
Roger & Rita Peters	05	62yrs
Mollie & Jon Scott	14	35yrs
Jesse & Kelli Carroll	23	20yrs
Randy & Julie Drost	23	31yrs

If your birthday or anniversary was overlooked on a newsletter, please let the church office know so we can get you added to our system.

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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Evangelism Comm Meeting	2 Pastor on vacation this week	3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship	7 7:00 pm Women's Bible Class	8	9 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 1:30 pm Mary/Martha Meeting	11 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	12
13 9:00 SS and adult Bible class 10:00 Worship	14 7:00 pm Women's Bible Class	15	16 3:30 Confirmation	17	18 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	19
20 9:00 SS and adult Bible class 10:00 Worship	21	22 5:00 LWML Spring Rally in Schaller	23 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 DOES Meeting	24	25 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	26
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