

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class begins at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. (September-May)

Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Worship is at 8:45 a.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

News, Notes & Numbers—continued

◆ Pastor Marks can be reached at the church office or at (920) 400-0425 and is available for any pastoral needs that you might have. Feel free to reach out to him to schedule a visit or just stop by when the porch light is on. Monday-Wednesday mornings are generally good for visits, but he will always be happy to see you. Pastor also holds designated hours one Saturday morning per month for individual confession and absolution, counseling appointments, and general visitation. Also, let Pastor know if you are in the hospital, having surgery or a procedure, or simply desire prayer for any reason. He can also be reached by email at pastor@emmanueladell.org.

◆ Thank you note from LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach was received. "Thank you for your support and prayers! Thank you for planting the seeds of the Gospel with us! Blessings."

◆ Are you a Thrivent Member? Your membership can benefit Emmanuel. Thrivent's Choice Dollars and Action Teams can be great ways to bless our church and its ministry. Speak with Pastor about how these programs work and how you can use them. And don't forget

to May God continue to reform our Church to His Word and bless our April!

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands."

Psalms 90:17 (Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)

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Emmanuel News

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26a

Christ is Risen! What Now?

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We'll speak these words with all the enthusiasm we have for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter morning. We rejoice that the battle is over and the victory is won. Then what do we do? The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an "every Sunday" celebration during which we come together to receive the fruit of the cross and resurrection of Jesus—the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. Easter is also an "every day" celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25) for us.

So, what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? We follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the angels reminded the women that Jesus had risen, Luke tells us that "they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest" (Luke 24:8-9). They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an "every day" witness of God's power over sin, death, and Satan himself.

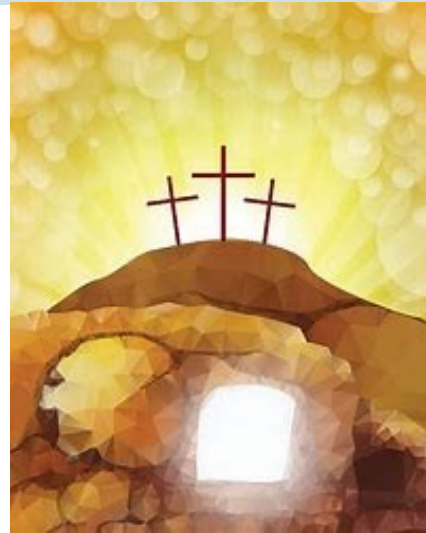
So, where do we go once we leave the empty tomb? We follow the example of Jesus' first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business (John 21:1-14). They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary labor and responsibilities given to them.

Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are "every day" witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection living inside of us. Also, like those early disciples, we have vocations or stations in life that God has given to us as a gift. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have one or more of these callings: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. As repentant Christians, by God's grace we wrap the daily duties and responsibilities of our vocations in the joy, love, peace, and forgiveness of Christ. And, more than likely, others will take notice and God will bless your faithful work by giving you opportunities to "tell all these things to all the rest" (Luke 24:9).

So, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God's forgiven children in Christ. We go forth empowered by God's Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses, remembering that Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Blessings,

Pastor Marks



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Highlights

- Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School Children will sing in church on Easter Sunday.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on April 13 and 27 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will NOT meet on April 6 or 20. We will continue our study of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Sunday School

4/2—The Triumphal Entry
 4/9—Easter. NO Sunday School. Children will sing during the Church Service.
 4/16—Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Galilee
 4/23—Jesus Appears to the Emmaus Disciples
 4/30—Ascension

Snack Schedule

4/2—Fischer
 4/9—No Sunday School
 4/16—Michaels
 4/23—Dolezal
 4/30—Neumann

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall. We are studying the basics of Lutheran theology through a course called "Lutheranism 101."

Worship Attendance

Week of 2/26 137
 Week of 3/5 138
 Week of 3/12 117
 Week of 3/19 155

Six Traits to Build Healthy Families

This month we begin a series of articles, written by Kay Meyer and adapted and used with permission from Family Shield Ministries, that focus on the essential traits of building a healthy family. We pray that you will think about these six traits, evaluate how your family is doing in each of these areas, and prayerfully work to improve the areas where weakness exists. We begin with commitment.

Commitment

Research documented in the book *Fantastic Families*, involved 14,000 families from all walks of life in the United States and 24 other countries. They included families from all walks of life, from those in poverty to those who were wealthy. Some were traditional families where mom stays home and dad works. Others were single parent families, blended families, empty nesters, and extended families.

Some people look at these six traits and say, "Oh, those are easy! Our family is doing fine in all those areas!" But, wait! Is your family committed to each other even in difficult circumstances?

Let me share one story. Betty was committed to keep her family together in a difficult situation. She called to talk with me following a *Family Shield* radio program. During the program we had talked about prayer. She asked if I would pray for her and her husband. Then she said, "I better tell you why I need your prayers." Betty told me she recently learned her husband of many years had had a long-term affair. I remember her saying, "He was my best friend. I just can't get over the hurt! And I can't stop crying. He can't understand why I keep crying! He thinks because he told me that he is sorry and that it won't happen again, that's all that is necessary."

Many women would have hired a divorce lawyer. Not Betty. She asked for our prayers. I prayed with her that day. Later we asked others to pray for her. We also shared Christian resources with her, and encouraged her to obtain Christian counseling. She was against counseling at first, but later agreed. She didn't want a divorce. And, she needed help to get over the hurt and anger she felt toward her husband. We referred her to several Christian counselors. She began seeing one of them soon after that initial call. When Betty first spoke with me she told me, "My husband and I haven't been inside a church in over 20 years." During one of our early conversations I told her that God loved her and was walking with her through this challenging time. Later I had a chance to share the Law and Gospel. She and I prayed together. I asked the Lord to forgive her sins, her husband's sins, and help her and her husband through this difficult time. I also asked her if I could refer her to a Christian congregation in her community. She said "yes." She visited several churches near her home and found one that she began worshipping at regularly. She later began attending a Bible study at this congregation, too. Her faith grew!

It took many months, and the ability to learn to forgive, but eventually her commitment to the Lord and her marriage paid off.

It's easy to be committed to your family when things are going smoothly, but what about when things are not going smoothly? Let's encourage each other to keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and preserver of our faith! He left His heavenly home to come into our sin-torn world. He lived a life that you and I cannot live. He was without sin. He willingly went the cross to suffer and die for you and me. God the Father laid the sins of the world upon His Son. The suffering that Jesus endured was for you and every person in your family! It was for every person that lives today! Confess your sins to Him. Accept His forgiveness! And commit your life to the Lord. The Lord will give you strength to be committed to your family, even in difficult situations. "Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living, sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to Him" ([John 12:1](#)).



April 2	Palm Sunday Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
April 6	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 p.m.
April 7	Good Friday Tenebrae	1:00 p.m.
April 8	Easter Vigil with St. John, SC @ Emmanuel	6:00 p.m.
April 9	Easter Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
	Easter Divine Service	9:00 a.m.

Mission of the Month—April

Our mission of the month for April is *Rev. Tyler McMiller, Missionary to Italy and Southern Europe*. The Rev. McMiller and his wife Yanela serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Eurasia, based in Italy. Tyler is the sole LCMS pastor in Italy, where he provides spiritual care for a number of Italians who discovered Lutheranism online and want to learn more. Tyler also mentors four Italian men who are studying to become pastors through an online Lutheran seminary based in Riga, Latvia, and he provides Word and Sacrament ministry to small groups of Lutherans scattered throughout Greece and Bulgaria. Through this work, Tyler's goal is to help geographically-isolated believers establish house churches wherever they live.

Any gift on the mission line of your April envelopes goes to support Rev. McMiller.



EASTER IS APRIL 9, 2023 HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **Frieda Lynette Marks**, daughter of Pastor and Naomi Marks, was baptized on Sunday, March 12. Frieda was born on February 27, 2023.



◆ **February Mission, Sheboygan Lutheran High School**, raised \$1,010. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ Watch for **Pastor's Monday Minute** in your email each Monday to receive the link to the Sunday service on YouTube. If you're not receiving this message, or the Thursday email with the bulletin and announcements, please send your email address to secretary@emmanueladell.org

◆ **The youngest and oldest m**



Pictured: Phyllis Conrad and Frieda Marks



Join Us For Breakfast

◆ Please join us for the **2023 Easter Breakfast** hosted by the Youth Group and the Board of Education. They will be serving eggs, sausage, pancakes and

various other goodies from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. If you'd like to contribute a breakfast pastry, please bring it with you on Easter morning or drop it off on Holy Saturday between 9 and 11:00 a.m.



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