

Emmanuel Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at
9 a.m.

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

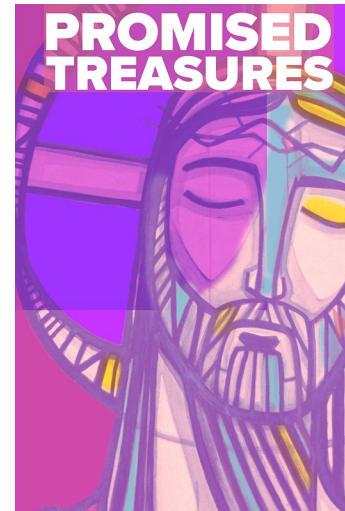
Sunday School begins at
10:15 a.m. (September-May)

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.

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



“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.”

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

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Emmanuel News

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” **Ephesians 5:1-2**

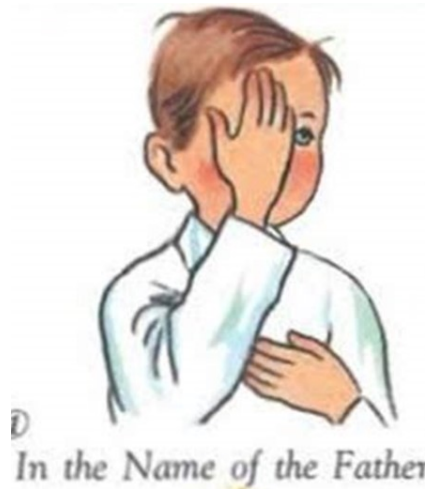
You Are a Model, God is Your Model

As I laid my hands on the head of my 16-month-old son on Ash Wednesday and announced to him, “In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins” he looked up at me and smiled. As I concluded with “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” he took his own hand and moved from his chin to his belly button and then horizontally across his chest. If he had a pen, or crayon, in his hand the marks he would have made would have probably looked more like a squiggly mess than the actual sign of the cross, but the fact that he was trying to do the thing that he sees mom and dad, and big brothers and sisters doing all the time reminded me of the model we set for our children.

God has placed us in the lives of those we know, our church family, and everyone who could be considered our neighbor, for a purpose. We’re told in Matthew 5 that we are salt and light to the world. What others see in us is the reflection of the light of Christ and the seasoning that He has given us to share with the world. And to other Christians, we are a model of how Christ has called us to be His people both within, and outside of, the church. The point is not that we all need to be teaching our children to make the sign of the cross (although this is a good and salutary practice). Or that everyone’s practice, in church or at home, needs to look exactly the same (it doesn’t). The point is that others, children and adults, will look to you as a model. Paul reminds us of the importance of the model we set for others when he says to the church in Ephesus, “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Eph. 5:1-2)

The only way we are able to imitate our God who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us is to rely on the grace He so freely gives. During this Lenten season we have a fresh opportunity to embrace this amazing love God gives to us, His children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly states that “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the rest of our senses as well. Each Wednesday during Lent we will take a journey to concretely see, smell, touch and taste a number of biblical elements. Our theme is *Promised Treasures*, and just as Israel wandered the wilderness for forty years with Moses as they awaited the Promised Land, we await heaven in the wilderness of this life. We know that life as exiles in the wilderness of this world is not easy or pain free. We await our real home, the new promised land of heaven and until we enter that land the Lord calls us to be light in this dark world. He calls us to be imitators of Himself and models for others of the lives He calls His children to. This is what it means to be created in His image and called according to His purpose. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 8:28)

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Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on March 2, 9, 16 and 23 (NO Class on March 30) at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study on the Book of Deuteronomy.

Sunday School

3/5—Jesus and Nicodemus

3/12—Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

3/19—Mary and Martha

3/26—The Raising of Lazarus

Snack Schedule

3/5—Marks

3/12—Schultz

3/19—Buchholz

3/26—Schommer

Sunday Bible Class

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

Worship Attendance

Week of 1/29 92
 Week of 2/5 102
 Week of 2/12 95
 Week of 2/19 106

Pastor's Article—continued

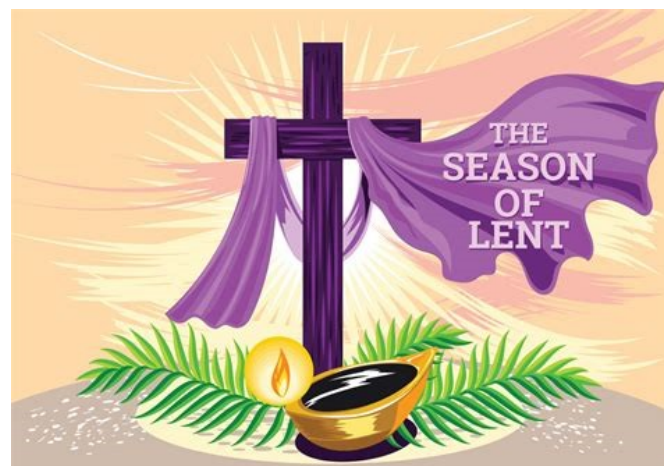
Even though there are times when our imitation of God probably looks a lot like the squiggly mess of the sign of the cross my son made, we are called to continue to look to Him for our direction. Our imitation of the model God sets for us will never be quite perfect, which is why we continue to look to Him who has done it all perfectly through the work of Jesus Christ. May this Lenten season be one of eyes securely focused on the model set by God, and version (however imperfect) of that model that we show to the world. Because there are so many more who need to hear of His saving love, and whose only opportunity may be through the Light we reflect. God's richest blessings on your Lenten journey!

Blessings,

✝ *Pastor Marks*

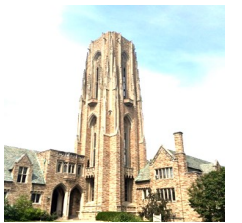
Lent/Easter Schedule

March 1	Meal — Sloppy Joe dinner hosted by Ladies' Aid	5:15 p.m.
	Midweek Lent 1— <i>The Gift of Salt</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 5	Divine Service-Lent 2	9:00 a.m.
March 8	Meal — Chili Cook-off	5:15 p.m.
	Midweek Lent 2— <i>Water Gives You Life</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 12	Divine Service-Lent 3	9:00 a.m.
March 15	Meal — Taco dinner hosted by the Elders	5:15 p.m.
	Midweek Lent 3— <i>Light Shining in the Darkness</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 19	Divine Service-Lent 4	9:00 a.m.
March 22	Meal — Pasta dinner hosted by Board of Education	5:15 p.m.
	Midweek Lent 4— <i>Bread of Life</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 26	Divine Service-Lent 5	9:00 a.m.
March 29	Meal — Potluck dinner	5:15 p.m.
	Midweek Lent 5— <i>Palms and Victory</i>	6:30 p.m.
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	TBD
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—March

The Missions of the Month for March are *Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Aaron Schultz, Joshua Benish and Luke Konkel*. For more than 175 years, the seminary in St. Louis has existed to prepare men for the holy ministry of Word and Sacraments in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Concordia Seminary serves the church and the world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Half of your gifts on your mission line this month go to the seminary and the other half will be given to the seminarians we support. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelopes for March goes to supporting the work of the church and the training of her pastors.



Sunday School Area Work Project Saturday, March 4 & Sunday, March 5 (check calendar for times)

News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **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.

◆ The second **Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner** was held on Tuesday, February 21st with approximately 65 in attendance. Thank you to all who attended and especially to our confirmation classes who assisted by serving and helping to clean up. \$280 was raised to assist the confirmands with expenses for confirmation camp this summer.



Pancake flipping champion Jordyn Schultz

◆ Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered and/or bought soup at **Souper Dinner XXIV**. \$2,521 was raised. A

\$1,000 donation was made to the Kraus Family of Adell, to assist with their needs following their house fire in November. An additional \$120 was raised for the Family through the free will offering at the event.

◆ **January Missions, Lutherans for Life and AbleLight Communities**, raised \$775. We thank you for your gifts that supported these missions.

◆ 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

◆ **A Game Night** will be held in Memorial Hall on Friday, March 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Arrive whenever you can and stay as long as you like. Board games and cards will be provided, but feel free to bring along your favorite game to play. Drinks will be provided, but bring along a snack for yourself or to share.

◆ **Emmanuel's Website** is being updated and we need your help. Pictures really make the difference between a site that people want to go to visit and one that becomes stale. If you have pictures of our building, events, or anything else Emmanuel related that you think could be used, please bring them to pastor or send digital images to pastor@emmanueladell.org. Any physical copies you provide will be returned to you promptly after digitizing them. Your input on any content you have seen on other sites that you think would be good for us to include is also greatly appreciated. We also want to give all church members the opportunity to opt out of having any images of you on our website, if you prefer. Let pastor know if this is the case.