

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.

◆ Memorial Day Celebration. Emmanuel will have a float in this year’s parade and preparation for the float will be on May 27th at 10 a.m. Sign-up sheets for donating food items, dessert and/or volunteering at the Brat Fry is in the narthex.

◆ Save the Dates. VBS for all ages will be held on June 7th, July 5th and July 26th.

◆ Vacation Bible School: Keepers of the Kingdom. Volunteers needed for this cooperative VBS with LCMS churches and community. To be held at Lutheran High School on June 12-15, from 9:00 a.m.—Noon. Please contact Pastor Blas 630-229-2455; pastorblas@yahoo.com.

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

“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

Keep Your Church in Your Summer Plans

The month of May is a time to wind down as “school year” activities are coming to an end, but it’s also a time to gear up for all the summer activities we’re looking forward to engaging in. As we look back on this past year, we rejoice that the Lord has seen fit to add to our assembly new members and regular visitors giving us the opportunity to practice the hospitality spoken of in Hebrews 13 which says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” We give thanks for the children who have grown in their faith through our Sunday School and Confirmation programs as we heed our calling to “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) We are grateful to all who have used their gifts in service to the Lord and all the opportunities we have had to fellowship with believers as the early church did and as the book of Acts describes, “they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” We have prayed for each other, mourned together, worshipped, laughed, learned, and loved one another. This is what a church should be doing together while we also look outside our walls to the needs God places in front of us.

All this is such a blessing and we do rejoice in this past year, but God doesn’t call us to be His people here in this place for only a season. He calls us to be His people at all times, doing all the things mentioned above, and more, as the rhythm of our lives. The month of May, in addition to being a time to look back, is also a time to look forward to the opportunities God places before us in the months to come. In addition to the travel and special plans with family we all are making, I encourage you to make your church a priority within your summer plans and “not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25) You’ll see many fellowship opportunities in the announcements on a weekly basis, and we continue to worship together each Sunday and Wednesday throughout the summer. If your plans take you away from the area and you're able to seek out a church in your travels, I’d love to see their bulletin and rejoice with you in the opportunity to receive God’s gifts wherever you may be. It is a tremendous blessing to serve as your pastor and I look forward to all that God has planned for us as His people here in this place.

Blessings,

✝ Pastor Marks



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- Quarterly Congregational Meeting on May 7.
• Church outing to Milwaukee Brewers game on May 12.
• Year-End Sunday School/ Bible Class Celebration on May 21.
• Sunday School Children sing in church on May 21.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on May 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study of the Book of Deuteronomy.

## Sunday School

5/7—Stephen the First Martyr

5/14—Pentecost

5/21—Year-End Celebration; children sing in church

## Snack Schedule

5/7—None

5/14—None

5/21—Year-End Celebration

## 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." **There will be no Bible Class on May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## Worship Attendance

Week of 3/26 ..... 118  
Week of 4/2 (Holy Week) ... 289  
Week of 4/9 ..... 166  
Week of 4/16 ..... 101  
Week of 4/23 ..... 99

## Six Traits that Build Healthy Families

### Appreciation and Affection

Last month we began a series on the six traits that build healthy families entitled, "Let's Build Strong, Healthy Families for Christ." We learned that the first trait of healthy families is commitment. We also learned it isn't always easy to be committed to our families when difficult times arise. And I reminded the readers that Christ was committed to us, even before we became Christians. "He suffered and died for us while we were yet sinners" (Romans 5:8).

Here is another Bible verse to think about, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Psalm 127). As we discuss the six traits that build strong, healthy families for Christ it is critical that we remember to build our homes as we rely upon the Lord!

The second trait that builds strong, healthy families is appreciation and affection. How do you show appreciation to members of your family? Do you tell your spouse, children, teenagers and adult children and grandchildren that you are proud of them? Do you praise them when you catch them doing something right? Do you encourage your children when they struggle with homework or even household chores? Do you encourage them to do the best they can? Do you show your children you appreciate and value them by attending Scout programs and school and sports activities? Are you there at these activities, even when your child sits on the bench? Do you spend time together and enjoy each other's company in and outside of the home? Do you ask them about their day and pray with and for them when things don't go the way they would like?

How do you show affection in your family? How do you show them that you love and care about them? Do you show them unconditional love? Do you hug them? Do you tell them you love them and that you are proud of them? Do your children see you show love and affection to your spouse? Do they hear you apologize when you do something wrong?

Jill Savage, author of *My Hearts At Home*, recently shared the following story with me. She said, "My husband and I got into a fight. We said things that were not loving. It was a loud argument and our five children were at home when it began so they heard us fighting. The next day when I thought all the children were gone, I called my husband at the office and apologized to him. One of my daughters heard the conversation. The next day she said, "Mom, I thought it was so neat that you called dad and said you were sorry about your fight." She learned as I modeled how to offer forgiveness to my husband. Our children need to see us modeling our faith, as well as speaking about it.

It's a fact. Even though we are Christians, we still sin and fail each other every day. We don't always do what we are supposed to do. Especially in the home! Would you agree that the home is probably the most difficult place to live our faith? Do you find yourself losing your temper with your children or spouse and saying or doing things that are unkind or sinful? Or getting angry at your husband or wife and saying inappropriate things? Give yourself time to cool off. Then remember to say, "I'm sorry—will you forgive me?"

Some families show affection with hugs as they enter and leave the home. Others hear words of encouragement regularly. But, some mothers, fathers and stepparents don't feel comfortable showing affection or saying, "I love you." "I appreciate you." "Thank you." Wherever your family is at, remember you can improve this area of your life. Start with small steps if you find appreciation and affection difficult. Write your children or spouse a note and place it in their lunchbox, schoolbag, or briefcase where they will find it. Say, "You are a special son. Thanks for being my son!"

It's not easy to show appreciation and affection. It's much easier to criticize others. Try not to criticize. It is not true that words don't hurt us! Words do hurt us! They can do emotional damage. Don't say things that will hurt family members. If they are doing something that you don't like, express your feelings without losing your temper. Encourage and uplift rather than put others down or say negative things. Recognize accomplishments and good qualities in your children and spouse. Create a pleasant environment for the home. Members of your family should feel safe and secure in your conversations with each other. They should be happy to be at home. And always remember that "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

## Mission of the Month—May

The Mission of the Month for May is the *Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach*. Rev. David Blas continues his work to the Hispanic population of Sheboygan County. Spanish Divine Services are held at Good Shepherd in Sheboygan on



Sundays at 12 noon and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held on Sundays at 1 p.m. for adults, youth and children. Kids learn about Jesus, the Bible and the Sacraments. They do crafts, games and sing songs. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in May goes toward this important mission. We continue to support this energetic young man in his work in Christ's church. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Blas will share the Good News with us in worship and a presentation on his ministry during our Bible Study on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



Pastor David Blas

## Year-End Sunday School/Bible Class Celebration on May 21

### News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **March Missions, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Josh Benish and Luke Konkol**, raised \$905. 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](mailto:secretary@emmanueladell.org)

◆ **Sunday School Area Update.** We are so thankful to Torginol for the wonderful gift of the new flooring in the Sunday School area. It has been completed and we resumed classes in the space on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who assisted with moving furniture and getting the classrooms set back up. There will be some additional improvements over the summer and we invite everyone to go downstairs and check out the progress or look at the pictures that will be posted in the narthex.

◆ Thanks to all who contributed to the purchase of the new **Zimbelstern**. This instrument will continue to enhance our worship.

◆ **Brewers Game Church Outing.** Join your church family for an evening of fun and fellowship around a Brewers game. On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Brewers will be playing the Kansas City Royals at American Family Field in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$15/child under 18. Carpools will leave from church at 5:15 p.m. Speak with Pastor to reserve your tickets.

◆ **Congratulations to Joshua Benish** who received his call into the Holy Ministry at the call service at Concordia Theological Seminar on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor elect Benish will be coming to Wisconsin and will be serving the South Wisconsin District as a church planter in the Southwest corner of the state.

◆ The **Four Lenten Meals** free-will offerings totaled \$647.85. These funds will be used towards the cost of Confirmation Camp. Thank you to all who brought dishes and/or helped with set up or clean up.

◆ The **Easter Breakfast** free-will offerings totaled \$513.00. These funds will be used to support some of the youth activities and events this year.

◆ **New Website is LIVE!** Our new website is live and we invite everyone to join in our website advisory group by spending a little time clicking around the new site and familiarizing yourself with all the content and features. There is still much that can be done to make this resource even better and more informative, so if you find something that needs updating or that you think could be better, let pastor know and we'll consider how to incorporate the information. We look forward to our thoughts.

◆ The **Ice Cream Social** hosted by the Ladies' Aid will be held on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, after the Ascension Service.

◆ **Roses** will be available after the Divine Service on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>, for a suggested donation of \$2 to \$3, which will support **Lutherans for Life**.



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