

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

◆ Are you ready for Confirmation? We will be starting a new first-year Confirmation class in the fall. 5th and 6th graders are encouraged to consider if they are ready to begin this important program of faith development. Contact Pastor with questions and to express your interest in beginning in the fall. An information meeting will be held for all curious and interested parents between church and Bible Class on June 11th.

◆ Sunday School Teacher/Youth Worker Training. There are many ways to serve the children and youth of our congregation and we seek to provide all volunteers in these ministries with the necessary resources to serve our children. A training for all individuals working with children will be held on June 17th at 2 p.m. This three-hour training will help to build knowledge and skills for effective work in our Sunday School and Youth ministries and will be followed by a light dinner together. If you are currently serving in one of these positions or interested in doing so, please plan to attend this training.

◆ We are exploring the possibility of creating and hosting a group for the support of Lutheran Homeschooling Families. An initial event is scheduled for June 16th and will include fellowship and a barbecue at the Adell Village park. All who are homeschooling and anyone wanting to associate with Lutheran homeschoolers are invited to this event that begins at 5:00 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a side dish or desert. Invite others you may know who might like to be a part of this group.

“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

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

So Many Things to Pray About

I’ve noticed lately that when people have more things on their plates and on their schedules than we can realistically handle, we often have a difficult time deciding where to start. There are days when the list seems so long and the tasks so daunting that the prospect of just forgetting it all and going back to bed seems like the only logical solution. I think the same thing happens with our prayer life. When we really begin to think about the number of things that we should be lifting up to the Lord, the prospect of taking the time to do it all seems overwhelming. And like the task of cleaning the living room knowing that the 2-year-old will be back in in minute, prayer seems like a never-ending cycle. There’s always going to be something new to pray about and the conversation will never be over. But that’s exactly how God desires for it to be. He wants there to be a continual conversation between you and your God. “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).

Don’t be overwhelmed by the sheer number of things you have to pray about, but instead be overjoyed by the opportunity to be in relationship and conversation with your God. Find a comfortable place, close your eyes to avoid distractions, and just start talking. God hears you. And it doesn’t have to be formal or fancy. Just tell Him what’s on your mind. And if you’re a check-the-items off-the-list kind of person like I am, here are some of the things you might want to keep in prayer in the coming weeks and months.

**God’s Will Be Done** – You can never go wrong with this prayer. God knows better than we do what we need and praying that His will would be done in all aspects of our lives is a great way to open or close any prayer.

**Forgiveness** – Not a day, or even an hour, goes by when we’re not in need of God’s forgiveness. You don’t have to name every sin individually, but even so, this one will keep you in constant communication with the One who forgives all sins.

**Your Spouse, Future Spouse, Children, and All Family** – Those closest to us are generally the ones we think about the most and the ones whose needs we’re most aware of. Lift all these things up to God who desires to hear and answer your prayers.

**Your Church** – Emmanuel is a vibrant community of believers, but we are constantly in need of God’s guidance and care. Prayers for faithful following of our Good Shepherd are always in order.

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** – As our church body gathers in convention this summer in Milwaukee to elect leaders, discuss overtures, determine direction, and worship together, keep the broader church in your prayers for a faithful following of God’s Word and direction.

**Give Thanks** – We have a wall hanging in our home that says, “There is always, always, always something to be thankful for.” It’s a reminder that we have no shortage of blessings for which we should be thanking the giver of all good gifts. And especially, “thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57).

This is certainly not an exhaustive list of all the things you could, and should, be praying about, but maybe it will kickstart your prayers and help to form the healthy habits of a daily prayer life. God wants to hear from you. And He promises that your prayers will not go unanswered. His answer may not always be what you ask for, but you will be blessed to be forming a closer relationship with your Creator and Savior.

Blessings,

✝ Pastor Marks



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Highlights

- VBS (for all ages) on June 7 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Information Meeting on June 11 at 10:15 a.m.
- Lutheran Homeschooling Families fellowship and barbecue event on June 16 at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday School Teacher/ Youth Worker Training on June 17 at 2 p.m.
- Broasted Chicken Dinner on Father’s Day, June 18, at 10:30 a.m.

### Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study of the Book of Deuteronomy.

### VBS—God’s Living Water

6/7—Water From the Rock  
7/5—Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet  
7/26—Thousands Believe in Jesus

### 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 June 18.**

### Worship Attendance

Week of 4/30 ..... 97  
Week of 5/7 ..... 94  
Week of 5/14 ..... 120  
Week of 5/21 ..... 79

## Six Traits That Build Healthy Families

### Positive Communication and Spending Time Together

This month we continue the series on the six traits of healthy families. This column focuses on positive communication and spending time together.

Positive communication involves more than just talking, it also involves listening attentively. Sometimes members of families spend time talking about things that happen every day, their feelings and emotions, and at other times, we communicate to figure out a way to address a challenge someone in the family faces.

The following is an example of problem solving through positive communication. My 9-year-old daughter came home from school upset because another student was bullying her and calling her names, shared Roland. “My wife and I asked Erica a lot of questions to find out what was upsetting her. We listened carefully. Then the three of us brainstormed various ways Erica might handle the situation alone and how we might do it together. Finally, we agreed that she and I (her father) would go and talk to her teacher. The goal was to resolve it. During this process her mother and I discussed the fact that the other girl might not deal with it in the same way as our daughter. We asked her, ‘Erica how will you react if “Mary” gets angry at you for talking to Mrs. Johnson about this situation?’ We discussed what **Matthew 18** says about resolving conflict Biblically. We also prayed. During the prayer we asked the Lord to help resolve this issue and help Erica and the other girl forgive each other for any hurts they had inflicted upon each other. We wanted our daughter to understand that her faith in Christ impacts every area of her life.”

During my conversation with this father, he shared one of his favorite prayers, “Lord I’ve messed up again. Please fix it and help me not to do it ever again.” Sounds like a prayer we can all use!

Statistics related to communication show that families don’t spend much time communicating. They indicate that the average father in the United States only spends a little over 7 minutes a week communicating with his children! Couples spend 17 minutes a week communicating! Marriage and family therapists frequently pinpoint lack of communication or poor communication as a major source of family concern. Don’t allow the above statistics to cause your family problems! Take time to communicate and spend time together!

Turn off the TV and other electronic devices and eat a meal together. Begin each meal with a prayer. During meals ask each person to tell the best thing that happened to them that day. Make sure each person gets a chance to talk. Then take a walk after dinner together. Or get into the car for a mystery trip. We took mystery trips with our children when they were young. We would tell them we were going on a mystery ride, but wouldn’t tell them where we were going. Then we’d do something they would enjoy and was inexpensive. Sometimes it was to get an ice cream, play miniature golf, bowl, a playground, or feeding the ducks at the park. While you spend time together talk about your faith in Christ! “And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise” (**Deuteronomy 6:7**).

### Broasted Chicken Dinner



Join us on Father’s Day, June 18, at 10:30 a.m. for a Broasted Chicken Dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex

## Mission of the Month—June

Our mission of the month for June is *Camp Luther*, Three Lakes, Wisconsin. Camp Luther was purchased by the North Wisconsin District—LCMS in 1946. Ninety-one acres, a Lodge and three cottages were purchased for just \$22,000. Many improvements were made and much growth was seen through the 1950s and 60s as additional land, more cottages and other facilities were added. The camp became a year-round ministry in the 1970s as the first full-time staff was put in place. Camp Luther saw tremendous growth in the 1970s and 80s with the addition of many new programs, retreats, and cottage rental opportunities.

Today Camp Luther annually hosts over 5500 guests. A variety of camping programs are offered for people of all ages. Fifteen cottages that dot the shore of Range Line Lake provide a unique getaway for families. Dozens of youth, family, and adult groups take advantage of this excellent facility each year.

Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in June goes toward this important mission. Building up all people in Christ for service and witness in the world.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> & July 26<sup>th</sup>

### News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **Vacation Bible School.** On June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> & July 26<sup>th</sup>, Emmanuel Lutheran Church will hold a special Vacation Bible School called God’s Living Water: Covered in Jesus’ Grace. This VBS examines God’s



plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Each session of this VBS explores the way one Bible account uses water to remind us of our need to be in a saving relationship with God our Creator through His Son, Jesus Christ. Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how the Good News of Jesus Christ satisfies our thirsty souls and fills us with love to serve our neighbors’ needs to the glory of God our Father.

- ◆ **Eden Schommer and Viktor Buchholz** completed their 1st grade year and were each presented with a Bible on May 21. Bibles were given by the Ladies’ Aid and personalized by the congregation.
- ◆ **April Mission, Rev. Tyler McMiller, missionary to Southern Europe,** raised \$850. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.
- ◆ **Brewers Outing** on May 12.



◆ **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](mailto:pastor@emmanueladell.org).



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