

Emmanuel Ev. 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

♦ **Spring Work Day.** Many hands make light work, and many hands are needed to do the necessary spring cleaning and projects around our church building. Please pitch in on April 30th between 9:00 a.m. and noon. There will be tasks appropriate for all ages and skill levels.

♦ Please join us for the **2022 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 a.m.



“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

The Peace of God Which Surpasses All Understanding

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* - Philippians 4:4, 6-7

In the newsletter article last month, I wrote to you about the Lenten season and the reminder that in this season we go *From Peace to Sorrow...and Back to Peace Again*. At the time I wrote that, it wasn’t entirely clear how important the concept of peace would be during this particular Lenten season. Of course, we have always been aware of the peace that came into the world through the birth of the Christ child. And we are also regularly reminded of the ways in which our sinfulness has disrupted that peace. And we anticipate the peace that was won for us on the cross at Calvary, and through the resurrection of our Savior, which will be eternally ours at the second coming of Christ. But in a world that seems anything but peaceful right now, we need more than ever, the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, because it is this peace alone which will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

What does it mean to have “peace”? We feel more peaceful when we’re healthy. We feel like we have peace when everything is going well at work, or simply when we have work to do. There is peace in our ability to go about our business in an unrestricted way. This is a peace we took for granted before these past couple of years, but which now has returned to us. In some ways our lives are peaceful, and in other ways, when we look around us, and our world, there is a genuine lack of peace. Wars that rage in multiple parts of the world cause stress to even those of us who reside in a place that feels mostly insulated from these types of physical conflicts. And yet, there are many wars being waged in our own backyard every single day. Wars over individual and corporate rights, ideologies, and even the truth itself.

In the passage above, Paul says, “*Rejoice in the Lord always...Do not be anxious about anything...And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” When Paul wrote this, I think it would be fair to say that Paul’s own life was far from “peaceful.” He was sitting in a prison in Rome. And in addition, his health was not great. Paul’s health wasn’t what brought him peace. Christ did. Paul’s encountered difficulty in his work as he was constantly dealing with false teachers who would threaten the church God was building. Paul’s work wasn’t necessarily what brought him peace. Christ did. And this is why Paul was so bold to say, “Rejoice always.” It didn’t matter in what circumstance Paul found himself. Whether well fed, hungry or poor, Paul had peace, because his peace did not come from this world. His peace came from Christ.

This is the same reason that I end every sermon with these very words. Whatever circumstance we find ourselves in, Christ is the only true source of peace.

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Highlights

- Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Easter morning.
- Spring Work Day is scheduled for April 30 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

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### Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on April 7, 21 and 28 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

### Sunday School

4/3—Conversion of Saul to be God's Special Servant  
4/10—Paul and the Jailer at Philippi  
4/17—NO Sunday School today. Children sing in church.  
4/24—Paul's First Missionary Journey

### Snack Schedule

4/3—Fischer  
4/10—Michaels  
4/17—NO Sunday School  
4/24—Dolezal

### Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall.

### Worship Attendance

Week of 2/27 ..... 141  
Week of 3/6 ..... 128  
Week of 3/13 ..... 95  
Week of 3/20 ..... 116

## Pastor's Article—continued

However, you came, and however you depart, having heard the Word of God, and having received His gifts, the peace of Christ has been given to you. As Christians, we need to be constantly reminded that our true peace has almost nothing to do with what is going on in the world around us. Our peace is a lasting, eternal peace because the Son of God offered the perfect sacrifice for us on Good Friday and rose from the dead for us three days later. This is why we, like Paul, may rejoice always. And in fact, the peace of Christ may be even more precious to us in times that it seems the world is crumbling around us. We have a peace in Christ that nothing in this world can snatch away from us. As we finish this Lenten season, we walk along that road to peace with Christ as He did all that was necessary to win that peace for us. And we rejoice in the fact that He has victory over death, and promises us the same.

✝ *Pastor Marks*

## Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services at 6:30 pm preceded by meal served at 5:15 pm:

3/30/2022 — Vespers — Potluck dinner

4/6/2022 — Evening Prayer — Hot Ham & Cheese dinner hosted by Marks Family

4/14/2022 — Maundy Thursday Divine Service at 6:30 pm

4/15/2022 — Good Friday Tenebrae at 1 pm

4/16/2022 — Easter Vigil at 4 pm

4/17/2022 — Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

4/17/2022 — Easter Breakfast at 7:30 am

4/17/2022 — Easter Divine Service at 9:00 am



## April Showers Bring May Flowers

Thomas Tusser (1524-1580) was an English poet and farmer, best known for his instructional poem *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry*, an expanded version of his original title, *A Hundreth Good Pointes of Husbandrie*, first published in 1557. It was among the best selling poetry books of the Elizabethan age.

*Five Hundred Points* contains these rhyming couplets:

*Swéete April showers,  
Doo spring Maie flowers.  
and  
A foole and his monie be soone at debate,  
which after with sorrow repents him too late.*

The latter is an early version of the proverb, "A fool and his money are soon parted."

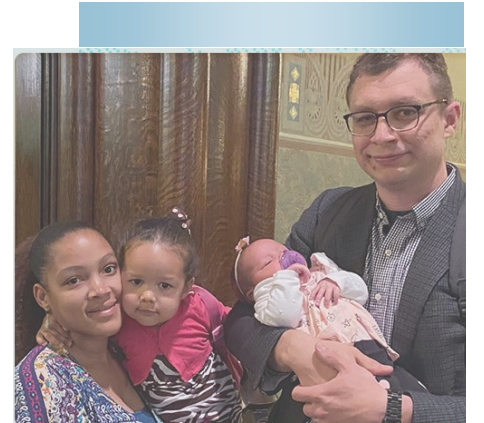
"April Showers Bring May Flowers," was made famous because of the meaning behind the lines of Tusser's 1557 poem. When April showers come your way they bring the flowers that bloom in May. So when it's raining, have no regrets because it isn't raining rain, you know it's raining violets.



## Mission of the Month—April

The Mission of the Month for April is **Rev. Tyler McMiller**, Missionary to Italy and Southern Europe. The Rev. Tyler and his wife, Yanela McMiller, 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.



# He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24:6a

## 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.

♦ **February Mission, Sheboygan Lutheran High School**, raised \$725. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

♦ We received a letter from **Bethesda/AbleLight**. "What a wonderful thing you've done! Your gift in the amount of \$345 given on February 25, 2022 goes immediately to work creating new possibilities for people who have disabilities, because at AbleLight we're dedicated to building the brightest possible futures."

♦ 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 Friday email with the bulletin and announcements, please send your email address to [secretary@emmanueladell.org](mailto:secretary@emmanueladell.org).

♦ **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 designate your Choice Dollars to the ministry of your choice. Emmanuel is an option.

♦ You can help! When you are doing your Spring cleaning, bring your extra items to **Neat Repeats Thrift Shop**. All proceeds from Neat Repeats go to Sheboygan Lutheran High

School. You can support Neat Repeats by donating, shopping and volunteering! Neat Repeats is open for shopping and donations: Tuesday through Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and is located at 2627 Eastern Avenue in Plymouth. For more information you can go to [www.neatrepeatsthiftshop.com](http://www.neatrepeatsthiftshop.com) or call 920-892-9100.

♦ **Auction Dinner at Lutheran High School**. Reservations are open for the annual Crusade for Bids Auction Dinner, April 9, 2022, to be held in the LHS Gymnasium. Early-bird prices are good through April 1. Register online at [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com) under the Ways to Give Tab/Dinner Auction. There will be an in-person as well as simultaneous online bidding on Saturday night from 4:30 – 8 pm for those unable to attend the event. View a complete list of items on our website at [lutheranhigh.com/auction](http://lutheranhigh.com/auction).

♦ Our First Annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** was held on March 1 and a good time was had by all.



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