

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class begin at 10:15 a.m.

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

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall.



Summer vacations have started. A rest without the Word is a worthless burden.

“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

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Psalm 84:3

## It Feels Like Home

“There’s no place like home,” said Dorothy as she sought the safety and security of her home in Kansas. In writing the Wizard of Oz, L. Frank Baum captured the desire of the human spirit perfectly. Even after great adventures and excitement our natural inclination is toward home. Where our family resides. Where everyone knows our name. And where we are loved.

For the past four years we’ve called many places home. Five houses in four different states have been where we’ve resided. A wonderful church in Silver Creek, NY that we sadly left to pursue God’s calling. A hospital in Buffalo where Isaac insisted he be born, on the day we packed the moving truck for Fort Wayne, so that he could share the same birthplace as his brothers and sisters. The seminary community that is so supportive of those being trained for ministry. A vibrant congregation in Moline, IL that served as a training ground on vicarage. And a loving and supportive church family in Churubusco, IN. These have all been our homes. And yet they’ve felt more like temporary adventures than permanent homes.

The sincere prayer of our hearts throughout these past four years has been that God would prepare us for the home that He had chosen for us. No geographic restrictions. No extraordinary requests. Just faith that God had a plan for where He needed us to be. And His answer to all those prayers was to have me be called as your pastor. And to prepare Naomi, Jonah, Betsy, Tim, Kari, Greta and Isaac to be a loving and joyful support to that ministry and faithful members of Emmanuel. And when we arrived, we said to each other, “It feels like home.” To everyone who has made this transition to our new home smooth and easy we all say, “Thank You!” From the work that has been done in the parsonage to welcome gifts upon our arrival, and especially the warm and sincere greetings we have received, we feel at home.

It was the Roman naval commander Gaius Plinius Secundus (better known as Pliny the Elder) who is credited with originating the proverb, “Home is where the heart is.” If anyone should know the reality that home is not a physical place, but rather where we are loved and cared for and fed and nourished, it would be someone whose life was spent on the sea. As we begin this journey together, I pray that we would build the home which Emmanuel already is through the care and compassion we show for one another in Christ. That we would be fed and nourished by the Word of God and the Sacraments He gives to us. And that this home would be where our family resides, where everyone knows our name and where we are reminded that we are loved by God and our neighbors.

And even as we learn and grow together here in this place, we are reminded that this home is only temporary. Because there’s a place being prepared for us in the heavens. A home where the saints who have gone before us reside. Where we are known so well that the hairs on our heads have been numbered. And where the love for us is more extravagant than any of us could ever give to one another. Paul puts it this way when he writes to the Corinthian Christians, “For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” (2 Corinthians 5:1) May our time together be one of constant reminders that Christ died and rose that we might also live forever. I’m looking forward to this journey with you. It feels like home.

✝ Pastor Marks



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## Highlights

- Pastor Marks will led his first service at Emmanuel on July 4, 2021.
- Sunday Bible Class will resume July 4, 2021.
- The Midweek Divine Services will resume July 7, 2021 in the chapel.
- Thursday Morning Bible Class will resume August 5, 2021.
- The next Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held August 8, 2021.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will resume on August 5, 2021 in Memorial Hall.

## Sunday School

NO Sunday School will be held in July.

## Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class will resume on July 4 at 10:15 a.m.

## Worship Attendance

Week of 5/30 .....33  
Week of 6/06 .....41  
Week of 6/13 .....37  
Week of 6/20 .....37

## A message from Pastor Scheblein

To God be the Glory!

You have allowed me to be with you for just a short while. During that time you have helped me to get through the highs and lows of life. Thank you for your kindness, prayers and support during this time in my life's journey. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve you bringing God's Word to you each week. May God continue to bless and keep you!

In Christ's love,

✠ Pastor Scheblein

## Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

Meaning of Liturgy Part: *Benediction*

**"The Lord bless you and keep you."** Recall again the words of Jesus in the parable of the sheep and the goats: "Come, you who are blessed by my father, inherit the kingdom."

The blessing that God speaks to us in the Benediction prepares us for that final summons. Throughout the Divine Service, God is forming us in his likeness as he establishes in us a deeper and more lasting faith toward him and a persistent and steadfast love for one another.

**"The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you."** In their reports of Jesus' Transfiguration, the evangelists tell us that Jesus shone more brightly than the sun, prompting Peter to say, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

In heaven we will have the same response because it will be good—very good—to be in the presence of the Light of the world.

For the moment, we see only dimly, but then we will see face to face. Still, it is good to be here even now, in this heaven on earth that we call worship, for already here God showers us with his grace.

**"The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace."** We Christians are truly blessed in that God does not hide his face from us. In all other religions there is ultimately doubt as to their gods' attitudes toward them.

How can it be otherwise, given that their gods are the creation of their own imaginations? But ours is the creator of heaven and earth.

To be sure, he is a stern judge who holds the sinner accountable. But in the person of his only Son, we see our Father's true nature, his fatherly heart of love. That is the countenance that he lifts up toward us in his holy Word and Sacraments as he reveals his mercy and grace.

Where the Lord blesses and makes his face shine and lifts up his gracious countenance on us, there is peace. Not the peace of this world, but peace between God and his faithful people.

We know that peace because even now, in Word and Sacraments, we have Jesus and

## Mission of the Month—July

Our mission of the month is *Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne*. The money raised goes to the mission of CTSFW to prepare pastors who *"teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all."* Jesus said that we should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest. We thank God for those who have answered that call and rejoice that we can support them this month by designating any amount on the mission line of our weekly envelopes during the month of July.



*Beginning July 4, 2021, the Divine Service will start at 9 a.m.*

## 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 time for your family to meet and get to know our new pastor.

◆ **Midweek Divine Services** will resume on July 7, 2021, in the chapel.

◆ **May Missions, Lutherans for Life and Bethesda Lutheran Communities**, raised \$910. We thank you for your gifts that supported these missions.

◆ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 31 days of July reading Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum and Habakkuk for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

◆ **Website.** Check out our renovated and updated website at: [emmanueladell.org](http://emmanueladell.org)

◆ **Memorial Day Brat Fry.** Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and/or purchased items at the Memorial Day Brat Fry. We raised \$2,213.37— 25% will go to Ladies' Aid and the remaining funds will go to Emmanuel's fundraising account.

◆ **Rev. David & Jennifer Preus** thanked us "for lifting up the bright light of Jesus for others to see" and our gift of \$805.00.

◆ **Facebook** is another opportunity to get up-to-date information with what is happening at Emmanuel Lutheran. Like us at "Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Mo Synod."

◆ **Place of Refuge** thanked us for our "recent gift of \$715.00." Our "generous support is deeply appreciated."

◆ **Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach** is preparing for their Combined VBS. It will stream live on Facebook at "LCMS Ministerio Hispano Condado de Sheboygan" on Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. See the bulletin board for more information regarding this virtual VBS. They also are continuing to plan for Operation Backpack for the school year 2021-2022. Distribution day is August 7 and more information will be available soon.

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

### WITH GOD'S HELP

*Hopeful* — Psalms 3:3

*Anger* — John 3:16

*Anxiety* — Philippians 4:16

*Faith* — Psalm 23:4

*Tired* — Jeremiah 29:11

*Peaceful* — Romans 8:28

*Helpless* — Psalm 23:1

*Strong* — Psalm 23:5

*Afraid* — Psalm 23:6