

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

♦The Bethlehem Winter Craft & Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran School, 1121 Georgia Ave. in Sheboygan. The cost of admission is \$2.00 which includes one raffle ticket (more can be purchased at the event). Enter through the front doors on Georgia Ave. or through the Center Room door off of South 12th Street. The event will feature over 50 crafters and vendors, a bake sale supporting the BLS Youth Group and concessions and raffles.

♦ Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach is offering bilingual services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sheboygan on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. These services will help the members of our sister churches to learn a little Spanish and thus communicate with their brothers and sisters who speak Spanish. It also gives the opportunity to unite the Hispanic Ministry members with our brothers who speak English and vice versa.

♦ 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.”

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

“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

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.”

Psalm 146:3

Who Should I Vote For?

If you’re not aware that November 8th is election day, then you likely haven’t opened your mail, turned on a television, read a newspaper, listened to the radio, or perhaps even left your house in the last couple of months. And I might just envy you a little bit. Because no matter where you turn, the lead up to election day is intense. And it might be a different story if there were any positive campaigning, but all we hear is how terrible the other candidate is. There’s a very real comparison to the Pharisee who looks over in the temple at the tax collector and says, “At least I’m not as bad as that guy.” I’d be looking forward to November 9th except that I know that it simply means the beginning of the next election cycle.

We all realize that in a representative government we have the responsibility of electing our leaders. If we fail to participate in the process, then we have abdicated the rights and responsibilities of our citizenship. But how do we choose when it’s hard to hear the candidates’ plans and promises through all the noise? And when all the candidates seem to have no understanding or respect for one another or for the Eighth Commandment? Luther’s explanation of the commandment is currently translated as “explain everything in the kindest way,” and it used to say, “put the best construction on everything.” While those who desire to represent us flaunt their disregard for this command, we remain bound by it and are an example for those around us as we engage in the process of electing our leaders.

I’ve heard this question a number of times in the past few weeks. “Who should I vote for?” More often, people want to tell me why they are voting for the candidate that they support, but I do sometimes get this question. And my simple answer is this. I cannot, and will not, tell you who you should vote for. But what I will say is that it is each of our responsibility to engage in the process, pray for all who are in authority over us, and in so far as they are not causing us to disobey another of God’s commands, obey those who govern us (4th Commandment).

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed...” Romans 13:1-2a

We all have a say in this process, and the Word of God, embedded in our consciences and displayed in our words and actions should govern how and who we vote for. Study the candidates carefully and test their platforms against the Word of God. Do their proposals advance God’s kingdom here on earth or mock it? Do they claim that their positions are supported by something more than their own will? And whatever happens on election day, continue to pray for those in authority that their lives, work, and governance would be guided by God’s will, not their own.

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- Quarterly Congregational Meeting on November 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
- Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- First Midweek Advent Service on November 30th at 6:30 p.m. preceded by dinner at 5:15 p.m.

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Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on November 3, 10 and 17 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will conclude our study of the Gospel of Matthew in November and begin a short series on Jesus' birth accounts in December.

Sunday School

- 11/6—The Good Samaritan
- 11/13—Mary and Martha
- 11/20—John the Baptist
- 11/27—Christmas Lesson #1

Snack Schedule

- 11/6—Schommer
- 11/13—Fischer
- 11/20—Michaels
- 11/27—Dolezal

Sunday Bible Class

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

Worship Attendance

Week of 9/25	77
Week of 10/2	81
Week of 10/9	93
Week of 10/16	101
Week of 10/23	97

Pastor's Article—continued

As always, we need to remember that regardless of the results on November 8th, God is still the ultimate governing authority in our lives, our country, and our world. His will is ultimately going to prevail. There will be times when we don't understand why He allows some things in our world to happen, but we know that He always uses them to accomplish His purposes and to draw us ever closer to the day of His Son's return. We will always be disappointed by our earthly rulers, but God never disappoints because His care for us endures forever.

Blessings,

✝ Pastor Marks

Advent Schedule

Following is the Advent Schedule for 2022. All services begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner before at 5:15 p.m.

Advent 1	11/30	Sloppy Joe dinner hosted by Ladies' Aid
Advent 2	12/7	Beef Tips over Noodles dinner hosted by Ann Graf
Advent 3	12/14	Soup & Sandwiches dinner hosted by Board of Education
Advent 4	12/21	Tacos & Hot Dogs dinner hosted by the Elders

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day, an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie. With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another. This year, Thanksgiving Day is being celebrated on Thursday, November 24.

Plymouth's Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going out "fowling," possibly for turkeys but more probably for the easier prey of geese and ducks. Next, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate, doubtlessly unnerving the 50 or so colonists. Nevertheless, over the next few days the two groups socialized without incident. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast, which also included the "fowling" fowl and probably fish, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables and beer. Since Plymouth had few buildings and manufactured goods, most people ate outside while sitting on the ground or on barrels with plates on their laps. The men fired guns, ran races and drank liquor, struggling to speak in broken English and Wampanoag. This was a rather disorderly affair, but it sealed a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Philip's War (1675–76), in which hundreds of colonists and thousands of Native Americans lost their lives.

Join us on November 23rd at 6:30 p.m. for our Thanksgiving Eve Service



Mission of the Month—November

Our mission of the month for November is *Lutherans in Africa* (LIA) and the work of Rev. James May. LIA trains African pastors, evangelists and church workers to be teachers in their own communities. For more information visit lutheransin africa.com and prayerfully consider a financial gift to LIA by designating any amount on the mission line of your November envelope to further the spread of the Gospel in Africa.



Lutherans IN Africa
FORMING AFRICAN LUTHERANS TO BE TEACHERS OF THE FAITH

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
November 13, 2022

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.
- ◆ **September Mission, Anchor of Hope Health Center**, raised \$685. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.
- ◆ **Phyllis Conrad**. We celebrated Phyllis' 90th birthday on October 16th with cake, cards and balloons



And Phyllis thanked us...October 16th turned out to be an exciting, beautiful day for my 90th birthday celebration. Thank you Emmanuel Ladies' Aid, Pastor Marks for his message, Elizabeth, all our members and the Sunday School of our Christ-centered church. I still feel warm and giddy thinking about it. Thank you for the lovely cards. I pray God will continue to bless our beautiful church and all of our members.

- ◆ **Fall Work Day**. A special thank you to all who came out on Saturday, October 22nd, and all who participated in the completion of jobs before that. We were able to accomplish everything we hoped to do, and a little more. Once the leaves are down, we'll still need some outside assistance, so stay tuned for details on how you can help in November.



- ◆ 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
- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection in November**. The pantry encourages donations of *healthy* items. The following list can guide us: French-style green beans, canned regular-cut green beans, yellow-wax beans, canned peas, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, men/women deodorant, shampoo (not conditioner), bar soap, pump soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, cereals (not sugary). Boxes will be available in the narthex through November 20th.

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