

News, Notes & Numbers — Continued

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class begin at 10:30 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.

◆ Please attend our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on *February 2*. Items to be discussed include replacement of the parsonage roof and possible interior improvements to the building as we await the calling of a new pastor. Please take a tour of the home on that date to give us your thoughts on how to improve the parsonage.

◆ **Thank you** to all who trimmed the Christmas tree and adorned our church and narthex so beautifully and to all who did the undecorating. The efforts of all the faithful volunteers who serve at Emmanuel are sincerely appreciated throughout the year. From acolytes to ushers, greeters to altar guild/jr. altar guild, elders to council and boards, counters to office volunteers, to those who cook and bake, to those who shovel snow and/or cut grass, along with the things done that no one knows about except the person who did it. *Thank you to all for sharing your precious time!*

◆ Emmanuel Lutheran Church entered a float in the first **Adell Christmas Parade** and took 3rd place. Thanks to all who helped with the float, especially Nancy Eberhardt, Chris Born, Dean Beyer and the Kaisers.

◆ The **Ladies' Aid** collected 12 winter coats; 23 hats; 11 summer coats; 2 scarfs; 9 pairs of new socks; 1 bathrobe; 1 coveralls; 3 sweaters and 1 pair of gloves for Open Door of Sheboygan. *The Ladies' Aid thanks all who contributed these weather-related items.*

God bless your February!

“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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**It's ASH WEDNESDAY —
It's February 26th**

It's a typical Wednesday night. Everyone is home from the activities of the day; it's time to relax, right? Not so fast... It's ASH WEDNESDAY — *It's February 26th*. This is the beginning of Lent!! Suddenly the gears shift, and the family is off to church. It's a somber service. We are reminded that we are preparing our hearts and minds to travel once more down the path of sorrows leading to the cross. During the Ash Wednesday service, we have Holy Communion. This gives us the strength to travel this path. For the next 40 days we will be journeying with the rest of the confessional Christian world to Calvary, the place of the cross.

Once you're back at home, you're feeling good about not giving in to the urge to skip church when your daughter approaches. She asks about Lent. What is it all about? Why do we go to church this night and for the next 6 Wednesday nights?

“In this day and age, why do you go to church on a Wednesday night, especially in the middle of winter?” asks a friend at work as you start talking about Wednesday church services during Lent. But for those who do it, they are truly blessed as a family. Lent is the best time to remember many of the symbols in the church. All these symbols point us to the cross. The talk of ashes on that first Wednesday, palms on Palm Sunday, Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the darkness and empty altar on Good Friday, the cross, flowers and beautiful candle-light on Easter morning. These all highlight the Word of God and help all in attendance to learn about Christ's last days on Earth. Lent makes the last days of Jesus REAL for all.

Because of Jesus, we are no longer poor, miserable sinners. Nothing is more important than the atoning sacrifice of Jesus' suffering and death. By His blood we have forgiveness. During Lent, we can remember what HE went through for each of us. *See you on Wednesdays starting February 26th.*

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Highlights

- Annual Congregational Meeting and Open House/Tour of Parsonage on February 2.
- Ash Wednesday is February 26.
- The Ladies' Aid will serve a sloppy joe supper before the Ash Wednesday service.
- The Sunday School children will sing on Ash Wednesday.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on Thursday, February 6, 13, 20 and 27. The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will be led by Pastor Chris Gillespie. Come join us as we study God's Word and support each other.

Sunday School

2/2—Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
2/9—Elijah in the Wilderness
2/16—Naboth's Vineyard
2/23—Elijah & Elisha

Snack Schedule

2/2—Michaels
2/9—Dolezal
2/16—Neumann
2/23—Mumme

Worship Attendance

Week of 12/22.....223
Week of 12/29.....74
Week of 1/5.....61
Week of 1/12.....61

Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

The meaning of Liturgy Part: *Confession and Absolution (part 1 of 2)*

We can indeed approach God with confidence. And yet, because we stand on this side of our Lord's final return, we still have with us the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. We have not yet faced the final judgment.

And so, with sin still working in us, the condemnation of God's Law must still confront us, lest we have any delusions that we might have something to boast of before our mighty Judge.

Above all else, Confession and Absolution keep us honest — honest with ourselves and honest before God. The act of confession is not some work that we lay before the Father's throne; rather, it is the simple acknowledgment that God's Word is true and right and that when we measure ourselves against its demands, we come up short.

God's Word says "you shall not give false testimony," but in truth we have lied and gossiped and slandered. And so, the Christian confesses: "Lord, Your Word is true; I have sinned."

There are three basic ways to handle sin and guilt. One is to ignore or minimize them. We've all been tempted in that direction more than a few times. Isn't that, after all, what our sinful human nature is all about?

Another way is to institutionalize them, especially the guilt part. After all, if you can keep people feeling just guilty enough, you will keep them coming back for more.

Part 2 of 2 will be continued in the March 2020 Emmanuel News

Emmanuel's Shut-In Members

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers while we are in vacancy. Pastoral Care for our shut-ins is being provided by pastors of the three circuits in Sheboygan County, which was arranged by our Circuit Visitor and Vacancy Pastor. If you have a chance, stop in and visit with our shut-ins and share Emmanuel news with them. For your convenience, their addresses and telephone numbers are below. Copies of this list can also be found on the back table in the narthex.

Ruth Pape
Sunny Ridge Nursing Home
3014 Erie Ave., Rm. 319
Sheboygan, WI 53081-3658
Nursing Home: 920-459-3028
Private: 920-447-1097. Afternoons work better than mornings.
Cindy Kaiser: 262-894-0037
Birthday: September 26

Roy Roggentin
1231 Eisner Ave., Apt. 336
Sheboygan, WI 53083
Nursing Home: 920 457-6399
Private: 920-287-7492. Roy's phone only makes out-going calls. If no answer, call back in 5 to 10 minutes.
Birthday: February 21

William Taylor
Morningside Health Center
3431 N. 13th St., Rm. 102
Sheboygan, WI 53083
Nursing Home: 920-457-5046
No private phone
Birthday: June 10

Jane Tews
Rocky Knoll -- 2 West, Rm. 238
N7135 Rocky Knoll Pkwy.
Plymouth, WI 53073
Nursing Home: 920 893-6441
No private phone. Call Nursing Home day before a planned visit.
Birthday: November 22

Irene Blanke
Pine Haven Christian Home
531 Giddings Ave., Rm. 631
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Nursing Home: 920 467-2401
Private: 920-550-5383
Birthday: April 20

Leona Neumann
Sheboygan Senior Community
3505 CTH Y, Rm. 113
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Private: 920-395-7613
Birthday: September 23

Mission of the Month—February

The Mission of the Month is **Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Grant Sorenson and Joshua Benish**. For more than 175 years, the seminary in St. Louis has existed to prepare men for the holy ministry of Word and Sacraments in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Concordia Seminary serves the church and the world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Half of your gifts on your mission line this month go to the seminary, and half will be divided between the seminarians we support. Any mission gift on the mission line in your weekly envelopes for February goes to supporting the work of the church and the training of her pastors.



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Ash Wednesday — February 26, 2020

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◆ Our **December Mission** was for the *Siberian Lutheran Missionary Society*. \$1,455 was received for this mission. *Thank you for your support.*

◆ We received a note from **POBLO**, our November Mission of the Month, thanking us for our donation of \$1,150, and our prayers, partnership and support.

◆ **Vacancy News.** Emmanuel's request for Pastoral Candidates was received by the South Wisconsin District on Thursday, January 9. It will take two to four weeks to receive the names of the candidates from the District. The Call Committee will meet and review the candidates and bring forward a slate of candidates that they feel are the best fit for us. You can expect a Congregational Call Meeting some time in February. Notice will be given in the bulletin. Also, check our Facebook page for upcoming events and meetings.

◆ **Inclement Weather Information.** For weather-related closings, turn to television station WTMJ 4 or Fox 6 Storm Center for information about cancellations at Emmanuel. If you have internet access, you can find the closings on both of these channels' websites, or download their app for notifications.

◆ **Electrical Work Completed.** Konz Electric has been busy the past few weeks making improvements in Memorial Hall

and the secretary's office. Last year the Sub-Zero refrigerator in the hall died and needed replacement. Through Nancy Eberhardt's diligent efforts we purchased a poor man's version of the Sub Zero, a Frigidaire Professional refrigerator that is standard width. With the additional room Glen Wilterdink moved the cabinets, stove and ranges to create enough space to accommodate the older commercial refrigerator next to those appliances. A new electrical plug was installed behind the commercial refrigerator (the switch to turn on the unit is located in the cabinet above the ranges). New outlets were installed on the north wall under the windows for additional service for our Souper Dinner and Father's Day Chicken and Waffle Breakfast. New outlets were also installed on the north wall adjoining the countertop. The octopus of power strips in the secretary's office was replaced with outlets for all computer and internet equipment, with an exterior outlet outside of the Pastor's office. New heat tape was installed on the Food Pantry roof drains along with a new exit light with an electric eye to turn on the exterior LED west-side entry light, improving the lighting in our parking lot. *Thanks to all our members for making these improvements possible.*

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Learning from our History

It was resolved on January 12, 1941, that Voters meetings be conducted in the English language and minutes recorded likewise.

It was resolved on May 19, 1941, to call a "permanent" teacher; Resolved to celebrate the 25th anniversary with two services, a dinner, and extend an invitation to three congregations: Sherman Center, Batavia, and Cascade; Resolved to invite Rev. Walter Schroth to be guest preacher. It was resolved on October 4, 1942, to combine confessional service with regular service when communion is celebrated. On August 8, 1943, Rev. Schroth presented a letter of resignation, due to his wife's illness, his farewell sermon to be preached August 29, 1943. It was Resolved to accept his Resignation. Teacher Rush informed voters he had received call to serve as teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School, Cleveland, Ohio.

On August 12, 1943, the call to Mr. Rush was discussed and a vote was taken asking him to remain at Emmanuel.