

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.

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port of how we are doing financially at the February 2 congregational meeting. Because of your generosity we are making progress.

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“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

New Year’s Resolutions for Lutherans

What does it mean to be a Confessional Lutheran in the year 2020? What should we be doing? Well to answer that our Synodical President Rev. Matt Harrison suggests the following (as translated from Herman Sasse):

FIRST... UNDERSTAND WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE WORLD AROUND US. It is that time in history when it is time for CONFESSION! And not merely the confession of the mouth, but also confession by deeds.

SECOND... WE HAVE TO REPENT. How could we ever as Confessional Lutherans allow the world to ever get in the mess it’s in? Where were we in the great hours of temptation? Why has confessional loyal Lutherans failed so? Why do we leave the confessing of Jesus to others?

THIRD... HAVE A STRONG FAITH AND PRAYER LIFE. We believe that God can revive churches, churches that need a good Pastor to feed their spiritual lives. Who knows what, when God’s Holy Spirit works...can happen? Oh, you of little faith! Remember...God answers prayer.

FOURTH... REMEMER TO LOVE, WHICH MANY SAY IS SO FREQUENTLY LACKING AMONG LUTHERANS. We are talking about the true love of the New Testament, the love which can also use the sword (Matthew 10:34ff.), the love which says “no” to heresy (1 John 4; 2 John 6ff.).

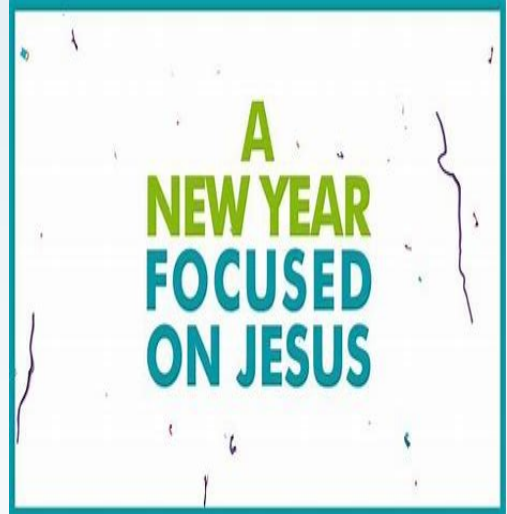
FIFTH... WE MUST STUDY THE SCRIPTURES. The Lutheran Church was born directly from the Scriptures. We are firmly rooted and are nourished by the living content of the Gospel of the Crucified and Risen One and living the experience of justification. ...

SIXTH... DO SOME SERIOUS WORK IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE BELIEVE. It comes from being involved in the church and joining others when we gather for a closer look at the Bible and understanding our worship practices. We must not leave theology to the professors, but we must give thought to what we are all about as Lutherans.

We must also remember that CONFESSION is not just spreading the Gospel, or to confess sins, another important part of Confession is the praise of God. A true confessional church is a church which amid the distress of this world and in the midst of its own distress does not cease to sing: “We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord...”

These might be some New Year’s resolutions you can consider as we proceed into the New Year!

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Highlights

- New Year’s Eve Service of Confession & Communion on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m.
- Ladies’ Aid Christmas Party on Saturday, January 4 at 12 noon.
- New congregational officers installed on January 5.
- Souper Dinner on January 26.
- Annual Congregational Meeting on February 2.

### Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. each Thursday and will be led by Pastor Chris Gillespie. Come join us as we study God's Word and support each other.

### Sunday School

1/5—Absalom's Rebellion  
1/12—Solomon Builds the Temple  
1/19—The Kingdom is Divided  
1/26—The Prophet Elijah

### Snack Schedule

1/5—Neumann  
1/12—Mumme  
1/19—Payne  
1/26—Fischer

### Worship Attendance

Week of 11/24.....114  
Week of 12/1.....99  
Week of 12/8.....110  
Week of 12/15.....85

## Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

The meaning of Liturgy Part: *Invocation*

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." How many times have we heard those words? And yet, they testify with renewed freshness to our identity as children of God who've been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Wouldn't it be something if God's faithful would remember that every time they heard the words of the Invocation, perhaps tracing the sign of the cross as a visible reminder?

St. Paul beautifully captures the eternal significance of our baptism into Christ when he writes to the Galatians that "as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27).

We are clothed with his righteousness. Unlike the man in the parable of the wedding feast who had no wedding garment, when we stand before our Judge on the Last Day, we will be clothed and covered, robed in the purity of Christ.



For weather-related closings, turn to television station WTMJ 4 for information about Emmanuel's cancellations.



## Mission of the Month—January

The Mission of the Month for January is the *Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach*. Rev. David Blas continues his work to the Hispanic population of Sheboygan County. Spanish Divine Services are held on Sundays at noon at Good Shepherd in Sheboygan. Weekly Bible Class is held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Sheboygan on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and at Redeemer Lutheran Church-Manitowoc on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Rev. Blas assists Hispanic people in the area by translating for them, serves as a student mentor, and assists the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center with translation help. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in January goes toward this important mission. We continue to support this energetic young man in his work in Christ's church. Thanks be to God!



Pr. David Blas

## Annual Congregational Meeting—February 2, 2020

### News, Notes & Numbers

◆ Our **November Mission** was for People of the Book Lutheran Outreach in Milwaukee. \$1,150 was received for this mission. Thank you for your support.

◆ **Vacancy News.** *Dear Members of Emmanuel,* First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you for stepping up to the plate and joining hands as we move forward in the call process for a new pastor. The finishing touches have been made to our Congregational Self Study Guide and will be shipped off to President Willie this Christmas season. Thirty-four families turned in a guide with their opinions regarding the most important aspects they desire in a pastor, and what they believe our goals are. Congregant members have nominated 10 candidates for considera-

tion. After review by President Willie, those names (if deemed acceptable) will be forwarded to us along with the Synod's slate of candidates. I would hope to see that slate sometime in February. While we await the Synod's response, let us follow Saint Paul's advice in Philippians 2:2 "Make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." NLT. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. *Andy Schmitt*

◆ **Your 2020 church envelopes** are available in the narthex. Please consider increasing your weekly giving in 2020. If each family increased their weekly donations by \$5-\$10 we will be in good shape. We will give a full re-

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### Learning from our History

On April 4, 1937, it was resolved to increase all salaries by 10%.  
On January 9, 1938, it was resolved to alternate communion services between German and English.  
On April 3, 1938, it was resolved to petition the District for the usual subsidy.  
On July 24, 1938, it was resolved to hold back the mission offering for current expenses and at year's end send what remains to the District.  
On January 8, 1939, it was resolved that the divine service on the 5th Sunday of the month be conducted in the English language.  
On April 16, 1939, it was resolved to request the usual subsidy from the District for our school.  
On October 1, 1939, it was resolved to establish a Sunday School. Vote by ballot—in favor: 8; against: 12.  
On April 7, 1940, it was resolved to request the annual subsidy.  
On October 13, 1940, it was resolved to send the Easter offering to the District Church Extension Fund.