

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 Church.

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

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to church and June Fisher will scan it for you and return your receipt to you. If you have any additional questions, please call June Fischer at (920) 980-4028.

I Give You My Word

You asked if I loved you, you asked if I cared, you asked if I knew each time you were scared . . .

You asked where I was as you called out in need, you asked if I heard as you pray and you plead . . .

When you felt all alone in those times of despair, when you cried out for help thinking I wasn't there,

It was My gentle touch, it was My voice you heard, and I'll always be with you . . .

I Give You My Word.

*God has given us His Word,
His promise of unending Love.
May you always feel His Faithful Presence.*

**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

From our President

My oh my, how long have we been without our own pastor here at Emmanuel LCMS in Adell. Not only were we left alone without a pastor but locked out of our place of worship by a plague. Yes, that is what the Israelites would have called Covid-19, not a pandemic but a real honest-to-goodness plague.

Hopefully by following the social distancing guidelines that we have put together we can continue worship at church, not in the deserts of our homes, lonely and despairing with the loss of communing with all our brothers and sisters in the body and blood of Christ.

Joyfully the months spent in the deserts of our homes is now over and we can move forward to call a pastor on June 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The Call Committee interviewed the following candidates:

- Daniel Grimmer
- Mark Birkholtz
- Jonathan Mumme
- Kevin Mann
- John Taggatz

The Call Committee will recommend the consideration for a call to Danial Grimmer, Mark Birkholtz or Jonathan Mumme. All these men seemed to fit our style of worship and scored highly on our Congregational Self Study, held December 8, 2019. Our congregants rated the top characteristics desired in a pastor as: preaching content, worship, preaching delivery, teaching ability, sick and shut-in visitation, initiative, administration, cooperation, youth and children's ministry and to be tactful and patient along with being into music.

This has been a long, arduous road for us, especially for our shut ins who must feel completely abandoned in closed confinement. But thankfully we have Christ with us every day and forever even when we close our eyes for the last time at our death. As a young lady commented on this plague, "the silence is deafening." Soon the silence will end with the call to a man that will fill our ears with the word of God. So that once again we can embrace one another as a whole congregation with our man, in our pulpit, faithfully leading us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

All members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. A two-thirds majority vote is required for the candidate to receive an official call following the meeting.

Andy Schmitt



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Highlights

- Congregational Quarterly Meeting will be July 26.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will not be held in July.

Sunday School

NO Sunday School will be held in July.

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Worship Attendance

Week of June 7 50
Week of June 14 115
Week of June 21 **

Liturgy Parts—LCMS Worship

The meaning of Liturgy Part: *Hymn of Praise*

On the night of Jesus' birth, the angels let loose their earth-shattering song of praise: "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

On that specific occasion, their praise gave utterance to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Heaven had come down to earth! And ever since, the Church has continued to rejoice in this miracle of our salvation.

The opening words of the Gloria in Excelsis are followed by a hymn of praise to the Triune God. One can imagine the faithful singing these words in heaven: "We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory."

Our focus is on the incarnate Son of God, the only-begotten Son, the Lamb of God, and only Son of the Father. And if that isn't enough to name this One who is the object of our worship and praise, twice we sing, "you take away the sin of the world."

There it is, the heart and substance of the Christian faith. In heaven we will be gathered around the throne and the Lamb, confessing that he alone is holy, he alone is the Lord.

In more recent times, the Lutheran Church in North America has made a significant contribution to the church's liturgy through the alternate Hymn of Praise, "This is the Feast."

Drawing directly from the description of heaven in the Revelation to St. John, our voices are joined to that heavenly throng as we sing with them:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12)

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

Imagine standing on a railroad track with a train coming right toward you. Would you be scared? Of course, you would! Hopefully, you would have enough sense or physical strength to jump off the track.

Sadly, Satan can fill our minds with his lies that create fear, with the result that we feel life is nothing more than facing the danger from oncoming trains. We jump and jump, until one day our efforts are to no avail.

Yes, those are devilish thoughts. From the day the Lord claimed you as His own in baptism, you are headed to a destination. Washed in Jesus' blood, chosen for inheritance, you are destined for life in His new creation of a new heaven and new earth, the "home of righteousness" (2 Peter 3). Your resurrected body will make you fit and ready for that great joy.

So, no, you are not staring into the face of an oncoming train. You are being led in the Savior's grace to the life He has prepared for you (John 14). Because of this, life is not a reaction to the next threat but a purposeful look into the future, that has no end.

That purposeful living includes making specific plans, directed by the Lord in prayer. For the child of God, such plans include assembling a specific direction of the Lord's assets He has assembled under your control in your estate. These gifts will bless family (through inheritance) and ministry (through bequests), so that long after you are "home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5), His gifts will continue to bless, enabling others to know the love of Jesus. This is Christian gift planning.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is ready to assist you today, in person, or by video conference. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to answer questions regarding gifts to ministry, or other questions you may have regarding your Lifetime Plan for Giving at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

Mission of the Month—July

Our mission of the month is *Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and our seminarian Joshua Benish*. Half of the money raised goes to the seminarian and half 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.

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

News, Notes & Numbers

♦ \$460.00 was received for the **May Missions, Lutherans for Life and Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. We thank you for your gifts that supported these missions.

♦ **Facebook**. 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."

♦ **Website**. Our website has been renovated and updated. Check it out at: emmanueladell.org

♦ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 31 days of July as we finish up *1 Samuel* and complete *2 Samuel* for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

♦ **Box Tops**. We are still collecting Box Tops to help fund Sunday School and Youth projects and wanted to update you with the new instructions. Some Box Tops can still be clipped and given to June Fischer but most Box Tops now require the receipt to be scanned on the Box Tops for Education app. In order to scan the receipts on your smart phone, download the Box Tops for Education app and create an account with your email address and a password. Search for the School you are supporting with Zip Code 53075, select St. Johns Lutheran School in Sherman Center and scan your receipt to that School. The money is sent to St. Johns and they in turn send us our portion. If you do not have a smart phone or do not wish to download the Box Top for Education app on your smart phone, bring your receipt

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Learning from our History

On May 26, 1952, it was agreed to schedule services as follows: German at 8:30 a.m. and English at 9:45 a.m.; Remuneration for guest speakers will be \$5 for local or \$10 from Milwaukee or beyond.

On September 10, 1952, it was Resolved to combine the school and church treasury. On January 18, 1953, John Zuengler was elected to serve as lay delegate from the circuit for the LSMS Convention in Houston, Texas.

On September 21, 1953, it was Resolved to pay the congregation's share of expenses for the national convention in the amount of \$23.22.

On August 4, 1954, it was Resolved to grant a peaceful release to Teacher Frank Warnke, at his request, to accept a call to St. Paul Lutheran School, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

On September 20, 1954, it was Resolved to offer a 9-month contract to serve as teacher to Miss Lois Zapf, whose father is the Pastor at St. John, Sherman Center.