

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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rafters. •To move the water softener next to the water heater in order to have all the mechanicals in one area. •To redo the laundry area with the possible inclusion of a three-quarter bath. •To get a crew together to wash all the walls and woodwork, and possibly paint. A challenge grant has been brought forward by two members in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500. They will donate \$1,500 if it is matched by donations from the congregation to hire a painting contractor to get the job done professionally.

Thanks to all for your patience, understanding and prayers as we move forward to a new chapter of Emmanuel's ministry in Adell.

♦ **Souper Dinner.** The XXI Souper Dinner was held on January 26. Approximately \$1,800 was raised. The money will be put into the fundraising account to help with the parsonage improvements.

♦ **The Sportsmen's Rummage Sale** at the Adell Firehouse is Saturday, March 21, 2020. The Ladies' Aid will be having a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. They need homemade baked items from people in the congregation. Please bring your baked goods to the Firehouse in the morning or to Memorial Hall on Saturday by 8 a.m. Volunteers are also needed for the brat fry. Call or text Andy Schmitt at 920.447.2579 or sign up in the Narthex.

♦ The **Easter Lily Order Form** is included with this Newsletter. If you would like to order an Easter Lily for \$12.00 to beautify our church and sanctuary this Easter, please complete the order form and return it to Emily Neumann by March 16th or mail it to her at P.O. Box 2, Adell, WI 53001.



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Emmanuel News

THE CRUCIFIED KING

When it comes to exalted nicknames, some kings hit the jackpot. Who wouldn't want to be remembered with a glorious name similar to "Alexander the Great" or "William the Conqueror" or "Richard the Lion-heart?" "Wise King Solomon" and "Good King Hezekiah" are two biblical examples that are not too shabby as well.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the evangelist paints with words the portrait of a royal figure—our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. But Jesus is not presented in a way most kings would want to be remembered. He is not presented as "Jesus the Great" or "Jesus the Mighty." Instead, St. Matthew presents to us a lowly king who is rejected and betrayed. A king who is denied and condemned. A king who is mocked, forsaken, crucified and buried. If you had to give him a king's nickname based on St. Matthew's portrayal of Him in the Gospel, *The Crucified King* would certainly be appropriate.

That's good to hear because that's exactly the kind of king we need him to be. Ever since the fall, we all might be described as "Wannabe kings." We've rebelled against this King, putting ourselves first and God last. We have this king-sized inclination to *be* served rather than *to* serve. Our greatest need is not for a king whose glory is shown in His impressive power or strength, but chiefly in showing mercy to sinners. And that's exactly the kind of king St. Matthew presents.

The theme for this Lenten series derives from one of the ideas dominant in St. Matthew's Gospel—that Jesus is *the* King. Lent is a penitential season where God's baptized people celebrate their Baptism through repentance and faith in this King. It is a season where we prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast (Easter) that celebrates this King being raised from the dead for our justification. Jesus is God's greatness in the flesh, the ultimate conqueror, who is truly God's Lion-hearted One. Yet He is willing to be a king despised and dishonored, that we might be considered great in God's Kingdom. He desired that we be eternally crowned with glory, so His head was pierced with sharp thorns. He was willing to be devoured by jaws of eternal death and rise again, so that you might joyfully eat His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation and be glorified with this King's own majestic glory.

In the beginning of the Gospel, the Magi came to Jerusalem asking, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?" They asked because it wasn't obvious. He was where human reason would never expect Him—in a humble home, in a humble town, served by His humble mother. Toward the end of the Gospel, Pilate also must ask Jesus, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He asks because it wasn't obvious. But so that we don't miss Him and all His benefits, St. Matthew identifies our merciful King of kings and Lord of lords, who goes where human reason would never expect a king to go—high and lifted up on a cross, bearing away the sin of the world, so that He could triumph over it in the resurrection. All so that you might be baptized and received the exalted title of "Sons of God."

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Lenten Series & Meals

We gather for seasonal hymns and readings as we consider what God has done for us. Come each week at 6:30 p.m. for the meditative and reflective service of The Crucified King as we close our day in the Lord's peace.

Lenten Sermon Series: The Crucified King
Ash Wednesday, **February 26, 2020**

"The King's Wisdom"

Midweek Lent 1, **March 4, 2020**

"The King Betrayed"

Midweek Lent 2, **March 11, 2020**

"The King Denied"

Midweek Lent 3, **March 18, 2020**

"The King Condemned"

Midweek Lent 4, **March 25, 2020**

"The King Mocked"

Midweek Lent 5, **April 1, 2020**

"The King on the Cross"

Lenten Meals:

February 26	Sloppy joes
March 4	Hot Turkey & Gravy on a bun
March 11	Soup & Hot Dogs
March 18	Spaghetti
March 25	Tuna Broccoli Casserole
April 1	no meal

"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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Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on Thursday, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. The class begins at 9:15 a.m. and is led by Pastor Chris Gillespie. Come join us as we study God's Word and support each other.

Sunday School

3/1—Naaman & Elisha
3/8—Jonah
3/15—Overthrow of Israel, King Hezekiah
3/22—Babylonian Captivity
3/29—Daniel

Snack Schedule

3/1—Payne
3/8—Fischer
3/15—Michaels
3/22—Dolezal
3/29—Neumann

Worship Attendance

Week of 1/19..... 65
Week of 1/26..... 109
Week of 2/2..... 71
Week of 2/9..... 68

Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

The meaning of Liturgy Part: Confession and Absolution
(part 2 of 2 continued from February Emmanuel News)

The third way is to give sin and guilt their proper due, and then to silence them. That is the way of God's absolution. With his forgiveness, our sin is removed from us as far as the east is from the west.

Christians know that, but they also need to hear it often. We need to be reminded that those familiar words, "I forgive you all your sins," are not just some impersonal announcement. They say what they mean and accomplish what they promise. Jesus himself said to his disciples that the sins they forgive are forgiven (John 20:23).

The last and greatest absolution that will ever be spoken to us will be at the last judgment. In the final pages of the *Chronicles of Narnia*, C.S. Lewis provides a marvelous description of this event.

As each individual comes before Aslan — the lion who is Lewis' figure for Christ — one of two things happens: either the person gazes directly into Aslan's face and recognizes his forgiving countenance, or, upon seeing the lion's stern demeanor, passes into his long shadow, forever to be separated from Christ.

In the Confession and Absolution we are being readied for our appearance before Christ on the Last Day. And hidden behind those comforting words that our sins are forgiven is the invitation, "Come, you who are blessed by my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34).

When our Lord speaks those words to us at the Last Day, Confession and Absolution as we know it will cease, for we will then bask in the eternal absolution of the Lamb.

May God bless our Lent!

Easter Traditions, written by Pastor Seifferlein, Easter 2019 (part 1 of 2)

What is the purpose of the Paschal candle? The Paschal candle is the largest candle in the church. One of the most important moments of Easter is the lighting of this candle. Jesus was crucified, buried, and sealed in the tomb, but rose again in glory. In Baptism smaller replicas of the larger candle are lit to show that the fruits of Jesus' death and resurrection were given to us in Baptism. Christ leads us into life eternal by the new light of His mighty resurrection from the dead. The victory of darkness has ended forever!

Why are many churches designed in the shape of a cross? The aisles at the front and center of our churches intersect to form the shape of the cross. In larger churches side apses make this cross shape even more apparent. Those who have been marked with the sign of the holy cross both upon their foreheads and upon their hearts in Holy Baptism, live their lives under and in the cross of Christ. Cross-marked lives are shaped as they come to the cross-shaped house as Jesus puts the mark of His cross on them again. Meaning, life, and forgiveness, is found in the place where the message of the cross is preached and the fruits of the cross are given out.

What does the stripping of the altar on Good Friday and the replacing of the paraments, etc., for Easter mean/symbolize? Jesus underwent great humiliation during His trial when His clothing was stripped from Him (Matthew 27:28). When Jesus died His followers came and wrapped His body with linen cloths. When the women came to the tomb three days later they expected to find His body there but only found His grave clothes. Jesus left the clothes of death behind Him. The Stripping of the Altar and the replacing of the paraments make us part of the wonderful events surrounding Jesus' death and crucifixion. The altar is fully clothed on Easter proclaiming to us the things the women saw when they went to the tomb of Jesus.

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Mission of the Month—March

The Mission of the Month is *A Place of Refuge*. A Place of Refuge was established by the South Wisconsin District 25 years ago. In this time God has provided the means through His church to help mothers and their babies. The *Blessed Again Resale Shop* averages 1000 customers a month, and work also includes delivering layettes, car seats, cribs, and Bibles to women in need. Many women are struggling every day with things we take for granted. When we are sick, we get in our cars and go to the doctor. When their kids are sick, they have to take them on the bus or walk because there is no car or no bus money. Help APOR to share Christ's hope with them with a gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope. To see APOR's newsletter and to look for ways to volunteer at the resale shop go to www.aplaceofrefuge.org/

*Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion; Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.*
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♦ Our **January Mission** was for the *Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach*. \$675 was received for this mission. *Thank you for your support.*

♦ We received a letter of thanks for our generous gift for the work of the **Siberian Lutheran Mission Society**. Our gracious Lord has mercifully blessed the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church through our gift.

♦ **Call Committee.** It's here! The District has sent the pastoral candidate list and the Call Committee began the evaluation process on Monday, February 17th. The candidates' names are available from the church office via email or hard copies are available in the narthex. The complete Personal Information Sheet (PIF) and Self Evaluation Tool (SET) are available for your review. Because of the personal information it contains, this information cannot be copied, nor distributed to each member. However, it can be reviewed in the office with a Call Committee member on the following dates and times: Sunday, March 1st and 8th at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 4th and 11th at 5:00 p.m. Over the next few weeks the Call Committee will evaluate the candidates and select three men that match up best with the results of our self-evaluation tool, which all congregants had the opportunity to contribute to. Watch the bulletin and Facebook or con-

tact the church office to find out when the Call Meeting will be held. If you have questions or comments, please contact any Call Committee member: Andy Schmitt—(920) 447-2579; Mark Mathe—(920)564-6102; Chris Neumann—(262)268-0422; Alex Ourada—(920)254-1986; Dan Kaiser—(262)894-9489; Terry Ourada—(920)207-3617; Rachel Mumme—(262)546-6000; Nancy Eberhardt—(920)893-9698; and Elizabeth Laubenstein—(920)564-4144.

♦ **Parsonage Improvements.** Our open house of the parsonage was held and the Church Council appreciates your comments and suggestions. On Sunday, February 23rd a congregational meeting will be held in the church immediately following services, before Bible Class, to vote on the improvements suggested by the Church Council and your open house input. ♦To remove all non-bearing walls in the basement to create an open space. The concept is to open the whole space to create two rooms that would be partitioned into a mechanical room, with a bath and laundry room, and an open space that can be remodeled, in the future, into additional living space with a suspended ceiling to hide the mechanicals. ♦To redo and replace the heating duct work to be tucked into the ceiling for more head space. ♦To redo and replace any plumbing that has not been put into the

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Learning from our History

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

On October 1, 1943, it was resolved to pay the new Pastor \$1,200 per year. D.P. Schwertfeger presented a call list of nine names.

On October 15, 1943,* a Special Meeting was held to call Pastor Walter Stolper, St. Paul, MN (the father of Mrs. Ruth Kilb).

On January 21, 1944, it was resolved to increase the salary of Teacher Rush to \$110 per month.

On March 18, 1945,* it was decided to call Rev. Paul Laabs, Jr., after Pr. Stolper declined the Call. The salary was increased to \$1,500 per year with the option of doing janitorial work, if desired. The vacancy will continue with Pr. Gerhard Huebner of Sherman Center serving Emmanuel.

On May 13, 1945, Rev. Laabs accepted the Call. Installation is scheduled for June 10, 1945.

On July 15, 1945, it was resolved to conduct two German services per month with English services in the evening.

(*) *Note, these dates were checked twice.*