

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.

## News, Notes & Numbers—Continued

the narthex and the bell tower should also be covered or painted. Estimates for that work will be difficult because of the height and curvature, so a possible worst-to-best price will be brought forward for consideration.

♦ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 30 days of September reading Proverbs for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).



♦ **Thrivent Choice Dollars.** 2020 is more than already half over. Now is a good time to check your Choice Dollar account and distribute them to a designated fund at Emmanuel or your favorite charity. Call Thrivent (800-847-4836) or go online at Thrivent.com to direct your Choice Dollars.

**May God bless our September!**

*“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

## THE CALL

After serving in God’s church for almost 30 years; spending almost 10 years as a Circuit Visitor and working on the North Dakota District Board of Directors, I have learned that the Synod and District Presidents do not place pastors into churches; *God does*. He works through His Church; you, the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27).

When a congregation needs to call a pastor, they contact the Circuit Visitor and the District President. There is a process in place for calling a pastor. First, the church needs to gather information about the congregation. In some circles they call it a “Self-Study.” This also gives the congregation a “snap-shot” of their congregation at the time of the call. This information gives the District President an idea of the type of pastor that has the abilities and talents to serve that congregation.

What that involves is seeing if this is a small congregation, a large one, or a medium-sized one. Is the congregation rural or small town or larger city? The pastor who is called should be comfortable serving the Lord’s people where they are. A pastor who is from city life in Los Angeles may not adapt well to town life in Adell.

Also, from the information sent to the District President, it can be determined if the congregation would be a congregation that can have patience with a candidate (new pastor) right out of the seminary. New pastors are often eager to do many things that the congregation is not quite ready to attempt. Also, new pastors will make mistakes (they are human), and the congregation needs to be willing and able to forgive and move on with the minister and ministry.

When a congregation calls a pastor from the field (*one who already has a call to another congregation*), they call from a list the District President has put together. This list is put together by looking at the information from the congregation and then looking at the pastor’s **PIF** [Pastor Information Form] and **SETs** [Self Evaluation Tool] (*resumes*).

These PIFs and SETs are sent to the congregation and the congregation looks at, prays over and studies these PIFs and SETs of the different pastors. The call committee may phone some of these pastors to see if they would consider a call. After prayerful consideration, the congregation gathers at a congregational call meeting and chooses one pastor, by vote, to be their new pastor elect.

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## Highlights

- Sunday School Rally Day will be Sunday, September 13, 2020.
- Sunday Bible Class will begin on September 13, 2020.
- Sunday Sermons can now be found on YouTube at: Emmanuel Lutheran Adell LCMS.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will not be held in September. However, we will be reevaluating to, perhaps, start in October.

## Sunday School

9/13—Babylonian Captivity  
9/20—Daniel  
9/27—The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

## SS Snack Schedule

9/13—Mumme  
9/20—Fischer  
9/27—Michaels

## Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class will begin on September 13, 2020, after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall.

## Pastor's Article—Continued

The pastor elect is immediately phoned to let him know he has been called. Now, the called pastor may have some things going on in his present call that he could not possibly consider a call somewhere else. He may have different family circumstances that would make him think twice about uprooting the family. If the called pastor cannot consider a call, he will return the call. Then the congregation goes back to the list of pastors, or obtains a new pastoral list, and does the procedure again.

When a pastor who was called, seriously considers the call, he will read over the call documents, which include information about the congregation and the area that he is asked to serve. The pastor then prays if this is God's will for him and considers if he has the abilities to fulfill that call. He might even visit the church which called him. He then either accepts the call, or declines it and returns the call. This may all seem a little complicated, but it shows how God is working through the Church (**you**) and through the pastors; thus, it is a Divine Call.

Since this is God placing the pastor in the church to proclaim His Word and administer His Sacraments to His people in that place at this time, it is not a hire and fire mentality. The church is not just hiring another man for the pastoral position. God has placed this man to serve His people in that place for a specific reason, and that reason may not be evident to many.

You never know God's plan for the church. A man may be called and after getting to know him, not many... if any, care for him in the congregation. But there is something about this pastor that allowed him to get through to that one person in the congregation who was lost. That pastor may be there to do the Lord's work to bring that one soul to be saved.

When I served as Circuit Visitor, I knew of one congregation that said their pastor had good sermons and good Bible studies, but he was quirky, so they wanted him to resign. The important thing to remember is that if the pastor is faithful with preaching God's Word in all its truth and purity in both Law and Gospel, and correctly and faithfully administering the Sacraments... then it may not be the pastor.

Pastors are humans with personalities that make them unique, like every other child of God. Again, the important part is that they preach and teach all of God's Word, which can be hard at times in a society that wants things different than what God has given to us.

Remember, it is God's Word that has brought you to faith, kept you in faith, and strengthens you in faith for all the things thrown at you as you live here in this valley of the shadow of death. It is the Gospel that shines the bright light of salvation and eternal life in this world—leading you to the next. Continue to pray for your next pastor and for Emmanuel.

+ Pastor Adam L. Scheblein

## Mission of the Month—September

The beautiful facility of Sheboygan County's pregnancy help center is located at 703 North 9th Street, behind the Mead Public Library. Anchor of Hope's free services are available to all individuals experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, especially individuals who are uncertain of their options. The center provides compassionate, non-judgmental consultation, and educational services consistent with the sanctity of human life including: pregnancy screening, ultrasound, education on abortion and alternatives, confidential support, material aid, community referrals and more. Anchor of Hope Pregnancy & Help Center was established in 2013 to serve the residents of Sheboygan County. The volunteer board consists of eight members and a medical director. The center is affiliated with Heartbeat International and is fully funded by private donations. Volunteers of many kinds are needed. For more information call 920-452-4673 or visit their website: [www.newhopephc.org](http://www.newhopephc.org). Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in September goes toward this important, local mission in our community.



Anchor of Hope Pregnancy & Help Center, behind the Mead Public Library in Sheboygan



Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.  
*Proverbs 24:3*

## News, Notes & Numbers

◆ \$620.00 was received for the **July Mission**, *Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and Seminarian Joshua Benish*. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ Lutherans in Africa thanked us for our "...donation of \$675 and is much appreciated for the ongoing work of forming African Christians to be teachers of the faith among their people."

◆ **Altar Guild**. Would you please consider signing up even if you are not attending church because of the pandemic? Circumstances will be sidelining a couple of our altar guild members and we need your help. Please consider setting up on Saturday and taking down later on Sunday when there is no one else in the building. Let us know if you are will-

ing to help this way, by emailing ([secretary@emmanueladell.org](mailto:secretary@emmanueladell.org)) or calling (920-994-9005) the church secretary.

◆ **The roofing and siding projects** have been completed by Expert Exteriors LLC, 1611 Whitewater Drive, West Bend, WI 53095; [USduaneu@expertexteriorswi.com](mailto:USduaneu@expertexteriorswi.com) [www.expertexteriorswi.com](http://www.expertexteriorswi.com). Duane Ungerecht, owner, donated the time and materials for the fascia boards on the narthex—what a great gesture! Send your personal thanks or refer a friend who is in need of a new roof or siding. The gutters on the parsonage were not part of the claim, just the downspouts were replaced. Expert Exteriors estimates that it would cost around \$2,100 to replace the gutters. The upper windows above

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## Learning from our History

On August 12, 1956, a Special meeting followed the divine service. Pastor Sueflow presented calls received from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shelton, NE and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lowell, NE; both were declined.

On October 10, 1956, a Special meeting was held to consider calls received by Pastor Sueflow to Trinity Lutheran, Amherst, NE and Grace Lutheran, Franklin, NE. Unanimous ballot taken asking Pastor Sueflow to decline both calls. No decision reached.

On October 14, 1956, a discussion was held pertaining to a call. Pastor Sueflow announced he had decided to accept the call to serve Grace Lutheran Church, Franklin, NE, asking for a peaceful release, which was given. Pastor Reuben Otto-Cascade, was asked to serve our vacancy.

On October 21, 1956, at a Special meeting to call a pastor from the list presented by D.P. Baxmann and nominations from the floor. Pastor Richard Bolin was elected. It was Resolved, to eliminate German services from pastoral requirements in the call.