

Emmanuel Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at
9 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class begins at
10:15 a.m.

Sunday School begins at
10:15 a.m. (September-May)

Wednesday Evening Service
is at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Worship
is at 8:45 a.m. in the chapel.

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

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♦ **Pastor Marks** can be reached at the church office or at (920) 400-0425 and is available for any pastoral needs that you might have. Feel free to reach out to him to schedule a visit or just stop by when the porch light is on. Monday-Wednesday mornings are generally good for visits, but he will always be happy to see you. Pastor also holds designated hours one Saturday morning per month for individual confession and absolution, counseling appointments, and general visitation. Also, let Pastor know if you are in the hospital, having surgery or a procedure, or simply desire prayer for any reason. He can also be reached by email at pastor@emmanueladell.org.

♦ **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.”

May God continue to reform our Church
to His Word and 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

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15b

Strengthening the Faith in the Home

One of the things I hear most frequently from people in the church is the question about how to faithfully lead their family in the home. People want to follow the God-given directives of teaching the faith in their household, but often just don’t know how to do that. Or don’t feel comfortable. After all, most have not been trained as a Christian teacher or pastor, and therefore don’t feel qualified for the role they’ve been called to. But God doesn’t give us vocations such as husband, wife, father, mother, brother, and sister without also equipping us for those roles. Some of that equipping is natural and instinctual, and some of it comes through the leading and guiding of the church.

Family devotions don’t need to be an overwhelming task that takes loads of preparation, or which causes undue anxiety for your household. And it’s not something that’s only for households with children either. God calls each of us to make our faith central to our lives. Going from Sunday to Sunday without hearing God’s Word and meditating on it can cause us to devalue that Word and minimize its centrality to all that we do. So, the question I’m really hearing is ‘How do I make this something that’s important in my household and which I’m able to do in the midst of my busy schedule?’

Fortunately, there are many resources that can make our at-home study of God’s Word easier. We don’t need to preach to one another in the home or have a prepared lesson plan. Thinking that these are necessities for family devotions is one of the biggest reasons it doesn’t happen as often as it should. Here are a few simple suggestions to make this important routine a central part of life in your family.

- 1) Thank God when rising in the morning, before each meal, and before going to bed each night. These habits can often be some of the first to go when life gets busy and chaotic, but they’re also the easiest to keep in your routine. If you’re not sure of what or how to pray, check out the Daily Prayers section of Luther’s Small Catechism.
- 2) The church provides simple devotional resources for your use such as Portals of Prayer. Without any preparation at all, you can read a portion of Scripture and a short devotion and have a pre-written prayer to use. The Treasury of Daily Prayer is also a great resource that requires no preparation at all. Other organizations that produce daily devotionals online include Lutheran Hour Ministries and Lutheran Church Charities, among others.
- 3) When children are in the home it may seem like all you can do to get them to sit still to eat a meal, much less sit through a family devotion. Remember that it doesn’t need to be long or complicated. It’s the Word of God, placed in our ears regularly that does the work. When your children are young read them stories from God’s Word. There are tons of children’s Bibles and storybooks that place God’s Word in the ears of our children even before they can read it. As they get older set aside a specific time of the day to spend a few minutes in devotion as a family. Whatever works for your family is best. Whenever you’re already gathered take those few extra minutes.
- 4) Whenever possible add some music to your devotions. Hymn stanzas are often included with devotions and are great ways to reinforce the message. Maybe the Hymn of the Day for the following Sunday (it’s always printed in the bulletin) could be used throughout the week so that your family is prepared to sing it in worship.

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4:30 p.m.
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at 6 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on September 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue addressing current issues that affect the church and our culture.

Sunday School

9/10—Creation
9/17—The Promise of a Savior
9/24—Cain and Abel

Snack Schedule

9/10—Marks
9/17—Schultz
9/24—Buchholz

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study of the basics of Lutheran theology through a course called “Lutheranism 101.”

Worship Attendance

Week of 7/3068
Week of 8/678
Week of 8/1362
Week of 8/2083

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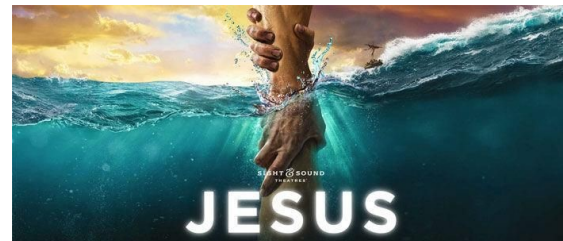
Don’t let your family’s time in the Word and at prayer at home become too complicated. I feel so strongly that this is an important part of our lives as Christians that beginning in September every household that would like to participate will have access to a family devotional called The Whole Story for the Whole Family. This devotional, while geared toward families with children, has something for families of all shapes and sizes. The purpose of using a common resource throughout the year is that when we gather together we will have a point of connection in the things that have been discussed in our homes throughout the week. Copies of the devotional will be available on Rally Day on September 10th and its use will be explained during our joint children/adult opening to Sunday School and Bible Class on that day. I encourage you to participate in the important task of keeping God’s Word front and center in your homes. God will truly bless your efforts as you are faithful to Him and to your various callings.

Blessings,

✝ Pastor Marks

News, Notes & Numbers

♦ **Movie Night.** Join us in Memorial Hall on September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to view the Sight & Sound movie “Jesus.” Witness some of the most awe-inspiring, miraculous events in the gospels as Jesus sets sail with fishermen, challenges the Pharisees, and heals the hurting. From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, experience the greatest rescue story of all time as this spectacular original production comes to life like never before! Bring your favorite movie snacks or something to share.



♦ **Congratulations to Andrew and Lorraine Harrill**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on August 12th in Louisville, Kentucky. The service was officiated by Pastor Marks. May God richly bless their marriage. A pantry wedding shower was held for Andrew & Lorraine on August 20th in Memorial Hall. Special thanks to the Ladies’ Aid for organizing the shower and for the congregation for supporting the newlyweds.

Mission of the Month—September

The Mission of the Month for September is *Anchor of Hope Health Center*. Anchor of Hope’s mission is to empower individuals to make healthy life-affirming decisions through education, support and professional medical services. Anchor of Hope is a Christian, nonprofit organization based in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The free services and compassionate care provided by the staff at Anchor of Hope create an environment of wholistic support for men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy or other sexual health concerns. Anchor of Hope also provides parent education support for families with children. Anchor of Hope is a grassroots organization founded in 2015 by multiple community organizations and like-minded individuals within Sheboygan County. For more information call 920-452-4673, visit them in person at 1018 S. Taylor Drive in Sheboygan (across the street from Aldi) or visit its website: www.anchorofhopewi.org. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in September goes toward this important, local mission in our community.

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Sunday School and Bible Class Rally Day September 10 at 10:15 a.m.

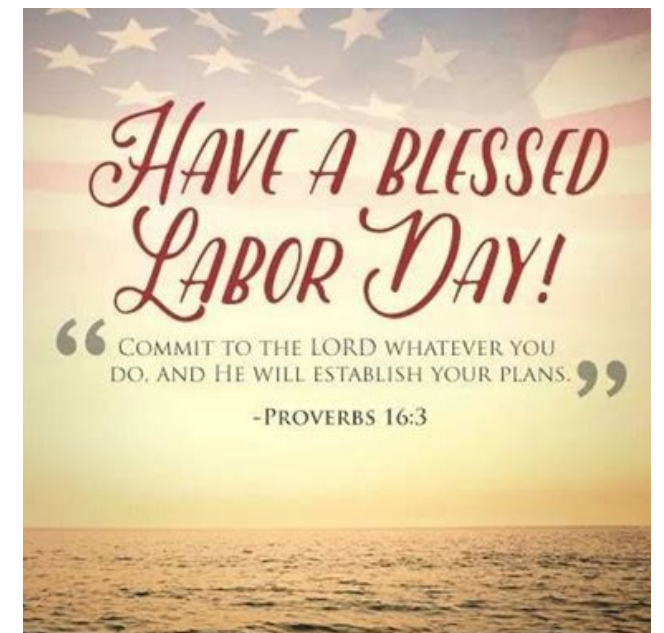
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♦ Watch for **Pastor’s Monday Minute** in your email each Monday to receive the link to the Sunday service on YouTube. If you’re not receiving this message, or the Thursday email with the bulletin and announcements, please send your email address to secretary@emmanueladell.org

♦ **July Missions**, *Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and Seminarian Luke Konkkel*, raised \$720. We thank you for your gifts that supported these missions.

♦ From August 15 thru August 17, Pastor, Jordyn Schultz, Parker Fischer, Tim Marks, Levi Schommer, Bryce Dolezal and Kai Reysen attended **Confirmation Camp at Camp Luther**. Staff from camp led activities and devotions and Pastor taught lessons throughout focused on Confession and Absolution. Take a moment to ask one of our students what their favorite camp experience was.

♦ **Youth Group Baseball Game Event.** Members of our youth group braved the hottest day of the year to see the Brewers play the Twins in an exciting extra-innings game on August 23.



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