

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.

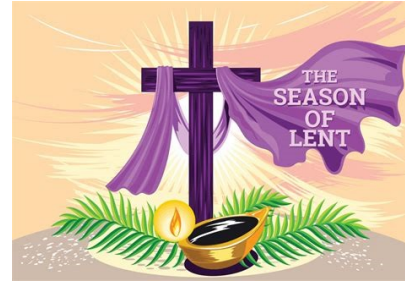
Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

News, Notes & Numbers — continued

◆ We received a thank you note from **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** (our October mission). “Rev. Marks & People of Emmanuel, your special mission gift is gratefully received. Blessings in the New Year! Rev. R. Rahn, Founder.”

◆ **Pastor is available** for private confession and absolution and counseling the first Saturday of each month, or by appointment at other times. Consider taking advantage of these opportunities.

◆ **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 February!

“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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February 2024

Emmanuel News

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

Christian Community: A Great Blessing

I’ll be the first to admit that I’m always a little bit sad when the Christmas season is over. When the tree and the decorations come down there’s always that thought that the joy of the season is gone, and we have 11 more months before it returns. Which is why I try to hold on as long as possible. In fact, you may have noticed that the lights on the outside of the parsonage were left up throughout the month of January. And our movie in the middle of the month was *The Miracle of Christmas*. But eventually we move on, not from the joy of Christmas, but to the reality that the church year marches on. And this year with Lent beginning so early with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, we are forced to move on quickly.

All this is a reminder that as the body of Christ we are blessed to reside in a community that walks together throughout the entire year. A community that lives and grows and has its being in Christ, our Savior. One that remembers its past and looks forward to the bright future appointed for us. We thank God that, as members of our Lord’s church, we have **“received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith”** (Col. 2:6-7).

I am so blessed that nearly three years ago, God saw fit, through Emmanuel’s call process, to call me to serve as your pastor. I am privileged to be added to a long line of faithful servants who have delivered our Lord’s gifts in this place. And to have my family be a part of this Christian community. We serve together, walk together, rejoice in the welcoming of new members, mourn the loss of faithful saints, care for the gifts God has entrusted us with, and worship the One who has won salvation for us. I am eternally grateful for all these blessings and know that there are many who feel the same. And I appreciate it when you express your gratefulness for God’s work here in this place. You’ll see one example of this on the next page as a member expresses her gratitude for the many blessings that come from being connected to Christ’s body here at Emmanuel. May our love and gratitude for this community God has placed us in continue throughout every season of the year as we bear one another’s burdens and rejoice in the love of God shown to us in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

✝ *Pastor Marks*



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Highlights

- Souper Dinner XXV on February 4 at 10:30 a.m.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 13 at 5:30 p.m.
- Imposition of Ashes on February 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service on February 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday School children sing in church on Ash Wednesday.
- Youth Group tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum on February 18.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class continues to meet at 9 a.m. and will meet on February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 9:00 a.m. We will continue to focus on the Book of Revelation.

Sunday School

- 2/4—Jacob Returns to Canaan
- 2/11—Joseph Sold into Slavery
- 2/14—Children sing in church
- 2/18—Joseph Goes to Egypt
- 2/25—Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

Snack Schedule

- 2/4—Schultz
- 2/11—Buchholz
- 2/18—Schommer
- 2/25—Fischer

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall. Come and hear what the Lord has to say in His Word.

Worship Attendance

- Week of 12/24.....284
- Week of 12/31.....126
- Week of 1/7.....99
- Week of 1/14.....89
- Week of 1/21.....91

The JOY of Preparing the Way

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Eve Worship service. What JOY to celebrate with our family of faith! The special music prior to service, the adult choir, readers, children, ushers, acolytes, and our outstanding organist, Terry, all made this a wonderful celebration. And on top of all this we are blessed with an outstanding preacher! It was clear that the Body of Christ was busy that night! It was a beautiful service showcasing talents and gifts used for the King!

Too often in a small congregation like Emmanuel, in a tiny town, we can begin to think that we can't do things like the big churches. Oh if only we had two services, more money, or a bigger facility, then we could do this or that. But God looks upon the small, the ordinary, the insignificant. He chose Bethlehem as the birthplace for His son. He chose the simple everyday things of water, bread and wine to do the miraculous work of salvation in our lives. I'm thankful for the small things, the smallness of the mustard seed, that can move mountains. That's how powerful the small things are when it comes to our faith in Jesus.

Think back to the children singing "Go Tell it on the Mountain!" The Joy, the excitement in sharing the greatest news! Though they are children, small, and some would say insignificant, God is using them in a mighty, extraordinary, mind-blowing way. This past season of Advent, Christmas and now Epiphany has truly been a gift to me, to be able to work with everyone in preparing the way for the Lord! I look forward to serving in 2024.

Amy Assmann



Lent/Easter Schedule

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| Tuesday, February 13 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | 5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 14 | Imposition of Ashes | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Ash Wednesday Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, February 18 | Divine Service — Lent 1 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, February 21 | Lenten Meal — Sloppy Joe dinner hosted by Ladies' Aid | 5:15 p.m. |
| | Midweek Lent 1— <i>Vespers</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, February 25 | Divine Service — Lent 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, February 28 | Lenten Meal — Lasagna dinner hosted by the Bd. of Christian Education | 5:15 p.m. |
| | Midweek Lent 2— <i>Evening Prayer</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, March 3 | Divine Service — Lent 3 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, March 6 | Lenten Meal — Taco dinner hosted by the Elders | 5:15 p.m. |
| | Midweek Lent 3— <i>Vespers</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, March 10 | Divine Service — Lent 4 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, March 13 | Lenten Meal — Chili Cook-Off | 5:15 p.m. |
| | Midweek Lent 4— <i>Evening Prayer</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, March 17 | Divine Service — Lent 5 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, March 20 | Lenten Meal — Potluck dinner | 5:15 p.m. |
| | Midweek Lent 5— <i>Vespers</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, March 24 | Palm Sunday Divine Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, March 28 | Maundy Thursday Divine Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, March 29 | Good Friday Tenebrae | 1:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, March 30 | Easter Vigil (at St. John, Sherman Center) | TBD |
| Sunday, March 31 | Easter Sunrise Service | 6:30 a.m. |
| | Easter Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. |
| | Easter Divine Service | 9:00 a.m. |

Mission of the Month—February

Our Mission this Month is *Sheboygan Lutheran High School*. For over 40 years, Sheboygan Lutheran High School has been dedicated to its mission of Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time. It is a school that specializes in faith-based education, values Christian leadership principles, and provides a transformational and well-rounded education taught by a caring and talented staff in a family atmosphere.

Derek Bult, Sheboygan Lutheran's Principal, will be here on February 4, 2024.

We support this mission through our gifts on the mission line of our February envelopes.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024

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Tuesday, February 13th
5:30-7:00 PM

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Coffee
and more served by the Bd of Ed and Youth
Free Will Offering will support
Confirmation Camp camp in the Summer of 2024

◆ **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.

◆ **December Mission, Lutheran Hour Ministries**, raised \$900. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ **February is a time to celebrate the Christian love of husbands and wives.** If you would like to participate in a display of the couples of our congregation (which may also be used for a trivia contest at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper) please bring in as old a photo as you can find of you and your spouse. Photos may be brought to the church office or given to Naomi Marks by February 11th. Just make sure your name is on the back and photos will be scanned and returned to your mailboxes. We'd love to honor our widows by seeing your old wedding photos too!

◆ **The Youth Group** invites *everyone* to an evening of tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum on February 18th at 4:30 p.m. Invite your friends.



◆ **Souper Dinner XXV** is February 4th from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Serving ALL YOU CAN EAT Cheesy Cauliflower Broccoli, Chili, Chicken Dumpling and Split Pea soups, cheese and crackers, hot dogs and homemade desserts. Adults: \$11; children 5 to 12: \$3.50, children under 5 free.

◆ **Souper Dinner preparation** will be on February 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

◆ **Ladies' Aid Christmas Party** was held on January 6.

