

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 is available** for private confession and absolution and counseling one Saturday each month, as listed in the calendar, 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 April!



“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

WHO ARE THESE PALS?

On any given day in our home, you can see a message displayed on a board in our dining room. It’s one of those boards with the movable letters that can be arranged and re-arranged to create whatever we want to convey within our house or to anyone who comes to visit. When we know we have visitors coming, the message is generally a welcome to their family. Sometimes it’s a line from a hymn and sometimes a Bible verse. Occasionally, the message will be humorous and there have even been some creative kids who will change the message around at times to see if we notice.

A couple months ago, on a particular weekend, the message read WELCOME TO OUR PALS. On that weekend we were welcoming, not just to our home, but to the church, our PALS group. This is a group that has become not just friends, but support in our transition from seminary to parish life. And they *love* coming to Emmanuel. We meet three times a year, and since our second meeting, when they first came to Adell, all our gatherings have been at Emmanuel. Our Elders have provided Brat Frys and our Ladies’ Aid has prepared meals and snacks. We worship in our sanctuary, meet and eat in Memorial Hall, and the kids love the youth room downstairs.

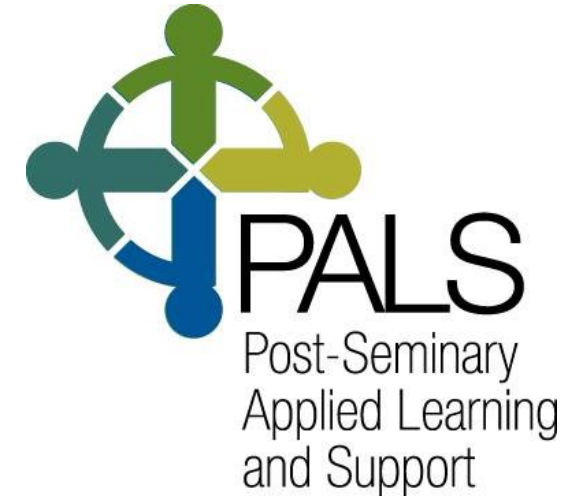
So, who are these PALS? Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support is a collaborative effort of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and each District of the Synod. PALS regularly brings together groups of recent graduates of our seminaries throughout the first three years of their ministries. In these meetings, the new pastors worship, study, and discuss new ministry experiences in the company of an experienced pastor who facilitates the group.

The LCMS is blessed with excellent seminaries that form students for service as faithful, compassionate servants of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. In the tradition of Martin Luther, the Synod affirms that formation for ministry extends beyond seminary graduation. Education is a life-long process of growth and development and the early years of parish ministry are critical for a pastor as he looks forward to decades of service.

During these early years:

- Practices and habits are established that will likely continue for many years to come;
- Pastors and their wives can encounter situations and circumstances they did not anticipate during the seminary years of formation; and,
- The need for a pastor’s continued growth and support is probably more acute than at any other time in a pastor’s entire life of service.

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- Game Night on April 19th.
- Youth Group will meet on April 21st.
- Church Rummage Sale and Youth Group Bake Sale on April 26th & 27th.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class continues to meet at 9 a.m. and will meet on April 11, 18 and 25. We will continue to focus on the Book of Revelation.

Sunday School

4/7—The Call of Moses

4/14—The Plagues

4/21—The Tenth Plague: The First Passover

4/28—Israel Leaves Egypt

Snack Schedule

4/7—Popp

4/14—Schultz

4/21—Buchholz

4/28—Schommer

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 2/25.....140
 Week of 3/3.....156
 Week of 3/10.....167
 Week of 3/17.....140

Pastor's Article — continued

When seminary candidates receive their calls, they also receive information regarding PALS. A facilitating pastor from the district to which they have been called then contacts the pastors and wives assigned to him to begin the formation of a PALS group. These experienced pastors, called "Facilitators," are chosen by their district president in conjunction with the PALS office and are generally from the same geographical area as their assigned groups of new pastors.

The PALS program recognizes that the support of the pastor's wife and children is vitally important for both the family and the congregation. PALS is often particularly helpful to the wives and kids for whom this transition can be most challenging. Meetings involve some shared activities, but also include separate learning activities for the wives which are led by the facilitating pastor's wife.

PALS group meetings have four foci—directed toward the personal, spiritual development, vocational development and encouragement of new pastors and their spouses.

- The **group gathers around the Word** in worship, prayer and study, recognizing that pastors, no less than others, need to be nourished by the same Word they use to nourish others in their faith.
- Time is allotted at every meeting for each pastor to **reflect** upon his ministry in his parish and to bring forward cases of casuistry. This is an opportunity to support, encourage and learn from one another. In these discussions, the facilitator is also able to offer direction and suggestions regarding resources and support.
- Time is given to the **study** of a pertinent topic that offers opportunity for growth in ministry. The PALS office develops the materials for these formal ministry-based studies.

There is time for **personal sharing**, not only about parish activities, but also about frustrations, hopes, triumphs and trials.

There is a bit of sadness that our gathering at the end of April will be our last with this group of PALS, but it won't be the end of the friendships that have been formed and the support that will endure. And maybe we'll even have a reunion sometime down the road. And if we do, I'm sure they'll want to come back to Emmanuel. Thank you for all you have done to make this group feel welcome here. And thank you for all you have done to make this transition to Emmanuel and Adell over these first three years such a welcoming and enriching time for our whole family.



Participants enjoy a meal in Memorial Hall.



Pastors and wives gather around God's Word.



Five "PALS Babies" were born from January-March 2023. Three of them enjoy their new friends in the parsonage living room.

Mission of the Month—April

Our mission of the month for April is *Rev. Tyler McMiller, Missionary to Italy and Southern Europe*. The Rev. McMiller and his wife Yanela serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as missionaries in Eurasia, based in Italy. Rev. McMiller was called to serve as a missionary to the LCMS Eurasia region because the interest in Lutheran teaching has increased in Italy. Rev. McMiller also mentors Italian men who are studying to become pastors and is currently caring for Lutherans in Naples, Florence, Sicily, Torino, Milan and Padova. Through this work, Rev. McMiller's goal is to help geographically-isolated believers establish house churches wherever they live. Any gift on the mission line of your April envelopes goes to support Rev. McMiller.

The Rev. Tyler McMiller, LCMS missionary, prays during the opening Divine Service of Christ the Victor Lutheran Church on January 27, in Rome.



QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on MAY 5th

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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.

◆ **Church Rummage and Youth Group Bake Sale**—Friday, April 26th from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. and Saturday, April 27th from 8:00 am to 2:00 p.m. On Saturday almost everything will be half price. Items can be dropped off in Memorial Hall starting Sunday, April 21st after 11:30 a.m. All electronics and electric items should be in good working order and clothing should be in good condition. We ask that you do not drop off televisions, computers, couches or very large furniture. Provide a picture of your large item with our name and telephone number and the picture will be posted on a board. If you have any questions, or need to schedule a time to drop off your items, please call Emmy Neumann at (920) 994-4422. *A Church Rummage Sale meeting will be held on April 4th at 6:30 p.m.*

◆ The **Chili Cook-off** Lenten dinner was held March 13. Chris Neumann was the winner—making that three years in a row.



◆ Thank you to everyone who brought dishes to pass, desserts and/or helped set up or clean up for the **Lenten dinners**. Free will offerings from

the dinners this year support the work of the Ladies' Aid, the Madagascar Mission, our Youth Group, purchasing new liturgical chalice veils through the Altar Guild, and covering the cost of three confirmation students to attend camp this summer.

◆ **Ladies' Aid**. Thank you to all who donated baked goods for our Bake Sale at the Random Lake Rod & Gun Show—it was much appreciated. We raised \$433.

◆ **February Mission**, *Sheboygan Lutheran High School*, raised \$1,000. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ The **Youth Group** will meet on April 21st from Noon-4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided and we will be preparing for the April 26/27 bake sale.



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