

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

◆ 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.

◆ Emmanuel Women's Book Club will NOT meet in July or August and will resume meeting in September.

◆ 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 July!

"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."

Psalms 90:17 (Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)

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Emmanuel News

Asking Why

"suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame," (Romans 5:3b-5a)

In Pastor Daniel Preus' book "Why I Am a Lutheran" he recalls this story:

"I was working on an iron ore boat for U.S. Steel. I was 18 and just out of high school. A few weeks after I began work, I was sitting in the galley when Joe, one of the deckhands, entered. An ex-convict with a reputation, Joe was drunk, mad, and looking for a fight. When he saw me, Joe insulted me, my mother, my father, my brothers and sisters, my looks, my abilities, and anything else he thought might get a rise out of me. When I did not take the bait he began to insult Christianity. When I continued to remain silent, Joe specifically attacked my hope in Christ and concluded by saying, 'Preacher, when you die, you're goin' to the same place I'm goin' and everybody else is goin'—six feet under and that's where you're gonna stay!'"

When it was apparent Joe was done, I said, 'Joe, sometime when you're sober, I would be happy to talk to you about any of the things that are on your mind.' Joe looked at me, turned around, and walked out of the galley.

Joe and I never talked, but the chief cook, who had witnessed the event, took me aside and said, 'It took me forty years to learn to do what you just did. Anytime you want to talk to me, I will be happy to listen.' The cook and I talked frequently after that."

Being a Christian doesn't make you immune to suffering in this fallen world. Sometimes it actually puts a target on your back. Not only are Christians afflicted like everyone else with sickness, heartache, financial struggles, broken relationships, constant physical or emotional pain, anger, bitterness, stress, and death, but we're also afflicted with sin. We struggle daily with the guilt it brings and more and more we're persecuted for the faith, as Pastor Preus was above.

When we're afflicted, "why" is usually the first word from our lips. And we're in good company when we utter that question. David. Job. Moses. Paul. All had their own afflictions. And we certainly aren't always privileged to know exactly "why." In that, the evil one and the world around us will ask the questions: "Where is Jesus in your suffering?" "He promised to help you, where is He now?" "Why?"

In any suffering that we endure, we're to always be assured of the love of God for us. We're never to doubt His care or motives. He's always seeing to our eternal welfare as well as those around us. The Cross shows us the extent of His Love.

Yes, sometimes the suffering is intended to shape you and strengthen your trust in His promises. But sometimes, it's not about you at all. Sometimes your struggles and trials, persecutions and sorrows are about those around you. In the story above, the attack and persecution Preus faced was in fact used by God to open a door to the chief cook. As people observe your life and how you respond and live under trial and affliction, God is able to open doors to touch their lives with His Gospel. Consider how God is using all circumstances of your life, even the trials, for His glory.

Blessings,

✝ Pastor Marks



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Highlights

- Youth Brewers Game on July 11th at 11:30 a.m.
VBS on July 17th from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class continues to meet at 9 a.m. and will meet on July 11 and 18 (note, there is no Bible Class on July 4th or July 25th). We will continue our study of the Book of Esther.

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held on July 17th from 3:00-7:30 p.m.

Summer Bible Class

Summer Bible Class (for all ages) meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall. Our study will focus on Christian Symbols.

Worship Attendance

Week of 5/26.....	90
Week of 6/2.....	103
Week of 6/9.....	64
Week of 6/16.....	95
Week of 6/23.....	129

Memorial Day Parade

Emmanuel's Memorial Day float won first prize in the parade.



Emmanuel's float, featuring Russell Popp



Abby Napier, Greta Marks, Dorothy Buchholz, Victor Buchholz and Emmerich Popp

Broasted Chicken Dinner

The annual Father's Day Broasted Chicken Dinner was held on June 16. Lots of fun was had by all answering Pastor's survey questions, learning fun facts about dads and, of course, eating broasted chicken.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on July 17th from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. with the theme Splash Canyon. Children of all ages are invited to attend and enjoy Bible lessons, singing, crafts and some great water activities. Make sure your friends know and you bring them along. All are welcome. All ages are invited to participate in the whole program, and all are encouraged to join the group for dinner at 5:30 and worship at 6:30 p.m. A couple volunteers are still needed.



Mission of the Month—July

Our missions of the month are *Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne* and *Seminarian Luke Konkel*. The money raised goes to the mission of CTSFW to prepare pastors who "teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all." Jesus said that we should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest. Half of your gifts on the mission line this month go to the seminary and the other half will be given to the seminarian we support. We thank God for those who have answered that call and rejoice that we can support them this month by designating any amount on the mission line of our weekly envelopes during the month of July.



Church Council Meeting July 14 at 11:00 a.m.
VBS on July 17 at 3:00 p.m.

News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **Ladies' Aid.** Have you ever wondered what the Ladies' Aid of Emmanuel is? They are a group of women of all ages who work together to serve the congregation and the pastor. The Ladies' Aid holds fundraisers, such as the bake sale in Random Lake and dinners during Advent and Lent, to raise money for various projects around the church. In addition to serving funeral luncheons, hosting a church Christmas party, and providing the ice cream social, the Ladies' Aid also pays for Bibles for first graders, purchases robes, makes baptism banners and napkins, sends cards to all the shut ins and older folks on their birthdays, and supports seminarians and other ministries. They also run special programs like the Secret Sisters and pay for special projects like the Resurrection eggs. Ladies' Aid is always looking for new members of any age. We meet four times a year. The only requirements are that you're a woman and you have a desire to serve (and have a great time doing it!).

◆ Thank you to all who helped in any way with the **Memorial Day Brat Fry**, by donating food, baking a dessert, grilling, serving and/or cleaning up. We raised \$2,415.

◆ **May Mission, Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach**, raised \$740. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ **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.

◆ **Erwin Peter Rindt**, son of Peter and Rebekah Rindt, was baptized on June 23rd. We thank God for welcoming Erwin into His family through the washing of baptismal waters. Serving as sponsors for Erwin were Russell & Michelle Popp and Andrew & Lorraine Harrill. Erwin's grandfather, Rev. Justin Whitmore, also participated in the baptism.



July 11th - Brewers Game. Leave church at 11:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Free for all youth who participated in a fundraiser this year, \$10 for all others.



August 2nd - Bay Beach Trip. Leave church at 8:30 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Free for all youth, younger siblings welcome to attend if parent is coming along.

August 11th - District Event - Restart 2024. Leave church at 3:30 p.m. and return by 8:30 p.m., event is at Immanuel, Brookfield. Free for all youth.

