

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.

◆ Facebook is another opportunity to get up-to-date information with what is happening at Emmanuel. Like us at "Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Mo Synod."



May God continue to reform our Church to His Word and bless our November!

“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

O Give Thanks unto the Lord

One of the things that's a good practice as Thanksgiving approaches is to take some time to look back at the year, our lives, and the blessings we've received, and recognize the things for which we're thankful. All too often we focus on the difficulties, distractions, and disturbances of life as opposed to the blessings. If we can shift that focus, I think we find that blessings abound and reasons to be thankful are all around us.

As I reflect on this year, I can confidently say that there is an abundance of reasons for me to be thankful. My family is healthy. I live in a country where I am free to practice my faith. I am part of a congregation that is faithful, generous, and committed to God's Word and the teaching of it. I am truly blessed!

St. Paul, in many of his letters to the different churches, begins with some form of a thank you. Probably the most memorable one, at least for me, comes out of his letter to the Philippians. Sitting in a jail cell with very meager living conditions, Paul begins his letter to them, "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3). In the midst of Paul's struggle, in the midst of being confined, in the midst of not being able to do ministry the way he would like to do it ... Paul looks at all the ways the people of the Philippian church continue to bless him. But not only him but also the people of God back in Jerusalem.

Paul's struggle is understandable for people who desire to do the ministry God has placed before them. Not that we're confined or have meager living conditions, but there are times when we're not able to do ministry in the way we would like to do it. Time, ability, and financial constraints hold us back from accomplishing all the things we would like to get done. But in the midst of all of that, God is accomplishing the ministry He would like to get done. Thanks be to God for doing the things we cannot do, and accomplishing the things He wants to accomplish.

As I've been reflecting on the topic of giving thanks, a hymn came to mind. It's 806 in our Lutheran Service Book and it's called Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart. As is the case with most songs, there's a story behind this hymn.

Henry Smith wrote this great hymn as he struggled in his life. He had trouble finding work after graduating from college. Smith suffered from a degenerative condition that eventually left him legally blind. Yet while at his church in Williamsburg, Virginia, his pastor inspired him with a reference to how Jesus made himself poor to make others rich through him (2 Corinthians 8:9). Throughout the hymn, Smith is giving thanks to God for the precious gift of Jesus. He sees that the blessings God freely bestows on us, far outweigh whatever is on the opposite side, whatever the heartache, and whatever the struggle we find ourselves in.

And so, we give thanks to God. Not just in this season of thanksgiving, but every single day and for every single blessing.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song"

(Psalm 95:1-2).

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• Youth Group event on November 10th.
• Quarterly Congregational Meeting on November 10th.
• Game Night on November 15th.
• Thanksgiving Service on November 27th.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class will meet on November 7, 14 & 21 at 9:00 a.m. We will continue our study of the Book of Acts. No class on November 28th.

Sunday School

11/3—Samson
11/10—Ruth
11/17—Samuel
11/24—Saul

Snack Schedule

11/3—Popp
11/10—Marks
11/17—Schommer
11/24—Fischer

Worship Attendance Sunday & Wednesday

Week of 9/29 113
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Pastor's Article — continued

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1).

We all have so much to be thankful for! I pray that you take a moment to pause, to reflect and see the great things which God has blessed you with. As you and I recognize these blessings, may we joyfully return thanks to God.

Blessings,

✝ *Pastor Marks*

MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat on Friday, November 8th from 6-9 p.m. at St. John Lutheran, Plymouth. We welcome author and speaker Dr. Scott Keith who will lead us in learning about God, His grace, and why God's Church needs masculine men. This will be a time for good food (dinner will be served), fellowship as brothers in Christ, time in God's Word together, and worship. We want all men to be able to participate. Consider inviting your friends and bring your Middle School and High School sons. Cost is \$15 per person. Speak with Pastor about joining a group of men and young men for this event.

We will collect items for the Food Pantry in November. This year's want list includes:



- paper towels
 - toilet paper
 - Kleenex
 - feminine hygiene products
- Other needed items include:
- tooth brushes
 - toothpaste
 - men/women deodorant
 - shampoo/conditioner

Note, canned vegetables are not needed at this time. Boxes for the donations will be available in the narthex through November 24th.



Emmanuel's Trail Life and American Heritage Girls troops are off to an excellent start with a total of 38 children and youth registered between the two groups. Girls and boys are able to register for these groups throughout



the year and are encouraged to contact a leader for opportunities to visit the troops and see how they operate. Members are also welcome to come out and see what we're up to. Just contact Russell Popp, Trailmaster for the boys or Naomi Marks, Troop Coordinator for the girls to find a time to visit.



Mission of the Month—November

Our mission of the month for November is *Lutherans in Africa* (LIA) and the work of Rev. James May. LIA trains African pastors, evangelists and church workers to be teachers in their own communities. For more information visit lutheransinafrica.com and prayerfully consider a financial gift to LIA by designating any amount on the mission line of your November envelope to further the spread of the Gospel in Africa.



Lutherans IN Africa
FORMING AFRICAN LUTHERANS TO BE TEACHERS OF THE FAITH

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING November 10th at 11:30 a.m.

News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **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.

◆ **September Mission, Anchor of Hope Health Center**, raised \$775. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.



◆ **Fall Clean Up** has been scheduled for November 2nd starting at 9 a.m. and ending with lunch at Noon. Following the clean up, unfinished jobs will be posted for members to claim and complete at their convenience.

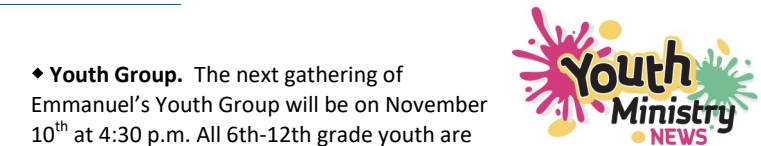
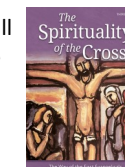
◆ As a way of introducing ourselves to each other, a **Directory Wall** is being created. Please bring to church a current 4x6" family picture for inclusion on the Directory Wall, which will be located in the narthex. Digital images may also be submitted to Pastor by email and will be printed in the office. *Pictures should be submitted by the end of November.*

◆ **Game Night.** Gather your favorite game and a snack to share and bring them over to Memorial Hall on November 15th at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of fellowship.



◆ This year there will be three midweek **Advent services**, beginning on December 4th and concluding on December 18th. These Wednesday evening services will be preceded by meals and Advent activities in Memorial Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m.

◆ **Emmanuel Women's Book Club** will meet on Saturday, November 16th, at 9:00 a.m. They are reading the book, *Spirituality of the Cross*, which is available in the Church Office and can be borrowed, or purchased for \$16.



◆ **Youth Group.** The next gathering of Emmanuel's Youth Group will be on November 10th at 4:30 p.m. All 6th-12th grade youth are welcome and encouraged to attend.

◆ **Ladies' Aid** will meet on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.

◆ **Confirmation.** This year's confirmation class consists of eight youth who are working through year 2 and year 3 of their journey toward profession of faith on their Confirmation day. Please pray for our confirmands.

Year 2: Carter Fisher, Greta Marks, Kari Marks, Emma Michaels, Tyler Neumann and Ziva Payne.

Year 3: Christian Tupper and Bryce Dolezal.

