



***October 11, 12 & 13, 2014***  
***18th Sunday After Pentecost***

***Parables That Go Against The Flow:***  
***“The Parable of the Two Sons”***

*Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church & School*  
*A Growth and Learning Center*  
*New London, WI*

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## **Communion Registration**

We welcome to the Lord's Supper confirmed members of Emanuel or congregations associated with us. Lutherans believe that Communion celebrates their oneness in faith, life, and purpose. We are happy to speak with visitors about how to establish a communing fellowship with us.

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## **Emanuel Information**

### **Service Times**

- Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: 6:30 p.m.
- The radio broadcast airs at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning on WJMQ, 92.3 FM

### **Each Sunday from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

- Sunday School (school classrooms)
- Bible Studies and Fellowship (narthex & various Emanuel rooms)

### **Office Hours & Contact Information**

- 200 E. Quincy Street, New London, WI 54961
- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
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## **Pastoral Visits**

If you, a friend, or a family member, are in need of a pastor visit, please call the Emanuel office at 982-5444 or email us at [eman@emanuelnl.org](mailto:eman@emanuelnl.org) and let us know about the situation. We are not always aware of those that may be in need of a visit, so your help would truly be appreciated. Thank you for helping us help others!

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**Emergency Pastor for October 13 – October 19:**

Pastor Schulz – 920-538-3617

# **“The Parable of the Two Sons”**

**PRE-SERVICE REFLECTION.....***Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home.**

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
Promised for you and for me.  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.  
Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home.**

## **BELLS & WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN.....***Delay Not! Delay Not – CW 337, vs. 1,2,5*

**Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!  
The waters of life are now flowing for you.  
No price is demanded; the Savior is here.  
Redemption is purchased; God’s promise is true.**

**Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, to come,  
For mercy still lingers and calls you today.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.**

**Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse  
The love and compassion of Jesus, your God?  
A fountain is opened— how can you refuse?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus places before us today the picture of two sons. One tells his father that he is eager to serve, but then he does nothing. The other says that he will not do what his father asks, but then later changes his mind.

**C: Jesus' parable causes us to reflect on our own lives. Do we promise one thing to God and then do something else?**

M: By nature we don't want to admit our sin or the depth of our depravity. Yet, God calls us to examine our hearts in the light of his perfect and holy will and to confess all our sin – both the sins we are aware of and those we are not. Let's heed God's call, therefore, and confess our sins.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Find in God's forgiveness the power to forgive those who have sinned against you.

**C: Amen.**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we live in a world that constantly manifests its addiction to sin

**C: a world where talk is cheap and action is rare.**

M: But you sent your Son not just to talk the talk, but to walk the walk.

**C: He demonstrated his obedience in action by shouldering this world's sin.**

M: Teach us by his example to be a people who do what we say we will do, people who are quick to do the work that you place before us

**C: and eager to live in your love.**

M: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**FIRST LESSON** ..... Jonah 1:1-17 (p. 916)

*God calls Jonah to preach his Word to the people in Ninevah.*

*Only Jonah doesn't want to go because he feels that the Ninevites don't deserve God's mercy.*

**ANTHEM** (5:15) ..... *Shepherd of My Heart*  
Emanuel Mixed Choir

**My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;  
green are the pastures where I'm led to repose.  
Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul.  
I am led onward in ways true to the Name.**

***Refrain:***

***Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;  
lead me homeward through the dark,  
into everlasting, everlasting.***

***Show me the way of truth and light;  
keep me always in your sight.***

***May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.***

**If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness,  
no evil shall I fear with God at my side.  
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and  
comfort;  
you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes.**

***Refrain:***

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing;  
Goodness and kindness crown the days of my life.  
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever;  
Within the house of God my soul is at rest.**

***Refrain:***

**ANTHEM (8:00)** ..... *His Special Way*  
Emanuel School Kindergarten & Grade 1

**God wants everyone to live,  
In His home some day,  
So He sent His Son to save,  
His own special way;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Blessed all are they,  
Who believe God saved us all,  
His own special way!**

**Jesus died because of us,  
On His cross that day,  
All our sins were hung on Him,  
Then were washed away!  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Blessed all are they  
Who believe God saved us all,  
His own special way!**

**God wants everyone to live,  
In His home some day,  
So He sent His Son to save,  
His own special way;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Blessed all are they,  
Who believe God saved us all,  
His own special way!**

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
Who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  
of the world to come. Amen.**

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine!**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me – wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart  
Comfort to a wounded heart:  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me.  
All my wants to him are known;  
All my sorrows are his own.  
Safe with him in earthly strife,  
I await the heav'nly life.**

**Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,  
By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.**

*“Jesus’ Parable of the Two Sons”*

**CREATE IN ME**

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. A copyright symbol (©) is placed above the first staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it."

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**OFFERING** ..... **“Gods Not Dead”** movie trailer will be shown  
*Please sign the Friendship Registers located at the end of the pew.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock 'til he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei**

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody consists of several phrases, each with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

**C** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O  
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**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION**..... *Continuous Flow*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**.....*Please use the Hymnal*

Jesus Sinners Does Receive – CW 304

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face – CW 315

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table – CW 310

## SONG OF SIMEON - *Nunc Dimittis*



**C** In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -  
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-  
va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo - ple, a  
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## CLOSING PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself when you went to the cross.

**C: There you sacrificed yourself, pouring out your body and your blood for us.**

M: You emptied yourself, Lord Jesus

**C: so that we may be filled.**

M: Fill our hearts now

**C: with the desire to do your will.**

M: We bless you now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Presiding Minister & Message:** Pastor Marcus Schulz

**Organist:** Miss Lynn Schmidt

## *Worship Series:* *“Parables that Go Against the Flow”*



Jesus often taught in parables-earthy stories with heavenly meanings. What we don't realize is that with many of these parables Jesus was attempting to get at and change the common religious misconceptions of the day. What many people in the church believed or how they lived was not in accord with God's Word and will. So Jesus told a story that was meant to expose their sin and call them to repentance.

It's interesting to see how little things really change. The church today struggles with the same kinds of issues the church wrestled with in Jesus' day. With this series we'll take a look at some parables that Jesus shared and apply them to the church and our personal lives today.

### **October 12 *“The Parable of the Two Sons”***

It's hard to swallow Jesus' teaching that many who have been in the church all their lives are spiritually lost and they don't even know it. Even more difficult to accept is that many whom those in the church would look down on because of their lifestyle, are really God's true children?

### **October 19 *“The Parable of the Lost Sheep”***

Jesus states that he would gladly leave the ninety-nine behind to rescue that one lost sheep. Do we in the church share Jesus' passion for the lost? Are we willing to sacrifice some of our own comfort and care for the sake of the lost? What does this parable mean for our personal and our church's priorities?

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### **Contact Information for the Executive Director**

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, you can put a note in my mailbox in the narthex (located next to the confirmation picture boards), call me at 982-3943, or email [RYerkeyRet@Charter.Net](mailto:RYerkeyRet@Charter.Net)  
**Richard Yerkey, Executive Director**

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Last Weekend's Attendance: 880

Last Weekend's Guest Attendance: 49

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### **Large Print Hymnals**

**Large-print copies of the service are available for anyone in need – please ask an usher for a copy.**

### **Attention Hearing Impaired Members**

Special receivers are available to help you hear the service. Ask one of our ushers for a receiver and return it to an usher after the service.

### **Parent Room**

A parent's room is available for anyone with small children. There is a closed-circuit TV in the room to watch & listen to the service. An usher can assist you in locating this room, also called the "Bible Class Room".

## **Wheelchair Area**

For your convenience, there are two areas set aside to accommodate members with wheelchairs, walkers, or other special space needs.

Ushers are available to assist you to the following locations:

- Halfway down the middle and side isles on the lectern side of church, there is a pew with wheelchair space on either end.
- In the right half of the front row, also on the lectern side, there is a larger area with wheelchair space.

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**Emanuel Prayer Group: 920-740-0782**  
ionedorschner@gmail.com or prayers@emanuelnl.org

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## **This Week's Today's Light Bible Readings**

Week 90 (October 13 – October 18)

Monday .....	2 Corinthians 5:1 – 21
Tuesday .....	2 Corinthians 6:1 – 7:16
Wednesday.....	2 Corinthians 8:1 – 9:15
Thursday.....	2 Corinthians 10:1 – 11:33
Friday.....	2 Corinthians 12:1– 13:14
Saturday.....	Galatians 1:1 – 2:21

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## **Prayer & Thanks**

### **Anniversaries**

Skip & Jane Boese – 46 years

Dennis & Cathy Dobberstein – 50 years

Ralph & Sue May – 32 years

Roger & Joan Thielen – 52 years

### **Funeral**

Sadie Diem – funeral held on Monday, October 6

Edna Mundt – funeral held on Saturday, October 11

### **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast was sponsored in appreciation of radio broadcasts by the Jon & Tracy Poepke family

### **Wedding**

Amberlynn Buelow & Vincent Pelky – Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.

# This Week at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church & School

## Saturday –

Soccer Tournament at Martin Luther, Neenah

5:15 p.m. – Worship with Communion

5:15 p.m. – Mixed Choir sings during the service

## Sunday –

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Worship with Communion

8:00 a.m. – 5K & Grade 1 sing during the service

8:30 a.m. – LWMS serving donuts – Church Narthex

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – School Classrooms

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. – Sunday School Parents Day – School Commons

9:15 a.m. – *“Prepared to Answer”* Bible Study – Church Proper

6:00 p.m. – *“Financial Peace University”* Class – Community Room

6:00 p.m. – Bells Alive Practice – Church Proper

6:00 p.m. – Basketball Open Gym – School Gym

## Monday –

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Residence Service – St. Joe’s Chapel

6:00 p.m. – Women of His Word Ministry Group – Bible Class Rm

6:30 p.m. – Worship with Communion

7:00 p.m. – Coordinating Council Meeting – Community Room

## Tuesday –

4:00 p.m. – Soccer Game AT Shepherd of the Valley, Menasha

## Wednesday –

12 p.m. – *“Biblical Apologetics for Real Life”* Bible Study – Comm Rm

5:30 p.m. – Public School Instruction – School Classrooms

6:00 p.m. – Mixed Choir – School Music Room

6:30 p.m. – School Committee Meeting – Office Conference Room

7:00 p.m. – *“Life With God”* Bible Study – Community Room

7:00 p.m. – Crossroads Youth Group – Youth Room

8:00 p.m. – S.O.A.R. Youth Group – Youth Room

## Thursday –

6:30 a.m. – *“Breakfast Bible Class”* at Marly’s Restaurant

9:15 a.m. – *“Trinity Terrace Bible Study”* – at Trinity Terrace

4:00 p.m. – Soccer Game AT Immanuel, Greenville

6:00 p.m. – Adult Handbell Practice – Church Proper

7:00 p.m. – Emanuel Prayer Evening – Community Room

## **Friday –**

8:15 a.m. – JAM (Jesus And Me) Time – School Commons/Gym

## **Saturday –**

A Team Volleyball Tournament - FVLHS

5:15 p.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

6:45 p.m. – Family Movie Night “God Is Not Dead” – Church Proper

## **Sunday –**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

8:00 a.m. – Junior Choir sings during the service

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – School Classrooms

9:15 a.m. – “Family Foundations” Bible Study – School Commons

9:15 a.m. – “*Prepared to Answer*” Bible Study – Church Proper

10:30 a.m. – Sunday School sings during the service

2:00 p.m. – Wedding – Amberlynn Buelow & Vincent Pelky – Church

6:00 p.m. – “*Financial Peace University*” Class – Community Room

6:00 p.m. – Bells Alive Practice – Church Proper

6:00 p.m. – Open Gym for Adults – School Gym

## **Monday**

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Residence Service – St. Joe’s Chapel

1:00 p.m. – LWMS Meeting – Community Room

6:30 p.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

7:00 p.m. – Emanuel Fund Meeting – Community Room

7:45 p.m. – Quarterly Voter’s Meeting – Church Proper

# **Announcements**

## **Parent Day and Book Fair Event!**

**Sunday, October 12th**, parents are invited to join their children in Sunday school during our open house! Looking for a good kid’s Bible story book to read to your little one at bedtime? How about a book on taming your crazy schedule or raising teens? How about a Bible broken down into simple daily readings? All members are welcome to check it out in the Commons between Sunday services!

## **Cancelled Stamp Program**

This program is being discontinued, so we will not be accepting any more cancelled stamps in the Emanuel Office. Thank you.

## **Let It Snow – Let It Snow!!**

Snow shovelers are again needed to prepare for the winter season. We are looking for several people to help, especially to clear things out before services on the weekend. If you are able to help with snow shoveling, please call the Emanuel Office at 982-5444. Thank you in advance for the help!



## **LWMS Serving Donuts on Sunday, October 12**

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is serving donuts today. Donations will be sent to Central Africa Medical Mission. These monies are sent to support the work in Africa, buying medicines, paying the staff, and teaching the people to take better care of themselves. At the clinics the days start with devotion. The people are treated for their illnesses. They are taught how to stay healthier, through better use of the available food, how to raise different plants and animals, and how to use their soil more wisely.

Jackson Kalekwa is our chief clinical officer of the Lutheran Mission Rural Health Center in Zambia. At the end of June, a Children's Health Week was held. 1531 children heard devotions and were given vitamin A and vermoz (treatment for worms). A Missionary reminds us that the clinic is nationalized (operated and supervised by medical staff from Zambia), but it is not indigenized (able to self-manage and self-support). Without our spiritual and financial support, the clinic would be run by the government and definitely not maintain the trust and reputation built over the years. Please continue to pray for the Lutheran Mission Rural Health Center. You are invited to visit the clinic anytime. Jackson and the staff do not want you to come to work - just come and witness the work being done at the "Lutheran Clinic".

## **Free Movie Night**

All are invited to the free movie night on Saturday, October 18 after the 5:15 p.m. service! Come and see *God's Not Dead*. Children are welcome with supervision. The movie is rated PG. Parents, please make the best decision for your children to view this movie. Enjoy free popcorn and water! Bring family, friends and neighbors. Hope to see you there!

## **“Family Foundations” Bible Study**

Join us for the next “Family Foundations” Bible Study on Sunday, October 19 from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We meet in the School Commons for a parent’s discussion about strategies for growing Christ-centered families. Refreshments and babysitting are provided.

## **Good Samaritan Collection**

**There will be a Good Samaritan collection next weekend, October 18-19-20.** Please donate oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, jam or jelly and canned tuna. Please place your items on the tables in the narthex or bring them to the Emanuel office. Donation boxes will be placed by the exits.

## **Progress Party Donations Needed**

The 3-year-old preschool and the 4-year-old kindergarten are having their Progress Party again this year. This party is to gather the group together, help parents meet one another, and teach the parents about their child's progress report (report card). I enjoy serving a chili supper so that supper is one less thing the parents need to organize. I am praying that some of you will be moved to help me do this with some donations. I have hung the requests on the Wishing Star as leaves. If you are so moved to donate, the items will be needed no later than Monday, October 20th. All donations can be dropped off in the office. Thank you in advance!

## **ELS Fall Family Fun Night Talent Show & Fall Sports Recognition**

Come join us on Friday, October 24 from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. for some family fun! There will be a talent show, popcorn, a chance to recognize our fall sports athletes, and the book fair will be open before and after the show.

## **Thank You**

The Emanuel Ladies’ Aid & Ladies’ Evening Circle wish to thank everyone for your donations and desserts that were brought to Harvest Fest. Your donations were greatly appreciated and the desserts were enjoyed by all. God bless all of you!

## **Fall Book Fair**

It's once again time for our fall book fair. It will be set up in the school music room. We have scheduled numerous times for you to see what we have available: Friday, Oct. 24 from 5:30-6:00 and 7:30 - 8:00; Saturday, Oct. 25 after the 5:15 worship service; Sunday, Oct. 26 between services; Monday, Oct. 27 from 9:00AM - 7:00 p.m. (Parent/Teacher Conferences in PM) Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 7:30AM-Noon

We invite all congregation members to come and browse. We are able to keep our school library up-to-date because of the book fairs. Last year we were able to add \$1200+ worth of books to our collection, just from book fair sales. We have many selections that would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Come check us out!

## **FVL Schools Analysis**

Our congregation is participating in an analysis of the FVL Schools system to determine if there are other opportunities to partner as a system, seeking school improvement, and examining each individual school. We are requesting **input from parents who have their K-8 child enrolled in a school other than ELS**. To take the survey, please go to Emanuel's website at [www.emanuelnl.org](http://www.emanuelnl.org), and click on the survey link. If we have your email on file, you may also be receiving an email with the survey link. Thank you for your feedback!

## **Emanuel Father-Son Retreat November 7-9**

Dad's bring your son or sons in K- high school on a weekend they won't forget! Each year we do a Father-Son retreat that builds memories that last a lifetime. This year we are holding it Nov. 7-9 with an optional night on the 6<sup>th</sup>. It will again be held at Heartwood Retreat and Conference Center.

For more information, and to register, please come to the church office or contact Youth & Family Staff Minister, Jack Vande Guchte at [jvandeguchte@emanuelnl.org](mailto:jvandeguchte@emanuelnl.org), or 982-5444, ext 314.

## Word Wall

Our lists just keep on growing! Thanks again for all the donations that you drop in to us. As we go, we are learning so much just by the variation in words we receive! This time it was very close, but we didn't quite break our list from last year. Last year we had 237 Cc words. This year we made it to 228 Cc words. Some of my favorite things came in on the same slip of paper - coffee and chocolate! We are working through all the Dd words and looking for Ee words in our boxes!

## Pizza Fundraiser

Emanuel Lutheran School teachers and volunteers will be creating some good eatin' and offering to sell eight different types of pizza for a great price. Best of all, buying these pizzas will help support the Technology Fund of our school. Pizzas will be made and must be picked up on November 8, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center as well as in the Emanuel office. They can also be downloaded on the school website. ([www.emmanuel.org/school](http://www.emmanuel.org/school)). They can be turned in at the Emanuel Office or by mail. **The deadline for orders is October 24**, so mark that on your calendar and decide how many kinds your family would like to try! Don't wait too long!



If you are interested in volunteering for the fun of assembling the pizzas on November 8, we would love to have you! Sign-up in the Welcome Center or email [school@emmanuel.org](mailto:school@emmanuel.org) or [tnagmacher@gmail.com](mailto:tnagmacher@gmail.com). We do need **lots** of help beyond the staff. It entails giving up a Saturday morning to join with teachers and parents, have fun, and support the school's technology. Please consider helping out!

## Hat & Mitten Drive

Brrrrrr, it's getting to be that time of year again. With the warmth from your hearts, please consider donating any new or gently used mittens or hats for people in need. A Christmas tree will be in the narthex where you can clip your donation starting the weekend of November 2. The items will then be distributed. Please have your donations on the tree by December 1. Thanks in advance for your support.

## Forward in Christ

Complementary copies of the October issue of *Forward in Christ* magazine are available on the table by the Welcome Center or in the Emanuel office.

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## **Growth Groups are Coming Soon!**

Emanuel's Growth Groups are members that meet regularly, in a casual setting. This fall session will be ten weeks long. Each group will meet six to seven times during the session.

The Growth Groups are designed to build friendships and bring people together to develop close spiritual relationships. The hoped outcome is that faith will grow and people will find meaningful and useful ways to serve their Lord and fellow man.

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## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Emanuel Lutheran School Commons

Theme: THE ADVENT GIFT

What: An evening of fellowship, dessert and  
an hour of reflection upon the ADVENT GIFT

Who: All ladies of our congregation and guests

Please mark your calendar and join us for this special evening.



## **Quarterly Voters' Meeting Set**

**Monday, October 20, 2014, at 7:45 p.m.**

**In the Church Proper**

# Attendance & Offering Information

<b>Attendance Last Week</b> .....	<b>880</b>
Average attendance since July 1 (14 weeks).....	777
<b>Offerings Last Week</b> .....	<b>\$ 22,117</b>
Average offerings since July 1 (14 weeks).....	\$ 20,372
Average amount needed weekly for budget .....	\$ 21,753

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## GIFTS AND MEMORIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

### Sharing Jesus with Future

#### Generations

\$100 in honor of Del & Hazel Otis' 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary

\$100 in memory of Helga Seversen

#### Emanuel Ladies' Aid

\$445 in memory of Doris Stiebs

\$620 in memory of Helga Seversen

#### General Memorial

\$5 in memory of Lucille Fritz

### Birth to Five Program

\$425 in memory of Doris Stiebs

#### Radio Broadcasts

\$455 in memory of Lucille Fritz

#### Outreach Ministries

\$35 in memory of Lucille Fritz

#### Emanuel Tuition Assistance

\$50 in memory of Helga Seversen

#### Shut-in/Homebound Ministry

\$20 in memory of Helga Seversen

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER

### Baptisms

Dylan Charles Otis – 9/7

Cambrea Anne Bumgart – 9/7

Carter Alan Connor – 9/15

Michael Allen Koehler – 9/21

Bentley James Turner – 9/21

Preston David Sleeter – 9/28

Liem Michael Sleeter – 9/28

Kendric Lamonte Guyette – 9/28

### Transferred

James & Karen Smiley – St. Peter, Weyauwega

### Wedding

Kristina Conat & Jerry Samson – 9/20

## FVLHS Update

- All are invited to attend the band and choir Fall Concert at 6:00 pm on October 19 in the Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.
  - FVL's annual 8th Grade Student/Parent Welcome Night is set for Monday, Oct. 20 from 5:30–7:30 pm. Doors open at 5 pm. All 8th graders & their parents who are interested in attending FVL for 2015-16 are invited. Food, music, games, tours, a dodgeball tournament and more are among the festivities. Enjoy an evening getting to know other 8th grade students and families. An informational meeting for parents runs from 7-7:30 pm. FVL Schools students should sign up at their schools; all others should RSVP to Heather at FVL's Guidance Office (739-4441).
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Sessions 1 & 2 Theme:

## God's Amazing Creation

Where? Emanuel  
Lutheran School  
Commons and Gym

## Who?

Kids ages 0-5

Grown ups stay  
and play too!

Mrs. D will lead  
the fun!



## When?

Fridays 8:15am—9:15am  
October 17, 24  
November 7, 21

## What? Jesus Time

Physical Activity

Story Time

Art Projects

Small Motor Activities

Singing

# ***“Prepared to Answer”***

## ***Sunday Morning Bible Study***

***Sundays through November 16 – 9:15 a.m.***

You’ve heard the objections. These and many more!  
There are many paths to God. What kind of God demands worship?  
There are hypocrites in the church. Religion is a crutch for the weak.  
Where is God when I’m hurting? I want to feel good about myself. All  
the church cares about is money. Can a loving God send people to hell?  
Christianity is so anti-woman. I can’t handle your outdated view of sex.  
How do I know I’m a Christian? I’ll be rejected by family and friends.

You’ve heard the objections, but you don’t feel prepared to  
answer them. What if, instead of racking our brains for just the right  
passages, we would begin instead with the right story? A story that sets  
the living Jesus before their eyes?

We might come away concluding, “All I really needed to know I  
learned in Sunday school.” This approach, called Bible Story Evangelism,  
might be just what we need, not just to set Jesus before those outside  
the church but also before those who are in danger of drifting away.

Can you tell the story of Peter’s denial? of the Emmaus disciples?  
of the weeds and the wheat? of Judas’ betrayal? of the woman at the  
well? of the woman who anointed Jesus with the expensive perfume?  
Then you’ve already got a vivid way to respond to six of the objections  
above. Even if you can match them up yourself, we encourage you to join  
us at 9:15 a.m. in the church proper. We’ll be looking at stories of Jesus  
and asking ourselves, “Who needs to hear this?”

Wk 6 – Oct 19: “Peter Disowns Jesus: What if I want to feel good about  
myself?”

Wk 7 – Oct 26: “Jesus Before Pilate: What is truth?”

Wk 8 – Nov 2: “The Crucifixion: Where is God when I’m hurting?”

Wk 9 – Nov 9: “The Faith of the Canaanite Woman: Isn’t Christianity anti-  
woman?”

Wk 10 – Nov 16: “Jesus Appears to Thomas: Why can’t I just believe what I  
see?”

# Volunteer Schedules

## Communion Servers

**October 11-12-13:** (5:15) vacant, Dale Krause, Lee Shaw; (8:00) Matt Foley, Ron Steinhorst, Randy Behnke; (10:30) Paul Knutzen, Drew Kock, Dave Meyer; (6:30) Dave Neumann

**October 25-26-27:** (5:15) Dave Neumann, Dale Krause, Lee Shaw; (8:00) Dave Neumann, Rich Platz, Skip Boese; (10:30) Matt Foley, Bruce Davis, Dave Meyer; (6:30) Roger Mathison

## Greeters

**October 11-12-13:** (5:15) Marilyn Abraham, Gail Dreier; (8:00) vacant, Joan & Jane Polley, M/M Dave Kamholz; (10:30) Laureen Gagnow, Dolores Handschke, M/M Richard Hoerning; (6:30) Janet Prey

**October 18-19-20:** (5:15) vacant, M/M Steve Christian; (8:00) M/M Arleigh Strebe, M/M Larry Klug, M/M Art Gerndt; (10:30) Betty Drath, Lucille Drath, M/M Darnell Hanke; (6:30) Arlene Birkholz

## Sound-Booth

**October 11-12-13:** (5:15) Lance Guyette; (8:00) Ken Olson; (10:30) Joe Dexter; (6:30) Scarlett Polley

**October 18-19-20:** (5:15) Scarlett Polley; (8:00) Ken Olson; (10:30) Micah Backus; (6:30) Scarlett Polley

## Ushers

**The Month of October:** (5:15) Dave & Janet Bessette, Wayne & Delores Dean; (8:00) Barry Hoewisch, Harry Blum, Art Gerndt, Danke/Krause/ Ehlke; (10:30) Al Tank, Bob Danke, Scott Lenzner, Marv Handschke; (6:30) Mike Knapp, *volunteers needed*

## Welcome/Information Center

**October 11-12-13:** (5:15) Shirley Steingraber; (8:00) Rich & Cindy Platz; (10:30) Ione Dorschner; (6:30) Ron & Ann Wege

**October 18-19-20:** (5:15) Dan & Carol Laird; (8:00) Jane Verhagen; (10:30) Arien & Lynne Herminath; (6:30) Ozzie & Carol Radtke