



November 1, 2 & 3, 2014
21st Sunday After Pentecost

How to Survive the End of the World:
“KEEP THE FIRE BURNING”

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

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

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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 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!

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

Emergency Pastor for November 3 – November 9

Pastor Heiges – 920-284-7044

“Keep The Fire Burning”

BELLS & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN.....“O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking” – CW 220

**O’er the distant mountains breaking
Comes the redd’ning dawn of day.
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking;
Rise and sing and watch and pray.
‘Tis your Savior, ‘Tis your Savior,
On his bright returning way.**

**Come, O Long Expected; weary
Waits my spirit anxiously.
Life is dark and earth is dreary
Where your light I cannot see.
O my Savior, O my Savior,
When will you return to me?**

**Nearer is my soul’s salvation;
Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my humble station,
Watching for you till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior,
In your bright, your promised, land,**

**With my lamp well trimmed and burning,
Swift to hear and slow to stray,
Watching for your glad returning,
Waiting for the blessed day.
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior,
O my Savior, quickly come!**

BAPTISM (10:30) CW – p.12

Branson David Lowe

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are waiting – waiting for the day when Jesus, the heavenly Bridegroom, returns and welcomes us to the marriage feast of the Lamb. There we will live in a perfect world that God will recreate for all who put their trust in him. Until then we continue to live in a corrupt world haunted by the sinful nature that clings to us.

C: **Jesus is coming to rescue us. We need to watch and be ready at all times.**

M: Integral to our readiness is acknowledging our sin and that we need the forgiveness that only Jesus can offer. We, therefore, humble ourselves before our Father God 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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

HYMN RESPONSE “Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See” – CW 219

**Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom’s pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.

C: **Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son, that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven.**

M: We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C: **and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON Daniel 7: 9,10 (p. 882)
Daniel has a vision of the great Day of Judgment

PSALM Psalm 142 – CWS p. 60

Refrain

I cry a-loud to the Lord; I raise my voice to God; I
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God: Lord, have mer-cy.

Psalm Tone

I cry aloud to the LORD;
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.
I pour out my complaint before him;
before him I tell my trouble.

When my spirit grows faint within me,
it is you who know my way.
Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me.
I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

Refrain

I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;
rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong
for me.

Set me free from my prison,
that I may praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather about me
because of your goodness to me.

Glory be the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (p. 1171)
The Coming of the Lord

HYMN OF THE DAY “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” – CW 7

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bride-groom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bride-groom near;
Go forth, as he approaches,
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bride-groom is at hand.

**You saints, who here in patience
Your cross and suff'ring bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb you shall behold;
In triumph lay before him
Your shining crowns of gold.**

**Arise, Desire of nations;
O Jesus, now appear,
The Hope and Expectation
Of ev'ry Christian here.
With hearts and hands uplifted
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free.**

Please stand

**SERMONMatthew 25:1 – 13 (p. 983)
*“How to Survive the End of the World: Keep the Fire Burning”***

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven
and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

OFFERING.....Faith Comes by Hearing – Military Bible Sticks DVD
Please sign the Friendship Registers located at the end of the pew.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you.
Saints and angels sing before you.

C: **We, too, join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with
grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What
undeserved love you show us!

C: **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures
to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak
and wandering.

C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new
earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.
We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with
you.

C: **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many
more people can join us before your throne.**

Special Prayers and Intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE 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.

SERMON HYMN “There Is a Higher Throne” – CWS 727

**There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue
Will one day come.
Before the Son we’ll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace;
Salvation comes.**

Refrain:
Hear heaven's voices sing;
Their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King who reigns on high
Forevermore.

**And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear stained eye
As thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with him.**

Refrain:

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

- 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 Bill Heiges
Organist – Mrs. Judi Thoma

Worship Series: *“How To Survive the End of the World”*



The Book of Eli,” “The Darkest Hour,” Contagion,” The Day After Tomorrow.” The list of doomsday movies that Hollywood produces is incredible. Yet, they keep coming. There’s something about these end of the world stories that fascinates us, frightens us and keeps us coming back for more. The theme that inspires is survival. Against all odds, when all hope is lost humanity grabs hold of courage, defies the enemy and turns the tide.

What Hollywood won’t show is the real end of the world story. The end is coming. For some it will be a day of judgment and destruction, grief and pain like nothing even seen or imagined before. The Bible calls this “eternal death.” But for others the end of the world will make the beginning of a new life where pain and trouble will cease forever. When that day comes, on which side of the fence are you going to be on? How will you survive the end of the world?

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Last Weekend's Guest Attendance: 60

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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

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We love children and encourage their worship. Please don't feel embarrassed if your child is restless during the service. You are among caring people who understand. If you feel that your children are distracting others from worship, you may take them to the entryway or a parent's room is available. 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.

Prayer & Thanks

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast was sponsored in memory of loved ones

Wedding

Miranda Mapes & Daniel Kent – Saturday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m.

This Week's Today's Light Bible Readings

Week 93 (November 3 – November 8)

Monday	Colossians 1:1 – 29
Tuesday	Colossians 2:1 – 23
Wednesday.....	Colossians 3:1 – 4:18
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 1:1 – 10
Friday	1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 20
Saturday.....	1 Thessalonians 3:1 – 13

This Week at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church & School

Saturday –

1:00 p.m. – Wedding – Nicole Schommer & Eric Dreier – Ch. Proper

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

Sunday – Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

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

9:15 a.m. – “*The Bible*” Bible Study – Community Rm.

9:15 a.m. – “*The Proverbs 31 Woman*” Bible Study – Ch. Basement

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



5:00 p.m. – No Open Gym for Adults

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

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

Monday –

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Res. Service w/Communion – St. Joe’s Chapel

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

6:30 p.m. – Ladies’ Evening Circle Meeting – Church Basement

Tuesday –

7:00 p.m. – *“Exodus”* Bible Study – Community Room

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

7:00 p.m. – No *“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

1:00 p.m. – Ladies’ Aid Meeting – Church Basement

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

Saturday –

8:00 – 12:00 p.m. – Pizza Making for Fundraiser – School Commons

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Pizza Pick-up

5:15 p.m. – Worship with Communion

Sunday –

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

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

9:15 a.m. – *“The Bible”* Bible Study – Community Room

9:15 a.m. – *“The Proverbs 31 Woman”* Bible Study – Ch. Basement

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

10:30 a.m. – Grades 7 & 8 sing during the service

5:00 p.m. – Open Gym for Adults – School Gym

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

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

Monday

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

6:30 p.m. – Worship with Communion

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

Announcements

Military Bible Sticks

Once again we have an opportunity to truly make a difference. Members of our Armed Forces, especially those who are deployed overseas in places like Afghanistan, are requesting the Bible on Military Stick. The requests are much greater than the financial ability to provide. Faith Comes By Hearing is an organization committed to providing these Military Bible Sticks to men and women of our Armed Forces. **Donation boxes will be placed at the exits on Veteran’s Day weekend, November 8, 9, and 10.** Each stick costs \$25.00. Our congregation’s response in the past has been overwhelming. I hope we at Emanuel can again respond to this great need and help bring the Word of God to soldiers who desperately desire it.

Thanks, Pastor Heiges

Help Needed For Pizza Assembling

A big THANK YOU to everyone who ordered pizzas for our sale for the School Technology Fund. We will be assembling the pizzas on **November 8 from 8 a.m. - noon.** We have over 1800 pizzas sold! Now we desperately need more help to make them that day. Please sign up online at elstigers.org, email bknudsen@emanuelnl.org, or call the school office at 982-5444.

Good Samaritan Thanksgiving Meals

Emanuel’s Good Samaritan Program will be putting together boxes for Thanksgiving meals again this year. If you know of any families that could use assistance for Thanksgiving, please call the Emanuel office at 982-5444 and we will do our best to provide them with a food box for Thanksgiving.

Progression Party Thank You

We are very excited to report that our Progression Party was a huge success! We had 85 people for dinner, play and the meeting. God has surely blessed us! Thank you parents for attending and making your child's education a priority! Thank you to all that donated for our supper in chili supplies and delicious sides and desserts. The children were amazed at how many people cared so much about them. All of your support is so appreciated!

OWLS Serving Donuts Next Sunday

The Organization of Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Seniors, OWLS, will be serving donuts November 9th. The donations received will go to Prison Ministries. The expanded outreach to prisoners was started in 1996 through 550 chaplains and since then the number of prisoners participating is over 57,000 and growing daily.

Prisoners are sent one of twenty Self-Study Booklets. The prisoners read and study the booklets, then write a test. Our group is sent ten tests about every six weeks. We correct the tests and write encouraging comments.

NEW CONSTITUTION/VOTER REGISTRY

Just a heads up that since we have a revised constitution and bylaws that we have started a new constitution registry. The previous registry was started approximately 40 years ago and contains the names of many members who are no longer with us. Signing of the registry signifies that the individual signing is in agreement with and supportive of the constitution and bylaws that were approved and adopted on June 16, 2014.

The constitution registry must be signed by all eligible (18 years of age male members) who intend to vote at any congregational meeting. The opportunity to sign is given at the beginning of all congregational meetings. However, since this is a new registry it will also be available in the Emanuel office for anyone that would like to stop in and make sure that your name is in the registry.

Forward in Christ

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

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 on the tree starting this weekend, November 1-3. The items will then be distributed. Please have your donations on the tree by December 1. Thanks in advance for your support.

Emanuel Blood Drive

Emanuel's last blood drive for 2014 will be held on **Tuesday, November 18 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.** Sign up at Welcome Center or www.save3lives.org or call Beth @982-7544. Reminder: the blood drive is open to the public. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Word Wall Update

We are flying through our letters and making very long lists of words! We will be taking a break in a few weeks once we get more in to our Christmas practice. So, we will not have letters for a few weeks in December. We are now worked through our words that begin with Ff. The children did a great job of thinking of words by themselves - 57 words all on their own! The total went all the way up to 117 words!

Marriage Retreat

Mark your calendar for the "*With this Ring*" marriage retreat. It will be held on February 27 – March 1, 2015 at the Olympia Resort & Spa in Oconomowoc, WI. Jay & Laura Laffoon will lead the "Ultimate Date Night Tour." The retreat price is \$100 if you register by Monday, November 10. Go to www.WithThisRingRetreat.com to register. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/withthisringretreat and "Like" them to get the latest updates. The last day registrations will be accepted is Monday, February 16.

Reformation Service Opportunities

- "Have No Fear Little Flock" will be the theme for our Reformation service this year. District President Joel Zank will preach at the 4:00 pm service on November 2 at FVL's Auditorium. A choir of area WELS Pastors will join their voices in a choir. Mt. Olive congregation has agreed to serve refreshments following the service. Join us to celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation. This is a WELS United sponsored event.
- A Reformation Service will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Main St., Fond du Lac, on Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m. The Wisconsin Seminary Choir and the Winnebago Lutheran Choir will sing at this service.

FVLHS Update

- FVL Theatre will be performing *Arsenic & Old Lace* On Nov. 7, 8 and 9. This classic comedy introduces the audience to the Brewster clan where insanity runs in the family. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale in the school office or at the door. Check www.fvlhs.org for more details.
- FVL will hold its annual Veterans Day Breakfast & Service on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Breakfast will start in the Commons at 8:00 am, followed by a service in the Auditorium at 9:15 am. This event is open to all Federation veterans and their immediate family members and any other veterans you wish to invite as guests. Please RSVP with your name and number attending to FVL by Wednesday, Nov. 5. (920.739.4441)
- 8th Grade Parents: Registration for the 2015/2016 school year will be held on Nov. 10 and again on Nov. 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please contact Heather Knoll in Guidance (920.560.5117) to schedule an appointment.

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!

Waupaca County Caregiver Conference

The Waupaca County Caregiver Coalition is offering a free special event for caregivers to learn and be re-energized on Friday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Crystal Falls Banquet Hall, New London. There will be speakers, door prizes and a free lunch. You can arrange for someone to care for your loved one while you attend. Reserve your spot by calling the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 715-258-6400. Brochures with more information are available in the Welcome Center or the Emanuel Office.

Thrivent Action Team - Act Today!

If you are a Thrivent member, there is a new program you can use to help fund member-led projects, fundraisers, one time service activities, or educational events. The new program is called Thrivent Action Team.

Each Thrivent member, 16 years or older, that has a product with Thrivent, can host two projects per year. For each project, Thrivent Financial will provide \$250 of seed money to get you started.

For more information visit Thrivent.com/actionteam or talk with someone in the Emanuel office. Brochures for this new program are in the Information Center.

Community Cupboard Thank You

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church members,

I would like to thank you for the monthly donations of food that you have made to the New London Community Cupboard in the past year.

The donations that you provide really assist us in serving the participants. We have seen an increase in need due to the current economic conditions. The food that we provide has assisted them in meeting their financial needs.

Sincerely,
Kim Ebert, Community Cupboard Director

GIFTS & MEMORIALS FOR OCTOBER

Sharing Jesus with Future

Generations

\$165 in memory of Sadie Diem

General Memorial

\$100 in memory of Ron Brasch

Computer Technology

\$110 in memory of Sadie Diem

Radio Broadcasts

\$100 in memory of Sadie Diem

Narthex Renovation

\$100 in memory of Sadie Diem

Emanuel Tuition Assistance

\$15 in memory of Sadie Diem

Emanuel Ladies' Aid

\$175 in memory of Helga
Seversen

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR OCTOBER

Baptisms

Waylen Michael Kloehn – 10/5

Novalea Aries Snitselaar – 10/5

Sawyer Richard Herter – 10/19

Jude David Sell – 10/25

Funerals

Sadie Diem – funeral held on
10/6

Edna Mundt – funeral held on
10/11

Released

Lorraine Roland – per request

Transferred

Keri Fredin – Peace Lutheran,
Wautoma, WI

Wedding

Melissa Hilker & Clint Griesbach –
10/4

Amberlynn Buelow & Vincent
Pelky – 10/19

Attendance & Offering Information

Attendance Last Week 849

Average attendance since July 1 (17 weeks)..... 794

Offerings Last Week.....\$ 20,585

Average offerings since July 1 (17 weeks)..... \$ 20,352

Average amount needed weekly for budget \$ 21,753

Bible Classes

“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?”

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

Week 9 – November 9:

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

Week 10 – November 16:

“Jesus Appears to Thomas: Why can’t I just believe what I see?”

Bible Studies for Everyone

Exodus

The book of Exodus is the history of God's love for His wayward people. Genesis traced the history of God's promise to send a Savior for His rebellious mankind. Genesis ends with the choosing of a family through which that Savior would be sent to the world. Exodus picks up that history of God's plan to save fallen mankind. It demonstrates the detailed care God gave to that family. He repeatedly forgives, calls the family back into His kingdom, and continues nurtures them after they had rebelled against Him. In the history of the Israelites we can see our own history as God continues to offer His Grace to us even though we often demonstrate our disloyalty to Him.

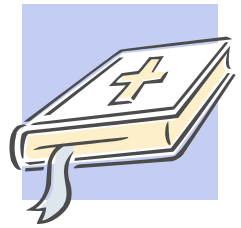
*Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 - Nov. 4 to Dec. 16, Mr. Krause
In the Community Room*

The Bible

The A&E Network presented a ten episode series called "The Bible." In that series, the history presented in the Bible has been broken into ten brief segments. There are five segments on the Old Testament and five segments on the New Testament. We will view these segments one at a time and discuss them as they relate to the Bible.

We will notice the time span of history has been compressed. They did try to be true to the Word, but at times used some poetic license to move the history along.

*Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:15 – Mr. Krause
November 2 to December 7 - Old Testament
January 11 to February 8 - New Testament
In the Community Room*



Sessions 1 & 2 Theme:
God's Amazing Creation



Where? Emanuel Lutheran School
Commons and Gym

When? Fridays 8:15-9:15am; November 7 & 21

Who? Kids ages 0-5 - Grown ups stay and play too!
Mrs. D will lead the fun!

What? Jesus Time: Physical Activity, Story Time, Art
Projects, Small Motor Activities, Singing

Women's Fall & Winter Bible Classes

Emanuel's new ministry group, **Women of HIS Word**, would like to invite all women to the following upcoming Bible studies. Each Bible study will be held on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the Church Basement.

“The Proverbs 31 Woman” – November 2 & 9

This Bible study will dig into the wisdom of the book of Proverbs to teach and guide the Christian woman in God-pleasing characteristics, attitudes and priorities as she seeks to fulfill the roles that God has given her.

“Women's Spiritual Gifts” – December 7 & 14

This Bible study will examine the role of women in the church and the God-pleasing, Scriptural ways in which women can use their time, talents, treasures, and abilities to serve in the church and further the growth of God's Kingdom.

“A Personal Relationship with Jesus” January 18 & 25

This Bible study will use various examples from Scripture to help women nurture their personal relationships with Jesus and their daily

walk with their Lord.



Please come and join us
at our:

***Women of HIS Word –
We Were Made to
Thrive event!***

You will have an
opportunity to visit with old
friends and meet some new

women from our congregation and from the community. We will hear what it means to thrive in our faith, enjoy light refreshments and fun interactive games (no strenuous physical activity required), and share what Women of HIS Word has planned for the fall and winter months. This event is open to all women, so please come and bring a friend!

Women of HIS Word is a revival of our group formally known as Women's Ministry.

The purpose of *Women of HIS Word* is to encourage, support, and build up the body of Christ by providing opportunities for women to grow together spiritually, pray together and for one another, build Christian relationships, and support each other in our walk to serve Christ. We will strive to accomplish our purpose by:

- Providing opportunities for women to study God's Word together in Bible classes
- Connecting various groups of women with similar interests through small groups for fun and encouragement
- Promoting and sponsoring fellowship events for girls and women
- Encouraging women to discover what their gifts and talents are and to use them to build up the Kingdom for Christ

(see insert in bulletin for more details!!)

Volunteer Schedules

Communion Servers

November 8-9-10: (5:15) Dave Neumann, Dale Krause, Lee Shaw;
(8:00) Rich Platz, Ron Steinhorst, Randy Behnke; (10:30) Drew Kock,
Bruce Davis, Dave Meyer; (6:30) Roger Mathison

Greeters

November 1-2-3: (5:15) M/M Dan Laird, Joyce Hoffman;
(8:00) Donn Prael, Diane/Mark Wolfe, Cris Ladwig;
(10:30) M/M Dennis Dobberstein, John Meshke, Judith Meshke;
(6:30) Janet Prey

November 8-9-10: (5:15) M/M Gary Weyenberg, M/M Lee Shaw;
(8:00) Judy Gorges, M/M Karl Bruehl, M/M Carl Gloede;
(10:30) Dolores Handschke, M/M Arnie Heise, Ione Dorschner;
(6:30) Arlene Birkholz

Sound-Booth

November 1-2-3: (5:15) Scarlett Polley; (8:00) Micah Backus;
(10:30) Ken Johnson; (6:30) Scarlett Polley

November 8-9-10: (5:15) Don Schmoll; (8:00) Micah Backus;
(10:30) Ken Johnson; (6:30) Joe Dexter

Ushers

The Month of November: (5:15) Kenny Olson, Ron Reick, Laurie Thomack; (8:00) Barry Hoewisch, Harry Blum, Jay Close, Danke/Krause/Ehlke; (10:30) Al Tank, Bob Danke, Scott Lenzner; (6:30) Mike Knapp, *volunteers needed*

Welcome/Information Center

November 1-2-3: (5:15) Greg & Cheri Michaelson; (8:00) Pat Schoen;
(10:30) Richard & Marlene Hoerning; (6:30) Bob & Bev Meyer

November 8-9-10: (5:15) Dan & Marj Handschke; (8:00) Vickie Much;
(10:30) Joanne Kuppernus; (6:30) Marcia Rhone

After the Sermon.....

1. **Highs and Lows:** What was a high point from your life this week?
A low point?
2. If an appointment begins at 7:00 pm, do you get there at 6:45? 7:05?
Plan to leave your house at 7:00? Why do you think some people are habitually late?
3. Read Matthew 25:1-13. In the space below, write in your own words the point this teaching story makes to you. Then, share your words with the group.
4. Why do you think Jesus chose to compare eternal life in heaven to a wedding banquet? To what other earthly experiences do you think heaven will be similar?
5. What is your reaction to Jesus' implication that the door to the "wedding party" of heaven will be closed to some?
6. Have you ever tried to live off the "oil" of someone else's faith? If so, whose? (parent, spouse, friend, church, other?)
7. At the final wedding banquet, will you be escorted inside? How do you know?

MY NEXT STEPS

Read the other parables of Matthew 25 for Jesus' instruction and encouragement as you await his return on Judgment Day.

Commit to memory Romans 10:17 – *"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."*

How to Survive the End of the World: Keep the Fire Burning

Matthew 25:1-13

Introduction: Is your car ready for winter?

I Heed the signs

A. Jesus calls five of the virgins “foolish.”

1. They don't have enough o_____ for their lamps.
2. They're l_____ for the wedding reception
3. The d_____ is shut tight.
4. They hear the frightening words, “I don't k_____ you.”

B. Signs of the end (Matthew 24)

1. Signs in p_____
2. Signs in n_____
3. Signs in the c_____
4. Signs in s_____

C. Jesus' gives us these signs so that we...

1. H_____ them.
2. Don't i_____ them.
3. Pay a_____ to them.
4. Are r_____ to meet him.

II Check the oil

A. Why five virgins are “foolish.”

1. Yes, they bring lamps filled with o_____
2. Yes, they believe that the b_____ is coming.
3. Yes, they want to go to the w_____ b_____.
4. No, they don't insure that they have enough o_____ for the wait.

B. Check to see if you have the oil of saving faith by remembering that...

1. Faith can be s_____ and l_____.
2. Faith cannot be b_____ from someone else.
3. Being a m_____ of a c_____ doesn't mean you have faith

C. Keep the fire burning.

1. Practice daily c_____ and r_____.
2. G_____ with others to feed and nourish your faith.
3. Revisit your b_____.
4. Hear God's W_____ and partake of the S_____ often.

Conclusion: Don't be a fool. Keep the fire burning.