



The Emmanuel Lutheran December 2016

Upcoming Events

December 3

Women of Emmanuel @ 1 pm

December 6, 13, 20

Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm

December 7

Board of Education @ 4:15 pm

Advent Supper @ 6 and Service @ 7 pm

December 10

Worship Committee @ 8 am

Rehearsal for Children's Service @ 9:30 am

December 12

Outreach Committee @ 1:30 pm

Board of Elders @ 5:30 pm

December 14

Advent Supper @ 6 and Service @ 7 pm

December 17

Rehearsal for Children's Service @ 9:30 am

Christmas Carols/Hymns & Cookie Potluck @
6:30 pm

December 18

Children's Christmas Service @ 9 am

K.I.C.K @ 5 pm

December 21

Church Council @ 6:30 pm

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 5 pm

December 25

Worship Service @ 9 am

December 31

New Year's Eve Communion Service @ 7 pm



Pastor's Pen

"Christian Education doesn't cost, it pays!"
The Importance Of Christianity For Little
Children

By Frederick A. Kogler, pastor
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hudson, WI

The children of the next generation!

We have a wonderful preschool at Emmanuel. Our preschool is sponsored by our Emmanuel congregation and is staffed by devout Christians who believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ is the Savior of all. Our preschool is a tuition-based program that is dedicated to training children and preparing them for primary grade school. Our school is based on biblical Christianity. The whole curriculum has as its central core the teachings of the Bible. In fact, every subject taught is presented from the Christian world view. We are not restricted by law to a non-religious curriculum as all state sponsored 4K programs in Wisconsin are.

Under the heading of "social studies", one of the subjects and life principles we teach is "honesty." We teach the children about true and false. Additionally, we teach the children what the Bibles says about truthfulness, honesty, and personal integrity. These lessons are foundational. It is extremely important that the lessons parents teach their children about personal character and how to get along in society be reaffirmed by other adults, especially those who are their teachers and role models in their formative years.

We say: "Christian Education doesn't cost, it pays!" In the Bible, in the book of Proverbs we read: "The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them." (Proverbs 20:7). In view of what our little ones are exposed to, inside and outside of our homes, it is immediately clear that if we don't train the children or if we leave their spiritual training to later on in their lives, the forces of environment, culture, public figures, false heroes, entertainment and the

impact of wicked and corrupt people, our children will continue to emerge as selfish, vindictive, hateful, greedy adults who have no understanding of how to live in the society of our democratic republic. All we need to do is look at the matters of politics as we know them today and it becomes clear that one generation reaps what the previous generation has sown.

Christian Preschools like Emmanuel's, Joyful Noise Preschool, provide help for parents who want to have their children grow up to be good and honest Christian citizens. We are encouraged by God in the Bible on this matter: "Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

And, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6).

If you want some help training your children (3, 4, & 5-year-olds) please give us a call. We'll help you with the hard tasks of teaching and training little ones.

Emanuel Lutheran Church (715-386-9851)
www.emmanuelhudson.org

Joyful Noise Preschool (715-386-8820)
joyfulnoisepreschoolhudson.com

Pastor Kogler



Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule

December 4: 2nd Sunday in Advent
"Many Ways of Rejecting Christ"

December 7: Advent Supper and Service

December 11: 3rd Sunday in Advent
"What Are You Looking For?"

December 14: Advent Supper and Service

December 17: Christmas Carols/Hymns &
Cookie Potluck

December 18: 4th Sunday in Advent
Children's Service

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

December 25: Christmas Day Service

December 31: Communion Service



Women of Emmanuel Christmas Party

WE - Women of Emmanuel are having their annual Christmas party at Janet's house on Saturday, December 3, from 1:00 until 3:00

p.m. Bring 3 dozen cookies for a cookie exchange. You will then go home with 3 dozen assorted cookies. There will be a light lunch. Get your errands done in the morning and come relax for a few hours. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. All ladies are invited. If you have any questions or need more information about this WE event, please e-mail Janet Kogler. Thanks.



Poinsettia Orders

Please consider ordering a Poinsettia to decorate the altar for Christmas. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Payment method: Please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Poinsettia" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Poinsettia".

You may take your plant following the Children's Christmas Service on December 18th. If you have questions about ordering poinsettias, please talk to Michelle Rust or Felicia Kohlhagen.



Christmas Carols/Hymns & Cookie Potluck

Saturday, December 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
712 Grandview Drive
Hudson, WI 54016

Come join your friends for this casual evening of fun! We will sing Christmas Carols/Hymns and listen to Scripture Readings in the Sanctuary followed by a Cookie Potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring *2-dozen of your favorite cookies, per family, to share at the potluck. And, make plans for an evening of Christian fellowship as we proclaim and celebrate our Savior's birth.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

This is a free-event, so bring the entire family.

*(please make tag to be placed with cookies listing: sweetener used, if gluten-free, or, if it contains nuts/nut oil.)



Mitten Tree

We are collecting new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves that will be given to Christian Life Ministries. Items can be handmade or

store bought. Please place your items on the tree in the narthex or in the box next to the tree.

Christian Life Ministries has a "Loving Moms Group" which is a support group for new Moms. Many of these Moms are need of the basics including warm clothing. The mittens, hats, etc... will be given to these Moms to use for their families.

Please place your items on or by the tree by December 14th. Questions can be directed to Michelle Rust.



Women of Emmanuel

All members of the congregation are invited to join the WE (Women of Emmanuel) as we head to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and view the Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation exhibit.

Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m. - Meet at church

2:00 p.m. - MIA entry

Cost: \$20 (\$16 for MIA members)

Tickets can be purchased directly through the website or through Leslie Stelling. For additional information on the exhibit and to purchase tickets, please visit the MIA website at <http://new.artsmia.org/luther/>.



K.I.C.K.

(Kids In Christ's Knowledge)

In November, K.I.C.K. went to see the Children's Play at St. Croix Lutheran High School. Although the group was very small, they had a very good time and were impressed by the talent of the performers.

Our next activity will be on Sunday, December 18, at 5 p.m. Paulette has planned a Christmas craft for the kids. Please RSVP to Christina Dobberstein or Paulette Wentzlaff, so we can have enough supplies for everyone. It is the same day as the Children's Service, so hopefully you can join us.



Joyful Noise Notes

December is the time for preparation. We prepare for the coming Christmas season. The children continue to prepare songs and recitations for the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. We will have a mass rehearsal (which includes the preschool) on Saturday, December 17, from 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

We will complete the month of December with our 3-year-olds Christmas party on Thursday, December 22, and 4 & 5-year-olds Christmas party on Friday, December 23. Christmas vacation begins on December 24, and classes will resume January 3.

There will be no Messy Monday during the month of December.

Mrs. Ehlers, Mrs. Sternisha, and I wish you the most blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year. -Ann Winkler



Confirmation Classes

There are 10 young people enrolled and taking Confirmation Class this school year.

Pray for our children!

Pray for our families!

Pray for our Pastor to have wisdom and good health!

December CC Schedule & Lessons

December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Lesson: Lord's Prayer
Catechism Questions: 329-376

December 7 at 3:00 p.m.
Lesson: Lord's Prayer
Catechism Questions: 329-376

December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Lesson: Prayer
Catechism Questions: 329-333

December 14 at 3:00 p.m.
Lesson: Prayer
Catechism Questions: 329-333



Ignite Youth Group

Calendars Available For Purchase

IGNITE, our high school youth group, has calendars available for purchase again this year. The cost for a calendar is \$8 and the money raised is used for youth activities. You may pick-up and pay for your calendar at tables in the narthex or Fellowship Hall. Please make checks out to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church.



Adult Forum & Weekday Bible Class

The Adult Forum meets in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. following the fellowship time. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

The weekday Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. **Wednesday Bible Class is currently taking a break during Advent and resumes January 4th.**

Both the Adult Forum and Bible Class are open to members and friends of the congregation. You may bring your electronic Bible readers, iPads, laptops, or whatever

means you prefer to help compare translations and do research on the "Net."



Bible Information Class

Pastor Kogler began leading a Bible Information Class in September. This class instructs those interested in becoming new members here at Emmanuel.

Class time will be one-hour each Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. The book used for class is WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Please speak with or email Pastor Kogler if you have any questions.



Outreach Committee

Outreach has taken a different and meaningful direction lately. Sponsoring family meals for "Messy Monday" families has brought a goodly number of individuals together. (40 +/- at the last gathering.) Not only does this bring families together for special times and activities on our campus, it has afforded Pastor an opportunity to visit with each family in an informal and congenial setting. Pray that these efforts will go a long way to bringing the Good News to many more with-in our community. In a related way, Pastor spoke to the grandparents on Tuesday, November 22,

welcoming and thanking them for their support of their grandchild(ren) in our Christian Preschool.

Thanks to those who have helped serve and provided food items. If you want to help out just give Pastor Kogler or John Beck a call.

New committee members are needed to join as we discuss outreach ideas and methods of communication.

Currently, we meet the 2nd Monday of each month @ 1:30 p.m. but are open to meeting on a different day/time.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th. If you would like to help on this committee with insight and ideas to promote church growth, please speak with Pastor Kogler and make plans to attend the meeting.



Other News

Please continue to bring your aluminum cans and place them in the trailer. And, when emptying the cans into the trailer, please make sure that whatever container you used to transport the cans isn't placed in the trailer as well. Thank you.

Please speak with Don Benisch if you are interested in ushering. Thank you.

To receive church information from Emmanuel please update your contact

information. Send e-mail to: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com or put note in 'OFFICE' mail slot. Thank-you! :)

If you have church information for publication in the January 2017 newsletter or calendar, please send to church e-mail: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com or leave in 'OFFICE' mail slot prior to noon on Friday, December 16th. Thank you kindly, Trudi



Looking Ahead... 2016 Reports Needed

Deadline: Friday, January 13, 2017

Please e-mail your report to the church office emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com so that the 2016 Annual Report may be readied for the Voters Meeting that is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Please send your report as a Word document so that page numbers may be added before compiling the 2016 Annual Report.

2016 Reports needed from/on:

- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer
- Statistical Report; 2009-2016
- Board of Elders
- Board of Education
- Board of Property and Finance
- Pastor
- Council President

- Joyful Noise Preschool
- Women of Emmanuel
- K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Knowledge)



A Biblical Worldview by John Beck

The following article appeared on
CreationMoments.com

THE ANTI-THEORY OF EVOLUTION

Colossians 2:8: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

When a well-respected scientist says anything that is critical of Darwinism, two things are bound to happen. First, evolutionists will put pressure on the scientist to retract his comments. The second thing is that creationists will quote the scientist to show that even some scientists understand the weaknesses of evolution. This is what we are doing on today's broadcast.

In his book *A Different Universe*, Nobel Laureate Robert Laughlin, a professor of physics and applied physics at Stanford University, wrote that evolution is anti-science and actually impedes scientific investigation. Laughlin wrote he is concerned that much "present-day

biological knowledge is ideological" and cannot be tested.

Here is an excerpt of what he wrote: "Evolution by natural selection, for instance, which Charles Darwin originally conceived as a great theory, has lately come to function more as an anti-theory, called upon to cover up embarrassing experimental shortcomings and legitimize findings that are at best questionable... Your protein defies the laws of mass action? Evolution did it! Your complicated mess of chemical reactions turns into a chicken? Evolution! The human brain works on logical principles no computer can emulate? Evolution is the cause!"

Now, let me point out that Creation Moments is not saying that Dr. Laughlin rejects evolution. He is merely saying what we have been saying for many years. Evolution is an ideology that is simply assumed to be true. Rather than being a scientific theory, it is an anti-theory that clearly lies outside the realm of true science.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, evolutionists claim that creationists are anti-science. Help them to see that they are the ones who have abandoned true science in favor of a godless ideology. Amen.

Notes:

Robert B. Laughlin, *A Different Universe* (Basic Books, 2005), pp. 168-169. J. Bergman, *The Dark Side of Darwin* (Master Books, 2011), p. 53. Photo: Robert B. Laughlin. Courtesy: Stanford News Service. (CC-BY-SA 3.0 UNPORTED)



WELS News

Meeting The Spiritual Needs of Members in the Military

WELS Military Services Committee, part of the WELS Commission on Special Ministries, held its annual conference in San Antonio, Tex., earlier this month. Each year the committee and military contact pastors from around the synod convene to discuss and learn how to better meet the spiritual needs of members in the military and their families.

The attendees visited the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio to see how wounded servicemen and women are being rehabilitated to live as normal of a life as possible after serious injuries. The visit gave the military contact pastors and committee a small glimpse into some of the obstacles veterans face when they return from duty.

Another emphasis of the conference was encouraging WELS military contact pastors to get in touch with the military chaplains on the bases to get involved in ministry. While WELS does not have chaplains officially in the military, the pastors near the bases serve Christians who are serving their country. Mike and Diane Tracy know the importance of military contact pastors first-hand. Mike served in the military for 24 years, moving the family around regularly. Retired from active service since 2009, Mike is on the Military Services Committee, and he and his wife organized the San Antonio event.

“Military families have unique situations that other families don’t have,” says Diane. “Our [spouses] are deployed. We aren’t near our families. It’s a different type of stress added to your relationship. For the pastors to be able to understand how they can better fulfill those needs and have the congregation help fulfill those needs, it’s important.”

She says having a chaplain in Europe was especially meaningful to her family. “We were stationed in Europe. The European Chaplaincy being over there, it gave us a place for our children to be confirmed, it gave us the chance to be able to worship with other WELS Lutherans on a regular basis. That’s the most important thing a military family can have is spiritual support.” This was the first military contact pastors’ conference. Rev. David Parsons, pastor at Holy Cross, Tucson, Ariz., has attended since he took the call earlier this year to Holy Cross, which is near a military base. He says since the conference, he is approaching his military ministry with a new energy and has been speaking with his congregation about ways they could better serve the military families in the Tucson area.

Parsons says, “I really enjoyed the conference. It was eye-opening. They had a good mix of presenters. Hearing stories from the active military guys or stories from the guys who have been out for a while or the military chaplain pastors, just being able to talk to those contact pastors and hear their experiences about what worked and didn’t work—that was beneficial. I’m really excited about the concept of this ministry.”

Diane stresses that military families need solid spiritual support as they face their unique challenges. She says, "The biggest thing that WELS members need to know is if they know someone in the military, they need to make sure the pastor who lives closest to them and serves their base knows who they are and how to contact them. Because if the chaplains don't know they're out there, they can't help them."

If you or someone you know is in the military, you can sign up for spiritual support at wels.net/refer. Learn more about WELS Military Services at wels.net/military.



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9:00 am – Sunday Service

10:00 am – Fellowship