



# The Emmanuel Lutheran

## January 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### January 4

Board of Education @ 4:15 pm

#### January 7

Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Service @ 9:30 am

#### January 8

- Rescheduled Children's Christmas Service @ 9:00 am
- Congregational Meeting @ 11:30 am

#### January 9

- Outreach Committee @ 1:30 pm
- Board of Elders @ 5:30 pm
- Messy Monday meal @ 5:30 pm
- Messy Monday @ 6:00 pm

#### January 10

Preschool Staff Meeting @ 12:00 pm

#### January 15

Women of Emmanuel at Minneapolis Institute of Arts @ 1:00 pm

#### January 16 & 23

No Preschool

#### January 18

Church Council @ 6:30 pm

#### January 22

Annual Voter's Meeting @ 10:30 am



### Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends and fellow believers in Jesus,

As I write these words, I'm looking at my calendar and planning ahead for the New Year. This is an activity that is participated in by most people every time we get to the after Christmas time before the New Year's observance.

I've chosen the following words to guide my thoughts: Romans 5:2-5: (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

<sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

There are two words here that draw our attention, they are: "Produce" and "Hope." This reference is also optimistic.

Hope is an optimistic attitude of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large.

Optimistic people see the best in the world. (Optimistic ideas have been around for a while — Voltaire's "Candide" (1759) mocked them thoroughly. Here's an optimistic quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.")

Sometimes, however, it seems impossible to have or to maintain a positive and/or optimistic attitude or point of view.

I have come to know several individuals who are the very opposite. Instead of looking forward with eager anticipation, they live in the darkness of fear and trepidation. Whenever the slightest variation in their lives appears they become up-set, agitated, their personalities change, and they lash out against others and with much "hand wringing" while negatively influencing others. Baby Boomers and "millennials" fall into these cohorts. (Pew Research Center reports and data on the Millennial generation, and describes "millennials" as those born after 1980 and the first

generation to come of age in the new millennium.)

The number of Millennials is greater than Boomers and the numbers in the Greatest Generation. Asking specific questions about religion, God and heaven when speaking to a Millennial more often gets a response of uncertainty if not hopeless pessimism. The reason for this is attributed to the lack of training in higher and more lofty matters of life while placing emphasis on the matters of self, stuff and cynicism. This era of training should be laid at the feet of the "Boomers" and their wholesale pursuit of consumer satisfaction. This explains why "grandmothers" are the better ones to ask about removing stains with apple cider vinegar (ACV). Boomers would just throw their soiled things away while "older" generations would clean them up with ACV. If you're really interested here's something you can read:

<http://www.apartmenttherapy.com/13-ways-to-clean-your-whole-home-with-apple-cider-vinegar-235579>

We gain further insight then when we see that so many of our 3, 4 & 5 year old children have not been baptized. They are not because their parents have been taught to leave them on their own. 'When they get older they will decide.' They are not taught to pray, they do not understand death and dying while they see it all around them, and their hearts and minds do not know about forgiving love, mercy, compassion, and human spirituality.

This is especially saddening when educators, doctors, and psychologists talk of the same

ages as the most important for training in the basic concepts of self-worth, socialization, forgiveness and human spirituality.

“When something goes wrong during the formative years that has an effect on how the person grows and develops later during adolescence and adult life. Most time lines consider the first five years the formative years, and during this time social skills and basic motor functions are learned and practiced. Learning to walk, talk and use the bathroom are some key examples of these formative skills.

In addition, personality is greatly impacted by these years. Many basic likes and dislikes, such as arts and sports, have their beginnings in this period. Emotional development also starts in the formative years. It is important to focus on encouraging a child's intellectual and thinking abilities during these years, as it can have a significant impact on them later in life. It is difficult to make up for a lack of this encouragement at an older age because by the end of the formative years so many basic building blocks are set in stone. For example, a child who does not learn to speak early enough will have difficulty learning later on.”

<https://www.reference.com/family/formative-years-cdabfff5b1d7e413#>

(Please note that school districts implementing 4K programs seek to perpetuate the humanistic world view.)

The Bible is full of directions to train up children. The last time I counted there were 31 easily identified passages. Proverbs 22:6

is readily understood: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Children of all generations are to be given hope. That hope is based on the righteousness of Christ. We teach the children at home, in our preschool, Sunday School, and Confirmation Classes to have an optimistic perspective based on the absolute truth of God as set forth in the Scriptures.

May we do all that we can to teach by word and example the message of the Gospel!

Pastor Kogler



## January Special Meetings

Special Congregational Meeting re: Joyful Noise Preschool will be on January 8th at 11:30 a.m.

2016 Annual Voters Meeting will be on January 22nd following the Worship Service. There are open Church Leadership positions. If interested, please speak with Mark Carlson.



## Trip to Martin Luther Exhibit

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/>.



## Looking Ahead... 2016 Reports Needed

Deadline: Friday, January 13, 2017

Please e-mail your report to the church: [emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that they may be readied for the Voters Meeting that is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2016.

2016 Annual 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
- Ladies' Guild

- K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Knowledge)

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



## K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Knowledge)

Our December activity of making Christmas crafts was cancelled due to inclement weather: snow, sub-zero temperature, and severe wind chill.

Stay tuned for information on our January activity as it's still in planning phase. If you have any questions about the K.I.C.K. program please speak with Christina Dobberstein.

Thank you to all that have helped with K.I.C.K.

We hope that everyone has a Happy New Year!



## Joyful Noise Notes

Happy New Year from the preschool! We worked hard in December to learn our recitation and songs for our Christmas service on December 18. We were excited to share the wonderful message with family

and friends that Jesus is the best Christmas gift.

Before taking our Christmas vacation, we learned our twelfth letter of the alphabet, the letter L. We now have been introduced to the letters A-L. When we return on January 4, we will be introduced to the wise men, letters M and N, and a winter theme. There will be no school on the 16 and 23.

Messy Monday will be on January 9.

Registration for the next school year begins this month. Tell your friends and neighbors about our wonderful program.



## Women of Emmanuel

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Watch your mailbox for a new list of the groups. The groups have been rearranged so you may have a different group leader. The group leaders continue to be Sarah Dahlke, Leslie Stelling, and Janet Kogler. The groups are used for serving activities and the leaders will keep the groups informed of upcoming activities.

Remember all women of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Women of Emmanuel activities! Information on the February meeting will be out soon!



## 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!

January CC Schedule & Lessons

January 4

3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: The Address

Catechism Questions: 334-336

January 11

3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: The First Petition

Catechism Questions: 337-341

January 18  
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Lesson: The Second Petition  
Catechism Questions: 342-346

January 25  
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Lesson: The Third Petition  
Catechism Questions: 347-352



## Christmas Thank You

The sanctuary was so nicely decorated for Advent and Christmas.

Thank you to all whom contributed to the Christmas Decorations Planning Committee AND to all that planned, shopped, and decorated!

Thank-you to Leslie Stelling for organizing the goodie bags that were filled to be given to all the children that participated in the Children's Christmas Service.



## 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. Please join us as you are able.

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

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.

If you are interested in helping by being on this committee to share your ideas, please talk with John Beck or Pastor Kogler.



## Other News

Flower Chart – Please locate the 2017 Flower Chart on the bulletin board and write your name in on the Sunday that you are able to provide flowers. You are welcome to bring your own or perhaps contact Florology @ 715.222.3899 for an altar arrangement, potted plant, or fresh arrangement at special pricing from \$20-\$30.

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.

If you have church information for publication in either the February Calendar/Newsletter, please send to church: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com prior to noon on January 25th. Thank-you kindly, Trudi ☺



## A Biblical Worldview by John Beck

The following article appeared in *The Lutheran Science Institute Journal*.

*Natural Selection* by Mark Bergemann, LSI Journal, 2016

The evolution story is a mixture of reality and fabrication. Natural selection is a great example of this truth.

Reality: Natural selection produces new species of plants and animals.

Fabrication: The claim that natural selection produces new kinds of plants and animals.

There are many species in most Biblical kinds. Every kind of plant and animal which exists today, or which has gone extinct, was created by God thousands of years ago during the six days of creation. No new kinds ever develop. New species develop all the time, but always within their own kind. Birds did not descend from dinosaurs, they descended from birds. People did not descend from apelike creatures, they descended from people.



## WELS News

### **2017 National Worship Conference**

The Wels Commission On Worship presents The National Conference On Worship, Music, & The Arts

June 13-16, 2017 at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI

The worship conferences offer “something for everyone.” They are not only for pastors and musicians. The worship conference is an

excellent opportunity for inspiration and professional growth.

Opportunities at the main conference include:

- 50+ presentations
- Concerts and recitals
- Plenary address: "A Reformation Perspective on Worship" by Pastor Michael Schultz, Director of the WELS Hymnal Project
- 125 voice Festival Choir (with full orchestra) directed by Kermit Moldenhauer and Dale Witte
- 125 voice high school Honor Choir (with full orchestra) directed by Jon Laabs
- 65 voice Children's choir directed by Kurt Cereske

Applications for Children's Choir, Honor Choir, Festival Choir, and instrumentalists are now available.

Registration for the conferences will begin in February 2017.

Aforementioned from [wels.net](http://wels.net)

### ***St. Croix Lutheran Night to Shine***

St. Croix Lutheran (SCL) will serve as one of more than 350 schools or churches around the world that will host a Night to Shine sponsored, by the Tim Tebow Foundation simultaneously on Friday, February 10, 2017. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. The school is expecting to welcome over 200 participants from the community to this

extraordinary event. Over 230 SCL students have signed up to help.

This worldwide movement will take place in all 50 states and 10 countries around the world...and the numbers continue to grow!

Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, karaoke, prom favors for each honored guest and, of course, a dance floor... all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

During Night to Shine 2015, 44 host churches and 15,000 volunteers worked together to honor more than 7,000 kings and queens of the prom. Last February, Night to Shine 2016 saw 450% growth, reaching 32,000 honored guests in 201 host churches with 75,000 volunteers. Night to Shine 2017 promises to be the biggest event yet, with more than 350 churches already signed up to participate all around the world.

Please share the news of this complimentary event with anyone you know who has special needs and would like to be a king or queen for a night.

Learn more at: [StCroixLutheran.org/NTS](http://StCroixLutheran.org/NTS).

If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Kapanke at: [LKapanke@StCroixLutheran.org](mailto:LKapanke@StCroixLutheran.org).

## **Camp Croix 2017 Registration**

Registration Opens January 2, 2017

Come for a week of fun, fellowship, and faith-building! Open to children going into 4th -9th grade. Camp Croix is located in Danbury, Wisconsin.

### **CAMP DATES**

Week One - July 9-15, 2017

Week Two - July 16-22, 2017

Week Three - July 23 -29, 2017

More information, along with Camper, Counselor, and Staff Applications, can be found at [campcroix.org](http://campcroix.org).



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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship



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