



# Congregational Newsletter

## January 2018

### *January Events*

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**8<sup>th</sup>** Board of Elders @ 5:45 pm

**9<sup>th</sup>** Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel @ 9:00 am

**14<sup>th</sup>** Open Forum @ 10:30 am

**16<sup>th</sup>** Women of Emmanuel @ 7:00 pm

**17<sup>th</sup>** Church Council @ 6:30 pm

**21<sup>st</sup>** Annual Voter's Meeting @ 10:30 am

**27<sup>th</sup>** Women of Emmanuel at church to work on tie-dye blankets  
@ 10:00 am

### *Pastor Vomhof's Message*

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"You ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:15

We greet one another at the beginning of a new year with the words, "HAPPY NEW YEAR." With this greeting, we are wishing

that the New Year would be a happy and joy-filled year for them. Some people will respond by saying, "They hope the New Year will be happier and better than the last year." They or a member of their family or a close friend may have had some serious health problems, lost their job or lost their loved one through death during the past year.

We do not know what will happen in the New Year whether it will be a good year or another challenging year. We do not know whether we will have another child or grandchild join our family or whether our child or grandchild, who will graduate in May, will find a job. Nor do we know whether we will receive a promotion at our job or a raise in our salary. We do not know if we will live to see the end of December 2018 or not.

We do know that during the coming year we will continue to meet with temptations from the devil, the ungodly and unbelieving people of this world and our sinful flesh. These three spiritual enemies of ours want to rob us of our faith and draw us away from God, His Word, our Savior and from the church. We need to pray fervently that 6th Petition of the Lord's Prayer, Lead us not into temptation. We know that God will help us to resist those temptations and be faithful to Him.

Members of our congregation must make some major decisions this year. We will discuss at our Open Forum meeting on January 14 the possibility of calling a pastor and the voters will vote on that matter at the January 21 annual voters

meeting. We need to finalize plans to ask our Home Mission Board to approve our Mission Re-Start proposal. We will need to actively reach out to the people in the Hudson area and share the message of the Gospel of Jesus with those who do not know Him, to invite them to come to our Bible Information Class and our worship services to learn what Jesus has done for them and for their salvation.

We can make all kinds of plans for ourselves, for our family and for our congregation, but we must say with the Apostle James, You ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." The all-knowing Lord knows what is best for us. We do not know what will take place in our life or in our congregation, but our Lord knows. So we will submit in faith to Him and say, not my will, but Your will be done. May each of us pray to the Lord daily and ask for His guidance for our life, for our family, and for our congregation.

Pastor Vomhof

## ***Joyful Noise Preschool***

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Happy New Year from the preschool!

We worked hard in December to learn our recitation and songs for our Christmas service on December 17. 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 thirteen letters of the alphabet. When we return on January 9, we will be introduced to the wise men, letters D, P, V, and R, and a winter theme.

Together Tuesday will be on January 16.

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

If you are wondering about the activities the children are doing during the preschool day, visit the preschool Facebook page at [facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson](https://facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson)

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

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We are getting ready for another year of Kid's In Christ's Knowledge (or KICK)! It is a youth group at Emmanuel for kids in 2nd through 8th grade. We meet once a month to learn, serve, go out, do activities, and have fun. There is not a regular schedule for when we meet every month, so be sure to watch church publications for events as they are scheduled. We are also seeking people who would like to share a talent, passion,

or other idea with our youth. Please let me know if you would be willing to help with an activity.

Christina Dobberstein will be stepping down. Our children will need someone else to help and guide them.

## ***Women of Emmanuel (WE)***

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The December Christmas meeting was dinner at the Bungalow. We had a nice turnout with 10 people. The atmosphere, food, and fellowship time was enjoyed by everyone.

Dates to remember for January:

- January 9th, Tuesday, 9:00 am: "WE" get-together for coffee at Hudson Bagel.
- January 16th, Tuesday, 7:00 pm: "WE" meeting at church to plan Lenten suppers and Spring activities.
- January 27th, Saturday, 10:00 am: "WE" meeting at church to make tie- blankets for Christian Life Ministries. This was such a fun event when the K.I.C.K. did this that the women want to give it a try. The blankets are very much appreciated at Christian Life Ministries. If you have a good pair of scissors for cutting material, please bring it along.

Did you know Women of Emmanuel has a group account on Facebook? If you are on Facebook, look for our page and

request to join. It's a great way to get reminders about things going on.

## ***Adult Bible Study***

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*Sunday Bible Class* meets in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 10:30 am right after fellowship and snacks. We are reading and discussing the book " *The Life and Faith of Martin Luther*" by Adolph Fehlaue.

*Weekday Bible Class* meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, starting again in January. Please join if you are able. We will discuss the Psalms in the New Year.

## ***Sunday School***

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We will be continuing with the Christ Light Curriculum. If you would like to help with this program, please speak with Matt Dobberstein. Remember to pray for our called teachers.

## ***Confirmation Classes***

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Confirmation Class A meets at 3:15 p.m.

Confirmation Class B meets at 4:45 p.m.

## ***Ignite Youth Group***

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Our Youth Group / IGNITE will start meeting on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Something to think about: Organizing a group from our church to go to the WELS International Youth Rally. Our youth group has gone in the past.

If you have any questions about IGNITE please speak with Sarah Dahlke.

## ***Nominating Committee***

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Nominating Committee will be looking for nominations for the following positions:

- One for board of Property & Finance
- One for Board of Elders
- Two for Board of Education

Please send nominees to Mark Carlson or Timothy Cords.

## ***2018 Flower Donation Calendar***

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The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate wedding anniversaries, birthdays, memorials, and other personal milestones or to express gratitude for blessings received.

## ***Food Shelf Donations***

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You may have noticed that there is a box for food shelf donations in the fellowship room. Instead of the box being out all the time, the following months will be designated as food shelf months: January, April, July, and October. During these months, please bring your donations and place them in the box. Foods with a longer shelf life, personal items, and paper goods are needed. No expired items please. Let's see if we can fill the box up! The box will be out every Sunday in January and will be taken to the Hudson Community Food Shelf on Monday, January 29th.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

## ***Other Items of Interest***

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**Deadline for church information** to be entered into the newsletter or calendar will be the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please email any information you would like to be submitted in the newsletter or calendar to: [emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com)

**Ushers:** Please find the Usher sign-up sheet on the table below the mail slots and fill-in your name when available. Any questions about ushering should be directed to Don Benisch. Thank you!

**Church Clean-up:** Check with your group leader. Any questions please contact Chris Hinz

**Church Database:** To keep our church office information and database up-to-date, please e-mail the church office your current address, phone, and e-mail information. Thank you.

**Recycle Aluminum Cans:** 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 visit our Facebook page Emmanuel Lutheran of Hudson also feel free to like us.

## ***Upcoming WELS Events***

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**Evangelism Day** will be observed at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN on January 10, 2018 today. Watch a livestream the Opening Worship Service from 8:30 to 9:20 am in the Chapel of the Christ at [mlc-wels.edu](http://mlc-wels.edu). For more information and other events go to [wels.net/events/](http://wels.net/events/).



**WELS International Youth Rally 2018** will be held June 26-29, 2018 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

- Meet WELS teens from across the country & around the world.
- Speakers with a biblical perspective on timely teen topics.
- Information on colleges, ministries, and service opportunities.
- Lift your voices in worship with 2,000 people.

## ***St. Croix Lutheran Academy***

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St. Croix Lutheran Academy (SCL) is a Christian high school and middle school of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) serving young men and women in grades 6-12.

Founded in 1958, SCL has served more than three generations of students in a caring, supportive Christian community. The school is located on 30-acres of land in a West St. Paul

residential area and has a diverse student body consisting of 500 students from the Twin Cities metro area, across the United States, and 17 countries.

This year's theme is *Living to Soar*. Uplifted by forgiveness and powered by God's strength we can soar above the burdens that try to pull us down.

**Isaiah 40:31:** *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* -

### **Job Openings - St. Croix Lutheran Academy**

Find out more at [StCroixLutheran.org/jobs](http://StCroixLutheran.org/jobs) or call the office at 651-455-1521

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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service  
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Sunday School, & Youth/IGNITE



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