



The Emmanuel Lutheran

September 2016 Congregational Newsletter

Upcoming Events

September 1

Preschool Orientation @ 6:00 pm

September 6

Preschool begins @ 9:00 am

September 7

Board of Education @ 4:15 pm

September 7, 14, 21, 28

Bible Class @ 10:30 am

Confirmation Class A @ 3:00 pm

Confirmation Class B @ 6:45 pm

September 8

Adult Information Class @ 7:00 pm

September 10

Worship Committee @ 8:00 am

Women of Emmanuel @ 11:00 am

September 11

Rally Sunday @ 9:00 am

September 12

Outreach Committee @ 1:30 pm

Board of Elders @ 5:30 pm

September 13, 20, 27

Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm

September 21

Church Council @ 6:30 pm

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends of Jesus,

Take a look at the calendar! What do you see? I see the rapid passing of summertime and the advancing of the season of Fall. What is more, I see a mighty rush to prepare for the coming school year. While enjoying the summertime north woods I did some reading and thinking about the importance of continuing education for people of all ages. While the kids were splashing in the lake, kayaking, and trying to catch some fish, I thought it would be wise to lay out the courses for our programs this Fall in the area of Christian Education.

The Season of Training is upon us!

The thought that crossed my mind was to ask the question about lifelong learning and the will of God. What I came up with is quite a list that has been assembled by and

included in a book by Robert D. Hales, "The Journey of Lifelong Learning," in *The Voice of My Servants: Apostolic Messages on Teaching, Learning, and Scripture*, ed. Scott C. Esplin and Richard Neitzel Holzapfel (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University; Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2010), 127–42.

"Scripture study is a lifelong learning experience. Perhaps nowhere can we see the need for lifelong learning more clearly than with scripture study. No matter how many times we may read the scriptures, through the power and inspiration of the Holy Ghost we learn new truths and gain valuable counsel and insights to meet life's challenges. President Ezra Taft Benson taught, "Yesterday's meal is not enough to sustain today's needs. So also an infrequent reading of [the Book of Mormon,] 'the most correct of any book on earth,' as Joseph Smith called it, is not enough."

The importance of review and learning new subject matter is the focus. The central and core part of our various agencies, classes and venues is the message of Jesus Christ, and the Gospel which declares his universal love among us and all people of the world.

Proverbs 1:5 English Standard Version (ESV)

5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance,

Proverbs 18:15 English Standard Version (ESV)

15 An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

2 John verse 9 English Standard Version (ESV)

9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

(<https://www.openbible.info/topics/learning>)

As a counterpoint to learning about Jesus and studying the Bible you have to know that the enemies of God and Jesus Christ spend their time in very serious regular study of the teachings of other worldviews. The net result is that millions of people in the developed world are enamored by stuff and personal wealth, so an increasing number of individuals have chosen to leave the study of the Word of God behind and live a life consumed by the acquisition of things. This reduction of Bible Study and increased interest in the value of things and the devaluation of human life has caused wide scale switching of religions and the change from religious to humanistic attitudes among people. The result is to have larger numbers of amoral activities and general degradation among global civilizations. Life itself is less sacred, (consider only the millions of abortions in America). On the other hand, by 2050, Muslims will be nearly as numerous as Christians, who are projected to remain the world's largest religious group at 31.4% of the global population. (<http://www.pewresearch.org/>).

The main reasons for Islam's growth ultimately involve simple demographics. To begin with, Muslims have more children than members of the seven other major religious groups analyzed in the study. Each Muslim woman has an average of 3.1 children, significantly above the next highest group

(Christians at 2.7) and the average of all non-Muslims (2.3).

With the births of the children comes their training in the matters of life as their parents see them. In America there is an increasing social story of uneducated children being misled, exploited, and turning to aggressive acts of brutality, destruction, and egomania. The need for Christian education is greater than ever before.

Proverbs 22:6 English Standard Version (ESV)

6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 4:1-2 English Standard Version (ESV)

A Father's Wise Instruction

1 Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, 2 for I give you good precepts? do not forsake my teaching.

2 Timothy 3:15 English Standard Version (ESV)

15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Sounding a warning in this regard is also an invitation to redouble our interest in the various programs we have in our church to carry on the lifelong learning of Christ principles and the application of the same to our everyday lives.

Please look carefully at our calendars to see when we shall have classes, forums,

information classes, Sunday school, confirmation classes, and preschool sessions for every age among us.

May the Word of God dwell richly among us as we express our thanksgiving to the Lord.

Pastor Kogler

Women of Emmanuel

Salads and Service

All women of the congregation are invited to attend our September meeting on Saturday, September 10th from 11 am - 1 pm. Please bring your favorite salad (cold, lettuce, hot, fruit, veggie, etc.) as well as an item or two for the food bank. We will be having fellowship and a devotion from Pastor Kogler on women and service in the Bible.

Can't make it and still want to donate? We will be collecting food all month long in the Fellowship area. You can drop it off in the box and all food will be brought to the Hudson Food Shelf on September 30th. Any questions, please contact Leslie Stelling.

Save the Date: WE Fall Fellowship

Mark your calendars, this year's Fall Fellowship event will be on Saturday, November 5th from 9-11:30 a.m. Our speaker this year is Mary Sieh from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Burnsville, MN. She will be telling her personal story on how with God's help she was able to come back from the brink of divorce.

K.I.C.K.

Kids In Christ's Knowledge

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.

We would like to thank Kevin and Michelle Rust for hosting the pool party in August. Our group appreciates the support of the members of Emmanuel for making this group possible.

Sincerely,
Christina Dobberstein (KICK coordinator)

Joyful Noise Notes

Joyful Noise Preschool begins its 17th year of operation with 10 three-year-olds and 15 four- and five-year-olds enrolled.

A Parent Orientation meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 1st at 6:00 p.m. for 3-year-olds and 7:00 p.m. for 4 & 5-year-olds. The first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 6th for the 3-year-olds and Wednesday, September 7th for the 4 & 5-year-olds.

The three-year-old class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00–11:30.

The four-and-five-year-olds class meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30.

Ann Winkler is the teacher/director. The teacher assistants will be Rachel Sternisha and Lona Ehlers.

“Like” us on Facebook to follow important updates and information. The address is: facebook.com/joyfulnoiseHUDSON.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of new adventures, friendships and knowledge. Please keep the school, the teachers, and the children in your prayers.

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 John.

The weekday Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m. Please join our study of the Gospel of Luke, 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.”

Adult Information Class

Pastor Kogler will begin leading an Adult Information Class starting Thursday, September 15th @ 7 p.m. This class will instruct those interested in becoming new members here at Emmanuel.

Class time will be one-hour each Thursday for 14-weeks. The book used for class will be WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Please contact Pastor Kogler if you have any questions.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes resume Wednesday, September 14.

Class A meets at 3:00 pm

Class B meets at 6:15 pm

Sunday School & Youth Group

Sunday School News

Sunday School resumes on September 11th. We will be continuing on with the Christ Light Curriculum. If you would like to help with this program please speak with Mark Carlson and please keep us in your prayers.

Outreach Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12th @ 1:30 p.m. 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.

New Choir Rehearsal Time

Come use your voice to give praise and glory to our Lord. Choir will be rehearsing on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and sing. Contact Ann Winkler if you have any questions.

New Church E-Mail Address

Our church has a new e-mail address:
emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com

Please note the main parts of the address:

1. emmanuelhudson
2. wi
3. @gmail.com

When you type in the letters and symbol they are altogether.

This change will help us more easily communicate, keep records, and share the news about our congregation's various activities.

If you want to place announcement notices and/or list schedule changes, simply send an e-mail to the new e-address and it will be received at the church office.

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. Thanks for your help!

Other News

Rally Sunday is September 11. Adult Forum and Sunday School classes begin @ 10:30 am.

Sunday School Teachers and Joyful Noise Preschool Teachers will be installed during an upcoming worship service.

Thank you Pastor Kogler and Mark Carlson for leading "Tasty Treats" VBS and to all the volunteers that helped!!! We had a successful 3 days filled with lessons, food, music, and fun!!! Thanks for all the prayers, snacks, and help with registration & teaching.

Thank you to all whom contributed to or participated in the North Hudson Pepper Fest parade to spread the news about our church and Joyful Noise Preschool.

If you would like to receive church information from Emmanuel please update your contact information. Send e-mail to emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com or put a note in 'OFFICE' mail slot. Thank-you! :)

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!

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 locate the 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.

If you have any extra plants or food from your garden please bring to church and place on the banquet table in the Fellowship Room.

If you have church information for publication in either the October 2016 newsletter or calendar, please send to church e-mail: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com or leave in the "Office" mail slot prior to noon on Friday September 23. Thank you kindly, Trudi.

Employment Opportunity

Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one regular part-time Administrative Assistant in the Education Department. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at www.mlc-wels.edu/hr. Apply online. Applications accepted through 12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221, ext. 399.

A Biblical Worldview

by John Beck

WHICH BIAS IS THE BEST BIAS?

Be thankful that we are biased toward God's revealed Word and can rely upon it in all matters of faith. We know that God is our mindful, purposeful creator. Then think of the atheist and his faith in a mindless, purposeless creation. What comfort is there for him/her in this life?

The following is quoted from Ken Ham's book: *The Lie - Evolution* (pages 8,9)

"Many people misunderstand bias, thinking that some individuals are biased and some are not. Consider the atheist, for example, such a person believes there is no God. Can atheists entertain the question, 'Did God create?' The answer is, 'No.' As soon as they even allow it as a question, they are no longer atheists. So, to an atheist scientist looking at the fossils and the world around him, it would not matter what evidence he were to find. It could have nothing to do with Biblical events, such as Noah's Flood. Even if he found a big boat on the top of Mount Ararat he could never allow that evidence to support the claims of the Bible regarding Noah's Ark. As soon as he did he would have abandoned his atheistic religious framework. An atheist is one hundred percent biased. This should be kept in mind whenever one reads a textbook or sees a television program produced by atheists..."

"What about a revelationist, that is, a person who believes that the God of history has revealed the truth about Himself by means

of a book? (A book which claims over three thousand times to be the Word of God.) Can such a person consider the opposite question, that God did not create? No! Because he starts with the premise that God is creator and His word is true."

"Atheists, agnostics and revelationists (and theists) hold to religious positions; and what they do with the evidence will again be determined by the assumptions (beliefs) of their religious positions. It is not a matter of whether one is biased or not. It is really a question of which bias is the best bias with which to be biased."

WELS News

St. Croix Lutheran (SCL)

The 2016-2017 school year theme for all St. Croix Lutheran Association schools is "Hope Sure, Anchor Secure", based on Hebrews 6:19a: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

New STEM Class for Seniors

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program at SCL was adopted in the high school in 2012 with the first course, Principles of Engineering. Since then, two more courses have been added, Introduction to Engineering and Design and Computer Science and Software Engineering. This year, Mrs. Leanne Stob, SCL's STEM coordinator, has added another class, STEM Capstone, to serve students who have completed all previous STEM coursework. Stob stated, "There was a need for continuing

coursework for seniors who started STEM as freshmen. They deserve it." The two-semester class will study architect design, LEGO robotics, and aerospace engineering. So far seven students have been accepted into the class which requires students to complete an application.



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9:00 am – Sunday Service

10:00 am – Fellowship



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