



The Emmanuel Lutheran

August 2016 Congregational Newsletter

Upcoming Events

August 3

Board of Education @ 4:30 pm

August 8

- Outreach Committee @ 1:30 pm
- Board of Elders @ 5:30 pm

August 11

Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel @ 9:00 am

August 17

Church Council @ 6:30 pm

August 16-18

Vacation Bible School @ 9:30 am

August 20

Meet at church for the North Hudson Pepper Fest Parade @ 9:00 am

August 28

Fourth Sunday Potluck @ 10:30 am

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of Emmanuel,

As I was reviewing some Disney archives, I came upon the classic movie called "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Not only was it a charming little story, but it contained a very wicked person who was arrogant and jealous in a way that scared me when I first saw her. It was a story that showed the struggle between good and evil, and how, in the end goodness wins!

"Magic mirror on the wall, who is the fairest one of all?", the wicked queen in the Disney movie asked the slave of the magic mirror. What she heard next was not to her liking! There was someone else more beautiful than her, it was Snow White. The queen could not accept that fact and from the time of her learning the truth she was bent on destroying it...

On a recent trip to the lake I sat on my dock and looked down into the water. There was no wind and the surface of the water was perfectly smooth. Reflected back was an image of an old man with disheveled hair wearing glasses and a ragged shirt. I hadn't seen him since earlier in the

day when I shaved and brushed my teeth. What a difference there was! My mirror image was the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

The water of the lake can serve as a mirror when it is smooth and the sunlight is just right. What is reflected back is called an image. An image is what one sees with or without a mirror. It is a visual representation of a person or thing. The Bible teaches us about images and what they mean.

When I was a young lad, growing up in the family of my youth, I was often accused of being the “spitting image” of my dad. That confused me because I didn’t go around spitting, nor did my dad. It took a while for me to catch on to the idea that the expression meant that I looked very much like him in many ways.

Much to my surprise, I was hard pressed to understand what Genesis 1:26 meant the first time that I thoughtfully read it. Listen to what it says: “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” It wasn’t until I learned two other passages that the Genesis passage became clear. They are:

Colossians 3:10 (KJV) 10 and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (KJV) 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Being made in the image of God meant that we humans knew God and were perfectly happy in that knowledge. It also meant that human beings were perfectly holy and truly without sin.

One could say that when man rebelled against God and chose to exercise his will against God, it was as though he deliberately broke the mirror that he had been given by God. What man sees now when he looks into the mirror of God's Law is broken shards of glass that are impossible to piece back together. The image reflected back is scarred, broken, and irreparably damaged.

That is why the image of God needed to be restored by God himself. We needed to be recreated, born again, and the image of God restored. This was done by Jesus. So now, we may learn and understand through faith in Jesus

the meaning of 1 John 3:2 - 2“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”

It is only through Jesus that the image of God is restored for mankind. When, as the children of God, we reach our heavenly home we will see him as he is and we shall be like him once again. For that we can only always say “thank you.”

May we see you all in church again soon with truly thankful hearts, for you have all been made beautiful by God.

Pastor Kogler

Women of Emmanuel

Our summer gatherings have been wonderful! In August, the women will be meeting at 9 am on Thursday, August 11th at Hudson Bagel for a morning beverage and social time. See you there!

Summer Preaching Series

Pastor Kogler will wrap-up the summer preaching series on The Ten Commandments this month.

Thank you Pastor Kogler, Pastor Vomhof, Pastor Mann, and Pastor Schwerin for the informative and enlightening sermons on The Ten Commandments utilizing Luther's Catechism.

Join The Parade!

The Pepper Fest Grand Parade is on Saturday, August 20th.

Please meet in church parking lot @ 9 a.m. to decorate the float before we head to our spot in the parade.

Wrapped candy (non-chocolate) is needed for the parade. Please place candy on a table in the preschool.

After church on Sunday, August 14, we will put labels on the water bottles for the Pepper Fest Parade. Please come and help.

Vacation Bible School 2016

August 16th–18th from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon
VBS entitled "Tasty Treats".

Teachers, teacher helpers, craft people, treat providers, and prayer partners are needed. So, please plan with us as we share the love of Jesus with our community!

K.I.C.K.

Kids In Christ's Knowledge

Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming Planning Meeting/Pool Party. If you have any questions about K.I.C.K., you may contact Christina Dobberstein.

Christian Education

Adult Forum, Bible Classes, Sunday School, & Youth Group/IGNItE are currently on a summer break, and will return in September.

Outreach Committee

We are now in need of a Chairman, and new members are always welcome as we work together to let the community know about Emmanuel Lutheran.

Upcoming event: North Hudson Pepper Fest Grand Parade.

Current meeting day/time is 2nd Monday of each month @ 1:30 p.m., but may be changed to accommodate schedules. If you have time and would like to serve, please speak with Pastor Kogler.

Other News

Welcome new members:

Ehlers – Len, Lona, LeeAnne, & Laci

Elling – Charles & Diane

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.

Linda Carlson will have her camera and be available at church on Sunday's in August to update your family picture for the church. Please contact Linda to make plans for updating your picture. Thank you.

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

Please find the Usher sign-up sheets on the table below the mail slots and fill-in your name when

available. If you have any questions about ushering, please speak with Don Benisch. Thank you!

Deadline: August 24th. If you have church information for publication in September 2016 newsletter or calendar, please send to church e-mail: office@emmanuelhudson.org. Thank you kindly, Trudi.

A Biblical Worldview by John Beck

Here's a summary of an interesting article:

DNA TRENDS CONFIRM NOAH'S FAMILY

When research biologist Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson plotted hundreds of human mitochondrial DNA sequences onto a tree diagram, the project revealed an obvious pattern: The mtDNA stemmed from three central "trunks" or nodes instead of just one. This suggests that the wives of Noah's sons' Shem, Ham and Japheth best explain this finding.

Mothers pass mtDNA to every new generation. It comes from the mother's egg cell and contains 16,569 chemical base pairs organized to encode vital information, like words in an instruction manual. Over many generations, a rare mutation

will occur along the way. That mutation will be passed to future generations via the mother's egg cell. Thus, future generations inherit that mutational difference leaving a genetic trail that can be traced back to one's ancestry.

Jeanson downloaded the DNA sequences taken from all major people groups and arranged them based on their mutated similarities. The result is a tree-like diagram depicting lines of ancestry. Jeanson's data show that the human mtDNA tree has three nodes. Thus, everyone alive today carries one of three unique ancestral maternal sequences. This obviously, fits Genesis' claim that all humans who exist today descended from one of the wives of Noah's sons'.

Interestingly, a calculation of the mutation rate and their differences over many generations reveals that it is very possible that our present generation comes into existence just about 4,300 years ago, and that is about the time of Noah's flood.

In short, if all peoples descended from three genetically unique mothers, then our mtDNA sequences should trace back to those three nodes. Those nodes should have about eight differences between them. Plus, a strict biblical timeline suggests 123 as the highest number of mtDNA differences that should be observed today. Thus,

all humanity can be traced back to Noah's sons' three wives –a striking intersection of biblical history and modern genetics.

This article, by Dr. Brian Thomas, M.S., in its entirety can be found in the magazine Acts & Facts, July 2016, pg 15. (A copy is in our library.)

WELS News

St. Croix Lutheran Alumni ALL 60s REUNION

August 12th @ 10 am

SCL graduating classes of 1962-1969 are invited.

Registration Deadline: August 4

www.StCroixLutheran.org/60sReunion

Employment Opportunity

Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one full-time Custodian and one temporary limited term Early Childhood Learning Center Assistant Teacher. Comprehensive descriptions of these positions can be found at www.mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 p.m. August 3, 2016. Additional information and details can be obtained by

contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221, ext. 399.

Youth Rally Impacts Teens

More than 2,500 WELS teens and their adult leaders gathered from across the country and the world to worship, study, have fun, and celebrate the one who has washed away every sin and who guides us forward in his holy name, Jesus Christ. The 2016 WELS International Youth Rally, a biennial event, was held June 28–July 1 at Colorado State University–Fort Collins.

The four-day event, organized by WELS Commission on Youth and Family Ministry, featured two keynote speakers and several educational workshops focused around the theme “Our God Reigns,” a timeless truth based on Isaiah 52.

The rally kicked off Tuesday evening with a worship service led by Rev. John Boggs, chairman of the Commission on Youth and Family Ministry, and accompanied by the band Koiné. “The whole rally experience is designed to meet the kids where they are at today. It is designed for them to have fun, to be edified, and to understand and cherish the truth that they are not alone, that they have brothers and sisters throughout this country who are involved in the struggle with them, who

know Jesus and share the truth and joy that they have in him. You see that in the worship, in the breakout workshop opportunities, and in the late-night small group reflection time,” says Boggs.

The rally’s mission is to provide teens and adult youth leaders with Bible-focused worship, education, and fellowship opportunities that deepen their commitment to Christ and the church. Here is what some of the rally-goers had to say about their experience . . .

Duke Backhaus, 18, from St. Paul’s, Tomah, WI says he was impressed by the presentations offered. “The workshops were amazing; I really loved them. They all pointed me towards Christ and taught me a lot. I know now I’m going to be a pastor.”

Emily Gage, 18, from Good Shepherd, Woodlands, TX explains what it is like to worship daily with more than 2,500 other teens: “It was awesome to praise God with so many fellow Christians my age and to know that everyone is here for the same reason.”

Hailey Becker, 16, from Faith, Fond du Lac, WI attending with 58 members of her youth group, says, “I’ve been thinking about going to Martin Luther College after high school, and this rally really helped me with that decision.”

Grant Kloosterman, 16, from Living Word, Gray, TN sums up his thoughts on his first rally: "WELS really is like a big family. It seems everyone knows someone and nobody here at the rally feels like a stranger. We all love each other. It was great to end each day with evening reflection time. It was a time to relax, discuss, learn, and listen with your youth leaders and friends on the incredible day we all experienced."

Also at the rally, Youth and Family Ministry introduced a new youth ministry program called "Transformed: Equipping Youth Leaders" to youth leaders. Duane Vance, a youth leader from Jerusalem, Morton Grove, IL attended the "Transformed" workshop and says the new program is fantastic. "The synod is launching an amazing program that is really going to give youth leaders a tremendous amount of content and resources to help them plan activities and to train teens to become positive role models and mentors." The program is scheduled to be released this fall.

Boggs says, "The young people of our synod are not just the future of our synod; they are the here and now of our synod. They need to be in worship and Bible study, and they need our prayers, support and attention now. The focus of the WELS International Youth Rally is to share God's

precious Word that speaks as much to them now at the age of 14-18 as it will as they grow older.”

The next WELS International Youth Rally will be held in 2018.

To view photos from the rally, visit [facebook.com/welslutherans](https://www.facebook.com/welslutherans) and Instagram @welslutherans.



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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship



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