



The Emmanuel Lutheran

October 2016 Congregational Newsletter

Upcoming Events

October 4, 11, 18, 25

Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm

October 5

Board of Education @ 4:15 pm

October 9

K.I.C.K @ 4:00 pm

October 11

Rally Sunday @ 9:00 am

October 10

Outreach Committee @ 1:30 pm

Board of Elders @ 5:30 pm

October 13

Women of Emmanuel @ 7:00 pm

October 15

Fall Cleanup @ 9:00 am

October 19

Church Council @ 6:30 pm

October 23

Quarterly Voters Meeting @ 10:30 am

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends and Members of Emmanuel,

As I was reviewing several Bible passages the other day, I came across one that seemed to resonate well in the present social political environment. It's from the Old Testament book of Isaiah, chapter 41:10.

"So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you? I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

In addition to the Bible, I read a magazine that's called the "New Yorker". In the September 12, 2016 edition, a book critic, Patrick Radden

Keefe, reviewed in an essay entitled “Young Guns”, a book titled: Wolf Boys: Two American Teenagers and Mexico's Most Dangerous Drug Cartel by Dan Slater. (Amazon \$10 +)

If you are concerned about teens in America, it would be worth your while to get a copy from the library, or perhaps coop in a purchase-to-share plan with other parents or interested parties. I have a copy and will be lending it at our church.

Please understand that I point this book out, as it is a commentary on how evil and wicked influences are at work in our world. And, that the radicalization of youth, evidenced recently in the Twin Cities, takes place to serve the causes of diabolic world views, and is not restricted to places far away and only imagined to be true.

The final paragraph in the critic's report brings us up to speed: “Cardona and Reta (the two teenagers in the book) are still young, with decades ahead of them for reflection. They may yet come to terms with the wreckage they have caused. In 2013, a team of psychologists at the

University of Utah published a paper noting that, while there is extensive academic literature on the indoctrination, rehabilitation, and post-conflict trauma of child soldiers abroad, there are few corresponding studies of American children drawn into gang violence. Perhaps they suggested, some of the research lessons gleaned from international studies could be applied to “the child combatants in our own backyard.””

For Slater, the story of Cardona and Reta is, at least in part, an indictment of American obliviousness: a parable about the mutant children, children of the drug war. When Cardona was sentenced in 2009, his lawyer pleaded for something shorter than a life sentence. “I don’t know what’s in my client’s mind,” he said, “I’m not Freud. I’m sure Freud would have a field day. I don’t know what the motivation was. We don’t know what makes him tick. No one seems to really care.” (The New Yorker, September 12, 2016 p. 77.)

With all the negative and destructive things that go on in our sinful world, there may be reasons for us to feel the temptation of Satan to wring

our hands in fearful hopelessness. So, it is that in our text, we are rescued from such realities by the comforting and powerful words of the only true God. While our anxieties are held at bay by the power of our gracious God, we do well to give ourselves to be active in the prevention of such ideas that would minimize, condone, or otherwise diminish human life as precious and shorten the time of grace God gives us to come to know Jesus as our personal Savior.

Sitting on our hands in smug inactivity is not the same as letting our voices be heard and using our energies, intellect, resources and time to combat the forces of evil and to preserve the truth of God among us. Folding our hands in prayer and joining our hands in unity of purpose and goal should be something we actively pursue. Casting a vote and being responsible for our political choices is also an essential part of Christian freedom and our freedoms as an American.

Please be comforted by the assurance of God and use your ability to read, learn and inwardly

digest the circumstances that surround us and within which we move and have our being.

May I see you all in worship!

Pastor Kogler

Church Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Please make plans to come and help with the Church Fall Clean-Up.

Equipment Needed:

- chainsaws
- tree removal tools
- trucks and trailers

Signup on the sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the Fall Clean-Up, please speak with Chris Hinz.

Copier Fundraising

With the purchase of a new-to-us copier/printer for the copying/printing needs of the church office and Joyful Noise Preschool, Emmanuel needs to raise roughly \$1,300 over the next few weeks.

Please place your gift in an envelope marked "Copier/Printer Campaign" and put in offering plate.

Any help with this is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!!!

Women of Emmanuel

At our 7 p.m. meeting on Thursday, October 13th, we will prepare "WE Care" packages to mail our member students living away from home.

We could use cash or items you think should be included like; gum, candy, stamps, cookies, granola bars, pens/pencils, Post-it® notes, stationery supplies, flash drives, warm socks...

Please place donated items on the table in the Fellowship Hall and mark them "WE Care".

Parents of students living afar please e-mail their addresses to Janet Kogler

Save the Dates

Ladies, put these two dates on your calendar:

Women's Fall Fellowship on Saturday,
November 5 at 9:00 am

Christmas Cookie Exchange on Saturday,
December 3 at 1:00 pm

Women's Fall Fellowship

WE invites all women of the congregation to a morning of fellowship on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

A light breakfast will be provided and our guest speaker will be Mary Sieh from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Burnsville, MN. She will share her story of faith in the Lord, unconditional love and forgiveness, and her rise from the brink of divorce.

RSVP to Leslie Stelling by November 1st. Thank you.

K.I.C.K.

Kids In Christ's Knowledge

Thanks to all who were able to join us at White Pine Berry Farm's corn maze.

Our next activity will be on Sunday, October 9th from 4-5:30 p.m. We will meet at church to make Luther Seals to decorate the fellowship hall learn more about why we celebrate Reformation.

Joyful Noise Notes

Joyful Noise Preschool has begun its seventeenth year of operation. This year there are ten 3- years-olds attending Tuesday & Thursday mornings and sixteen 4 and 5-year-olds attending Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings. Rachel Sternisha is our teacher's aide for the 3-year-old program and Lona Ehlers is our aide for the 4- and 5-year-olds.

These twenty-six children are learning the routine of school. We learned that God created the world with His almighty power and it was very good. We also learned why we need a Savior and that Jesus loves little children. Learning about the great flood, Abraham, and Joseph are in the future.

Skills of patterning, sorting and identifying letters and sounds have been introduced. Letters A through G have been the focus. Art, counting the days of the month, dressing our weather bear for the day, and learning to play together fill the remaining time. No time is wasted during our busy day.

Parent-teacher conferences will be October 18-20 in the afternoon and evening. The children will enjoy a short break on October 24. The month will end with a costume party on October 27 or 31 featuring the children's favorite non-gory or non-scary characters.

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 will instruct those interested in becoming new members here at Emmanuel.

Class time will be one-hour each Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. for 14-weeks. The book used for class will be WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

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

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!

October CC Schedule & Lessons

October 5

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: The Resurrection to Eternal Life

Catechism Questions: 258-264

October 12

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: Baptism

Catechism Questions: 265-274

October 19

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: Baptism

Catechism Questions: 275-284

October 26

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: The Lord's Supper

Catechism Questions: 285-303

Outreach Committee

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, October 10th. 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

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!

Choir rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Contact Ann Winkler if you have any questions about the choir.

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.

Send church information for publication for the November newsletter/calendar, please send to: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com or leave in the "Office" mail slot prior to noon on Thursday, October 27. Thank you kindly, Trudi.

A Biblical Worldview by John Beck

The following article is from;
creationmoments.com, 9.22.15

THE CRUEL GOD OF EVOLUTION

1 Corinthians 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Some people think that they can believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and at the same time believe God created through evolution. These people are called theistic evolutionists or progressive creationists. What kind of nature would a god have who creates through the death that is essential to evolution?

First, death would have to have begun from the very moment of creation. Death, disease, pain,

and suffering would have had to originate with the god. Long before man, according to evolution, dinosaurs were eating other dinosaurs, and entire species were dying out. Rather than loving us, such a god would be indifferent and capricious. The god that would use evolution to make living things would have no right to punish sin. He would have had no right to bring a worldwide Flood to punish sinful man. This kind of god would be nothing more than a bully. Such a god would not be likely to have given us his word. And nothing the Bible says about him could be true. If the Bible really is from him, it is full of untrue claims. Any god who created using evolution is not the God of the Bible. If you think about it, the god of evolution sounds surprisingly like the devil.

What's wrong with believing that God created through evolution over millions of years? Any god that uses evolution and death to make us is extremely cruel. More importantly, if there was no first Adam to bring sin and death into the world there was no need for Christ, Whom the Bible call the last Adam, to die and save us from sin and death.

Prayer: I rejoice, dear Father, because you are gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

WELS News

WELS DAY with Milwaukee Bucks

The Milwaukee Bucks are inviting all WELS members and their friends to the inaugural WELS Day with the Bucks. Mark your calendars and join us for the Milwaukee Bucks basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets on Sat., Dec. 3, 2016. Game time is 4 p.m., at the BMO Harris Bradley Center in downtown Milwaukee. The WELS group is invited to arrive early and watch the NBA stars during pregame warm-ups from some of the best seats in the house. Then following the game, all kids will have an opportunity to shoot a free throw on the Bucks court. Details for the exclusive pregame warm-up pass and postgame free throws will be announced closer to the game. Other fan experiences for WELS members are also being discussed and planned. Further details will be released in Together next month.

“The Milwaukee Bucks are thrilled to partner with WELS in hosting this family-friendly event and have identified a unique Saturday afternoon game to accommodate those WELS members traveling across the state and Midwest,” says Carl Mateau, senior director of ticket sales.

The Bucks are offering WELS members up to 45 percent off the price of tickets. All WELS members will be seated together in three seating levels. The pricing is Lower Level Corner for \$50/ticket, Upper Level Side Court for \$35/ticket, or Upper Level Corner/Baseline for \$20/ticket. All surcharges and ticket service fees will be waived for WELS members entering the promo code “WELS” in the access and offer box when purchasing your tickets online at www.bucks.com/buckspass.

“With the NBA season right around the corner, we are excited to have you join us and your WELS family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship,” says Mateau.

For more information and to purchase tickets in groups of 10 or more, contact WELS member

Josh Schedler at 414-227-2775 or jschedler@bucks.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is Fri., Nov. 11.

For NFL fans, the Michigan District is hosting a WELS Day at Ford Field on Sun., Oct. 16. Game time is 1 p.m. (EST) when the Detroit Lions play the Los Angeles Rams at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. Pricing is \$43 per ticket, and each WELS member receives a free Lions hat. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact WELS member Lucas Schroeder, 313-262-2164.

Special Ministries

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

The Commission on Special Ministries offers spiritual and other services to people whose needs are not adequately met by the regular ministries of WELS parishes, schools, and agencies.

WELS Special Ministries reaches out to individuals, congregations, and families to offer

specialized services and resources to address the special need(s) with which they are confronted. We serve people who are physically, mentally, or emotionally in need of special consideration in regard to their ability to learn, worship, and participate in local ministries and everyday living situations. We also serve thousands of people who are away from their church home, such as military personnel, people living overseas, and those in prison or some other institution.

MISSION STATEMENT: Special Ministries offers spiritual and practical guidance and training to congregations and individuals as they share God's love to those with special needs or in special circumstances.

Information from wels.net



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9:00 am – Sunday Service

10:00 am – Fellowship



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