



The Emmanuel Lutheran Congregational Newsletter

August 2017

August Events

14th @ 1:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
@ 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders

14th, 15th 16th @ 9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

16th @ 6:00 p.m. Church Council

19th @ 9:00 a.m. Meet at church for Pepper Fest parade

27th @ 10:30 a.m. Potluck Brunch

31st @ 6:00 p.m. Preschool Orientation

Pastor's Pen

Greetings everyone, Pastor Fred Kogler here from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hudson, Wisconsin. "A place for you!"

I recently underwent a surgical procedure that called for general anesthesia. In my case, it takes a couple of days for the effects to wear off so that I can focus, read, and sort through ideas as I commonly do. I recover bit by bit by looking at catalogs with lots of pictures. Then, I move on to articles in magazines, and finally, at least at this point, I've begun to be able to read and concentrate on things that are on the internet that are interesting to me.

One of the electronic magazines I happened upon is called "The New Statesman." It is the leading progressive political and cultural magazine in the United Kingdom. The article that caught my eye, was entitled: "The needs that make us human: 'To love, to be loved, to be accepted, and to be respected'". The author, Artist Alison Lapper, was born without arms and was denied the affection she needed as a child. In this article, she reflects on her experiences, and what they can tell us about humanity.

I was drawn to the four conclusions she presented because it has occurred to me that there is currently a great need among us for an evangelistic revival. I'm not talking about a "let's go down to the river and pray" event, a tent meeting, or the appearance of a new Billy Sunday, Billy Graham, or a charismatic televangelist. What I'm talking about is the need for young and old among us to hear over and over again that the God of the Bible, the only sovereign Lord is a loving and merciful God.

Our God-like image created into us from the very beginning and that is an innate part of each and every one of us is revealed and described in the Bible in terms that are clear. God is love, we are to love our neighbors, each of us is an individual to be accepted on the basis of God's grace and as his children we are to love and respect each other.

God puts it this way: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That's a beginning. Want to hear it again? Show up on Sunday! Until next time...God Bless!

Pastor Kogler

Vacation Bible School

August 14th–16th

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

VBS entitled, “Gone Fishing”

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!

Pepper Fest Parade

Please meet in church parking lot @ 9:00 a.m. to decorate the float before we head to our spot in the parade.



Joyful Noise Preschool

Joyful Noise Preschool will be starting its eighteenth year of operation. Our days of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. As of this writing, we have 10 students registered and have room for 5-8 more. The director and lead teacher is Ann Winkler and teacher’s aides Rachel Sternisha and Lona Ehlers.

A parent orientation meeting has been scheduled for Thursday evening, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. The first day of preschool will be Tuesday, September 5th.

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

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.

Outreach Committee

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

Women of Emmanuel (WE)

If you have questions about *WE*, please speak with Sarah Dahlke, Janet Kogler, or Leslie Stelling.

Christian Education

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

Mark Your Calendars

Rally Sunday – September 10

Weekday Bible Class – September 13

Confirmation Classes – September 13

Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

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We have been blessed to have Pastor Kogler serve here at Emmanuel for ten of those years!!!



During the past 10-years he has:

- ministered/pastored during worship, Communion, Confirmation, wedding, baptism, funeral, Advent, and Lenten services
- organized, put together, and then led Bible, Confirmation, & New Member classes
- made numerous hospital and home visits
- offered pre-marriage, marriage, and personal counseling
- led the Worship Committee, VBS, and other happenings
- contacted and met with prospective church members
- written monthly Pastor's Pen & other church-related material

- corresponded with members and prospects via letters, e-mails, and phone calls
- written, posted, and distributed inspirational videos on both Facebook and Vimeo
- represented Emmanuel by attending hundreds of meetings both at church and in the community conducting church business
- plus more...

All this as our part-time pastor. :)

Join the celebration on Sunday, September 10, 2017, in recognition of Pastor Kogler's 50-years of Public Ministry and his commitment to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with our Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Update Your Family Picture

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

Flower Chart

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.

Getting ready to move ahead!

If you wanted to win the Superbowl you would begin by lining up the resources and assembling the best possible team. If you live in Wisconsin, you know how that works when it comes to football. (Go Packers!) If you live in Minnesota, you get the picture as well. (Win Twins!)

When it comes to the church and extending the Kingdom of God, however, we know the stakes are much higher and the goal of victory is more elusive and sometimes very hard to achieve. In each case, it takes individuals who are capable, strong, trained, and willing to work together with others to move forward. (no room here for self-appointed bosses)

At the quarterly meeting of the congregation the need to take a good look at where we are and how we want to move forward was announced through Pastor Kogler's request that the congregation allow him to retire. Pastor has served Emmanuel 10-years, in the public ministry 50-years, is 77-years-old, and has recently experienced several physical problems. The members present heard and affirmed with appreciation pastor's request.

The date chosen for Pastor to preach a final sermon at Emmanuel and to distribute The Lord's Supper is the third Sunday in October (10/15/17). Until then Pastor Kogler is still our pastor in all matters related to the congregation's affairs.

The period of time between then (10/15/17) and when another pastor is installed is known as a vacancy. During that time the congregation may be served by a "vacancy pastor."

IF AND WHEN A CONGREGATION EXPERIENCES A VACANCY there is a process to be followed to help the congregation maintain its ministries until the vacancy is filled. Those processes have

begun. Since the pastor is called to be the spiritual leader of the congregation and serves as the shepherd and overseer of all the congregation's activities PASTOR KOGLER WILL CARRY ON HIS DUTIES AS IN THE PAST, and all the members of the congregation will be kept informed as the process of calling a new pastor unfolds.

Now that Pastor Kogler has officially indicated the time for his resignation and redirection, he has called the WELS District President, Charles Degner, indicating his plans. The next step is in the hands of the District President who will communicate with the lay leadership of the congregation and arrange times and dates for him to come to meet with the congregation about their impending vacancy.

Those meeting times and dates will have to be publicized as required by the congregation's constitution. The purpose of the meetings will be stated together with the location where they will be held. This information will be included in our service folders, newsletters and various electronic means.

Other Items of Interest

- If you have any extra plants or food from your garden please bring to church and place on a table in the Fellowship Room
- If you have church information for publication in the September 2017 newsletter or calendar, please send to church e-mail: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com. Deadline is August 23.
- 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!

- Please continue to bring your aluminum cans and place them in the trailer. When emptying the cans into the trailer, please make sure that the container you used to transport the cans isn't placed in the trailer as well. Thanks.

A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

by John Beck

The following article written by Dr. Danny R. Faulkner appears in *Answers In Genesis*, May 20, 2016.

PART FOUR: The Origin of Life: What are the Possibilities?

The origin of life has been debated for a long time. Basically, there are four possible explanations for the existence of life on earth:

1. Life on earth arose spontaneously.
2. Life on earth has always existed.
3. Life on earth came about through a supernatural act of creation by an intelligent Being.
4. Life was seeded from space.

The Multiverse

Enter the multiverse. The multiverse is the idea that our universe is just one of an infinite number of universes, collectively referred to as the multiverse. The proposal is that existing universes give rise to new universes all the time. Each universe in the multiverse has a finite age, but collectively, the multiverse may have always existed. In this sense, the multiverse is a return to an eternal entity. The multiverse has been invoked to explain a number of physical and cosmological difficulties. Just one of these problems is the origin of life. If the origin of life is so improbable as not have occurred in a

single universe of finite age, then increase the odds by positing an infinite number of universes, even though each universe has a finite age. The reasoning is that this still amounts to an infinite number of chances, which means that in at least one universe life will arise. It is not happenstance that we are in at universe, because we would not be here to contemplate this question if we were not. To most people, the multiverse idea seems desperate and just a wee bit crazy. But this idea has gained tremendous traction among cosmologists, astronomers, and physicists. They even talk of some sort of observational tests for the multiverse. They claim that early in the existence of our universe, other universes might have left an imprint. However, if another universe really could breach the barrier between universes, wouldn't that universe then be a part of our universe? Otherwise, that situation would seem to contradict the very definition of universe, the totality of physical existence. Ultimately, the existence of other universes, if they really are other universes, lies beyond the realm of science, because they are not a part of physical existence, at least the physical existence that we will ever be able to probe.

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Conclusion

Let us return to the question of the origin of life. Every attempt to explain life contradicts science. But don't feel bad about that, because science is a very limited practice. There are many things, such as the answers to moral questions that we cannot learn from science. Clearly, a Creator is a logical possibility (yes, this is a possibility, scientifically). If science cannot tell us the origin of life, then if we wish to learn about life's origin, we must look elsewhere. The first few chapters of Genesis are an account of the origin of life and everything else in our universe. We know that the Bible is inspired by God and hence is

authoritative and reliable. The few other possibilities briefly discussed here contrast with the simplicity of the creation hypothesis. This illustrates the futility of man's thinking that the Apostle Paul wrote about (Romans 1:21 – For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Ephesians 4:17-18 – So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.).

Part Four is the final article in The Origin of Life series.

WELS News

Cultivating Future School Leaders

Participants in the Commission on Lutheran Schools' (CLS) Apprenticeship Mentoring and Principal program met at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, Waukesha, Wis., June 20-22, to expand and hone their school leadership skills and repertoire.

About two dozen WELS educators attended between the principal and director apprentices and the leadership candidates. The apprentices are teachers who graduated from the WELS college of ministry, Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minn., within the last two years. As apprentices, they are getting additional training and mentoring having been assigned by the Assignment Committee as principals and early childhood directors. The leadership candidates are more seasoned teachers who have demonstrated the gifts for school leadership positions and participate in the leadership program to prepare for future principal roles.

The attendees participated in a module on school culture and climate presented by Cindi Holman, WELS Early Childhood Ministry national coordinator, and her husband, Mr. Jim Holman, director of Education at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Mr. James Otto, a principal apprentice serving at St. Matthew, Stoddard, Wis., says the value of attending the training extends beyond what they learn in sessions. He says, "The primary reason for being here isn't just to learn but to connect with the other principal and director apprentices."

The leadership candidates went through a book study on growth mindset and fixed mindset and how to continue developing their leadership gifts, along with the practical aspects of becoming a principal by getting credentials from MLC.

Mrs. Linda Baumann, a third and fourth grade teacher at Trinity, Jenera, Ohio, has been teaching for 22 years and serves as a mentor to teachers new in the field. She says, "It is valuable to go through the process of ministry development planning to help teachers of all levels of experience improve their instruction for the benefit of the students they serve."

CLS Associate Director Mr. Tom Plitzuweit says the program started to help meet the need for WELS principals in the schools. "There are people out there who have the gifts, and sometimes they need a little bit of encouragement to get into the principalship, and we know that strong schools need strong leaders. The challenge is finding these individuals and encouraging them to use their gifts for positions of leadership in their schools," he says. CLS Director Mr. Jim Rademan will address the synod in convention this August on the critical need for well-trained school leaders.

In addition to leadership training, CLS also has an active and nationally recognized accreditation process called WELSSA. In June, Plitzuweit was elected as the vice president of the

National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPISA). This is a two-year term, which will be followed by a two-year term serving as president of NCPISA. As part of the NCPISA, any WELS school accredited through WELSSA can receive state, regional, and national accreditation as an educational institution.

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