



Congregational Newsletter

February 2018

February Events

12th Board of Elders @ 5:30 pm

13th Together Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

14th, 21st, 28th Lenten Supper @ 6:30 pm, Service @ 7:30 pm

20th Women of Emmanuel @ 7:00 pm

20th Church Council @ 6:30 pm

Pastor Vomhof's Message

“Jesus took the twelve aside and told them, ‘We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again’” (Luke 18: 31-34).

During the month of February, we will enter the Lenten season of the church year and begin our journey in faith and in spirit to walk with Jesus as we review His Passion History. Jesus told His twelve disciples that He must go to Jerusalem where He will suffer many things at the hands of the religious leaders of His day, be condemned to die by crucifixion, but on the third day He will rise again from the dead.

We were the ones who sinned and deserved punishment for our transgressions. God in His grace took our sins and the punishment that we deserved to suffer, placed it on Jesus and had Him suffer the punishment on our behalf. The Bible tells us, "The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). As a result of His substitutionary sufferings and death Jesus has gained full forgiveness for all our sins, complete pardon for our guilt, made us at one and at peace with our God and won eternal life and salvation for us in heaven. His resurrection on Easter morning confirms this truth.

This Lenten season we will have special midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, beginning on February 14, the day that is called Ash Wednesday. February 14 is also known as Valentine's Day, the day that we express our love in many tangible ways to our wife or husband, to our children or our parents. "God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). What great love our God has for us sinners that He had His dearly beloved Son Jesus suffer and die for us.

The theme of our Midweek Lenten sermons will be, A Personal View of our Savior's Suffering and Death. Come and hear every Wednesday during this Lenten season what Jesus our Savior has done for us and for our eternal salvation.

Joyful Noise Preschool

The children in preschool are putting their whole hearts into learning this month.

We will be studying the miracles of Jesus during Bible Story Time. We are over half way done with our study of the alphabet. This month we are concentrating on letters R, K, A, M, and N.

Together Tuesday will be February 13 from 6-7 pm.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on February 14 with a party. It will be fun exchanging valentines, making special gifts, and playing party games.

We will be singing with the Sunday School classes on Sunday, February 25. The song will be "It's a Great Day to Praise the Lord".

Our class lists are beginning to fill for next fall as we open our preschool to the public.

If you are wondering about the activities the children are doing during the preschool day, visit the preschool Facebook page at facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson

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.

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

Women of Emmanuel (WE)

The February meeting date is the 20th at 7:00 pm

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

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 Fehlauer.

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

Sunday School

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

Confirmation Classes

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

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

Ignite Youth Group



Our Youth Group / IGNITE meets 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.

2018 Flower Donation Calendar

Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church. It is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. One might want to commemorate

- Wedding
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Memorials
- Personal milestones
- Gratitude for blessings received.

Other Items of Interest

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

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.

Special Prayer Request: We pray that since we are in need of a new pastor, that we remember God is in control and will meet our needs

Please visit our Facebook page Emmanuel Lutheran of Hudson also feel free to like us.

Upcoming WELS Events



Register now for the Healthy Marriage Event held March 9 - March 11. Registration deadline is February 9. After deadline subject to availability. Download the brochure and promotional materials at wels.net/event/healthy-marriage-la-crosse-wis/.



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

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.

Job Openings - St. Croix Lutheran Academy

Find out more at StCroixLutheran.org/jobs or call the office at 651-455-1521

Biblical Worldview by John Beck

The following article appeared in Volume 24 Issue 11 monthly newsletter of answers in Genesis.

98% Similar? Human and Chimp DNA

You have probably heard that chimps, our supposed closest living relatives, share 98% of their DNA with us. But are we really only 2% different from chimps?

When researchers compared chimp and human DNA, they ignored large mismatched sections totaling 180 million DNA letters (the bases). They claimed the remaining 2.4 billion letters were 98% similar. However, they still ignored certain types of differences within those 2.4 billion letters.

So only by leaving out the large parts of DNA in the comparison and ignoring certain differences did they arrive at the very incorrect figure of 98% similarity.

While we share some DNA similarities, that's no surprise. We're made of similar things like muscles and bones. It makes sense that the Creator used the same basic instructions throughout his creation.

At the same time, there are huge anatomical differences between apes and us. Humans also have a conscience, and a soul something no ape has, and we're made in the image of God

<https://answersingenesis.org/media/audio/answers-with-ken-ham/volume-127/98-percent-similar>

<https://answersingenesis.org/genetics/dna-similarities/analysis-101-chimpanzee-trace-read-data-sets-assessment-their-overall-similarity-human-and-possible/>

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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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