



The Emmanuel Lutheran Congregational Newsletter

July 2017

July Events

1st @ 9:00 a.m. Hudson Booster Days
Parade

5th @ 4:15 p.m. Board of Education

12th @ 1:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
@ 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders

16th @ 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service

19th @ 6:30 p.m. Church Council

23rd @ 10:30 a.m. Voters Meeting



Pastor's Pen

Greetings everyone, may the Lord Jesus abundantly bless you and those you love.

The other day while reading a newly acquired book (I'll tell you about that later.) I received a phone call from a very distraught mother. She had called to tell me that her 43-year-old daughter had just had a medical diagnosis confirmed and that she has cancer of the pancreas and liver. The mother had called to let us know and to request that we offer prayers in her daughter's behalf.

In a totally separate matter, I just finished reading a book about climate change and global warming that described in alarming detail the changes that have occurred in the data that reports how through reckless use of fossil fuels and carbon emitting gasses humans have wreaked havoc on our habitat and lost sight of what it means to be a good steward of all that God has given us.

(*Caring for Creation*, Hescoc/Douglas, Bethany House, 2016)

Still another book that I'm reading is: *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, (Michael Pollan, Penguin House, NY, NY, 2006, 2009). This book updated by Pollan in 2015 is the Young Reader's Edition an easy read, and tells what is really behind fast food meals and the meaning of the reading the labels on everything we take home from the grocery store and put on our dinner tables.

Another area of summertime reading has to do with the impact of Islam on America and what it means to accomplish through terror, fear, and human destruction. None of us like to hear about this subject, however, as Evangelical Christian Lutherans we do well to prepare and equip ourselves so that we may give an answer to anyone who asks us the reason for our hope for this life and the life to come.

You might say that for the first month of summer my reading diet has been that of pollution, poison, and persecution. I know that doesn't sound very interesting or edifying, but, I continue to read and explore the ideas of authors then and now so that I might be better prepared to apply the Truth of the Bible to our everyday lives. When I miss out on opportunities to share the love of God with you I feel incomplete. There's so much in the Bible to teach and share and such a great need for it to be done. Seeking help for teaching VBS anytime during the summer should be an easy matter. But more and more, we adults find it nearly impossible to take the time to train up the children and to prepare them for the years to come.

There is a need for teachers and helpers for this summer's VBS program. The dates are August 14,15,16 in the mornings 9-11:30 a.m. If you can help please talk to Mark Carlson and/or me. I really believe that we should not only teach our children about carbon footprints, eating and drinking proper foods and beverages, but mostly about Jesus. Can you help?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.

Until next time, God bless...

Pastor Kogler

2017 Hudson Booster Parade

Emmanuel is participating in the 2017 Hudson Booster Parade on Saturday, July 1st.

Please meet at the church at 9 a.m. if you'd like to be in the parade to handout candy, water, and VBS/Preschool information.

The parade start time is 11 a.m.

We need the following:

- candy (no chocolate)
- people to walk in the parade

Any questions about the parade please speak with Ann Winkler.



K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Knowledge)

We will not have a July activity.

We plan to start again in August or September.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Outreach Committee

New members are always welcome as we work together to let the community know about Emmanuel Lutheran.

Our church participates in two community parades during the summertime. The Hudson Booster Days Parade will be Saturday, July 1st and the North Hudson Pepper Fest Parade will be Saturday, August 19th. As we look ahead, our hope is to go further with our Outreach by passing out water & VBS invitation/Preschool information while walking in the Hudson Booster 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/IGNiE are currently on a summer break, and will return in September.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The next Voters Meeting will be on Sunday, July 23, 2017 following the Worship Service. Please make plans to attend.

Update Your Family Picture

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

Vacation Bible School

This summer, August 14th-16th, Pastor Kogler and Mark Carlson will be leading our VBS titled "Gone Fishing".

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

If you're able to help, please contact Mark and/or Pastor Kogler.

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 August newsletter or on the August calendar, please send to church e-mail: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com prior to or by noon on Wednesday, July 26th. Thank you kindly, Trudi ☺
- If you would like to receive church information from Emmanuel please send updated contact information to emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com. If you don't use e-mail, please leave a note in the 'OFFICE' mail slot with your updated information. Thanks! ☺
- Remember to wear a hat, put on sunscreen, and drink a cup of water every 30-minutes when you're outside this summer! ☺
- 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 THREE: 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 prospect that life is unique to the earth is unsettling to many scientists. That would leave the door wide open to the possibility that the earth has special status. In turn, that has theistic implications. But what if the best data, the best science, lead to that conclusion that there might be a Creator? Only extreme atheistic bias would preclude God's existence. It is no wonder that some scientists have concluded that their science tells them that there is no God—that was the assumption that they started with. Once again, we encounter the informal fallacy of begging the question.

The lack of the existence of life elsewhere, along with recognition of the extreme complexity of even simple life, and the fact that matter does not spontaneously order itself into complex machinery such as required by life has led some to posit the eternal universe. They reason that the probability of life arising spontaneously from non-life is vanishingly small, so small that life could not arise in a universe even billions of years

old. However, they believe that if the universe is eternal, then even an event extremely improbable as the origin of life eventually will happen, In a universe with a finite age, it is inconceivable that life could arise, but in an eternal universe, it is inevitable that life will arise at least once somewhere. Many people who believe in option four, that life originated elsewhere and was seeded on the earth, believe in an eternal universe. However, as previously stated, there are good reasons to believe that the universe is not eternal, not to mention God's revelation that He created the universe.

Part four/final article in this series will appear in next month's newsletter.

WELS News

WELS Night at Miller Park 2017

Brewers vs. Twins

Thursday, August 10, 2017

The Milwaukee Brewers are now selling tickets for the fourth annual WELS Night at Miller Park. Organize your group and plan to join us for the Milwaukee Brewers' game against the Minnesota Twins.

Time: 7:10 p.m.

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017

Mr. Steve Thiesfeldt, vice president of Martin Luther College (MLC) and former MLC baseball coach, has joyfully agreed to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Discounted Tickets: The Brewers are again offering WELS members up to 50 percent off the price of tickets. Seating will be along the first base line and in a block for WELS members.

Pricing:

Field Outfield sections 106 – 109

\$21/ticket

Loge Outfield sections 206 – 208

\$17/ticket

Terrace Reserved sections 409 – 412

\$9/ticket

The ticket service fee will be waived for groups of 20 or more if you contact Greg Souza at Greg.Souza@brewers.com or 414-902-4492.

Don't forget to get your WELS Night T-shirt!

The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, August 3, 2017.



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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service
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