



# Congregational Newsletter

## March 2018

### ***March Events***

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**8<sup>th</sup>** Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel @ 9:00 am

**13<sup>th</sup>** Board of Elders @ 6:00 pm

**13<sup>th</sup>** Together Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

**14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Supper @ 6:00 pm, Service @ 7:00 pm

**20<sup>th</sup>** Church Council @ 6:30 pm

**20<sup>th</sup>** Women of Emmanuel @ 7:00 pm

**29<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday service with communion @ 7:00 pm

**30<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday service @ 7:00 pm

### ***Pastor Vomhof's Message***

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“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.

They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (1 Corinthians 9: 24-25).

As I write this message, the Olympic Games are taking place. All the Olympic athletes have undergone a rigorous training and conditioning program for many months or even years so that they are in top physical condition. As they compete, they want to do their very best and to win a gold medal. In Paul’s day, they had track meets. All the runners ran, but only one person won the race. The winner received a laurel wreath and proudly wore the wreath on his head. However, in a few days the leaves withered and dried up because they were perishable.

You and I are running a race – God’s race. We have gone through a rigorous training program. We have heard sermons and Bible stories, attended instruction classes and have learned the basic teachings of the Bible. We have come to know and believe that Jesus is our only Savior from sin and the only source of our salvation. We have been properly trained to run God’s race that will lead us to reach heaven.

We may meet various obstacles as we run God’s race. We have three spiritual enemies – the devil, the ungodly people of the world and our sinful flesh who are tempting us to follow their sinful ways. We need to “watch and pray that we do not fall into temptation” and quit running God’s race. We must keep hearing and studying God’s Word, especially the Gospel that

our faith in Christ will grow stronger and we may be faithful runners in God's race to reach the finish line of heaven.

When we reach that finish line and our life ends, we believers will receive our gold medal – the crown of eternal life and of being in heaven with our Savior forever. May each of us “be faithful to our Lord, even to the point of death,” and then our Savior will give us the crown of eternal life – our Olympic Gold Medal.

## ***Easter Flowers***

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Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to decorate the altar for Easter. You may take your plant home following the service.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up by March 14th.

For payment, please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Easter flowers" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Easter flowers".

If you have questions, please talk to Michelle Rust.

# *Joyful Noise Preschool*

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Will March come in like a lion or lamb? Which weather will be most frequent? Will it be cold and windy or sunny and mild? The preschoolers will be watching the weather carefully. Maybe March will bring some snowman making weather. So watch for possible new "friends" near the playground.

During March we will be focusing on letters V and W. The children will be learning about the events of Holy week during Bible Time.

Spring break will be March 5-9.

Together Tuesday will be on Tuesday, March 13 @ 6.00pm. Let the messy activities will begin!

Registration for next fall is in progress. The 3-5 year old morning class has 6 out of 16 children enrolled. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please remember Joyful Noise.

If you are wondering about the activities the children are doing during the preschool day, visit the preschool Facebook page at [facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson](https://facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson)

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

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

## ***Women of Emmanuel (WE)***

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At the end of January, Women of Emmanuel gathered together on a Saturday morning and made tie blankets for Christian Life Ministries. Even though it was a small group, we made 8 blankets! The materials for the project were donated by Thrivent.

Four bags of food were donated in January to the Hudson Food Shelf. Thank you to those who brought in a donation. The next month for food shelf donations will be April, and we'll work on filling the box again!

A leader is needed for Group 3. This person is responsible for organizing the group when their service is needed for Lenten and Advent suppers. Talk with Leslie or Sarah if interested.

Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for ordering an Easter lily to adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. The lily is then yours to take home after Easter.

Dates to remember:

March 8th, Thursday at 9 am – WE get-together for coffee at Hudson Bagel

- This is an excellent time to just relax for an hour or so and visit with each other. Come and get to know each other better!

March 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 7 pm – meeting at church

- Time for planning ahead! How are you giving service to the Lord and church? Come find out where your help may be needed. Your ideas are welcome too!

Lenten Services at 7 pm with supper served at 6 PM each Wednesday during Lent.

- 3/7 – Potluck
- 3/14 – Group 3 serves
- 3/21 – Council serves

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the fellowship room. Sign up, if you can, to help with planning. If you forget to sign up, no worries, you can still come!

April 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter Sunday. Women of Emmanuel is organizing the egg bakes and set up for the Easter breakfast after the service. The rest of the meal is potluck. Check the bulletin board for what you could bring.

## ***Adult Bible Study***

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*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 *A Lutheran Looks at ... Mega Churches* by Andrew Bauer.

*Weekday Bible Class* meets in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Please join if you are able. We will discuss the Psalms this year.

## ***Sunday School***

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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

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

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

## Ignite Youth Group

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IGNItE, the youth group for high school teens, meets every Sunday after fellowship time for devotion/Bible Study or social time.



Think about going to the WELS International Youth Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio. Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>. The rally is June 26-29. It is a

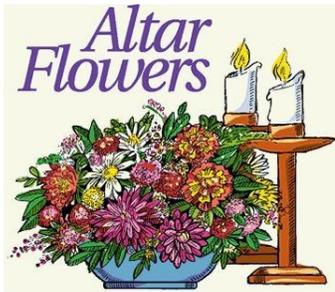
wonderful opportunity to:

- Meet WELS teens from across the country and around the world.
- Listen to speakers with a biblical perspective on timely teen topics.
- Gather information on colleges, ministries, and service opportunities.
- Experience lifting your voices in worship with 2,000 people.

Speak with Sarah Dahlke if interested in going.

## 2018 Flower Donation Calendar

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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

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**Deadline for church information** to be entered into the newsletter or calendar will be the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please email any information you would like to be submitted in the newsletter or calendar to: [emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com](mailto: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

## ***Upcoming WELS Events***

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**WELS International Youth Rally 2018** will be held June 26-29, 2018 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

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- 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***

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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](http://StCroixLutheran.org/jobs) or call the office at 651-455-1521

## ***Biblical Worldview by John Beck***

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The following article appeared in *Answers* magazine, January-February 2018, p.33

## THE DIFFICULTY OF REPRODUCIBLE LAB TESTS IN BIOLOGY

Science has an aura of infallibility in our modern culture. We get the impression that scientific experiments are failsafe when they produce results that can be repeated in different labs. But in biology, it turns out, such repeatability is not as easy as most people assume. No matter how hard researchers try to keep conditions exactly alike, it seems nearly impossible to do.

Highlighting this problem in an August issue of *Nature*, researchers told of their study on life-extending drugs years ago, which showed repeatedly that a drug extended roundworms' lives by as much as 67%. However, researchers at another laboratory were unable to reproduce the results, no matter what they tried. More recent studies run into similar problems, even within the same lab. Seemingly insignificant factors, such as how gently roundworms were transplanted from one Petri dish to another, can change the results. Other minor differences include whether cells are separated by stirring or gentle rocking, or minute differences in the content of distilled water.

Clearly, life is more complex than our simplistic assumptions often acknowledge. If tightly controlled experiments are difficult to repeat reliably, what does this say about biologists' claims about other biological topics that can't even be tested, such as the origin of life?

We need to be careful not to assume that science, any more than other human endeavors, is infallible. Bible believers can be sure that if scientific "discoveries" contradict the clear teaching of God's infallible Word, they cannot be true. Christians should always use discernment when evaluating scientific findings, no matter what they claim. We can rest assured that God's Word will always stand firm in the face of fallible human understanding.

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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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