



Congregational Newsletter

November 2017

November Events

8th @ 4:15 pm: Board of Education

8th @ 5:45 pm: Board of Elders

7th @ 9:00 am: Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel

11th @ 7:00 pm: Martin Luther movie night and popcorn bar

14th @ 6:00 pm: Joyful Noise Together Tuesday

15th @ 6:00 pm: Church Council

21st @ 7:00 pm: Women of Emmanuel at church

22nd @ 7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service

Pastor's Thanksgiving Message

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

As we approach Thanksgiving Day later this month it is fitting and proper that we give thanks to our Almighty God and bounteous Lord for all the blessings He has given us during the past year. What are some of those blessings that we have received? We think of our spiritual blessings – God's Word of

truth, our Christian faith, the assurance of forgiveness for all our sins, the certainty of eternal life in heaven, the confidence our prayers are heard and will be answered, and the comfort that we are the children of God.

We think of physical and bodily blessings – our life, our health, our strength, our ability to work and to carry out our daily activities. We think of our temporal, earthly and material blessings – our family members, our house with all the appliances and furniture, our vehicles, our job, our income, our smartphone, our computer and TV. We also think of our mental gifts and abilities – our intelligence, our knowledge, and our ability to think, to make decisions and to remember. This is a short list of the many blessings that our gracious and bounteous God has given us.

Our God is truly good, more than good. Why does our good Lord bless us so richly? The answer is because He loves us and not because we deserve or have earned these blessings. The Psalmist writes, “His love endures forever.” God’s love for us does not diminish, but remains the same every day.

May each and every one of us come to church to attend our special Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. and join our fellow Christians to thank and praise our bounteous God for all our blessings that we have received.

Pastor Vomhof

Joyful Noise Preschool

November is the time we think of bountiful harvests, crisp autumn days, and being thankful. The children continue to see how God protects and watches over us as we study Daniel in the lion's den, Jonah, and the three men in the fiery furnace.

Numerous activities are going on this month:

- On November 12, the children will have the privilege of singing "Let Us Sing for Joy" in the church service.
- Together Tuesday will be on November 14.
- The children will smile their best on Thursday, November 16 for Picture Day.
- A special Grandparent's Day will be held November 21 to honor our grandparents and show we are thankful for them.
- There will be no school on November 22 and 23 due to Thanksgiving vacation. This will give families a chance to give thanks by being together.

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.

If you have any questions about K.I.C.K. please speak with Christina Dobberstein.

Women of Emmanuel (WE)

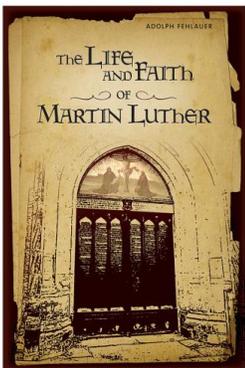
The October meeting was held Tuesday, October 17th. Upcoming activities and meetings were planned.

- The November WE-get-together for coffee will be Tuesday, November 7th at 9 am at Hudson Bagel. We are trying a week day morning to see if this time works for different people. Come if you can and enjoy some social time!
- The November WE meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st at 7 pm, at church.

- The December meeting will be a Christmas outing to the Bungalow for dinner at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 5th. All women are encouraged to come for a relaxing evening! Watch for a sign-up sheet so reservations can be made.
- The serving groups list has been updated and is on the bulletin board. A leader is still needed for the third group. Speak with Sarah Dahlke or Leslie Stelling if you are interested.

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.

Bible Class on the Life of Martin Luther



In our Sunday morning Bible class, we are studying and reading through the book "The Life and Faith of Martin Luther." The book describes the struggles Martin Luther faced before he learned the truth that a man is justified by faith and not by works, the struggles he endured after posting the 95 Theses on the church door, and how God guided him to formulate the teachings of the Bible, in a clear and concise way so that we can understand them today.

Sunday School

We will be continuing with the Christ Light Curriculum. If you would like to help with this program, please speak with Matt Dobberstein. 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. If you have any questions about IGNITE please speak with Sarah Dahlke.

We had a great time at our October game night! Let's come up with some more fun activities for the high school youth group to do. Let Sarah Dahlke know if you have something in mind.

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.

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

Getting to Know Pastor Vomhof

As your Vacancy Pastor, I am introducing myself to you to inform you of my past life and ministry.

Pastor Roger Vomhof was born April 8, 1940 in Red Wing, MN. He grew up on a farm near Goodhue, MN. He attended Northwestern College at Watertown, WI and graduated in 1962. After two years of training at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, WI, he served the Lord as a vicar at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in West St. Paul during the school year of 1964-1965. (This is the same church where Pastor Fred Kogler later served as pastor for many years.) He married Marjory Manz on August 7, 1964 in Milwaukee, WI. He finished his final year at the seminary, graduating in 1966.

Pastor Vomhof was ordained in the ministry on July 3, 1966 and has served the following congregations: the dual parish of St. Andrew's – Goodrich, rural Medford and St. Peter's – Greenwood township, rural Rib Lake, WI and the tri-parish of Grace – Burke, Peace – Carlock and St. John's – Herrick, SD. He also served St. John's – Fairfax, MN and the dual parish of Jehovah – Altura and Trinity – Norton township, rural Rollingstone, MN.

In 1999, he received the Call to serve as a Chaplain for The Lutheran Home Association, serving The Lutheran Home

Campus at Caledonia, MN; St. Michael's Lutheran Home of Fountain City, WI; and The Lutheran Home Campus at River Falls, WI. He also served as Program Coordinator for Jesus Cares Ministries. Pastor Vomhof retired from the pastoral ministry on June 30, 2010 after serving 33 years as pastor of congregations and 11 years as Chaplain for The Lutheran Home Association. He also served as Vacancy Pastor at Zion, Hokah and Immanuel, South Ridge, rural La Crescent, MN.

Pastor and Margie Vomhof moved to Baldwin, WI in September 2015. The Lord has blessed us with three children: MARTIN who lives with us at Baldwin, CAROL and her husband Jeremy who live in Rhinelander, WI, and STEPHEN and his wife Danlye who live at Chanhassen, MN. Carol and Jeremy have three sons. Danlye and Stephen are expecting their first child at the end of December.

Pastor's telephone number is 507-459-1986 and his e-mail address is revomhof@gmail.com.

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.

This year's theme is *Living to Soar*. Uplifted by forgiveness and powered by God's strength we can soar above the burdens that try to pull us down.

Isaiah 40:31: *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* -

Job Openings - St. Croix Lutheran Academy

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

A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Submitted by John Beck

A God Who Reveals Mysteries

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was

created that has been created. ...(10) He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. ...(14) The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-3, 10, 14 (HCSB)

John begins his gospel with the mystery¹ of the Trinity. One member of the Trinity, the Son, is here called the Word. At the beginning of time this Word was both “with God” and “was God.” How can the Word be “with God,” meaning being distinct from God, while also being God? That is a mystery which God reveals to us, and which we humbly accept as reality. We say God is one being in three persons, yet that really does not help us comprehend this mystery.

Genesis 1:1 reads, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Here God begins to reveal another mystery: How he created the universe and everything there is in it. Adam and Eve would not have known the world was only days old, unless God had revealed it to them. We know from many Scriptures that all three members of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) were active in creating the universe. In John 1, we see that “all things were created through” the Son, here called the “Word.”

Verse 10 tells the sad truth about the Creator who made heaven and earth: He was right here with us, yet we did not

¹ Here “mystery” refers to something hidden until God reveals it to us.

recognize him as our Creator or as our Savior. In Romans chapter 1 verse 18 and following, God reveals that our sinful nature rejects the Creator God and replaces him with false gods. Thank God he has brought us to faith, where now as Christians we trust God for both our earthly and our heavenly life.

Finally, in verse 14 God reveals that this Word is the Son, who “became flesh and took up residence among us.” Jesus is Immanuel² (meaning “God with us”), fully God and fully human. The dual nature of Christ (God and man) is another mystery which God reveals and we accept through faith.

Our Creator God is our Savior God. A God who is full of grace, that undeserved love for every person in the entire world. A God who is full of truth. A God who reveals mysteries to us.

We Pray

Dear Jesus: We praise you for creating us. You are God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. You are full of grace and truth. Your love for all people of this world is beyond understanding. We praise you for being the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen -MSB

<http://www.lutheranscience.org/home/180015283/180015283/180156768/2017%20spring%20Journal%20READ.pdf>

² 2 Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.”



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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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