



A monthly publication to keep members and friends informed of the ministry at Emmanuel.

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## Pastor Vomhof's Message

**“Therefore keep watch because you do not know the day or the hour”  
(Matthew 25:13).**

Christ our Lord told the Parable of the Ten Virgins, five virgins were foolish and five were wise, to teach us to always be prepared for Christ's coming on the Last Day of the world. The virgins were waiting for the bridegroom to come, but he delayed his coming. The five foolish virgins took no extra oil along with them and their lamps ran out of oil before the bridegroom came. The five wise virgins took extra oil with them. While the bridegroom delayed his coming, the wise virgins had enough oil to keep their lamps burning. When the bridegroom finally came, the wise virgins followed the bridegroom to the banquet hall to enjoy the wedding reception with him. Although the foolish virgins finally came to the banquet hall door, the bridegroom did not let them in because they lacked one necessary item.

What is the meaning of this parable? The bridegroom in this parable represents Christ. He has told us in His Word He is coming some day in the future, but He has not told us when He will come. In fact, He has said: “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the

Son, but only the Father” (Matthew 24:36). God the Father has set the day when the Last Day of the world will be and when Christ will come to raise up all the dead and bring all the living before His judgement seat, but He has not revealed the day or the hour to anyone. Therefore, every person needs to keep watch at all times for that moment to come.

The five foolish virgins in this parable represent the unbelievers. The oil in the lamps represents faith. The unbelievers don't have faith in Christ. They don't repent of their sins or believe in Christ as their Savior. When Christ, the Bridegroom, comes on the Last Day, they will be unprepared to meet Him and will not be allowed to enter heaven.

The wise virgins in this parable represent the believers. We believers know the Scriptures that tell us about Christ coming on the Last Day. During our life time we will come to church every week to hear the Law and the Gospel proclaimed because we know that the Holy Spirit leads us to repent of our sins as we hear the Law preached and strengthens our faith as we hear the Gospel message of Christ proclaimed. Therefore, we are ready and prepared to meet our Lord and Savior whenever He calls us out of this life through death or when the Last Day of the world comes.

The banquet hall in this parable represents heaven. On the Last Day when all people must appear before Christ, the Divine Judge, the unbelievers will hear Christ say to them, “Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mathew 25: 41). We believers will hear Christ say to us, “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world” (Matthew 25: 34). What a blessed and joyous day that will be for each of us believers!

The last four Sundays in the church year (November 4, 11, 18, and 25) are called “Sundays of End Times.” The Scripture readings and sermons for these Sundays will direct our attention to the last days of the world, to the signs, the distress and chaos that will exist in this world preceding the Last Day, the

resurrection of all the dead, and the eternity that believers and unbelievers will experience. May each of you come to church every week to hear God's Word proclaimed, be strengthened in your faith, and be ready to meet your Lord and Savior because you do not know the day or hour when Christ will call you out of this world through death or when the Last Day of the world will come.

## Month at a Glance

**4** K.I.C.K Event at Huths @ 4:30 pm

**7** Board of Education @ 5:30 pm; Board of Elders @ 6:00 pm

**8** Women of Emmanuel coffee at Hudson Bagel @ 3:00 pm

**13** Together Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

**14** Board of Outreach @ 5:00 pm

**20** Church Council @ 6:30 pm; Women of Emmanuel meeting at church @ 7:00 pm

**21** Thanksgiving Eve service @ 6:00 pm



## K.I.C.K. Badlands Event

KICK families had a lovely time in October at Badlands "Fall Family Fun and Pumpkin Patch". In addition to taking a hay ride to pick out their own pumpkins, KICK kids enjoyed making miniature hay bales, shelling corn to feed goats with the corn, watching a pumpkin launch, and using an apple sling shot. For November, both KICK kids and IGNItE youth are invited to the Huth Household for an afternoon of fun and games. This will include pool, ping pong, an array of board games and more. Parents may drop their youth off or stay for the fun.

November's event will take place Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m. with soup and a closing devotion. Please contact Rebecca Huth if you are hoping to attend.

## IGNItE Youth Group News

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



**There are still calendars for sale for 2019 for \$8. The calendar display is in the entrance of church or ask one of the teens. These calendars have beautiful pictures and a Bible passage for each month. It would make a nice Christmas gift!**

The teen youth group has been invited to join K.I.C.K. at the Huth house for games and supper Sunday, Nov. 4th at 4 pm. Plan on having a fun afternoon!

There will be no IGNItE Sunday, Nov. 18th.

## 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 keeps His promises and watches over us as we study the lessons about Joseph and Moses.



Numerous activities are going on this month:

- The children will smile their best on Thursday, November 1 for Picture Day.
- Together Tuesday will be on November 13.
- On November 18, the children will have the privilege of singing “Who made the Sky so Bright and Blue?” in the church service.
- A special Grandparent’s Day will be held November 20 to honor our grandparents and show we are thankful for them.

There will be no school on November 21 and 22 due to Thanksgiving vacation. This will give families an opportunity 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](https://facebook.com/joyfulnoiseHUDSON).

## Sunday School News

The Sunday School and Preschool will be singing the song “Who made the sky so bright and blue” on Sunday, November 18. Please be at church at 8:45 am.

## Women of Emmanuel News

- The October meeting was held Tuesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at church with 4 women present. Upcoming activities and meetings were planned.
- Thinking of You Halloween cards with a Caribou gift card were sent to our college students from Women of Emmanuel.
- Thank you for all the donations in October for the Diaper Drive for Christian Life Ministries. Check the newsletter for how we can further help those in need this month and share the blessings God has given us.

### **Dates to remember:**

- The November WE afternoon coffee break will be Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at Hudson Bagel. Come if you can and enjoy some social time!
- The November WE meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at church.
- The December meeting will be a special Christmas gathering on Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at church. It will be an enjoyable evening with a catered supper and festive activities. All women are encouraged to come! Watch for more information in the bulletin. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- There will be Advent meals in December at 6 pm before the 7 pm church service.
  - 12/5 – Sarah Dahlke's group serves.
  - 12/12 – Ann Winkler's group serves.
  - 12/19 – Potluck

Mark your calendars with all these events and watch the weekly bulletins for more details!

## Poinsettias for the Altar

Please consider ordering a Poinsettia to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. The poinsettia's will be ordered late November and placed on the altar starting in Advent. You may take your plant following the Christmas Day service.



There will be a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Payment method - please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Poinsettia" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Poinsettia".

If you have questions, please talk to Michelle Rust.

## Adopt a Family This Christmas



Emmanuel is going to adopt a family again this year!

We are working with Christian Life Ministries New Day Pregnancy Care Center which is located in Little Canada, MN. Many of families they serve are in need of the basic necessities...clothing, shoes, food.

Our church family at Emmanuel is going to adopt one of these families again this year and hopefully provide some of these needed items. There will be a Christmas tree in the narthex. Each ornament will have a "need" from our adopted family. By taking an ornament, you are agreeing to purchase this item for our family. You can bring the unwrapped item back to church – we'll have a box set up to collect them. Women of Emmanuel members will wrap the items and they will be delivered to Christian Life Ministries. Don't want to

shop? Please talk to Michelle Rust – you can make a monetary donation and she can make the purchase for you.

More information will be the December newsletter and in the church bulletins.

## Other Items of Interest

Items for the December newsletter and calendar are due Thursday, November 22.

Altar Guild: Julie Michaels and Michelle Rust