



The Emmanuel Lutheran Congregational Newsletter

October 2017

October Events

- 1st** @ 10:00 am: Discussion Forum & Congregational Meeting
- 4th** @ 4:15 pm: Board of Education
- 9th** @ 5:30 pm: Board of Elders
- 14th** @ 9:00 am: Fall Church Cleanup
- 17th** @ 7:00 pm: Women of Emmanuel
- 18th** @ 6:00 pm: Church Council
- 22nd** @ 10:00 am: Quarterly Voters Meeting

Pastor's Pen

Greetings Everyone,

THE TIME OF REDIRECTION

When I was in college I lived in a dorm. It was called East Hall. At that time, it was a pretty new facility and was a three-floored building that had rooms for two and four men each. The building had several rooms; a nice lounge for receiving guests, a laundry room, canteen, pool room, TV room, 6 common showers (two on each floor), and residents' areas for RA's, or tutors as they were called, to mention just a few.

We started a dorm council made up of students, monitored ourselves, and more or less behaved. If someone happened to have a little too much to drink and made a mess of the bathroom, every-one know who it was. As soon as it was discovered the perpetrator was roused from his bed, given an

ice cold shower, and made to clean everything up until it sparkled with cleanliness and smelled like the restroom of a 5 star hotel.

We were a small private college of men preparing to enter the public ministry and everyone was enrolled in the same courses. We were taught good study habits, had to achieve academically and in fact, were required to get 90% or better in Greek to pass. All this took place while we immersed ourselves in Latin, German, Hebrew, music, history, English literature, philosophy, science, and math. For three years, my schedule was to have 28-credit hours per semester as a remedial student. This was because a group of us had come from public school backgrounds. The washout rate was horrendous. In fact, of the 28 students in my public school cohort group, only two made it into the public ministry. In addition to the academic stringencies, we were all subject to the draft codes in place at that time and had to maintain a GPA to justify being classified as 2-D.

Draft Board 90 examined my grades every quarter to see whether I should be allowed to maintain my deferred status! What is more, our church body was in turmoil because of the discord between the members of the Synodical Conference! We lived in the era of war and the constant threat of nuclear attack, and as students, we struggled with theological questions, church politics, and the constant changes all around.

I had to work at any and every job I could to pay for my tuition, books, and expenses. In fact, my Dad was struggling himself to keep it all together. Over the five year period of my college days, he sent me \$1. Needless to say, he didn't think the public ministry was a worthy career, and, in fact, disowned me because of my choice. In spite of all of the above, those were some of the best years of my life. My roommate the 2nd year was an African-American with whom I had tons of fun. He used my electric razor and I 'borrowed' his aftershave. We played

pranks on everyone! My favorite passage then and now, was and is:

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Things aren't much better today! I feel a kinship with the youth of today who must deal with the same problems as I did, but who have many other new and different ones forced upon them. America and our global societies have changed. But the grace and love of our Savior God has not. For all of us, no matter who, where, and how it is, the Lord Jesus loves us all!

At this point in my life, I have moved through several phases. The first was an era of ministerial outreach and administrative leadership. Through more than a ¼ century of service, I enjoyed and embraced a very interesting and challenging lifestyle that included, preaching, teaching, parenting, mourning, and service on a 24/7 pace.

THE TIME OF 2ND REDIRECTION

Exhausted and needing to upgrade my knowledge base, I chose to redirect my life and energy to graduate level education. While studying with and teaching adult learners, then receiving another degree, I continued to serve the Lord and the church as a mobile vacancy pastor. Little did I realize how that would all play out. The Lord blessed and guided me as he does all of us. I am particularly happy to have learned to know and love so many more of His special people. In each case, I simply presented the Gospel to as many folks as possible in each venue.

I want to continue to encourage each of you who may read this to understand that it is the Lord who has given you life, covered you with His grace, and created your faith in Jesus. No matter what your next steps might be, you should be assured that the Lord is in control and He will continue to love, protect, provide for, and accompany you along the way.

Sometimes we will stumble, sometimes we may even take a direction away from Him, but be assured He will never leave us alone nor cease to call us back to Him through His perfect words and Gospel invitation.

So, now, may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

“Aufwiedersehen!”

Pastor Kogler

Meeting with District President

After the service on Sunday, October 1 a discussion forum will be held led by our district president, Pastor Charles Degner.

A formal Congregational Meeting follows the discussion forum

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The next Voters Meeting will be on Sunday, October 22, 2017 following the Worship Service. Please make plans to attend.

Church Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Please make plans to come and help with the Church Fall Clean-Up. If you have any questions about the Fall Clean-Up, please speak with Chris Hinz.

Joyful Noise Preschool

Joyful Noise Preschool has begun its eighteenth year of operation. This year there are eight 3-year-olds and four 4 and 5-year-olds attending Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Rachel Sternisha and Lona Ehlers are the teacher's aides. These twelve children are learning the routine of school. We learned that God created the world with His almighty power and it was very good. We also learned why we need a Savior and that Jesus loves little children. Learning about the Great Flood, the Tower of Babel, and David and Goliath are in the future.

Skills of patterning, sorting and identifying letters and sounds have been introduced. Letters L, F, E, H, T and I have been the focus. Art, counting the days of the month, dressing our weather bear for the day, and learning to play together fill the remaining time. No time is wasted during our busy day.

Parent-teacher conferences will be October 17-18 in the afternoon and evening.

Together Tuesday, formerly known as Messy Monday, will be October 24. The month will end with a costume party on October 31, featuring the children's favorite non-gory or non-scary characters.

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 grades. 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 serving groups list has been updated. All women of the congregation are in a group. This is a way to include everyone, mentor younger generations to serve the Lord and each other, and welcome/get-to-know new members. The groups take turns serving Advent and Lent suppers. Look for the revised list in your box.

A new leader is needed to take Janet Kogler's place. The serving group leaders are also the Coordinators of WE. They make decisions for the group, plan events, communicate to the women in their group, and organize to get a task done. Speak with Sarah Dahlke or Leslie Stelling if you are interested.

WE will meet at church, unless there is a special event, the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

WE will also have some coffee mornings.

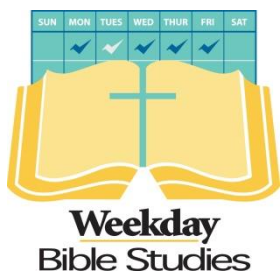
Mark your calendars for these dates:

- October meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m., at church

- WE get-together-for-coffee: Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m., at Keys Café
- WE get-together-for-coffee: Tuesday, November 7, 9 a.m., at Hudson Bagel
- November meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m., at church
- December Christmas meeting: Tuesday, December 7, 7 p.m., location TBD

If there is an event, fellowship activity, or project that needs organizing or help with, bring it to Leslie or Sarah so it can be discussed at the next WE meeting.

Adult Forum and Weekday Bible Class



The Adult Forum resumes September 10th and will meet in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. following the fellowship time. We will study the Church Year A lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday service.

The weekday Bible Class resumes September 13th and will meet in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. Please join, as you are able, our study of 100 Favorite Scriptures.

Both the Adult Forum and Bible Class are open to members and friends of the congregation. You may bring your electronic Bible readers, iPads, laptops, or whatever means you prefer to help compare translations and do research on the “Net.”

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes resumed Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Class A meets at 3:15 p.m.

Class B meets at 7:00 p.m.

October 4, 3:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: Fourth Commandment

Catechism Questions 63-78

October 11, 3:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: Fifth Commandment

Catechism Questions 79-86

October 18, 3:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: Sixth Commandment

Catechism Questions 87-98

October 25, 3:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lesson: Seventh Commandment

Catechism Questions 99-107

Ignite Youth Group



IGNItE, youth group for high school teens, meets on Sundays during education hour in the balcony.

Contact Sarah Dahlke with questions.

October Game Night will be Saturday, October 14th, 5-9 p.m. for IGNItE, high school age youth group.

There will be fun activities/games and pizza! Bring a game and/or friend along if you would like.

Location: Dahlke home

Flower Chart

Please locate the Flower Chart on the bulletin board and write your name in on the Sunday that you are able to provide flowers. You are welcome to bring your own or perhaps contact Florology @ 715.222.3899 for an altar arrangement, potted plant, or fresh arrangement at special pricing from \$20-\$30.

Other Items of Interest

- If you would like to receive church information from Emmanuel please update your contact information. Send e-mail to: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com or leave note in 'OFFICE' mail slot. Thank-you!
- If you have church information for publication in either the November newsletter or calendar, please send to church e-mail: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com. Deadline is Wednesday, October 25.
- Please find the Usher sign-up sheet on the table below the mail slots and fill-in your name when available. Speak with Don Benisch if you have any questions regarding ushering. Thank- you!
- 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. Thank you.

A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

by John Beck

(The following appeared on the website LutheranScience.org March 25, 2015)

ONLY 29% SAY RELIGION & SCIENCE ARE NOT COMPATIBLE

A survey involving more than 10,000 adults across the U.S., led by sociologist Elaine Howard Ecklund of Rice U., has found 70% of evangelicals saying they don't see a major conflict between religion and science. "Although many politicians and the media at large portray evangelicals as distrustful of science, we found that this is more myth than reality," she said.

According to the results of the survey, some 48% of evangelicals see science and religion as complementary to each other while an additional 21% think the two disciplines refer to different aspects of reality and are independent of each other. But some 29% of evangelicals think religion and science are in conflict. In the general population, 38% of adults see religion and science as complementary, 35% as separate.

Many of the evangelicals who see no such conflict still accept ideas that mainstream science rejects, such as God being the Creator or a young Earth with an age less than 10,000 years. Moreover, some 42% believe creationism should be taught in schools instead of evolution, compared to just 18% of the general population who agree.

According to Ecklund and her colleagues, just a few issues such as creationism are causing the perception that evangelical Christians are opposed to science. The perception of a conflict between evolution and creation may have been fueled by events such as last year's Ham-Nye debate. "As a Christian,

creation — really it's all or nothing. Either the entire Bible's right or it's all wrong.” one person said.

One major shortcoming in this story was the failure to define the term “evangelical.” If an evangelical is one who believes in Jesus Christ as his Savior from sin and yet doesn't accept the historicity of Adam and Eve and the original sin, might he sometimes wonder how sin entered the world or why humans should be blamed for their sins if sin is something that evolved naturally?

A second major shortcoming in this story and apparently also in the survey was the failure to distinguish between the two major kinds of science. As a Christian, a Bible believer and a creationist, I can come down on either side of the question depending upon which type of science is being considered.

If we are only talking about the kind of science referred to as experimental science, I would agree there is seldom a conflict between science and my religion or the Bible. Experimental science is the science which can make full use of the acclaimed scientific method because experiments can be observed and repeated and when necessary, revised. It is the type of science which put men on the moon, which has led to dramatic medical advances, and which has produced safer cars.

Conversely, the other kind of science, referred to as historical science, on several points such as macroevolution and the Big Bang, poses a problem for Bible believers. Because the events involved in secular historical science happened supposedly millions and billions of years ago, they obviously cannot be observed and full use of the scientific method is not possible. As an example, how can one really test the age of the earth? The radiometric dating systems used to date rocks rely on several assumptions which cannot be tested to see if they really lead to millions and billions of years as claimed.

In all honesty, creationist scientists also make use of historical science, but they have an advantage. They have the testimony of the One who was there when historical events such as the Creation and the global flood occurred. God should know what He was talking about in the Bible.

Assumptions, theories and even poorly constructed experiments can fall short of the truth. Thanks to God that we have His inerrant word. "God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19). And we are especially grateful that God has told us about the one true way to heaven, which is possible only through faith in Jesus, the Son of God, our Savior from sin.

Reference: Megan Gannon, "Most Evangelical Christians Say Science and Religion Can Coexist," Live Science [March 17, 2015]

WELS News

WELS Online Devotions

Transformed: Devotions connecting teens to Christ
wels.net/serving-you/devotions/teen-devotions/

Women's Devotions
wels.net/serving-you/devotions/womens-devotions/

Military Devotions
wels.net/serving-you/devotions/military-devotions/

Early Childhood Ministry Educator's Devotions
wels.net/serving-you/devotions/ecme-devotions/

God Willing, No Waiting in India

One-third listening; two-thirds waiting. Imagine you're teaching in a classroom and for every 10 seconds that you talk you have to pause for 20 seconds as your students sit there and wait for more. That means you're only teaching for one-third of the time you have with your students. And if you're a student that means you have to fight the temptation to drift off and zone out for two-thirds of the time you're sitting in class!

This is just a taste of the challenge we friendly counselors in India face with our students for each seminary class we teach. There are 22 official languages in India. The students at the CELM Seminary primarily come from the regions of Andhra Pradesh (and Telangana) and Madhya Pradesh, where the primary languages are Telugu and Hindi, respectively. Since our students come from the lower, Christian castes their English level is often not very high. This means that, if we want to teach them about being shepherds for God's flock, the English sentences we speak have to be translated into both Telugu and Hindi for each class. One-third listening; two-thirds waiting.

Two-thirds listening, or even one-hundred per-cent listening in a second language? The friendly counselors and their wives try to overcome this great challenge in a few ways. One way is by offering English classes. Teaching English to the students slowly increases that 1:2 listening to waiting ratio over their time at the seminary. And God willing, by the last few years of classes they'll be able to learn in English-only classes. While it would still be using their second and not native language, it does give our counselors more class time to teach them God's Word. This also allows the students to use the numerous English resources available for Bible study and to converse more with the counselors on a deeper personal level.

One-hundred percent listening to a non-native speaker? Conversing with the students both on a personal level and in class without a translator is the ideal situation for the friendly counselors. Because of this, the counselors are also in the process of learning the Indian languages. While this presents its own immense challenges, it provides another opportunity to improve that one-third listening amount. It also equips the counselors to respond better to questions asked in class and during study periods.

One-hundred percent listening to a native speaker? That's the goal. In order to get there the seminary is using a method that has already been mentioned: providing in-class translators. How does that overcome the current listening-to-waiting ratio? If members of our national faculty do the translating then it allows the seminary to transition better to national-led classes in the future. The faculty members doing the translating are then, in essence, auditing the classes and preparing themselves to teach the class in the future. This naturally leads to the ultimate goal: seminary classes in India being led and taught by Indians. One-hundred percent listening; no time waiting.

With God's help, the friendly counselors in India are overcoming the three-language challenge more each year. Once one-third listening becomes one-hundred percent listening, the Lutheran pastors in India will become more effective pastors and evangelists. That means not only will there be more listening and learning in the CELM seminary, but someday there will be even more voices singing and praising God in heaven whatever their language on earth may have been.

Brock Groth, Friendly Counselor to India
From: wels.net

Reformation Milestone: Celebration and Repentance

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them”; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: “In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years.”

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10:00 a.m. – Fellowship

10:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Sunday School, & Youth/IGNITE



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