



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

Pastor Holub's Message

TOO SMALL, TOO WEAK!?

“But Lord,” Gideon asked, “how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” JUDGES 6:15

Many of us recall the story of Gideon. It is recorded in Judges, chapters 6 and 7. This would be a good time to review those verses. Gideon was called by God to defeat the invading Midianites. From his weakest clan in the Manasseh tribe Gideon mustered a “mere 32,000 men” to take on the hordes of the enemy. Through attrition directed by God, Gideon was left with a paltry 300 trumpeting, fire carriers. Through this handful of men the Lord orchestrated a great massacre among the fleeing Midianites.

This story is timely because after years of hand wringing it is time for Emmanuel to seize the moment and “muster the troops” to see if the Lord might give us a full time pastor. The leaders of Emmanuel have resolved to approach our members to find if God’s people can see their way to do what is financially necessary to make it happen. Your congregational leaders are confident this stretch of faith is more than possible. As your vacancy pastor only these few weeks, I too see the potential. Minnesota District officials have been made aware of this effort that is underway. They are encouraged by the stirrings among us, and would love to assist in calling a pastor in the months ahead.

Emmanuel has a wonderful physical plant in a growing neighborhood of the community. Faithful volunteers are keeping our facility clean and in order inside and out. Scheduled for October 1st is a fresh look for our parking lot with resealing and striping. We have in place a preschool ministry reaching out to the young families of Hudson. Now the MOMs organization using our building will further raise our visibility in the community. Most importantly, we have the precious means of grace in Word and Sacrament to share with souls waiting to be claimed for God and nurtured unto eternal life.

Now is not the time to ask, "How can we afford a full time pastor? We are much weaker than the average WELS congregation, and there is not much I personally can do." Let's put behind any "pity us" attitude and each give solemn contemplation to what our part could be to make a full time pastor possible. This will be a wonderful exercise of faith for Emmanuel. May the Lord bless this effort!

Dearest Jesus, we are not much more than the ninety and nine You speak about in Your one parable. We thank and praise You for the care you have given our little flock throughout our years of existence. Faithful retired pastors have served us well in the years past and full time pastors before them. We have had and still are blessed with God fearing leaders. We want to reach out to that hundredth sheep to be claimed for You - and many more beyond. Stir our hearts to rise up to meet the challenge to finance the restoration to a full time pastor. Your will be done! Amen!

Month at a Glance

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

6 Church Leadership Workshop at St. Croix Lutheran @ 8:00 am



- 9** Together Tuesday @ 6:00 pm
- 10** Board of Outreach @ 5:00 pm
- 11** Women of Emmanuel coffee at Hudson Bagel @ 3:00 pm
- 13** Church Clean up @ 9:00 am
- 14** K.I.C.K Event at Badlands in Hudson @ 1:30 pm
- 16** Women of Emmanuel meeting at church @ 7:00 pm
- 17** Church Council @ 6:30 pm
- 21** Mission and Ministry Festival - Cantabile Singers will enrich our worship;
Quarterly Voter's Meeting @ 10:30 am
- 24** No Catechism at church. Parents begin homeschooling lessons until
Christmas

K.I.C.K. Badlands Event

We want to thank the Rust family for providing a fun pool party at their home last month for our KICK (Kids in Christ's Knowledge) program. The kids had a blast as well as the parents!

Our October KICK event will be held at the Badlands in Hudson for a pumpkin patch, hay rides and more at 1:30 pm on Sunday the 14th. The cost is \$10 per person. The youth of our congregation are invited. Any questions or suggestions please ask Erica Schubert or Rebecca Huth.

Ignite Youth Group News

IGNITE is Emmanuel's youth group for high school teens. We are meeting every Sunday at 10:30 am in the balcony. Each Sunday we will have a devotion or Bible Study, movie, or game time.



October Game/Movie Night is planned for Saturday, October 27th, 5-9 p.m. There will be games, movie and pizza! Bring a friend along if you would like.

Joyful Noise Preschool

Joyful Noise Preschool has begun its nineteenth year of operation. This year there are four 3-year-olds and seven 4-year-olds attending Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Rachel Sternisha and Lona Ehlers are the teacher's aides.



These eleven 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, and the tower of Babel 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.

Together Tuesday will be October 9 from 6-7pm. This is a time when parents and children can play together, families begin to socialize with other families and teachers can get to know families in a different setting.

The teachers will attend an early childhood workshop sponsored by and held at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) on Saturday, October 20. The focus will be teaching the strong-willed child.

Parent-teacher conferences will be October 24-25 in the afternoon and evening. The month will end with a costume party on October 31 featuring the children's favorite non-gory or non-scary costumes.

Women of Emmanuel News

The leaders for Women of Emmanuel are Sarah Dahlke and Ann Winkler. They are also the leaders for the 2 serving groups. **The Serving Groups List has been updated and is on the bulletin board and will be in your mailbox.** 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 or fellowship meals.

Dates to Remember:

- October meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m., at church
- WE get-together for afternoon coffee break: Thursday, October 11, 3 p.m., at Hudson Bagel (**Note the new time!!)
- November meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 7 p.m., at church.

Instead of collecting for the Food Shelf in October, Women of Emmanuel is collecting baby diapers (any size) and wipes for Christian Life Ministries New Day Pregnancy Care Center. These are things that are always on their wish list. The box for donations will be out through October 28th.

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

Other Items of Interest

Pastor Vomhof resumes worship and Bible class leadership from October 28 until December 23. Pastor Vomhof will also visit our shut ins and conduct Thanksgiving Eve and December Wednesday Advent Services.

In emergency or for hospital visit, please contact Circuit Pastor Clayton Welch.

Items for the November newsletter and calendar are due Monday, October 22.

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