



# The Emmanuel Lutheran Congregational Newsletter

September 2017

## *September Events*

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**5th:** Preschool begins a new school year @ 9:00 am

**10th:** Rally Sunday and Pastor Kogler's 50 years in Ministry  
Recognition/Celebration

**13th:** Weekday Bible Class resumes @ 10:30 am; Confirmation  
Classes resume @ 3:15 pm and 7:00 pm

**11th:** Outreach Committee @ 1:30 pm; Board of Elders @ 5:30  
pm

**19th:** Women of Emmanuel @ 7:00 pm

**20th:** Board of Education @ 4:15 pm; Church Council @ 6:00 pm

## *Pastor's Pen*

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Greetings everyone and special blessings to each of you!

Everywhere I turn I hear discussions about the startup of a new school year. School supplies, back to school outfits, the transportation issues that are ever present, and above all wondering out loud about teachers for this year and what they will be like.

Sunday, September 10th is Rally Day... Sunday School begins that day for 3-14-year-old students as well as all the other

activities. As I look at the Bible class schedule and confirmation program at Emmanuel I'm aware that this will be my 72nd year of uninterrupted school attendance! (K-graduate as a student; not to mention being a teacher of all ages for the last 50 years!)

I love to learn and teach. In September, it starts all over again. I'm getting excited about that, I've worked out the lesson plans, the calendars for each level are worked out, and I'm checking over the list of students that I might have to begin the year.

In addition to my part, and those of the teachers who help, there is an awesome responsibility for those who are Christian parents. Through God's words we gain an understanding that God is the one who gives the gift of knowledge- that is an understanding or awareness of something. The Lord however, grants knowledge to those who have an honest relationship with him. This collection of Bible verses give insights to the value of knowledge and the path to gaining it.

Proverbs 2:6: For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 1:7: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 19:2: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Proverbs 18:15: The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Proverbs 15:14: The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

Proverbs 2:1-2: 1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—

Psalm 119:66: Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.

Proverbs 1:29: since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD.

Isaiah 11:2: The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

Proverbs 20:15: Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.

The traditional African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child” has been widely quoted when examining the partnerships required during the maturation of our youth. Our “village” has never been more necessary than it is today. We live in a face-paced, instant information, and pressure-packed world. Today’s children are faced with a myriad of both challenges and opportunities. Navigating parenthood can be a daunting under-taking – partnerships and supports are welcome and necessary to prepare our students for tomorrow. (Connected Principles: Sharing. Learning. Leading. 8-21-2017) This blog is the shared thoughts of school administrators that want to share best practices in education. All of the authors have different experiences in education but all have the same goal; what is best for students.

What is missing from this fine example of “godless humanism” is that no matter how wonderfully sounding this advice sounds it lacks the most important 1/3 of the psyche of all children, i.e.; their human spirituality. A further thought on this matter is the one that says “Oh, yes, religion, even spirituality is important. But to go further is inappropriate and unnecessary.” Such a statement and attitude could not be further from the truth. Biblical Christianity is the one and only religion to be taught,

practiced, and instilled in the hearts and minds of the children and their parents.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12 (KJV)

So we are to train up our children to know and love Jesus as their Savior and Friend.

May we join our efforts to do so again this year!

Pastor Kogler

## ***Joyful Noise Preschool***

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Joyful Noise Preschool begins its 18th year of operation with 8 three-year-olds and 4 four-&-five-year-olds enrolled.

A parent orientation meeting will be held on Thursday evening, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. The first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 5th. The class meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m.

Ann Winkler is the teacher/director. The teacher assistants are Rachel Sternisha and Lona Ehlers.

“Like” us on Facebook to follow important up-dates and information. The e-address is [facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson](https://facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson).

We are looking forward to an exciting year of new adventures, friendships, and knowledge. Please keep the school, the teachers, and the children in your prayers.

## ***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. Please let me know if you would be willing to help with an activity.

We would like to thank Kevin & Michelle Rust for hosting the pool party in August. Our group appreciates the support of the members of Emmanuel for making this group possible.

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

## ***Outreach Committee***

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Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th @ 1:30 p.m. If you would like to help on this committee with insight and ideas to promote church growth, please speak with Pastor Kogler and make plans to attend the meeting.

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

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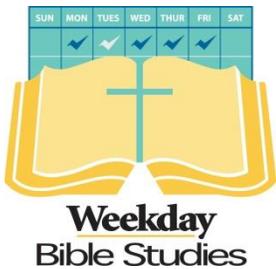
September meeting for Women of Emmanuel (WE) will be Tuesday, September 19th at 7 p.m. We will meet at Sarah Dahlke's house.

Let's get together and do some talking and a little planning for WE. All women of the congregation are invited to come!

## ***Adult Forum and Weekday Bible Class***

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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***

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Confirmation Classes resume Wednesday, September 13.

Class A meets at 3:15 p.m.

Class B meets at 7:00 p.m.

## ***Rally Sunday***

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Rally Sunday is September 10, 2017. Adult Forum, Sunday School, & Youth/IGNITE classes begin @ 10:30 a.m.

## ***Sunday School News***

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Sunday School resumes on September 10th. We will be continuing on with the Christ Light Curriculum. If you would like

to help with this program please speak with Matt Dobberstein or Mark Carlson and please keep us in your prayers.

## ***Ignite Youth Group***

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Our Youth Group/ IGNITE will start meeting on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. starting September 10th. If you have any questions about IGNITE please speak with Sarah Dahlke.

## ***Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry***

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We have been blessed to have Pastor Kogler serve here at Emmanuel for ten of those years!!!

During the past 10-years he has:

- ministered/pastored during worship, Communion, Confirmation, wedding, baptism, funeral, Advent, and Lenten services
- organized, put together, and then led Bible, Confirmation, & New Member classes
- made numerous hospital and home visits

- offered pre-marriage, marriage, and personal counseling
- led the Worship Committee, VBS, and other happenings
- contacted and met with prospective church members
- written monthly Pastor's Pen & other church-related material
- corresponded with members and prospects via letters, e-mails, and phone calls
- written, posted, and distributed inspirational videos on both Facebook and Vimeo
- represented Emmanuel by attending hundreds of meetings both at church and in the community conducting church business
- plus more...

All this as our part-time pastor. :)

Join the celebration on Sunday, September 10, 2017, in recognition of Pastor Kogler's 50-years of Public Ministry and his commitment to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with our Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## ***Flower Chart***

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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***

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- The church office e-mail address is: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com. 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. Thanks.
- If you have any extra plants or food from your garden please bring to church and place on the banquet table in the Fellowship Hall.
- If you have church information for publication in either the October 2017 newsletter or the calendar, please send it to church e-mail: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com. Deadline is September 21.
- Please find the Usher sign-up sheets 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!
- 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***

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by John Beck

This article appeared on page 42 of the July-August 2017 edition of Answers Magazine.

## A CHURCH WITHOUT GOD

Humanists have begun holding church-like services under the guise of creating a better sense of community. During a nonreligious service, attendees sing together, listen to messages, and observe the holidays that do not involve God, all while celebrating a belief in the power of humanity.

The leaders of these gatherings, or clergy, don't talk about God (whom they don't believe in) but still recognize the human need for gatherings and the value of encouraging moral behavior. A group of these clergy have met together for the first time and believe their movement will soon experience historic growth.

They cite Millennials' need for community but simultaneous rejection of faith in God.

In 1972 only 5% of young people said they didn't have a religion, whereas today the number is at 25% and growing. A small but growing portion of this group identify as outright atheists or agnostics.

Amanda Poppei leads a 73-year-old humanist congregation in Washington State. She says she believes Millennials are searching for community instead of religion.

Poppei points to an example of this need for community. A woman in early thirties who had called herself atheist all her life never thought she was missing anything. Then she got sick and no one brought her a casserole. So she visited the group, and "Now that she's in an Ethical Culture Society, she knows where that supportive casserole will come from."

How interesting. The Creator clearly designed us as relational beings, made to commune with each other and with our Creator. The church is the ideal institution to display that community. When humanists imitate the church, they

unwittingly give testimony to the Creator's grand design while tragically missing the heart of that design, communion with him.

## **WELS News**

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### 64th BIENNIAL SYNOD CONVENTION

#### OUR GREAT HERITAGE

A beautiful church packed with more than 700 booming voices all passionately singing out "A Mighty Fortress" set the tone for WELS' 64th biennial synod convention. The theme for this year's convention is "Our Great Heritage," a distinctive Lutheran nod to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation being celebrated by Christians around the world this year. "Our Great Heritage" reminds convention delegates and attendees that our faith is rooted in the teachings of Martin Luther, whose mission was to teach Christians of his day, and for centuries after, that the Bible is the only true Word of God.

WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder presided over the opening worship service, Monday, July 31st, at St. Mark's in Watertown, WI. Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, Faith, Sharpsburg, GA, served as preacher, delivering a sermon reflecting on Martin Luther's famous statement, "Here I stand."

"If we can be known as the church that proclaims radical grace, that's an excellent thing because that's where the church has stood and I hope that's where we stand in the next 500 years," he says. "The privilege of being able to speak to the convention and being asked to share God's Word with them, especially on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it was a wonderful honor."

President Schroeder presented his "President's Report" Tuesday morning. After discussing the state of the synod and how WELS ministry reflects principles of our Lutheran heritage, he concluded: "As we mark 500 years of the Lutheran Reformation, we pray that God will move us to rededicate ourselves to the biblical truths that God so graciously restored to his church and which he has passed down to us as the heirs of that Reformation. In every sermon preached, in every Bible class taught, in every opportunity to share what we believe, may he enable us to know and confess that we are saved by God's grace alone, that we receive that blessing through faith alone, and that we are sure of that truth because of Scripture alone. Holding on to that heritage, we will by God's grace be permitted to share in the glorious privilege of serving as his witnesses, and we will have the joy of passing that heritage down to the next generations of God's people."

Continuing with the theme, Prof. John Brenner read the convention essay. He titled it "God's Word is our great heritage." Brenner says, "Through the Reformation, God delivered some really tremendous gifts to his people, but Lutherans really have not always retained those gifts as other Christians, including Old Testament people, didn't either. So I wanted to emphasize how great our heritage is and the fact because it's that great, we want to do everything in our power to preserve it, but then also to share it."

This is the second synod convention essay that Brenner had the privilege to present. He teaches systematic theology, Christian doctrine, and church history at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI, where he's served for 26 years.

## A GROWING LUTHERAN FAMILY

On Tuesday, the synod in convention had the joy of officially welcoming three Lutheran synods from around the world into our fellowship.

All three synods were unanimously voted into fellowship with a standing ovation. Representing the synods were Rev. Dr. Kebede Yigezu from the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia (LCE), Rev. Titus Tse from South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission (SALEM) in Hong Kong, and two pastors from the East Asia Lutheran Synod.

After growing up in a Christian church in Ethiopia and having an opportunity to study at a Lutheran seminary in the U.S., Kebede knew he wanted to take the solid Bible-based doctrine back with him to Ethiopia. He founded the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia in 2012 and, at the same time, added a seminary, the Maor Theological College, so that he can teach other Christian pastors, in addition to Lutheran pastors, the pure Word of God.

Today, the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia has nearly 400 members and has already seen graduates from its seminary. Kebede says the declaration of fellowship is a historic moment for the LCE. "It is by God's grace and we are very happy; it is meaningful for us because faithful-ness to Scripture is a very important matter of life and death. Jesus says 'If you hold to my teaching . . .' So, faithfulness to what he says, what the Scriptures say from Genesis chapter 1 to the last chapter of Revelation, is very important. We are very happy because we know that WELS is faithful to the Scriptures and is a confessional Lutheran church."

The East Asia Lutheran Synod was established in February 2017. It was formed from five Lutheran groups and has 280 baptized members. The synod is just getting started but is already looking ahead to how it can expand and grow as well as begin international mission work. One of the pastors said, "It's a numerous number of people who come to convention, and it's a blessing to see there's a huge church group at our back to support our church even though we are very far away and in a very different situation."

Rev. Titus Tse from the South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission in Hong Kong attended the convention to participate in the declaration of fellowship on behalf of SALEM. Founded in 1977, SALEM has 10 congregations and six pastors. The synod's history is tied closely to Asia Lutheran Seminary, the WELS ministerial training school located in Hong Kong. Tse said, "We recognize that it's important that we're keeping the faith, and we can share with future generations the importance of keeping the faith because of this relationship with WELS, a church that shares our faith." To learn more about all of WELS' sister synods around the world, visit [celc.info](http://celc.info). All convention documents and resources can be found at [wels.net/2017synodconvention](http://wels.net/2017synodconvention).

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## ***St. Croix Lutheran Academy (SCL)***

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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.

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."

## ***Special Screening of “A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy”***

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As part of the 500-year anniversary celebration of Martin Luther hanging the 95 theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg which sparked the Reformation, St. Croix Lutheran Academy will be hosting a special one-time screening of “A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy”. Join us on Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are free and offered on a first-come, first-served basis (340 seats available). Reserve your tickets online at [www.StCroixLutheran.org/MartinLuther](http://www.StCroixLutheran.org/MartinLuther).

## ***Job Openings - St. Croix Lutheran Academy***

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SCL is seeking: Strings Director, Dormitory Janitor (days)  
Dormitory Kitchen Assistant (weekends).

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



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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service  
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10:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Sunday School, & Youth/IGNITE



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