



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January 14, 2018  
Epiphany 2

Service of the Word  
*Christian Worship* p. 38

Roger Vomhof, Vacancy Pastor • Ruth Stern, Organist

### ***To Our Visitors***

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- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

### ***Calendar for This Week: January 14-20***

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#### **Today**

10:30 am Open Forum, Sunday School, and Ignite Youth Group

#### **Tuesday**

6:00 pm Together Tuesday  
7:00 pm Women of Emmanuel

#### **Wednesday**

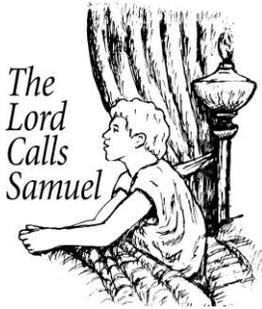
10:30 am Bible Class  
3:15 pm Confirmation Class A

4:45 pm Confirmation Class B

6:30 pm Church Council

**HYMN:** *Speak, O Savior: I Am Listening* CW 283

**FIRST LESSON:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10



The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 67, CW page 91

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup> "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

**GOSPEL:** John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

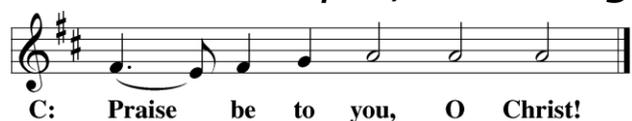
<sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke*  
CW 453

## **SERMON**

Sermon Text: John 1: 43-51

Theme: "Come and see" the Savior.

- I. Come and follow Christ.
- II. Come and see who Christ is.
- III. Come and hear what Christ has done for you.

**HYMN:** *I Hear the Savior Calling* CW 560

*PLEASE STAND*

## **CLOSING HYMN:** *I Love to Tell the Story* CW 562

*Today's Bible readings are available as a separate sheet for those who would like to take a copy home. They are on the literature table across from the mailboxes.*

### ***Open Forum Today***

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Open Forum will be held today in the Fellowship Hall in place of the Adult Bible class to discuss the items that will be on the agenda for the Annual Voters meeting to be held one week from today, January 21. All members are invited to attend the Open Forum meeting. One major item that will be discussed is to form a consensus as to what we are looking for in calling a new pastor for our congregation.

### ***Mission Restart Proposal***

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Our committee members who are working on the Mission Restart proposal will have a special meeting with Pastor Tim Bode, the chairman of the Minnesota District Mission Board, tomorrow at 6 p.m.

### ***Movie Night at Emmanuel***

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We plan to show the DVD *My Son My Savior "Mary the Mother of Jesus"* on Saturday, January 27, at 7 pm in our fellowship hall. Our WELS Commission on Evangelism prepared this DVD as a follow up to the two previous outreach DVDs *Come Follow Me* and the *Road to Emmaus*.

In *My Son My Savior* we will see "only one woman had the unique privilege to call Jesus her son. Mary was blessed to be the mother of the Savior sent by God to rescue the world from death. Watch as Mary experiences the miracle of Jesus' coming and humbly grows in her understanding that her son is also her Savior. The good news is that Jesus is your Savior too." The DVD is 45 minutes in length. All our members, your relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

## ***Making the Call***

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In the coming weeks and months please start thinking of our future. Here is a tentative schedule and key thinking points.

**January 14<sup>th</sup> Open Forum** – A quick meeting to discuss what we are looking for in calling our new pastor.

### **What do we need for a pastor?**

Think about years of experience, background, full-time, part time, or retired, and strengths that are desired.

### **What can we afford?**

Total compensation will be roughly \$30,000 more than we had budgeted in past years. That could be a real stretch in increased giving.

### **What should we do?**

Keep in mind that roughly 30 new pastors will graduate from the Seminary. There are over 120 current vacancies. About 50 pastors are at retirement age each year. There is a real shortage of pastors. Would combining with another local small congregation be smarter?

**January 21<sup>st</sup> Voters Meeting** – Further discussion and budget approval.

**Early February (4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>)** – First Call Meeting.

### **What must we do now?**

Pray and ask the Lord what His will is for the future of our congregation.

Attend the Open Forum meeting today to discuss this matter and to form a consensus as to how we should move forward in bringing the Word of God to our families and to the Hudson community.

### ***Wednesday Bible Class***

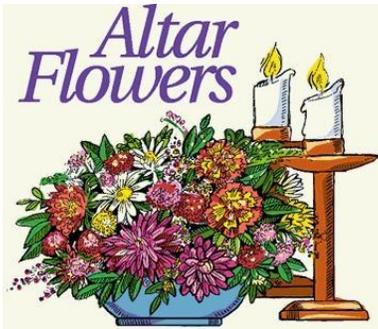
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Pastor Vomhof teaches the Wednesday morning Bible class at 10:30 am. We are studying the book of Psalms, which is often referred to as the Christian's prayer book and hymn book. Come and join us to learn how the Psalms apply to us.

## ***Altar Flower Donation Calendar***

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The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on fellowship hall bulletin board. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate wedding anniversaries, birthdays, memorials, and other personal milestones or to express gratitude for blessings received.

## ***Church and School Cleaning Team for January***

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Scott Denning, leader  
John Beck  
Chuck Doty family  
Kevin Rust family

## ***Other Items of Interest***

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Attendance last Sunday: 54

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Ehlers

## ***Night to Shine***

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St. Croix Lutheran Academy is honored to host Night to Shine on February 9, 2018 and thrilled to welcome 225 honored guests to our campus for an unforgettable prom night experience. This celebration of the value of life will be held all around the world simultaneously at over 550 locations. Night to Shine provides an awesome opportunity

to change the narrative on how people with special needs are viewed.

An army of volunteers works together to make Night to Shine a success. So far, the majority of SCL high school students are volunteering to serve, and additional volunteers are still being accepted. If you would like to volunteer for Night to Shine, please view the role descriptions and register here:

<https://www.stcroixnighttoshine.org/volunteer-registration>.

Additional questions can be directed to Lorna Kapanke at [LKapanke@StCroixLutheran.org](mailto:LKapanke@StCroixLutheran.org).

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