



8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017

Pastor Frederick Kogler

Order of Service

“Morning Praise” is based on the historic service called “Matins.” Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day. This order of service is located in Christian Worship (CW) page 45.

Organist: Rebecca Huth

PSALM

Psalms 65, CW page 89

LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-11

HYMN

May God Bestow on Us His Grace, CW 574

SERMON

Romans 8:18-25, “We Want to be Free!”

HYMN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast, CW 324

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art, CW 256

Calendar for this week: July 30-August 5

Today

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Men's Group, Family Fresh

Fellowship Refreshments

Today: Katie Brown Next Sunday: open

Open Opportunities: Please see signup sheet

Vacation Bible School

This summer, August 14th–16th, Pastor Kogler and Mark Carlson will be leading our VBS titled “Gone Fishing”.

Teachers, teacher helpers, craft people, treat providers, and prayer partners are needed. So, please plan with us as we share the love with our community!

If you're able to help, please contact Mark and/or Pastor Kogler.

Update Your Family Photo

Linda Carlson will have her camera and be available at church on Sundays during July & August to update your family picture for the church. Please contact her to make plans for updating your picture. Thank you.

Pastor's 50th Anniversary Celebration

On September 10, 2017 we will be recognizing and celebrating Pastor Kogler's 50-years in Ministry. Please put on your calendar and plan to attend this very special occasion.

Getting ready to move ahead!

If you wanted to win the Superbowl you would begin by lining up the resources and assembling the best possible team. If you live in Wisconsin, you know how that works when it comes to football. (Go Packers!) If you live in Minnesota, you get the picture as well. (Win Twins!)

When it comes to the church and extending the Kingdom of God, however, we know the stakes are much higher and the goal of victory is more elusive and sometimes very hard to achieve. In each case, it takes individuals who are capable, strong, trained, and willing to work together with others to move forward. (no room here for self-appointed bosses)

At the quarterly meeting of the congregation the need to take a good look at where we are and how we want to move forward was announced through Pastor Kogler's request that the congregation allow him to retire. Pastor has served Emmanuel 10-years, in the public ministry 50-years, is 77-years-old, and has recently experienced several physical problems. The members present heard and affirmed with appreciation pastor's request.

The date chosen for Pastor to preach a final sermon at Emmanuel and to distribute The Lord's Supper is the third Sunday in October (10/15/17). Until then Pastor Kogler is still our pastor in all matters related to the congregation's affairs.

The period of time between then (10/15/17) and when another pastor is installed is known as a vacancy. During that time the congregation may be served by a “vacancy pastor.”

IF AND WHEN A CONGREGATION EXPERIENCES A VACANCY there is a process to be followed to help the congregation maintain its ministries until the vacancy is filled. Those processes have begun. Since the pastor is called to be the spiritual leader of the congregation and serves as the shepherd and overseer of all the congregation’s activities PASTOR KOGLER WILL CARRY ON HIS DUTIES AS IN THE PAST, and all the members of the congregation will be kept informed as the process of calling a new pastor unfolds.

Now that Pastor Kogler has officially indicated the time for his resignation and redirection, he has called the WELS District President, Charles Degner, indicating his plans. The next step is in the hands of the District President who will communicate with the lay leadership of the congregation and arrange times and dates for him to come to meet with the congregation about their impending vacancy.

Those meeting times and dates will have to be publicized as required by the congregation’s constitution. The purpose of the meetings will be stated together with the location where they will be held. This information will be included in our service folders, newsletters and various electronic means.

-Pastor Kogler

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

- Attendance for Sunday, July 23: 45
- Please continue to bring your aluminum cans and place them in the trailer. And, when emptying the cans into the trailer, please make sure that whatever container you used to transport the cans isn't placed in the trailer as well. Thank you.
- Sermon Text for Sunday, August 6: Romans 8:26-27



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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship



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