



Congregational Newsletter

April 2018

April Events

4th Board of Education @ 4:15 pm

7th Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel @ 9:00 am

10th Together Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

17th Board of Outreach @ 5:00 pm

17th Board of Elders @ 6:00 pm

17th Women of Emmanuel @ 7:00 pm

18th Church Council @ 6:30 pm

29th Confirmation service @ 9:00 am

May 5th Spring Cleanup at @ 8:00 am

Pastor Vomhof's Easter Message

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come, and see the place where He lay" (Matthew 28: 5-7).

The women went to Jesus' grave that first Easter morning with their spices to anoint His dead body because they did not have

time to do it on Good Friday afternoon. As they arrived at Jesus' grave, they saw the stone rolled away and an angel sitting on the stone. The angel gave the women the message regarding Jesus' resurrection. The angel invited the women to look into the grave and see for themselves that His body was no longer there. Jesus was truly risen from the dead.

We need to know the significance of His resurrection. The Apostle Paul writes, "If Christ had not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15: 17). If the women would have found Jesus' dead body still in the grave that first Easter morning, we would have a dead Savior and a dead Savior is no Savior at all. Our faith would be good for nothing. We would still have our sins clinging to us. We would be under God's wrath and judgment and doomed to eternal condemnation. We would be afraid to die and afraid to meet our Lord on the Last Day.

How thankful we are to know that Jesus rose from the dead with His body that first Easter morning. His resurrection guarantees to us that our sins are forgiven, we are at one and at peace with our God, and have eternal life and salvation awaiting us in heaven.

Jesus has said, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19) and "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies" (John 11: 25). Even though we must die a physical death someday as a result of sin, we will not

be afraid because we know our death and burial will be temporary and that Jesus will raise up our dead body on the Last Day, glorify it like His glorious body, and take it into heaven to enjoy eternal life with Him.

What comfort and joy that gives us. That is the reason why we can sing so joyfully:

Christian Worship, Hymn 152 verse 1

"I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead;
He lives my ever living Head."

I invite you to come and attend our Easter worship service on April 1 and come every Sunday to grow and increase your knowledge of Jesus, our risen and living Savior, and to be strengthened in your faith in Him. May the good news of His resurrection fill your heart with joy and gladness every day.

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, May 5th (9am -noon)

A list of cleaning tasks will be available in the fellowship hall during the week of April 30th through May 5th. Please complete and check off any task you can do during this week. Any question please contact Chris Hinz.

Joyful Noise Preschool



Spring has arrived.

Everything around school says it is spring, from the decorations to the warmer weather. Letters X, Y and Z will be our focus this month. During

Bible Time, the children will be learning about the events that took place during Holy Week and after Easter.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held April 17- 18 during the afternoon and evenings. The last Together Tuesday of the school year will be on April 10. Mrs. Sternisha and I will be attending an Early Childhood Conference at UW-Stout in Menomonie on April 20-21

If you are wondering about the activities the children are doing during the preschool day, visit the preschool Facebook page at facebook.com/joyfulnoisehudson

Women of Emmanuel (WE)

Dates To Remember

Meet at Hudson Bagel

- April 7th, Saturday @ 9am
- May 3rd , Thursday @ 9 am

WE meeting @ Church (3rd Tuesday)

- April 17th, Tuesday @7 pm
- May 15th, Tuesday @7pm

April 1st is Easter Sunday

The “WE” group is organizing the egg bakes and set up for the Easter breakfast after the service. The rest of the meal is potluck. Check the bulletin board for what you could bring.

Food Shelf Donations

April is another Food Shelf donation month! In January, 4 bags of food were collected. Let’s increase that this month! Bring your donations to place in the food shelf box. Foods with a longer shelf life, personal items, and paper goods are needed. No expired items please. Let’s see if we can fill the box up! The box will be out Sunday, April 8th through Sunday, April 29th. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16\

A leader is needed for Group 3.

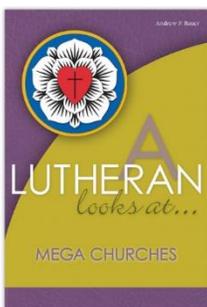
This person will be responsible for organizing the group when their service is needed for Lenten and Advent suppers. Talk with Leslie or Sarah if interested.

Thank you to all who helped with Lenten suppers by bringing food and/or serving and cleaning up! Your time and efforts are much appreciated.

On April 29th, Confirmation Sunday, the “WE” will be serving cake and refreshments, during fellowship time, in honor of the Confirmands.

Did you know the Women of Emmanuel group has an account on Facebook? If you are on Facebook, look for our page and request to join. It’s a great way to get reminders about things going on.

Adult Bible Study



Sunday Bible Class meets in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 10:30 am right after fellowship and snacks. We are reading and discussing the book *A Lutheran Looks at ... Mega Churches* by Andrew Bauer.

Weekday Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Please join if you are able. We will discuss the Psalms this year.

Sunday School

We will be continuing with the Christ Light Curriculum. If you would like to help with this program, please speak with Martin Wegner. Remember to pray for our called teachers.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Class A meets at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesdays

Confirmation Class B meets at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays

Ignite Youth Group

Meets every Sunday at 10:30 (right after fellowship) for devotion/Bible Study or social time.

A great time was had snow tubing at the end of February! After having lunch together at church, 6 youth headed out and braved the slopes for a fun afternoon.

Let the group know if you have a fun outing or project for them!

Plans are being finalized for the International Youth Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio June 26th-29th. The rally is for confirmed youth through graduating high school seniors. We have two teens tentatively going. Talk with Sarah Dahlke if you are interested.

K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Knowledge)

It is a youth group at Emmanuel for kids in 2nd through 8th grade. Who will volunteer to lead this group? Our children are in need of someone to help and guide them.

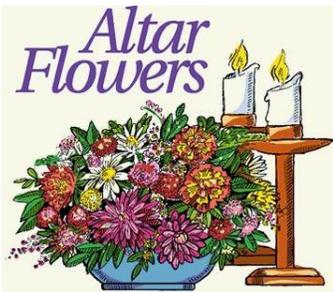
Telling the Next Generation

On Saturday, March 3, Ann and Matthew Winkler, Linda and Mark Carlson, Tim Cords, and Pastor Vomhof attended the workshop: Telling the Next Generation: Utilizing our Schools for Outreach. That was held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in La Crescent, MN. We heard three presentations: Committed to the Word, Relationships, and Harvest Strategies and participated in two breakout sessions. Lay leaders and pastors from ten congregations attended the workshop and found it very beneficial. At the close of the workshop, we learned that this workshop has now been given 24 times in 11 of the 12 districts of our synod with 175 congregations participating and 1,305 people from 19 states in attendance. There were 80 lay people and pastors in attendance at La Crescent. That was the largest attendance of any of the 24 workshops.

We will work with our Outreach Committee and members in our congregation to reach out to our own inactive members and to the people in our community to invite and encourage them to attend our worship services and to hear the Gospel

message of salvation. Each member of Emmanuel Congregation is really a member of the Outreach Committee. You may invite a relative, friend or neighbor to attend our worship services or to tell that person or family about Jesus our Savior. Jesus has told us, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem. And in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8). May our gracious and loving Lord bless our efforts to witness to His Word!

2018 Flower Donation Calendar



Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church. It is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

One might want to commemorate

- Wedding
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Memorials
- Personal milestones
- Gratitude for blessings received.

Other Items of Interest

Deadline for church information to be entered into the newsletter or calendar will be the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please email any information you would like to be submitted in the newsletter or calendar to: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com

Ushers: Please find the Usher sign-up sheet 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!

Church Clean-up: Check with your group leader. Any questions please contact Chris Hinz

Church Database: 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. Thank you.

Recycle Aluminum Cans: 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.

Special Prayer Request: We pray that God will lead each of us to unbelievers in the community to reach out to.

Upcoming WELS Events

LWMS Spring Rally

The Northwest Wisconsin Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will have its Spring Rally at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 2526 80th Avenue of Woodville, on Saturday, April 21. Registration is at 8 am. Opening devotion is at 8:30 am. Program to follow. The former LWMS President Karen Fischer will be the guest speaker. In her presentation, she will take attendees on a road trip across the country to visit friends from Korea, Liberia and the United States who live in Las Vegas. Then learn about connections being built in Utah among those who live in the least Christian counties in the U.S. Finally, see how God uses connections in Boise, Idaho with Vietnamese mission work. There will be a Skype visit from their *Befriend a Mission Pastor*, Pastor Steven Hillmer in Sparks, Nevada. The women of Immanuel will serve a noon meal.

Although the women of Emmanuel of Hudson are not members of any LWMS circuit, all of you women are invited to attend this Spring Rally to learn more about how we in the WELS are reaching out with the Gospel to people of different cultures living here in the United States. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, April 8.

WELS World Missions Update

Our WELS World Mission Board provides us with the following statistics:

WELS World Missions has a presence in 23 countries;

- serves 74,834 baptized members in Lutheran churches;
- serves 60,000 more souls through correspondence courses and workshops;
- trains more than 170 men to become pastors in their own countries;
- assists national pastors to train hundreds of people to be Sunday school teachers, liturgists,
- provides evangelists and leaders in congregations in their home countries;
- explores outreach possibilities in five additional countries;
- supports 41 missionaries, 9 teachers, and more than 60 lay workers in our missions;
- reaches more than 194,000 via Internet outreach.



WELS International Youth Rally 2018 will be held June 26-29, 2018 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

- Meet WELS teens from across the country & around the world.
- Speakers with a biblical perspective on timely teen topics.

- Information on colleges, ministries, and service opportunities.
- Lift your voices in worship with 2,000 people.

St. Croix Lutheran Academy



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.

Job Openings - St. Croix Lutheran Academy

Find out more at StCroixLutheran.org/jobs or call the office at 651-455-1521

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



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