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Pastor's Message

Following Our Lord's Leading

Last month I shared that "God is at work at Emmanuel." As evidence of this, on September 11th we will receive seven new members. Add to that the addition of three more individuals who have asked to be included in our congregational directory as "Friend of Emmanuel," and you see things are moving in the right direction. (Updated address lists for your new directories will be available at church.)

A major step in our church's move into a strong future will be the congregational meeting on the 18th when the Church Council and Call Committee will present the name of a potential permanent pastor for Emmanuel. This is an extremely important event, it is vital that all members of the church try to be present for it.

We've scheduled Acolyte training, to restore the traditional participation of youth in this visible ministry of the church. And we are looking forward to a Communion Class which will prepare some of our younger members to begin receiving Holy Communion.

Studying God's Word

Recently, one of our members asked if they could start attending our Thursday morning Bible studies. I assured them everyone is invited, and that no one who comes will ever be put on the spot by being asked a question or expected to read out loud.

If you are free during the day, there are few activities that could offer a more direct blessing to your life than attending Bible study with us. Come check it out.

Evangelist, Billy Graham, wisely said, "if you are ignorant of God's Word, you will always be ignorant of God's will." None of us want to wander through the trials of this life without being confident we are on the right path (the path that leads to Life). Join us on Thursday and be reassured that you're following God's will.

Counseling & Conversation

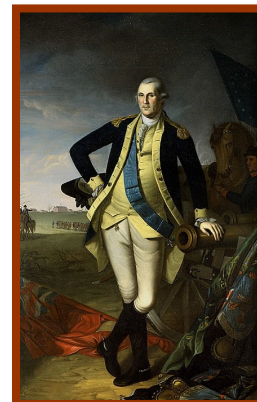
Even though I'm only in the church office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, if you want to meet at a time convenient for you, that is no problem. Just call or email me, and we can set up a suitable time.

God bless each and every one of you. Keep me in your prayers, as you remain in mine.

Pastor Rob Stroud

From The President-SACRICIDE !

In a historical document a recorded interview of a British Loyalist who attempted to murder General George Washington in 1776, a young Army surgeon wrote, “with trembling, I say it, the best man on earth, General Washington, was to have been the subject of a unheard of SACRICIDE.” SACRICIDE, derived from Latin means “slaughter of the good.” It could be said today, that recent points-of-view expressed by groups who refer to themselves as Christians, while stating that the Bible is no longer valid in the modern world is, SACRICIDE. Thank God, we the members of Emmanuel (God is with us), are associated with a Synod (AALC) that clearly proclaims to the world that the Bible is the true and unerring Word of God.



-Larry Farner, Council President

Luther and Lutherans—Part One

Did you know... that in 1934 a black pastor from Georgia who was so impressed with what he learned about Martin Luther that he legally changed his name from Michael King to Martin Luther King? And, he also changed the name of his young son, to Martin Luther King Jr.



Marin Luther King Sr & Martin Luther King Jr

This is a new series about what Martin Luther said and thought and what others said and thought of him. This series includes historical information which is taken from a variety of publications which are freely available to anyone who desires to research the story of Martin Luther. *(My editorial comments will always appear in italics.)*

-Larry Farner

Who’s a Lutheran?

A Lutheran is somebody who.....

- (1) Continues to search for the word “coffee” in the Bible.
- (2) Visualizes manna as miniature lefsa.
- (3) Thinks “moderation in all things” is a Bible verse.



Emmanuel Reaching Out to Others!!!

In Our Community

The Cost Of Doing Good !!

The federal Waiver for school breakfast and lunch programs expired on June 30th, 2022. If Congress does not continue to extend this program many children in our community will miss two meals a “day”. Would you be “ok” knowing your children were expected to survive on only one meal a day? Hunger is a public health crisis. Parents are skipping meals so their children can eat first, or they are taking on an extra job even though they are working 40+ hours a week, just to be able to look their kids in the eye. Think of what this must mean for single parent families. We at ELC help needy families deal with this problem by filling the food cart every “First Fruits Sunday”. (First Fruits Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.) This is a “mission” and YOU help make it a successful mission. If you ever asked yourself, “when was the last time I did something meaningful, something important,” it was the last time you brought in your contribution to “First Fruits Sunday.” Have you ever considered the cost of doing good? - it only costs the value of 10 pounds of food you just dropped into that basket in the Narthex. Try it and you can be assured that on that day, you did something really good – really meaningful. And, how can that NOT be a good feeling?



-Sally, coordinator

Look for our latest Newsletter from our missionaries, Bob & Cheryl Fox

Beyond Our Borders

Operation Christmas Child

Yes, You heard me right, it is time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. We are planning on doing OCC this year. Maybe we will actually be able to have our packing party too.

“The Samaritan’s Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items-and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, OCC, the world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 198 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year the project expects to collect its 200 millionth gift-filled shoebox!

Right now school supplies are on sale and can easily be picked up for OCC. Remember ***we can’t accept candy, toothpaste, war-related items, seeds, chocolate. Food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or aerosol cans.***

Ages range from 2 years to 14 years old. Remember we are restricted by the size of an average shoebox.

Look for the collection box the beginning of October.

Gifts will be due by Sunday, November 6th
Packing Party will be Saturday, Nov. 12th

Blessing of Boxes will be
Sunday, Nov. 13th

-Sharie Coordinator



What's Happening At Emmanuel ?

A Very Special Congregational Meeting

All voting members of Emmanuel are asked to be present for a meeting after worship on Sunday, September 18th. This meeting is extremely important for our church's future. We will be voting on a Pastoral Call.



What is the Lord's Supper?



Everyone is invited to the Communion study scheduled for Saturday, September 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Adults will benefit from participating, although the session is especially designed for our younger members, some of whom are already communion. Parents who believe their children are mature enough to participate should talk to Pastor Rob soon.

Catechism Classes

Catechism Classes will begin on Monday, September 19th after school. This year our focus will be on the Bible. We will memorize the books of the Bible, do an overview of the books of the Bible, and dig into the Gospel of John. See you there!!



Building Improvements, How Can You Help?

The portico entry to the fellowship hall is in need of repair and painting. This is one of the first impressions our visitors receive and we can make it look a little more inviting, maybe like a little bit of God's kingdom on earth?

If you feel led to help out with this small project, see Bob Klempan. Provide him with your name,

contact number and your particular talents. Also good for any questions.

We would like to get started on this soon, hopefully after hot weather ends and before the rainy weather begins.



Furnace Fund Status

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this special need in addition to supporting Emmanuel's regular budget needs. During the month of August we received \$1440 for the furnace fund, giving us a total of \$9912 towards our



goal. Winter is closer than we think, and we hope that donations for our furnace replacement continue to be given.

Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10 am you have another chance to learn about God and His will for your life.



Attend and grow.

Women's Group Luncheon

Some of the women in our church gather for lunch on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Questions? Ask Carol Reece

The Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The men's breakfast will be the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am at All Star Lanes Restaurant in Silverdale. Interested, ask Glen Adrig, Pastor Rob or Larry Farner.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

5-----Randy Fuller
 5----- Bob Fox (our missionary)
 10-----Nate Armstrong
 23-----Mary Moen
 24-----Kim Bjornemo
 24-----Carl Knight
 26-----Judy Lund

October Birthdays

3-----Helen Allen
 3-----Wayne McElroy
 6-----Kaelyn Fuller
 9-----Kristen Fuller
 21-----Jay Johnson
 24-----Mark Stouffer
 29-----Tatyana Johnson



If I inadvertently left your name off our birthday/anniversary list do not hesitate to let me know. You can email me, Sharie, at gadrig@comcast.net

Members Serving in September

Altar Guild-----Maurine Simons
 Reader-----Miki Turowski

Members Serving in October

Altar Guild -----Sally Farner
 Reader -----Larry Farner

If you are interested in helping with Altar Guild it is not too late.
 Just ask JoEllen Klempan or Sharie Adrig.

What's Happening in September?

11 -----Worship--New Member Sunday
 11-----Church Council meeting
 Acolyte Training
 14-----Women's Luncheon (Wed 12:00)
 15-----Bible Study (Thurs. 10:00)
 17 --Holy Communion Class (Sat. 1:00--3:00)
 18-----Congregational Meeting (Sun. 11:10)
 19 ----Catechism Classes (Mon. after school)
 21 -----Women's Luncheon (Wed. 12:00)
 22-----Bible Study (Thurs. 10:00)
 24---Council Planning Retreat (Sat. 1:00-4:00)
 25-----Worship (Sun. 10:00)
 28-----Women's Luncheon (Wed. 12:00)
 29 -----Bible Study (Thurs. 10:00)

**October 3rd -----
 Beginning of Operation Christmas**

Who Said That?

1. We are so persuaded of the rightness of our judgement as to invalidate evidence that does not confirm us in it.
2. Immanuel, God with us; or "God with you," to be more precise.
3. The person who lives by his fears will not find freedom in God's love.



Do You Enjoy Coffee Hour?

If everyone helps it makes life a little easier. If you can bring in something to go with coffee hour or you can financially support coffee hour let Teresa Prange or Rose Link know. I am sure everyone would appreciate it.

