

# NEWSLETTER OF EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13 ESV

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVID MCCARTY

As I begin to write this article it has occurred to me that we are only 7 days away from the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. I don't know if this means a whole lot to any of you, but as for me it seems pretty awesome and spectacular. Why do I make such a statement concerning this upcoming anniversary event? I make this kind of comment because we, as people of God and Christian Lutherans, have the wonderful opportunity to highlight the amazing work that God did through Martin Luther and the other reformers. The movement that was triggered by God 500 years ago, in Wittenberg, Germany, was nothing less than earth shattering. The dynamics surrounding the Reformation proved that it was something which could only have been brought about by Divine intervention. This event was definitely not an idea which developed out of a brainstorm that Martin Luther had. No, the Reformation was a plan, set in place by our Lord Almighty, to reform and renew His Church on earth.

Let us never think about the Reformation solely in light of what the man Martin Luther did. In fact, as we develop a better understand of Luther and who He was, it should be quite obvious to us that he was a mere man who was simply used as a tool in the hand of God. Even Luther himself admitted to being nothing more than a sinner deserving of hell and damnation. Yet, this man of God also realized the wonderful blessing he enjoyed in being a redeemed child of His Heavenly Father. What a joy it was for Luther to know this precious Gospel message and to trust in Jesus Christ for his salvation. Not only did the Holy Spirit instill Luther with the saving news of the Gospel, but he was specifically called by the Lord to stand up for it in the world of his day and age.

Is it O.K. for us, as Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, to make a big deal out of a religious movement that took place 500 years ago? Yes it is! By remembering and celebrating how God used Luther to carry out positive change in His Church long ago, we can be encouraged to open ourselves up to God's leading, so He can make use of us in 2017. And, if you have not taken notice lately of what is going on in our country, then you have surely missed seeing the decline of Christianity and Christian values in today's America. Statistics show that across the board worship attendance has dropped in Christian Churches. More and more Christian Churches are struggling financially and are cutting back areas of ministries to stay afloat. A significant number of individuals in the U.S. claim to be Christian, yet fewer and fewer are committed to practicing their faith by attending church regularly or studying the Bible. (cont. on next page)



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Service on the Web!  
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For many in America, professing to be a Christian is one thing, living out one's faith in the world can be another story.

Is it time for another Reformation? Has the Christian Church drifted far enough off the path towards the ways of the world? Is God calling you and me to stand up as His people to help bring reform to His Church? The Lord used Luther to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to His generation. And guess what, these are the same saving words you and I have been given to share 500 years later to our world. In Scripture Alone (Sola Scriptura), we know that we are saved by Grace Alone (Sola Gratia), through Faith Alone (Sola Fide), in Jesus Christ Alone (Sola Christus). It is a message for all ages. So let's celebrate and then get back to work.

On another note, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. As we remember how richly God has blessed each of us, let us respond by setting our schedules to be in worship for this special service of thanksgiving. Also, we will once again be sponsoring an ingathering of non-perishable food items for the Britton Food Pantry. The donations will be collected that evening after the service and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry thereafter. I pray generosity fills your hearts as we share with those less fortunate.

God bless and an early Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor McCarty



## OCTOBER'S GIVING

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church Giving – October, 2017

October <b>Budgeted</b> Income	\$12,500.00
October <b>Actual</b> Income	\$11,132.00
Short	\$1,368.00



## ELDER'S LETTER

November Blessings from the Board of Elders!

The Board of Elders met October 26th.

Attending: Michael Korunka, Don Schroeder, Harry Jones, and Pastor Dave

The board gave Pastor his annual review. Please contact your elder or myself, if you have any questions concerning Pastor's review.

The Board of Elders, goals for 2018:

Continue focusing on our cell groups.

72 people attending Worship every Sunday.

Ministering / Devotions via Social Media using Church Website and Facebook.

Focus on stronger Christian Marriages through our "Family Life Ministries"

**Our Weekly Bible Studies:** The board would like to encourage our members to consider attending one of the following Bible studies. **Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast / Bible Study @ 8:00:** We're doing "1 Timothy". **Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Studies @ 9:00:** We're starting a study of "Joshua." **Wednesday Morning Bible Study @ 9:00:** Carolyn Reitz is leading a study that works us through our Mission Statement and the Strategic Initiatives around the acronym RIDGE. We'll be ending this soon and starting on I, II, and III John.

**Calling all prayer warriors!!** Come pray for our church it's members and for anyone in need of prayer. Our next prayer fellowship will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. There's a prayer box along with a request form located in the sanctuary near the bulletins. Please remember, you can also submit 24/7 a prayer request through our website. Go to <http://www.emmanuelontheridge.com/prayer-request> click **Connect** and then **Prayer Request** which will take you to our prayer request page. If you have questions, please see myself or Dan & Laura Tomell.

**Emmanuel Internet Update:** There's been issues with our internet over the past several months which has caused problems with our live streaming video on Sunday mornings. D&P Communication came out to evaluate our internet problems. It was believed, that the wireless receiver was in the bell tower. The receiver was actually attached to the front of the carport. The signal was being blocking by a tree and not in sight of the cell tower. D & P ended up moving the receiver higher on the carport which gave us our internet speed back.

The Board of Elders and Pastor are continuing to try and make contact with our inactive members in an attempt to reconnect them with our congregation and its ministries. If you have a son or daughter who is not living in the area anymore, please contact your elder or Pastor McCarty and get them the new contact information that is available. Thank you for your assistance in helping us with this important process of reaching those members who are presently in an inactive status with our church family..

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Elder or myself.

Our next Elder's Meeting will be November 16th @ 7:00 pm.

God's Blessings,

Michael Korunka, Director of Elders



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

## MISSION & MINISTRY COUNSEL NEWS



### *Voter's Meeting Potluck*

Potluck offerings will be on tap at the Voter's meeting on Sunday, Nov. 5 after service. Please bring a main dish, salad & a dessert to share. We'll supply the drinks & table service.

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### GOALS FOR 2018

For the strategic initiative of REACHING out to the community, we hope to have a net gain of at least 3 new families to our congregation and we will participate in the following events:

- Christmas Parade program
- Good Friday Cross Walk
- Vacation Bible School
- Blood Drive
- Monroe County Fair—Living Water Booth
- Church Rummage Sale
- Diapers & Baby Items for the Lenawee County Crisis Pregnancy Center in Adrian
- Trunk Or Treat
- Scout Program
- Band Camp Meal

For the strategic initiative of INSPIRING with Christian love:

We will promote traditional and contemporary worship services that are biblically based, Christ-Centered and engaging for the purpose of discovering and re-discovering the amazing love and grace of Christ.

We will develop a Family Ministry Program.

For the strategic initiative of DEVELOPING faith through Word and Sacrament:

We will be, first and foremost, a Matthew 28 church (Matthew 28:18-20) helping people become and remain disciples of Christ.

We will, secondarily, also be a Matthew 25 church (Matthew 25: 31-46) reaching out to others with Christ-like love in action in their physical, social, and emotional needs.

For the strategic initiative of GROWING in grace, we will creatively promote ways for our members and potential members to fully understand the multifaceted aspects and impacts of God's grace in their lives through a year round Stewardship Program.

For the strategic initiative of EDUCATING through God's Word we will:

We will develop a Christian institute of studying God's word and continuous learning experiences: Nursery, Sunday School, Sunday Adult Bible Class, Saturday morning men's Bible Class, Wednesday morning Bible Class, Confirmation Class—youth and adult, youth group, new member's class, pre-marriage program, training programs and workshops for the acolytes, Altar Care, Elders, teacher training, and financial planning.

We will offer continuing education and training opportunities to our Pastor.

**Voter's Meeting  
Nov. 5, 2017**

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**Goals for 2018  
2018 Budget  
District &  
Synodical Matters**

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**After worship  
service,  
with Potuck**

## LWML NEWS

### A Word From Your LWML...

This past June, four women from our congregation traveled to Albuquerque, NM to attend the LWML National Convention.

Karen Dedinsky, Bonnie Turner, June McCarty and Julie Gimesky all enjoyed celebrating 75 years of Missions, Mites and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League!

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison gave the opening Worship sermon. He spoke to us about our relationship with Christ as a Sinner and a Saint. He told us a funny story about him and his wife attending a LCMS Health Retreat at the Mayo Clinic. Ask us about it, we would love to share!

Wendysue Fluegge was our very talented Song Leader and Musician. You may have read about her in the Spring 2017 Quarterly. She led us in an awesome country version of "How Great Thou Art". We also enjoyed her array of hats.

At Friday's luncheon, we took a tour of Luther land on the big screen. Our Key-note Speaker was Ida Mall. She served as our LWML National President 1991 - 1995. She gave a very inspiring talk and left us with this message: "When wearing a cross, wear it around your heart, before wearing it around your neck."

Saturday morning we were up before the chickens to get a seat at Donna Pyle's Bible study. With coffee in hand we heard Donna speak about "Forgiveness". Greek translation: to send away. Forgiveness is not excusing the sin or crime, it is canceling the debt. The joy of the Lord is our strength. Forgiveness is our freedom!

Jan Struck, (ha, ha, ha, ha), I can't say her name without laughing! She was our Humorous Interrupter and played the part of Katie Luther, Martin's beloved wife. She had us rolling in the aisles, but also reminded us to serve the Lord with gladness in our everyday occupations, even if it is raising cattle and making beer!

Friday night's entertainment was Fiesta Mariachi with Mariachi San Pablo. It was a night we will not soon forget! More than 3,500 women dancing a conga line in the aisles to Christian mariachi music in Spanish! This music ministry group is part of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care. They are located right on the Mexican boarder near the intersection of New Mexico and Texas. They supply food, health care, shelter, education and spiritual leadership to those in need. How fortunate we were to enjoy the benefits of this Ministry!



Saturday night we attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Diamond Dazzle" Celebration! Rebecca Smith from Ann Arbor, MI performed songs through the past 8 decades. And of course, each decade had a different style of dress! It was an amazing night and a wonderful way to top off this Convention! By the way, don't miss the article about Rebecca in the Fall 2017 Quarterly! (cont. on next page)

**Reminder**  
LWML Michigan District  
Women's Conference

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November 18, 2017

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Hope Lutheran  
Warren, MI

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Registration  
Begins at 8:30am

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Conference  
Begins at 8:30am

## LWML NEWS

It was all wonderful! But our biggest joy came from hearing the stories of our Missionaries in the field. Steve and Nancy Cohen, founders of *Apple of His Eye Ministry*, spoke to us about their 42 years of mission work. They began by telling us “No one has ever been born a Christian unless your last name happens to be “Christian””. They went on to explain how the mission work in Israel is done in a one on one relationship. First, identifying Jewish believers then partnering them with the LCMS. Our mites are hard at work!

Finally, we came home with a new LWML logo, which I hope you have already seen on our bulletin board downstairs. Best of all, we brought home the mission of raising \$2,075,000 to fund 22 new Grants helping to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world! Won't you please join us in this mission?

*“and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 1:14)*

Your Sister In Christ,  
Julie Gimesky  
LWML Chairwoman



### LWML Mission of the Month – November 2017

This month we would like to share with you: **“Christ for Veterans and Their Families”** – these grant funds will be utilized to host national training events for “Operation Barnabas”, an extension of the Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF). MAF provides a network of care through trained congregations that want to reach out to members of the military, their families and the Veterans in their congregations and communities.

***All ladies are welcome to grab a copy of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly available on the table in narthex!***



***Next Gathering – Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 6:30 pm***

*All women are encouraged to attend!*

**“Christmas Sock Party” at next gathering (12/14)** ~ Please bring a new pair of socks filled with little gifts from the heart, i.e., candy, gift card, mints, pens, keychains, gum, hair clips, any little trinket. \$20.00 Limit.



**Cancelled Stamps** ~ Save your stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily cancelled, and are not torn, cut or stained. Leave at least ¼ inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope or postcard. Or, save the whole envelope or postcard to turn in.  
More information to come!

## OTHER NEWS



### 500TH ANNIVERSARY THANK OFFERING

Over \$50,000 was collected at the 500th Anniversary Worship Service on October 15, 2017, towards the *Here We Stand* campaign. This thank offering will be distributed among the four initiatives: Professional Church Worker Scholarships, Innovative Ministry, Endowment Fund, and International Ministry. If you are still interested in giving towards the 500th Anniversary



### ***Don't forget to turn your Jerry's Market receipts in!***

Jerry's Market feels very strongly about supporting the local non-profit organizations. They have a program that gives back, and this is how their program works. The members of Emmanuel shop at Jerry's Market, and save their receipts. Receipts are collected in the red box located by the stairs going down. When receipts are turned in, Jerry's Market will donate 2% of the total spent (does not include cash backs or sales tax) back to Emmanuel! **Yes! It's that simple! So ... collect those receipts! Receipts will need to be dated October 5, 2017 or after.**



**Can't make it to church?** You can always worship online with us, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. Please join us @ <http://www.emmanuelontheridge.com/live-streaming-video> for our Live Streaming Worship Service. Remember, you have access to our weekly bulletin as well. There's also a way to give an online offering through Paypal. Feedback concerning our Live Streaming Service would be appreciated.



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Remember our veterans and their faithful service to our country ~ November 11th

### “THE LUTHERAN WITNESS”

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**Renewal/Ordering of subscription will begin soon.**

## OTHER NEWS



### In Memory of:

Elizabeth Wolf    March 9, 2017  
Harold Brent Bachman    October 9, 2017

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A memorial will be held for Brent at 11am



### We welcome into our family:

Makenzie Lynn Adams  
Baptized on October 28, 2017



**Don't forget  
to set  
your clocks  
back for  
November  
5th**



### **November 22, 2017 at 7pm**

We will once again be sponsoring an ingathering of non-perishable food items for the Britton Food Pantry. The donations will be collected that evening after the service and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry thereafter.



**From Laura Merritt, RN, BSN, & Parish Nurse** ~ She will be available on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> for anyone in the congregation for any health concerns, or need blood pressure checks or rechecks. Also, flu season is upon us and typically lasts through March.

The best prevention from spreading the flu virus, or any other germs is by hand-washing for 20 seconds with soap and water (when hands are visibly soiled) or using hand sanitizer (when not visibly soiled). Also cover your cough by sneezing or coughing into a tissue or the crook of your arm. Additionally, stay at home if you are sick.



**Dear Members ~ I would like to sincerely thank you** for the beautiful card and the monetary gift I received from the congregation at the end of our worship service on Sunday Oct. 29th. This was a very kind and loving gesture in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. I want to assure you that June and I have been greatly blessed to be part of the Emmanuel family. And, rest assured I have been blessed by God in a mighty way in being your spiritual leader for the last three years. I look forward to serving with you in the future as we reach out to share Jesus with the world. ~Pastor McCarty

**Bible Quiz**

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

A. Matthew  
 B. Jeremiah  
 C. Proverbs  
 D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

## THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

**Elder:**

Ken Huner  
 Nov. 22 - Harry Jones

**Elder Assistant:**

Nov. 5 - Harry Jones  
 Nov. 12 - Mike Korunka  
 Nov. 19 - Don Schroeder  
 Nov. 22 - Bill Keehn  
 Nov. 26 - Dave Stahl

**Usher:**

Nov. 5 - Needed  
 Nov. 12 - Needed  
 Nov. 19 - Troy Phillips  
 Nov. 22 - Needed  
 Nov. 26 - Dan Wilke

**Acolyte:**

Nov. 5 & 19 - Natalie McNicol  
 Nov. 12 & 26 - Gibson Wilke  
 Nov. 22 - Sara Bartush

**Greeters:**

Nov. 5 - Clara Furgason  
           Sandy DeBerry  
 Nov. 19 & 26 - Rosie Montalvo  
                   Lolly Luegge  
 Nov. 22 - Darlene Gergely

**Altar Care:**

Darlene Gergely

**Money Tellers:**

Julie Gimesky  
 Jane Griggs  
 Sue Ellen Smith

**Organist:**

Nov. 5 & 19 - Carolyn Reitz  
 Nov. 12 - Eileen Jones  
 Nov. 22 - Carolyn Reitz  
 Nov. 26 - JoAnn Bartush



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Illness:** Liz Harris, Lennie Day, Arthur (Bud) Butler, David Wielfaert, Melvin Scheffler, Laura Anderson and Darlene Clark (daughters of Darlene Gergely), Charles Williams (son-in-law of Helen Schmidt), Jerry Williams (grandson of Helen Schmidt), Jeff Peterson (friend of Sue Ellen Smith), Savannah Heiden (granddaughter of Les & Nancy Northrup), Margaret Schroeder, Rev. Mark Smith (Dixie Smith's son), Floyd & Shirley Brown, Dee Hitzemann (aunts & uncles of JoAnn Bartush), Mary Mature (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), Paul Tomell (father of Dan Tomell), Nayyer L. Qbal (friend of Krystle Keehn), Keith Siebarth (Bruce's brother), Shelley Jeffrey (niece of Eleanor Price), Judy Meyers (friend of Lolly Luegge)

**Shut-Ins:** David Wielfaert, Velma Brown, Inge Williams, Ed & Lois Schmidt, Lennie Day, and Dorothy Helm.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

4 Gregory Helm	20 Leighton Merritt
6 Brian Ritter	23 Brayden Haft
7 JoAnn Bartush	Lorri Ritter
Gerald Pape	25 Samuel Hoelzer
8 James Shepherd	Kerry Ritter
11 Gary Hintz	26 Velma Brown
13 Lisa Deatruck	Ilene Schmidt
Megan Schmidt	27 Bill Keehn
15 Kyle Bartush	Warren Schafer
Yvonne McNicol	28 Clara Furgason
16 Jessica Jourden	Josephine Phillips
17 Ralph Schafer	30 Jonathan Haft
18 Rebecca Roberts	
20 Natalie Heilmann	

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

2 Rudy & Vickie Meyer	7 Daniel & Kimberly Wilke
4 Todd & Elizabeth Alcock	
James & Joyce Conrad	
7 Roger & Mary Furgason	



*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV



# November, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am Bible Study 5:30am Scouts at GBB 7pm Hand Bells	2 7pm Prayers Fellowship	3	4 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
5 <i>Voters Meeting &amp; Potluck</i> 9am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30am Worship <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	6 6pm Boy Scouts	7 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Confirmation	8 9am Bible Study 7pm Hand Bells	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
12 9am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30am Worship Mite Box Collection	13 6pm Boy Scouts	14 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Confirmation	15 9am Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts serve @GBB 7pm Hand Bells	16 7pm Prayer Fellowship 7pm Bd of Elders Mtg	17	18 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 11am Memorial Service for Brent Bachman 9am LWML Conference at Warren
19 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship After worship: Youth Group Stewardship	20 6pm Boy Scouts	21 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Confirmation	22 9am Bible Study 7pm Hand Bells	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 	24	25 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
26 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30 Trustee Mtg.	27 6pm Boy Scouts <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	28 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Confirmation	29 9am Bible Study 7pm Hand Bells	30		

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## Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Sunday School

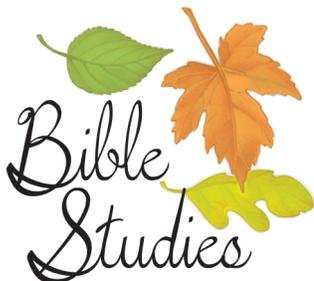
9:00am Adult Bible Study

10:30am Worship Service

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (Nov. 22)



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**Saturday:** 8:00am Men's Breakfast &  
Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 9:00am Bible Study