

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

Greetings Fellow Redeemed,

We have recently crossed the threshold into Summer, and the summer-time activities of our communities and families are in full swing. Vacations have begun to take place, as well as weekend trips to family owned cabins. This is the time of the year when getting away for respite, and a change of scenery, generally happens. What a blessing it is when we are able to enjoy family time away from our jobs and the normal routine of our daily lives.

This is also the season of the church year when we discontinue Sunday school and reduce the number of Bible classes we offer in our congregation. As far as I know this seems to be the trend that has been carried out at Emmanuel for quite some time. Even though, we have reduced the opportunities for Christian education during the summer months, there is still the chance to meet together for Christian fellowship, Bible study, and worship on a weekly basis. Please prayerfully consider your summer schedule and make it a priority to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday mornings. What a wonderful way for you to start off the new week. I hope that as you commit to being with us each Sunday, you will experience a heightened level of spiritual growth and a more intimate relationship with your Lord and Savior Jesus. As King David so beautifully declared in Psalm 122:1; "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord."

Over the next few weeks, we will be doing a survey in worship service and on line, to get feedback from our Emmanuel members, concerning our congregation and its ministry. There is a trend that has developed throughout Christendom, which has created a sense of disconnect between a growing number of Christians and their church families. This is not just something happening at Emmanuel, but all around our Synod and in other denominations. How people worshiped and lived out their faith in the past is much different in today's world. The leadership of our congregation has a strong desire to know how we can do a better job of ministering to our members, and those we are reaching out to in the surrounding area. We would ask each of you to please take this survey seriously and do what you can to give us constructive feedback. It is our intention to serve God and His people in the best way we can, and to glorify our Lord in all we say and do. We need your help!

On July 4th our country will once again be celebrating Independence Day. For many of us it will be a holiday where we receive a day off of work. And even though it is on a Wednesday, our celebrations may very well include cook-outs, swimming, camping, and fireworks. Sometimes, we can get so involved in the celebrations, (Continued on next page)



Check out our Live Sunday
Service (10:30am)
on the Web!
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we forget to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings we have as free Americans. Many individuals sacrificed over the last 242 years, so you and I could celebrate our freedom. We should not forget them. And let us never forget to thank our Almighty God for this wonderful gift you and I are able to enjoy as citizens of these United States. It is only by His grace and mercy we exist in this free land. Let us with boldness declare as Americans and Christians, "In God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) We Trust." May each of you enjoy a blessed 4th of July celebration!

And finally, I wish to share with each of you something that has been on my heart lately. June and I came to Emmanuel four years ago, so I could serve as your Vicar. This was a placement that may have been made initially by Concordia Seminary, but one I am sure was directed by God himself. After one year, you called me to be your Pastor, spiritual leader, and fellow brother in ministry. I can tell you with certainty, June and I have taken this calling very seriously, and we have placed our full trust in the Lord and His guidance, as we carry out our work in this congregation. We were sent, by the Lord, to do His work among and with you, and we are planning on being here until He decides otherwise. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away blessed be the name of the Lord. So, as for now my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are stuck with me. I hope and pray this is exactly what you were hoping for because I believe God has much more for us to accomplish in His name and by His power!

God's blessings!

Pastor McCarty



JUNE'S GIVING

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Giving - 2018

	June	Jan-June
Budgeted Income	\$11,240.00	\$67,440.00
Actual Income	\$8,379.00	\$65,084.60
Surplus (Short)	(\$2,861.00)	(\$2,355.40)

Elder's Letter

July Blessings from the Board of Elders!

The Board of Elder met on June 13th 2018

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

We have sent out 58 inactive letters and so far, have gotten back the following responses.

The board approved the following Peaceful Releases:

Susan Dancer, Mary Ann Hill, Johanna Lentz, Samantha Kish (Stegenga), Stacey & Steven Stegenga

Gary & Catherine Schmidt has asked to be dropped from our membership.

The leadership of Emmanuel are sending out a Congregational Survey to our members, for the purpose of gaining insight, on how we might better minister to their spiritual needs. Our desire is to see each person grow in their faith as people of God. It is also our hope that you, the membership of Emmanuel, will take this survey seriously, and after having prayerfully considered your answers, fill it out completely. May this be a worthwhile process that will benefit each person and strengthen the ministry of our congregation. During the next few weeks, we will be handing out the below Survey questions before church and will collect them at the end of each service. If you need more time to fill it out, then please take it home to complete or look for the online version of our Congregational Survey posted on our website and our Facebook page. Remember there's No more "Business as Usual" here at Emmanuel.

Emmanuel Interactive Congregational Survey

1. What types of additions or corrections would you like to see us implement in our Worship services here at Emmanuel? Please give a clear explanation of your answer.
2. What types of Bible study interests you the most: video, topical, books of the Bible, Christian movie/book review and discussion, or an educational study on Church Doctrine? Where would you like to meet for the Bible study? What day and time of the day would work best for you?
3. With concern to Sunday School, what would be a good time for Sunday School to be offered? What types of programs would you like to see taught in our Sunday School classes?
4. In your opinion, what does an active faith life look like to you?
5. What would it take to make you want to come to Emmanuel Church for worship and Bible study on a regular basis?
6. What have you seen at other churches that you really enjoyed and would like to see us practice here at Emmanuel? Be specific and give as much detail as you can. This will help us to get a better understanding of what you want us to consider.

Finally, our New Visitor Pew Cards are in place for our visitor. This makes it easier for us to collect information and follow up with our **visitors**. They would tear off the bottom portion and placing it into the offering plate or give it to the usher. The top portion with our church contact information can be taken home with them.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your Elder. Our next schedule Elder meeting is July 11th.

God's Blessings!

Michael Korunka, Director of Elders



MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Mission & Ministry Council News

July, 2018

We have been blessed as a congregation in so many ways and I thank God for all of that!

Here are some Specifics:

We have been blessed with the leadership of Wayne Davis, Lorrie Tritt, and Nicole Garner for the past few years while on Council. They have been remarkable in both their service to their Lord and to our church.

We will be blessed this year with the Elders Mike Korunka as head Elder, and Elders Harry Jones, Don Schroeder and Ed Tritt,

We will also be blessed with the Mission And Ministry Council Members Barbara Ketchum, Jerry and Tammy Pape, Carolyn Reitz and our Treasurer Donna Olsen. And, by God's Grace, I will try to be a blessing as well!

Our Pastor's tireless efforts in his ministry to us has been a profound blessing to so many.

A special monetary blessing in the amount of \$11,000 from the Estate of Blanche and Myrtle Schafer was recently received. Council is working out the details as to how best to utilize those monies for our Lord's work here at our church. Results will be shared with the congregation.

Other blessings include offerings keeping up with expenditures, a new copier, refrigerator, and a new Christmas tree.

Finally, our real blessings have been our members and we look forward to developing teams to carry on our Lord's Mission and Ministry here at Emmanuel.

To God be the Glory!

Sincerely,
Ken Huner, Chairman



LWML NEWS

LWML Mission of the Month – July 2018

Your Mite Box located in the rear of our Sanctuary collects your loose change to support many Missions, some close to home and others around the world. This month we would like to share with you:

“Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries” – the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) is a ministry primarily to Arabic-speaking people, most of whom are Muslim. This ministry brings the Good News of salvation by the power of the Holy Spirit through an Internet seminary. This grant will provide the BOLM with 1) the Internet Seminary for two years, 2) Bibles, in many languages, for Muslims, 3) Luther’s Small Catechism in Arabic, and 4) cell phones, land lines, and an international phone network. Thank you for your donations!

Your Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League

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- Next LWML Gathering: New day and time are coming in the Fall 2018!
- Thank you for your generous donations of diapers and wipes for the Lenawee County Crises Pregnancy Center! We collected 359 diapers, 64 wipes, and and \$10 cash!



“Ready, Set, Recycle”

(Proceeds used to finance the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, KY)

What is needed:

Used inkjet printer cartridges with metal print head*

Used laser ink cartridges (not Epson)

*Inkjet cartridges (with metal print head– not remanufactured or refilled cartridges)

Include all cords and accessories with the following:

Old cell phones	Pagers
PDA's	Palm Pilots
i-Pods	i-Pads
MP3 Players	E-Readers
Laptop computers	Notebooks
Tablets	

Please deposit the donated items in plastic tub located by elevator.

LWML District
Convention
Port Huron
July 19 –22,
2018

All women are
encouraged to
attend!

Seven Things Church Members Should Say to Guests

By Thom S. Rainer

One of the more common questions I'm asked relates to growth barriers. For example, church leaders may want to know how to move past the 150-attendance level of the past five years. Or other leaders desire to know how to break through financial giving barriers.

Those questions are tough because they often presume a brief response to be adequate. In reality, there are many theological and methodological issues at work in growth barriers. Today, I am looking at a very basic barrier: lack of friendliness to church guests.

In a previous blog post, I noted things we should *not* say to a guest in our worship services. In today's post I look at the positive perspective: seven things we *should* say to guests.

"Thank you for being here." It's just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told "thank you."

"Let me help you with that." If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.

"Please take my seat." I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.

"Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.

"Can I show you where you need to go?" Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.

"Let me introduce you to _____." The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff, and other members of the church.

"Would you join us for lunch?" I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.

Let's look at one example of breaking attendance barriers by saying the right things to guests. Presume your church has two first-time guests a week. Over the course of a year, the church would have 100 first-time guests. With most of the members being genuinely guest friendly, you could see half of those guests become active members. Attendance could thus increase by as much as 50 persons every year.

July 2018 Church Press Letter



OTHER NEWS

**Volunteers Needed:**

Nursery Help! Please check the sign up sheet on bulletin board by library.

August Ushers Needed! Please contact Mike Korunka
Altar Guild is looking for help also! Interested? Please contact Pastor Dave



*Blessed is the
 Nation whose God
 is the Lord.*
Psalm 33:12

Pastor's Bible Challenge**July Reading**

Psalm 90-150

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

Isaiah 1-4

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. There's also a way to give an online offering though Paypal. Feedback concerning our Live Streaming Service would be appreciated.

God Bless America**This summer . . .**

Try to do more things that energize you in ministry and fewer things that drain you. When you're on vacation, visit other churches to get ideas and encouragement. *(Share these ideas with us at Emmanuel)*

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OTHER NEWS



Just for KIDS

Celebrate Your Citizenship!

When we look at a globe or map, we see many different cities and countries. We are citizens of the place where we live. But we also hold another citizenship! Where?

Fit the names of these Bible-time places in the puzzle.
Write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found.

Read the words!

Tyre
Cana
Rome
Gaza
Sidon
Berea
Lycia
Athens
Kedesh
Sychar
Galilee
Ephraim
Ephesus
Corinth
Iconium
Damascus
Bethlehem
Phillippi
Jerusalem




INDEPENDENCE
Day

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY

Elder:

Don Schroeder
July 1—Mike Korunka

Elder Assistant:

July 1, 8, 22—Ken Huner
July 15, 29—Bruce Siebarth

Usher:

Troy Phillips
Bonnie Turner

Acolyte:

Needed

Lector:

July 1-Harry Jones
July 8-Rudy Meyer
July 15-Lorrie Tritt
July 22-Harry Jones
July 29—Needed

Altar Care:

July 1, 15, 22, 29—Karen Siebarth
July 8—Rebecca Roberts

Money Tellers:

Clara Furgason
Sue-Ellen Smith

Nursery:

July 15—Nicki Garner

Greeters:

Needed

*Thank
You!*

*If you can help in "needed" places please call Mike Korunka, at (734) 649-5349 or the church office. Thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Illness: Liz Harris, Lennie Day, 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 Maturity (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), Keith Siebarth (Bruce's brother), Shelley Jeffrey (niece of Eleanor Price), Judy Meyers (friend of Lolly Luegge), Eileen Jones, Harold Ruhl (Lolly Luegge's sister-in-law's father), Carolyn Reitz, Kenny Perrella (Tim Bowen & Donna Olsen's brother-in-law), Pastor James Balzar

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



JULY BIRTHDAYS!

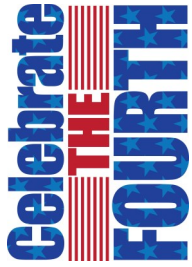
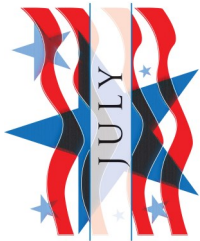
1 Jerry Reed, Sr.	13 Claire Roberts
4 Jill Heilmann	15 Johanna Lentz
4 Donald Whelan	15 Kristine Snook
5 Kaitlyn Goody	17 Beth Loesch
7 Tammy Pape	18 Emily Schafer
9 Darrel Bush	19 Nicki Stahl
10 Eleanor Price	25 Dave W. Stahl
12 Jason Gimesky	27 Travis Faust
12 Julia Gimesky	28 Donald Schroeder
12 Ken Huner	
12 Judi Joslin	



JULY ANNIVERSARIES!

2 Tim Bowen & Donna Bowen-Olsen	16 Dan & Laura Tomell
2 Michael & Laura Feuerbacher	20 Brian & Julie Bartush
6 Jim & Sandy DeBerry	22 Gerald & Tammy Pape
7 Christopher & Theresa Zahn	23 Joshua & Megan Barnett
8 Sonny & Rebecca Roberts	29 David & Yvonne Bigelow
12 Bruce & Karen Siebarth	





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Following worship: Parsh Nurse	2 6pm Boy Scouts	3 6pm Cub Scout 7pm MMC Meeting	4 5:30pm Scouts @ GBB <i>Happy Birthday America!</i>	5	6	7
8 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Installation of Officers LWML Mite Box Collection	9 6pm Boy Scouts	10 6pm Cub Scout	11 7pm Elders Meeting	12 7pm Prayer Meeting	13	14
15 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	16 6pm Boy Scouts	17 6pm Cub Scout	18 5:30pm Scouts @ GBB	19	20	21
LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION						
22 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	23 6pm Boy Scouts	24 6pm Cub Scout	25	26 7pm Prayer Meeting	27	28
LWML DISTRICT CONV.						
29 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	30 6pm Boy Scouts	31 6pm Cub Scouts				

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Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Adult Bible Study

10:30am Worship Service

