

# NEWSLETTER OF EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2018

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

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

What a blessed day it is, as the weather is unbelievable, especially for this time of the year. Once again, I have the wonderful opportunity to share some valuable information with you, the members of Emmanuel, and with all who may have the chance to read our monthly newsletter.

We are coming to the end of the summer season and are moving closer towards the transition into fall. Soon we will be celebrating Labor Day and then it will be the beginning of the school year for the students and staff in our area. As I talk to many of the youth in our congregation, I have not gotten the feeling they are overly anxious about ending their summer vacation and jumping back into the classroom. In fact, I am not sure how many of those who are teachers are overly excited to get back into the school routine. Yet, I have to admit what a blessing it is, that we as citizens of this great nation have access to both public and private educational systems. For many people throughout the world getting a formal education is not a feasible or realistic option.

As we center our attention on the beginning of the new school year, I would also like to take the opportunity to remind each of you about the beginning of our new educational schedule here at Emmanuel. As in the past, we will be kicking off the new year with a Rally Day event. This will take place on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. On that day we will have David Paul Britton lead our service with his musical talent and words of praise, confession, forgiveness, and thanksgiving. It is being planned as a service of inspiration which I hope will motivate our members to make a God-pleasing commitment to be in worship, in the study of God's Word, and in prayer on a regular basis.

**We will also have a blessing of backpacks that day.**

The day will begin with Bible class and Sunday school at 9:00 am followed by an outdoor service, weather permitting, at 10:30. After the worship service we will be enjoying a potluck picnic and time of visiting, in our fellowship hall and/or outside, if the conditions are favorable. Watch for the notices and plan your schedule to be here that morning for the start of a new year of Christ-centered learning.

We will continue to have a Bible study class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in our fellowship hall. There will be a Wednesday morning class offered at 9:00 am in the purple class room upstairs. We will also be meeting again for a Men's Saturday morning Bible Breakfast at 8:00 am in our fellowship hall. This is a great way for the men of our congregation to see how God's Word applies to their lives as Christian husbands, fathers, grandfathers, and men of God, who have been called to be the spiritual leaders of their families and congregations. All Men, please consider (continued on next page)

**WE ARE VERY  
blessed**

Check out our Live Sunday  
Service (10:30am)  
on the Web!  
[emmanuelontheridge.com](http://emmanuelontheridge.com)

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attending this wonderful activity, where you will be fed with God's precious Word for your soul and great food for your body.

I must stress to you how important it is for us to search and study the Holy Scriptures as Luke wrote in Acts 17:10-11, "As soon as night had fallen, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these teachings were true." We also read in I Peter 3:15, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." If we do not immerse ourselves in Scripture, how can we possibly give a solid defense of what we believe as Christians?

On another note, the Board of Elders and I continue to reach out to those members who have not been actively involved in our congregation and its ministries. If you have a family member or friend who has been disconnected from Emmanuel, please visit with them and encourage them to contact me or their elder, so we might be able to assist in reconnecting these saints with our church family. It is our desire to minister to each person in a loving and caring manner, and to feed them spiritually, so they can continue to grow in their Christian faith.

God bless, Pastor McCarty



## AUGUST'S GIVING

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church Giving - 2018

	August	Jan-August
<b>Budgeted</b> Income	\$11,240.00	\$89,920.00
<b>Actual</b> Income	\$10,104.13	\$84,283.98
Surplus (Short)	(\$1,135.87)	(\$5,556.02)

## Elder's Letter

September Blessings from the Board of Elders!

The Board of Elder met on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

I'm happy to announce, we have moved our American/Lutheran Flags, which were in the Narthex for years, back in the Sanctuary Altar area.

As you are already aware of, we're in the process of revamping our Communion Statement. We have evaluated other LCMS church statements around the surrounding states as well as in our district. Majority of these statements reviewed were all over the board. We hope to have our statement ready by the end of September or the first part of October. Our Practice of Holy Communion statement will appear prior to Holy communion in our bulletin.

Hopefully, everyone is aware of our monthly contemporary service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Last month our 1<sup>st</sup> contemporary service was very well received by our members. Emmanuel Praise Band will be playing Christian contemporary songs during the service. Please tell your family and friends, then invite them to *Come & Worship* with us on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please note: there will be no Communion given on our Contemporary Worship Sundays.

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

Our September Elder's meeting TBA.

God's Blessings!

Michael Korunka

Director of the Board of Elders

**Romans 12:2 ~ Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

*Be* **Transformed**

## MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL

*Next meeting will be September 4, 2018*

Chairman: Ken Huner  
 Treasurer: Donna Bowen-Olsen  
 Secretary: Jerry Pape  
 Elder Chairman: Mike Korunka

MMC officers:  
 Barbara Ketchum  
 Tammy Pape  
 Carolyn Reitz



### August Meeting Highlights

JoAnn Bartush was appointed to serve as the Financial Secretary. We thank Jane Griggs for her tireless efforts and dedication. She will continue to assist and work with JoAnn.

- Pastor's Report was presented.
- The Elders' Report was given
- The recent Family Fun Day was a hit! We hope to have the Christian Magician and Balloonist back in the future
- The Christmas program was chosen at little or no cost utilizing some of the material and supplements already on hand.
- Sunday School curriculum is being developed perhaps using a program centered around the Arch books
- Ken Huner will be attending the required Annual Deacon Conference in September
- The formerly separate Youth Account will be combined with our current bank account with its own line item accounting.
- The gift to our congregation of \$11,000 from the estate of Blanche and Myrtle Schafer will be allotted as follows:
  - \$1,000 for the Church Pavilion
  - \$2,000 for new lighting for the church
  - \$2,000 to \$3000 for a new sound board
  - The remaining monies yet to be determined
- Rally Day is being planned for September 9<sup>th</sup> with David Paul Britton
- Regular contemporary worship services is being developed.
- A Family Fun night is coming September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Council hopes to have more of these in the future.

Council Members shared with each other a number of blessings, joys, and victories that our congregation has and will continue to experience.

The Mission And Ministry Council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

To Him be the glory!

--Ken Huner, Council Chairman

**LOVE**  
*the Lord your God*  
*with all your*  
**HEART**  
*and with all your*  
**SOUL**  
*and with all your*  
**STRENGTH**  
*and with all your*  
**MIND...**  
 L U K E 10:27

## LWML NEWS

### LWML Mission of the Month – September, 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:

**“Equipping Youth to Witness for Life – Y4Life”** - the mission of Youth for Life, a ministry of Lutherans for Life, is to equip Lutheran youth and young adults to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life and be an example in speech, conduct, love, and to talk about the sanctity of life. This LWML grant will train new leaders to share the Gospel and speak about abortion in Lutheran high schools nationwide.

Thank you for your donations!  
Your Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League

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### LWML Women’s Gathering

Please join us for pizza, salad and lemonade

We will be discussing what’s happening in our Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, in our own congregation, our Monroe Zone, the Michigan District and National.

Grab a Women’s Quarterly, on the table in the narthex, and meet us in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 10 am.

Hope to see you all there!



## Thank You

A big **“Thank-You”** to all who helped out with this year’s Rummage and Bake Sale! Whether you sorted, organized, donated, priced, sold, baked, advertised or made phone calls, please know that all of us here at Emmanuel Lutheran appreciated your efforts!

New  
Meeting  
Time!

## Family Life Ministry

Are any of you asking this question with me? “Where has the summer gone?” It seems like we were just having our last week of Sunday School and now it’s time to gear up for a new time of renewing our minds with God’s Word. Rally Day is fast approaching! Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 9:00a.m. followed by a wonderful worship service with music led by David Paul Britton and a potluck meal to follow. I hope you are looking forward to a wonderful day filled with Koinonia (Christian fellowship). Please remember to bring your children’s backpacks to church with you! Pastor will be blessing your children and their backpacks as they get ready for a new school year.

Our Sunday School will be divided into two classes again this year, ages 3-7 will be with me and ages 8—confirmation age will be with June McCarty and Karen Siebarth. This year my class will be concentrating on the New Testament and using Arch books as the main text for our lessons. I will be sending home a list of the Arch books we will be using so that you can add them to your family’s library at home if you’d like to. They are all available through Concordia Publishing House. You can check them out on-line or I would be happy to order them for you. They do a wonderful job of telling the stories in a way that is easy to understand for the children and stay true to scripture while doing it. We will have a good time learning God’s Word, singing songs, and doing fun art projects, all helping to teach our precious little ones to hide God’s Word in their hearts.

I am always available for any questions, sharing resources for family ministry, or just to chat! My phone number is 517-902-6052 or I can be reached by email at [joyful\\_sound@yahoo.com](mailto:joyful_sound@yahoo.com).

In Jesus, our Prince of Peace,

Carolyn Reitz, Family Life Ministry



**Family  
Game  
Night**

***September  
15th***

***6 - 8pm***

## OTHER NEWS

**Volunteers Needed:**

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

**Ushers Needed!** Please contact Mike Korunka

**Church Maintenance!** See Ken Huner

### Pastor's Bible Challenge

**September Reading**

Ezekiel 17–48

Daniel, Hosea

Joel, Amos, Obadiah

Jonah, Micah, Nahum

Habakkuk, Zephaniah

Haggai, Zechariah 1-10



Appleton, Wisconsin • Minneapolis, Minnesota

### Attend the Social Security: Timing Is Everything workshop

Social Security is a vital income source for many retirees. But it can be a confusing topic, and making the most of it can have a lot to do with timing it right. This workshop can help you get answers to your questions and learn what Social Security can mean for you. Come join us on October 14, 2018 at 12:00pm., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Lunch will be served.

#### Additional Disclosures

Thrivent Financial and its representatives and employees have general knowledge of the Social Security tenets; however, they do not have the professional expertise for a complete discussion of the details of your specific situation. For additional information, contact your local Social Security Administration office.

### **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.

## OTHER NEWS

### 3 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE

Pastor's wives are very special women. Each one is carefully chosen and equipped by God to carry out a team ministry with her husband. Together, they serve to meet the needs of the people God has placed in his care. Her unique gifts and talents and the current needs of her family determine the role she plays within the life of the church at any given time. But, at all times, she is a woman. Just like the rest of us, she needs encouragement and support. However, because of her position in the church, it is often difficult for her to openly express her needs. We must be alert!

#### PRAY FOR HER

One of the best ways to encourage your pastor's wife is to pray for her, and be sure to let her know that you are. As you pray, ask God to show you her needs. He will! It's also nice to occasionally ask her if there is anything special you can be praying for her or her family.

#### APPRECIATE HER

Send her a note once in a while to let her know how much you appreciate her and that you are grateful for the sacrifices she makes so that her husband can be available to others. A small gift is another way to show her she is special to you. A rose for her birthday or an invitation to lunch are usually well received. Hand-made items are also a nice personal touch.

#### ASSIST HER

One of the greatest things she needs is the chance to be with other pastors' wives, in an environment where she can be refreshed and reenergized, where she is able to share her challenges with those who truly understand. When opportunities arise for her to attend seminars or conferences, such as the upcoming [Katie Conference](#) taking place in Bay City, April 25-27, there are several ways you can help. Depending on the age of her children, you can offer to stay with them, or provide transportation or meals for them, or be "on call" for pastor/dad while she is away and, of course, in this tight economy monetary assistance with the expenses involved is always welcome.

Remember, your pastor's wife is working hard, often behind the scenes, so that your pastor and your congregation can be effective. Don't forget her!

13 February, 2014 / by [Sharon Atkinson](#) / in [Healthy Congregations](#)

wonderful  
merciful  
SAVIOR



## OTHER NEWS

### Ten Tips for Inviting People to Church

**Invite someone you know** - A number of surveys show that a majority of persons first come to church because a friend invited them. When you invite someone, it not only is personal; it's also the most effective invitation.

**Pray about your inviting**— The Holy Spirit wants to work through you to invite others to see Christ— to come to church to hear the Good News. Pray for the Spirit's help as you reach out to someone else.

**Invite persons in time of need**—There are times in the lives of most people when the message of Christ and the fellowship of worship are especially needed. There may be some events in life that God uses to make people more open to an invitation to worship. People going through the stress of change—a loved one's death, sickness in the family, loss of job, a new community, or a baby—can be served by the message of the risen Christ around which worship revolves.

**Invite persons to special services**—Special worship occasions are another great opportunity to invite others to worship. Natural opportunities for visitors include Christmas, Easter, and Sunday School or vacation Bible school when students participate.

**Invite persons who don't have a church home**—While our congregation is happy to have visitors from other churches, our outreach is aimed at nonchurched persons. Our church family isn't seeking to "steal" members from other congregations. Instead, our congregation treasures opportunities to serve relatives, friends, and associates of our members who do not have a church to call their own.

**Invite people because we are proud of our church family**—There can be a healthy kind of pride in our parish family and what Christ has given us to offer. That pride includes good feelings about our congregation and our satisfaction in what God has done for us and through us. Because we have experienced the "joy of salvation" in our worship, we will want others to share that joy.

**Invite people in your own way**—Don't worry about how to invite someone to worship with you. If you are concerned enough and sensitive to their feelings, the Holy Spirit promises to bless the process. There is no single "right way." Even if your words may stumble, the Spirit will work through you. Often it takes more than one invitation.

**Don't give up**—If your invitation doesn't work the first time, try other ways to invite that person to worship. Do not push! Be gentle, but make sure a person knows the welcome mat is always out.

**Invite people to worship with you**—Nonchurched visitors will attend our services more readily if you worship with them. More than once, people have said they would like to visit services, but don't know anyone. Arrange to bring them or meet them at church and sit with them. Being with visitors for the first time also gives you opportunity to help them with worship practices we may take for granted.

**Ask your pastor for help**—Your pastor is always ready to help you invite someone else. He sets aside time to contact persons—by home visits, over the phone, by a mailed note—to whom our congregation is reaching out. He'll be happy to visit someone whom you know would appreciate a visit. Please find ways to work together on the process.

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to everything  
there is a season

# OTHER NEWS



## Honoring Grandparents

September 9th



## From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

*Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.*

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words

3-letter words

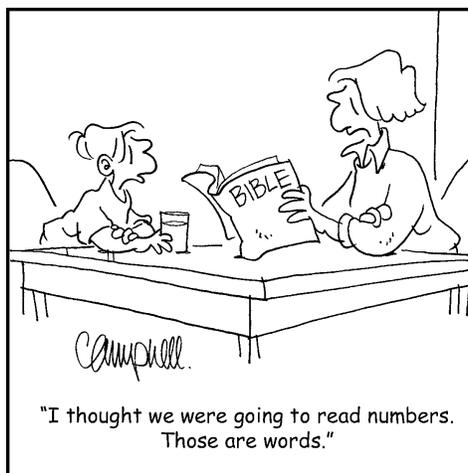
4-letter words

5+ letters

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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> \_\_\_\_\_

Answers will vary.



"I thought we were going to read numbers. Those are words."



## THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

**Elder:**

Ed Tritt

**Elder Assistant:**

Rudy Meyer

**Usher:**

Dan Wilke, Lorrie Tritt

**Acolyte:**

Sept. 2, 16, 30 Gibson Wilke

Sept. 9, 23 Chesney Wilke

**Lector:**

Sept. 2 - Harry Jones

Sept. 9—Rudy Meyer

Sept. 16—Needed

Sept. 23—Donna Bowen Olsen

Sept. 30— Needed

**Altar Care:**

Sept. 2—Dan &amp; Laura Tomell

Sept. 9, 16, 23—Karen Siebarth

Sept. 30—Needed

**Money Tellers:**

Donna Bowen Olsen

Sue Ellen Smith

JoAnn Bartush

**Nursery:**

Needed

**Greeters:**

Lolly Luegge

Needed

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



***It's time again for POPCORN!*** The Scouts will be selling popcorn after the worship service,

**September 16 & 30.**

*This is our annual fundraiser, and money raised will help fund Summer Camp, Pack and Troop activities, campouts, awards, Pinewood Derby, and so much more! Thank you for supporting your scouts!*

*Thank You!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Illness:** Liz Harris, Lennie Day, 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, Floyd & Shirley Brown, Dee Hitzemann (aunts & uncles of Jo-Ann Bartush), Don Mature (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), 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, Brody Rickelmann, Glenn Applin (Terri Keehn's cousin's husband), Anne Marquardt (friend of Lolly Luegge), Terry Faust, Jane Griggs, Dorothy Helm

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

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

1 Nicholas Feuerbacher	26 Alice Merritt
1 Glenda Stegenga	27 Justin Garner
2 Mason Schafer	30 Brian Bartush
3 Kameron Havens	
6 Keith Bigelow	
8 Kyle Fore	
9 Justin Roberts	
9 Nathan Roberts	
13 Barbara Ketchum	
14 Bradley Garner	
17 Alexyss Wielfaert	
18 Eva Alcock	
25 Sarah Tritt	

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### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

4 Gary & Karen Hintz	26 Kerry & Lori Ritter
5 Robert & Susan Gwilt	
11 Josh & Kimberly Phillip	
15 Donald & Beverly Whelan	
22 Harry & Eileen Jones	





# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	3 <b>Labor Day</b> 6pm Boy Scouts	4 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm MMC Meeting	5 5:30pm Scouts @GBB	6 7pm Prayer Meeting	7	8
9 <b>Rally Day!</b> 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Mite Collection	10 10am LWML Gathering 6pm Boy Scouts	11 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Confirmation	12 9am Bible Study	13	14	15 8am Men's Bible Study <b>6-8pm Family Game Night</b>
16 <b>Popcorn Sale</b> 9am Bible Study 10:30am Contem- porary Worship	17 6pm Boy Scouts	18 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Confirmation	19 5:30pm Scouts @GBB 9am Bible Study	20 7pm Prayer Meeting	21	22 8am Men's Bible Study
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30 <b>Popcorn Sale</b> 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship						

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## Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Adult Bible Study

10:30am Worship Service

## Bible Studies

8am Saturday Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

9am Wednesday Bible Study

