

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class begins at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. (September-May)

Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Worship is at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall.



May God continue to reform our Church to His Word and bless our August!

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17

(Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)



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# Emmanuel News

## A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

You’ve heard the phrase “there’s a time and a place for everything.” I’ve said it and you likely have too. Whether in the context of our family or school or personal relationships, this phrase has bearing in many different circumstances. And it can be said of the church as well. Regardless of how we feel about the last year and a half, there is no denying that lockdowns, health concerns, vaccines and questions about when to return to “normal” life have had an impact on our lives, and the life of the church. Add to that the stresses of searching for a pastor and keeping the church running in a time of vacancy and many might have begun to wonder what God had in store for Emmanuel. But I assure you that whatever season we are in, **“we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose”** (Romans 8:28).

King Solomon, in writing the book of Ecclesiastes, gives us a passage that we are likely familiar with. **“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”** (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Hopefully we’re as familiar with the actual Biblical passage as we are with Pete Seeger or the Byrd’s rendition of it in the song *Turn! Turn! Turn!* from the early 1960s. What putting these words to music does for us though, is help us to understand that they are all about the rhythm of the life that we’ve been given by God. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to sow, and a time to gather up what has been sown; and on and on.

I am honored to have been invited into your midst to witness the times of birth, and the times of death; to weep with you, and to laugh with you; to sow, and to gather up what has been sown. We will experience all these things together, but we also know that we do not face them alone. For God is the one who has ordered the seasons of our lives and who promises to work all things together for good. We have seasons which are now in the past and seasons which are yet to come and still unknown to us, but today we live in the season of blessings God has given to us right now. And we rejoice that we have one another to share this season with, whatever it might bring for us.

✝ Pastor Marks



To every thing there is a season  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven Ecclesiastes 3:1

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### Highlights

- Thursday Morning Worship begins August 5 at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday Morning Bible Class resumes August 5, 2021.
- The Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held August 8, 2021.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will resume on August 5, 2021 at 9 a.m. (note new time) in Memorial Hall. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew.

## Sunday School

Sunday School will begin September 12, 2021.

## Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets on Sundays after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall.

## Worship Attendance

Week of 6/27 ..... 172\*  
Week of 7/04 ..... 69  
Week of 7/11 ..... 65\*\*  
Week of 7/18 ..... 72  
Week of 7/25 ..... 64

(\* Includes ordination/installation service  
(\*\*) Estimate

## The Season of Pentecost

In our daily lives we keep track of our activities and special events with a calendar. The church, throughout the centuries, has also “kept track” of days and seasons and commemorating special occasions with a calendar. The Christian church has continued to follow the example set in the Old Testament of structuring the year around the marvelous acts of salvation that God completed for us in his Son, Christ. We call this structure the Church Year.

The church year calendar is organized into three sections: Sundays and seasons, feasts and festivals, and commemorations. The seasons of the church year are marked by certain liturgical colors.

Color is everywhere. Color is God’s way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son. Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God’s worshipping people.

Just as music is the “handmaiden to theology,” liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper’s emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received.

Color, like light, which is its source, is most helpful when it is pleasing as well as stimulating to the senses. However, let’s never forget its primary role in divine worship: Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific “colorful” chapter in the life of our Lord and His church, retold annually by the church calendar.

Green is by far the most common color seen during the year. Lutheran Service Book calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year! Epiphany’s message of Christ’s revelation to the Gentiles along with the season’s traditional emphasis on extending Christ’s kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green—the color symbolic of growth.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as “the time of the church,” share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the “green meadow,” no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth. Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That’s why the “green meadow” time of the church year is so lengthy.

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## Mission of the Month—August

As college students prepare to begin their classes, we turn our attention to **Luther Memorial Chapel and University Student Center in Shorewood**, our Mission of the Month for August, serving students at UW-Milwaukee, Marquette University, MSOE and Concordia University in Mequon with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Student Ministry* at Luther Memorial provides opportunities for worship, study, service, and social activities for the students at church and on campus. *International Student Ministry* carries out the work of friendship and hospitality and tutoring to international students.

Your designated mission gifts in your August weekly envelopes will go to support this important work among our Lutheran students in Milwaukee. Lord knows, on campus, they need the strength of His Word!



Luther Memorial Chapel & University Student Center in Shorewood

## Quarterly Congregational Meeting to be held August 8, 2021

### News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **Pastor Marks** can be reached at the church office or at (920) 400-0425 and is available for any pastoral needs that you might have. Feel free to reach out to him to schedule a time for your family to meet and get to know our new pastor.

◆ **June Mission, Lutherans in Africa**, raised \$870. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ **We received a thank you letter from Lutherans for Life**, our May Mission of the Month. “God bless you for your generous gift of \$455. It means not only support for our labors but also refreshing fellowship and encouragement for our spirits. And you have reminded us how our Heavenly Father gives life for us to share it with each other.”

◆ **Didn’t get to church last Sunday?** Emmanuel is offering its divine services on YouTube each week. Be sure to check it out and be enriched by God’s Word. Watch for the YouTube link in your weekly email. God bless us all! If you don’t get our weekly email, contact the church secretary (secretary@emmanueladell.org) with your email address to be put on the list.

◆ **If you are at all interested** in assisting with the recording or editing of the YouTube divine service videos for the benefit of the congregation, please let Pastor Marks know. Whether you’re a confident techie, or a total novice, there’s a job for anyone in this process.

◆ **Every Member Visitation.** As Pastor Marks gets settled in, one of the most important tasks that we all have is that he get to know us and we get to know him. Pastor will begin contacting each member in the next few weeks to schedule a time to visit and get to know one another. Visits may take place in your home, the church office, or even the parsonage, whichever you are most comfortable with, and at a time convenient for you. Visits will continue throughout the summer and into the fall. If you would prefer to reach out to Pastor to schedule your visit, please do so. As always, Pastor is available to meet if you have needs or simply want to talk. And remember to let him know if you have prayer requests, are entering the hospital, having surgery, or want to rejoice in a specific blessing you’ve received.

◆ **Confirmation classes** will begin in September. If you are interested in having your child start confirmation classes this fall, please speak with Pastor Marks about their path toward this important milestone in their faith journey.

◆ **Sunday School Teacher Needed.** As we prepare for the new Sunday School year, we are looking for one or more volunteers willing to teach, or assist with Sunday School. Even if you’re not available every week, there’s a way you can serve.

### WITH GOD’S HELP

#### THANKSGIVING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6  
PSALM 7:17

#### FORGIVENESS

COLOSSIANS 3:13  
MATTHEW 6:14-15  
EPHESIANS 4:31-32

#### PEACE

JOHN 16:33  
PSALM 4:8  
PSALM 72:7