

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9 a.m.

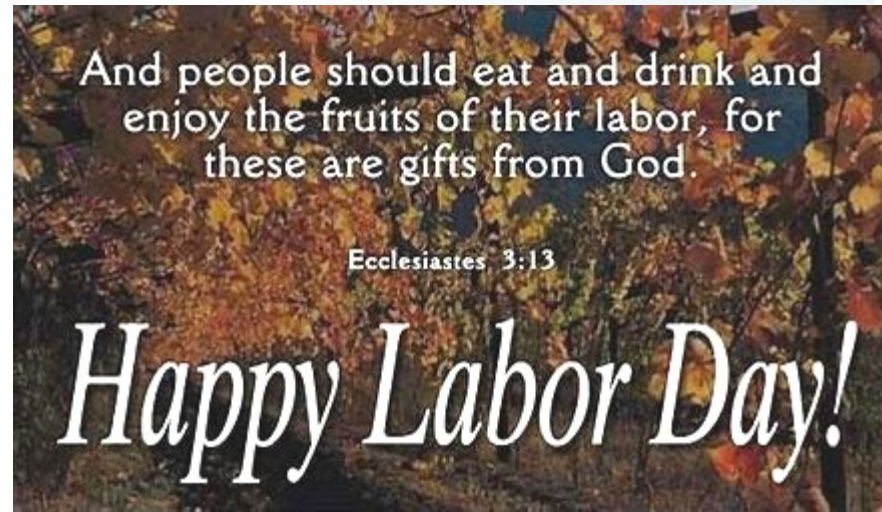
Sunday Bible Class begins at 10:15 a.m.

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 8:45 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 September!

“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

“Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.” Philippians 3:17

DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO...

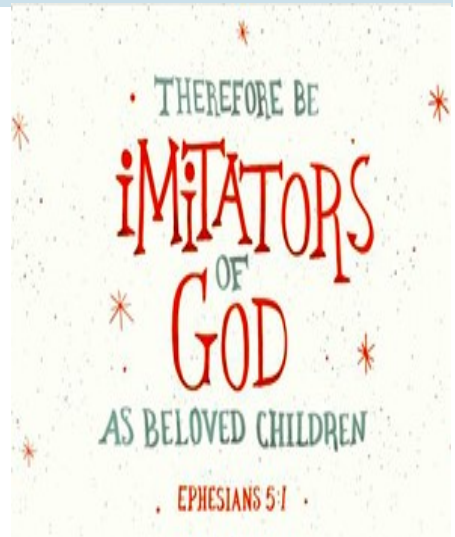
We've all been in that spot where someone has told us what we need to do. Sometimes it's a parent and other times it's a boss. Or it might even be a friend who knows what's best for us. And yet, when we're told what we must do, our reaction and our inclination to comply is generally less than enthusiastic. Our self-reliant and self-directive nature just doesn't like to be told what to do. So, how do we as Christians, who have the Truth, and desire others to know it too, share that Truth in ways it will be heard?

The old adage, “Do as I say, not as I do” reminds us that too often our actions and our example don't match up with the words that flow from our mouths. As parents this discrepancy is troubling as we seek to lead our children in the path they should go. As Christians, it can often be just as troubling. There's no denying that our sinful nature causes our actions to fail to line up with our words on a regular basis. And yet, we are called to, “**Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God**” (Ephesians 5:1-2). It is certainly a tall order to be imitators of God, and yet our example is what others see and is what speaks most loudly to those who are outside the church. That example is only possible when we walk as forgiven children of God, reveling in the blessings our God has given to us.

And it's in that walk as forgiven children that our example can be a beacon to those who may not hear our words, but just might follow our example. How much more effective is the example of forgiving our neighbor when they have harmed us, than preaching to them about forgiveness? How much more will someone know our joy in the Lord when we express that joy in a work of care or service? And how much more likely will someone be to share in the joy of Christ's bride, the church, when we sincerely invite them to join us instead of just telling them how important it is? I will always be happy to consider a sincere invitation to a place or an event that someone is excited to be at. Which is why I often finish that phrase, “Don't tell me what to do...” with the words “but invite me to do it with you!” As imitators of God, we are constantly inviting others to share in the joy and the peace of knowing our savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings in Christ,

✠ *Pastor Marks*



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Highlights

- Sunday School Rally Day is September 12, 2021

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Sunday School

9/12—Mary and Martha
9/19—The Prodigal Son
9/26—The Rich Man and Lazarus

Snack Schedule

9/12—Mumme
9/19—Fischer
9/26—Michaels

Sunday Bible Class

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

Worship Attendance

Week of 8/01 67
Week of 8/08 72
Week of 8/15 77
Week of 8/22 80

Confirmation & Home Instruction

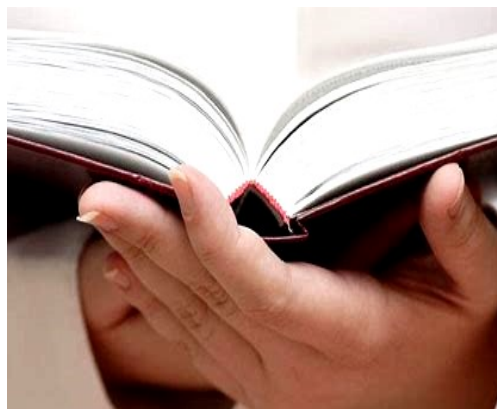
As we begin confirmation classes again this month, after a year without this instruction for our young people, we will again be considering what it means to be instructed in the Scriptures, walk in the ways of the Lord, live a life of faith, and utilize the catechism. The article below, although geared toward children, is a great reminder to all of us of the treasure that we have in Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, which we use for instruction in the faith. Next to the Holy Scriptures themselves, the Small Catechism is the best teaching tool that we have and was designed to be used in the home by parents to teach their children the faith. If you're looking for some ways to incorporate devotions, Scripture reading, and the catechism into your daily or weekly routines at home, just ask pastor. He'd be more than happy to help you get started with these important activities.

What is a "catechism"?

A catechism (pronounced KAT-eh-kizm) is a book of instruction usually written in question and answer form. The word "catechism" comes from the Greek word *katekhein*, which means "to instruct." A catechism teaches the basics of the Christian faith.



Why do we need catechisms?



While visiting local churches, Martin Luther found many pastors and their church members were unaware of the true teachings of the Bible. Because of this, the people were living immoral lives. Martin Luther wrote the catechisms to instruct people in the basics of the Christian faith, that they might know Christ and His forgiveness and live accordingly. We still use Luther's Large and Small Catechisms so that we never forget those things that are necessary for faith in Christ.



Parents: Consider these words from Luther: "I, too, am a theologian who has attained a fairly good practical knowledge and experience of Holy Scriptures through various dangers. But I do not so glory in this gift as not to join my children daily in prayerfully reciting the Catechism. ... For God gave the Word that we should impress it on ourselves. ... Without this practice our souls become rusty, as it were, and we lose ourselves." (Plass, Ewald M., *What Luther Says* vol. 1 [St. Louis: Concordia, 1986], 125–26).

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Mission of the Month—September

Anchor of Hope's free services are available to all individuals experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, especially individuals who are uncertain of their options. The Center provides compassionate, non-judgmental consultation, and educational services consistent with the sanctity of human life including: pregnancy screening, ultrasound, education on abortion and alternatives, confidential support, material aid, community referrals and more. Anchor of Hope Pregnancy & Help Center was established in 2013 to serve the residents of Sheboygan County. The volunteer board consists of eight members and a medical director. The Center is affiliated with Heartbeat International and is fully funded by private donations. Volunteers of many kinds are needed. For more information call 920-452-4673, visit them in person at 1018 S. Taylor Drive in Sheboygan (across the street from Aldi) or visit their website: www.newhopephc.org. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in September goes toward this important, local mission in our community. An Anchor of Hope representative will be at Emmanuel on September 26.



*And whatever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord and not to men.*

Colossians 3:23

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.

◆ **July Mission, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne**, raised \$855. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

We continue to pray for Joshua Benish, who is currently serving his vicarage at Pella Lutheran Church in Waupun, WI. Seminarian Benish will be visiting with us in September to greet the congregation and preach at a Wednesday service. Watch for updates on the exact date and plan to come and worship and meet our seminarian. We have also been assigned a first-year seminarian from Fort Wayne who we will be praying for and supporting. His name is Aaron Schultz and he is from Dayton, OH. We pray for Aaron and his studies at the seminary which will begin very soon.

◆ **Lutherans in Africa** sent a thank you letter. "Your recent donation of \$870.00 on July 26, 2021 is much appreciated for the ongoing work of forming African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith. Thank you!"

◆ **Bethesda Lutheran Communities** thanked us for our "recent gift of \$455.00 given on July 8, 2021. Gifts like yours help Bethesda carry out our mission to enhance the individual lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

◆ Are you interested in **electronically depositing** your weekly contribution instead of writing a check? If inter-

ested, please email the church secretary at secretary@emmanueladell.org.

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

◆ **Every Member Visitation.** Pastor Marks will continue his visitation of all members throughout the fall. This is a great way to get to know our new pastor and for him to get to know each of us. If you have a preferred time or place for your visit, please go ahead and reach out to pastor to schedule your time together.

◆ **Confirmation classes** will begin in September. Confirmation 1, for those just entering the program, will meet two Wednesdays per month (check the church calendar) at 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 3, for those who are nearing their confirmation next spring, will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 7. 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.

◆ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 30 days of September reading the first half of Ezekiel (chapters 1 thru 24) for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

WITH GOD'S HELP

WISDOM

PROVERBS 4:6-7
JAMES 3:13
JOB 12:12

STRENGTH

TIMOTHY 4:17
SAMUEL 12:16
PSALM 18:32

SERENITY

PROVERBS 3:5-6
EPHESIANS 6:10-18
HEBREWS 11:6