

Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School (Missouri Synod)



September 1, 2024

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)
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WELCOME! *We are glad you are worshiping with us today! It is our desire to have a welcoming and safe worship atmosphere. Please silence your cell phone.*

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the confidence of receiving from the Lord of the Church all He promises when he gives His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you commune with us, we ask that you be in confessional agreement with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and that the following be your belief:

- I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ.
- I believe that Jesus is God's Son, my personal Savior and together with the bread and wine I receive the true Body and Blood of Christ.
- I dedicate myself anew to the Lord through regular worship, the study of His Word, faithful witness, fervent prayer and loving service.

[Non-alcoholic drink is offered in the middle section of each tray. Notify the pastor if you desire a gluten-free communion wafer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Every day you see people who are hurting - those who have lost a job, lost a loved one, going through divorce...Stephen Ministers are God's Ministry and can help you through a difficult time. Contact Jim Fehringer if you or someone you know could be helped by this ministry.

DID YOU KNOW...Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota, **TLCare** ministry offers hospitality to those receiving medical care at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. TLCare has lodging to offer to LCMS brothers and sisters at no cost. Contact Trinity Lutheran Church at 507-289-1531 or Tricia at 507-218-1531.

Contact Gaye Nelson, Sue Luethje or the church office if you know of members who could use help from **Care Circle** with transportation needs to medical appointments or to welcome the arrival of a new baby.

Do you have a **Thrivent account**? Eligible Thrivent members may direct "choice dollars" donations to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Emmanuel Lutheran School. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and at the prompt say "Thrivent Choice".

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services - 8:00 & 10:30 am
Adult Bible Class & Dig-In Sunday School 9:15 am

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ORDER OF SERVICE

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

SONG**Here I Am to Worship**.....(*Page 10*)

INVOCATION

P: Know that the Lord, He is God!

C: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

C: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

P: We gather in the name and in the presence of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: In You, O Lord, we live and move and have our being. Amen.

HYMN**Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy**.....**LSB 590**

P: Return to the Lord, your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Eternal Trinity. You are God and there is no other. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto You, O Lord, forever and ever. Please hear now our sincere confession in Your great presence.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, with our words and in our actions. There is no other place to go but to You. Lord, show us Your mercy for Jesus' sake. Send us Your Holy Spirit so that we may be empowered to live our lives to Your glory and honor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (silence for self-examination)

P: Children of God, be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for Christ, having atoned for the sins of the whole world, makes us clean and holy before the Father in heaven. Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered, and blessed is Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins, and the sins of the whole world! Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 14:1-31

EPISTLE Romans 6:3- 14

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: ***(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

Following reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***(spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN The Gifts Christ Freely GivesLSB 602, v. 1,2,6

SERMON

HYMN God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It.....LSB 594

BRINGING FORTH OUR OFFERINGS

(Sign and pass Friendship Pad)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND SUPPORT

HYMN..... Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart.....LSB 806

RADIO MINISTRY - KAWL Radio - 1370 AM & KOOL 103.5 FM- 10:30 am Service
 LUTHERAN HOUR - KAWL Radio - 1370 AM & KOOL 103.5 FM- 7:30 am on Sundays
 Our church services online - www.emmanuelnyork.com, "Join us online", Livestream

Today's **radio and internet broadcast** is sponsored by Merle Bethune and family in loving memory of Sandi Bethune.

Birthdays this week: Cindy McLean, Karen Blase, Brian Hale, Charlie Hoffman, Rylee Nienhueser, Evan Ronne, Wyatt Troudt, Deb Snipes, Henry Staehr, Nathan Wittgren, Glenda Kaiser, Gavin Perryman, Reuben Blum, Rupert Blum, Lucas Carlson, Derek Drake, Darrin Lammers, Danika Pohl, Dan Stanton, Keagan Crawford, Heather Kaiser, Beckett Sorgenfrei, Aaron Throne.

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Emily & Allen Johnson, Alan & Michele Pohl, Amanda & Lance Ring.

SERVING TODAY

- Elders** - Bill Bolte, Charlie Moore, Jeremy Haack
- Organist** - Jerrita Staehr
- Lay Readers** - Beth Miller, Logan Lemburg
- Ushers** - Matt Wagner, Troy Otte, Alan Pohl, Ryan Koch, Richard Kant, Nathan Beck
- Technology** - Koch Family, Porter Brahmsteadt, Spencer Oxley
- Acolytes** - Luke Scamehorn, James Nienhueser, Brianna Johnson, Addyson Peters

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE VERSE

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
Romans 3:23-24

Financial Stewardship	
Needed weekly.....	\$31,659.83
Received Last Week - envelopes & loose plate, online.....	\$23,929.00
Summary through July 2024	
Offerings received.....	\$558,950.41
School funds received.....	\$204,952.28
Debt retirement received.....	\$21,074.54
Other receipts.....	\$14,938.28
Total receipts.....	\$799,915.51
Actual expenses.....	\$872,551.32
Net loss.....	\$(72,635.81)
Bank Note Balance as of 08/26/24	\$95,000.00
Attendance last week: Worship Service - 393	

PRAYERS

Perry Rosenau, David Buller, Ron Blum, Brent Bredenkamp, Sierra Barrett, Marie Alms, Joan Bittinger, Lisa Johnson, Marcia Friesen, Carolleen Junge, Dale Haack, John Walbrecht, Pat Hoffart, Mary Kohtz, Pete Walbrecht, Pastor Brad Birtell, Gail Staehr, Beth Egenes, Mike Steube, Lynda Kreutzer, Lou Hoffman, Rick Stuhr, Isaac Robertson, Kim Peters, Leslie McKeown, Adrienne Sanderson, Peace Lutheran, Waco, Armed Forces protecting our Country.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Giving Tree** is accepting monetary donations for **LWML Grace Care Circle**. Grace Care Circle volunteers transport our members who are unable to drive themselves to in-town & out-of-town medical appointments. Donations will be used to defray the expense of gasoline. Questions? Contact Gaye Nelson at 402-366-3549.

Emmanuel Choir will begin practice on September 4 at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Jerrita Staehr with questions.

Donations are being accepted and will be delivered to **Orphan Grain Train** on September 26. If you have questions, contact Scott & Gaye Nelson.

Greeters wanted to welcome members and visitors at our church services. Please sign up at the Information Center or contact the church office for more information.

Church Pictorial Directory - If you had your picture taken for the directory, please stop in the church office to pick up your complementary copy.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin meeting here at Emmanuel on September 4 at 9:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesday mornings for coffee, fellowship and study of the Book of Mark.

LWML Scholarships are available for students attending Concordia University. Pick up an application in the Church Office or contact Jan Gray.

Ladies Bible Study on the book of Esther will begin September 4 at 7:00 pm in the Family Room. We will use the booklet "Esther The Hidden Hand of God" by Lydia Brownback. The book costs \$11 - \$12 and can be purchased at Flourish Bible Study, <https://a.co/d/OlrCXwKG>. For more information contact Jan Gray or the church office.

Nebraska District Middle School Gathering will be November 9-10, at Lincoln Lutheran Middle/Senior High School, for 6th - 8th grade. For registration information, talk to Pastor Ben.

Emmanuel-Faith School Board is holding a **Support our Students Fundraiser** for the 2024-2025 school year. 15 students from 9 different families have applied for financial aid. Additionally, 13 students qualify for a staff discount of \$500.00. To offset the expense to Emmanuel and Faith churches, the School Board is asking for donations. Our goal is \$10,000.00. Donation containers will be in the church until September 15, 2024, or payments can be taken to the church or school offices. Please consider helping these families in need.

LCMS Gift Planning - The gift planning process of an estate requires multi-channel communication and if you are married, it is essential that both spouses join in the process, expressing their wishes and becoming educated so that the plan can stay in place many years. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor uses a special survey incorporating wishes from both spouses into a final design, even if one spouse ordinarily avoids involvement in financial affairs. To get started, contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfn.org.

Support our **Little Blessings Preschool** by donating toward their Amazon wish list found on Emmanuel's facebook page and Little Blessings' facebook page.

Support Emmanuel-Faith School through fundraising opportunities at www.emmfaith.org/page/support-us. **Scrip gift cards** are available on Sundays after services and at the School office during summer hours, typically 9:00 am - noon.

St. Paul Lutheran, Utica, 125th Anniversary will be celebrated September 14-16. Saturday will be a Family Festival, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm with food, fun and games for all, no RSVP needed. Sunday will begin with worship at 9:00 am Guest Pastor Rob Gadeken, fellowship and story hour following and a celebration dinner at noon. RSVP for the meal by September 1 to Jayne at 402-362-9280 or online at stpaulutica.com. All ages welcome! Free and open to the community!

St. John's Lutheran, Waco, will celebrate their 150th anniversary on September 22 at 10:00 am with Rev. Dale Meyer as guest preacher and a catered meal to follow. Send RSVP to STJOHNWACO150@GMAIL.COM.

Emmanuel-Faith Little Blessings Preschool is accepting registrations. Contact Preschool Director Libby Brouillette at lbrouillette@efyork.org, faithlutheranyork.com, or Faith Lutheran Church at 402-362-3000.

UPC symbols from **Best Choice** brand food items are collected by the VFW Auxiliary. Place them in the container at the Information Center.

Follow Emmanuel-Faith School on Twitter @EFYork!

If you would like to sponsor either the radio or internet **broadcast of our Sunday service**, contact the church office. The cost is \$70.00 for the radio and \$50.00 for the internet.

In the words of Billy Graham, "God has given us two hands - one to receive with and the other to give with." Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35). To paraphrase this - "There is more happiness in giving than receiving." Receiving is great, but giving is even greater. Givers and receivers need each other. If we at this time have plenty, we can give what we have to those in need. Likewise, we can, in our time of need, receive from others (2 Corinthians 8:14). We are fulfilled and enriched through a generous giving spirit.

This week at Emmanuel-Faith School

Thursday - Cross Country at Concordia; Football at Hastings, 4:00/5:30; Volleyball at Kearney, 5:00/6:00.
Saturday - Yorkfest Parade