# Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School (Missouri Synod)



March 16, 2025

## **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)**

**Emmanuel "God With Us"** 

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 I 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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#### **INVOCATION**

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P: O God, help us. Lord, free our souls from the burdens of our sins so that we may worship you with glad and sincere hearts, hearts touched by Your Son, our Savior, Jesus, who invites us to come and to live in Your holy presence.
- C: Almighty God, Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, I admit and confess my sinfulness, for it is a burden to me. I have turned away from You in my thinking, speaking and doing. I have done things which I ought not to have done and I have too often failed to do what I ought to have done. I am weary of my sins and do repent of them. I am truly sorry for all my sins, known and unknown, remembered and forgotten. Have mercy upon me, Holy Father, because of the obedience of Jesus Christ, Your Son and my Savior. Forgive me all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move me to serve You faithfully and use me in the building of Your kingdom through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen. (Silence for self-examination)
- P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit. Lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Go your sins are forgiven, your burden is lifted, Christ is faithful.
- C: Amen.

#### **Confession of Faith - 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** Genesis 22:1-18

**EPISTLE Hebrews 11:17-19** 

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 3:16-21

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 3rd 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 Lamb	LSB 547

#### SERMON

# **BRINGING FORTH OUR OFFERINGS** (Sign and pass Friendship Pad)

#### PRAYERSOF 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**

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.emmanuelyork.com, "Join us online", vimeo.com/emmanuelyorkne.

### Today's radio and internet broadcast is sponsored by Pat Bredenkamp in memory of Russ Bredenkamp.

**Birthdays this week:** Taylee Aspegren, Devin Gerken, Josh Givens, Joel Jensen, Rickie Meers, Morgan Stutzman, Krieger Bowman, Mackenzie Liermann, Mark Way, Gabriella Conard, Brenda Dickey, Nichole Lawrence, Hanna Rutten, Nicholas Wiemer, Carson Berg, Mark Ellis, Cooper Givens, Collin Molesworth, Erin Nienhueser, Amanda Ring, Grayson Hansen, Thomas Hansen, Nikki Wize.

Anniversaries this week: Keith & Sherry Gerken, Rich & Amy Meyer, Dave & Kim Oschner, Rupert & Denise Blum,

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Elders - Bill Bolte, Charlie Moore, Jeremy Haack
Organist - Dylan Teut
Lay Readers - Brian Staehr, Mara Howard
Ushers - Troy Otte, Alan Pohl, Ryan Koch, Nathan Beck, Calvin Price
Technology - Koch Family, Hoffman Family
Acolytes - Keaton Sorgenfrei, Tre Meers, Knox Travis, Isaiah Wagner

#### THIS MONTH'S BIBLE VERSE

"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. *1 Corinthians 1:18* 

Financial Stewardship	
Needed weekly	\$28,500.00
Received last week	\$29,936.40
Summary through January 2025	
Offerings received	
School funds received	\$24,420.62
Debt retirement received	\$3,186.06
Other receipts	\$2,067.10
Total receipts	\$110,819.99
Actual expenses	\$141,716.61
Net loss	\$(30,896.62)
Bank Note Balance as of 03/10/25	
Attendance last week: Worship Service - 318	π-1-7

# Parish News & Notes

## **PRAYERS**

Randy Alms, Remi Wiehn, Raymond Gocke, Mark Sackschewsky, Claudia Sackschewsky, David Buller, Ron Blum, Brent Bredenkamp, Sierra Barrett, Joan Bittinger, Lisa Johnson, Dale Haack, Pete Walbrecht, Pastor Brad Birtell, John Walbrecht, Pat Hoffart, Jenny Buehrer, David Kaul, Keith Staehr, Tammy Richards, Karma Yantzie, Brittany Pinneo, Penny Debus, Lynda Kreutzer, Lou Hoffman, Rick Stuhr, Isaac Robertson, Kim Peters, Leslie McKeown, Adrianne Sanderson, Apryl Gay, Connie Loeske, Gail Staehr, Ronda Cloet, St. Peters' Hampton, Armed Forces protecting our Country.

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At the January meeting of the Church Council, the Council approved a down-payment of \$80,000.00 for the **chiller units** which control the air conditioning in both the church and school. The cost of the chillers is \$291,310.00. The School Board is allocating \$150,672.00 towards the chillers, leaving a balance of \$60,638.00. Please prayerfully consider a gift above your normal offering for our cooling system, which is on borrowed time. Thank you!

Emmanuel-Faith School is seeking applicants for a **full time 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher** for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants should have or be eligible for a Nebraska teaching certificate, with preference to those with a Lutheran Teacher diploma. Apply to Emmanuel-Faith Lutheran School, 806 North Beaver, York, NE 68467. Direct questions to Principal Brad Wellmann at 402-362-6575 or bwellmann@efyork.org.

Students planning to attend any Concordia System University are eligible for the **Emmanuel Endowment Scholarship**. Emmanuel members qualify for \$2,000.00 in any major; members majoring in a professional church worker program are eligible for \$4,000.00. Students with family ties to Emmanuel enrolled in a professional church worker program are eligible to apply for a \$2,000.00 scholarship. Application deadline is March 28 & forms are available at the church office.

Men's Ministry at Peace, Grand Island, will host **Man Feast** on April 6 at 5:30 pm. Man Feast is for men only of all ages. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a meal, music, fellowship and speaker Bill Younker. Contact Peace Lutheran at 308-384-5673 for more information or tickets or visit www.peacegi.org/manfeast.

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.

**Emmanuel-Faith Little Blessings Preschool** is accepting registrations. Contact Preschool Director Libby Brouillette at <a href="mailto:lbrouillette@efyork.org">lbrouillette@efyork.org</a>, 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 \$73.00 for the radio and \$50.00 for the internet.

**LCMS Gift Planning** - Ideally, if you have children, you will share with them your plans, both for use of inheritance as well as your heart for creating a ministry gift. Contact Craig Stirtz, LCMS Gift Planning Counselor, at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org. for materials or to assist in these conversations.

#### This week at Emmanuel-Faith School

Monday - Little Blessings Chapel at  $8:30~\text{am}\ \&\ 12:30~\text{pm}$  Tuesday - Little Blessings Chapel at  $9:15~\text{am}\ \&\ 1:15~\text{pm}$ 

#### **EMMANUEL LENTEN SERVICES**

March 19,26 & April 2,9 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm - meal between services Freewill offering

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm Good Friday, April 18 - 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm Easter Sunday, April 20 - 6:30 am, 8:00 am & 10:30 am Breakfast served by ELY, freewill offering