



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship:

Lakeside Service 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Mark Werner

Bible Study

Starting in September, Pastor Mark will begin a nine-week Bible study on the Fruits of the Spirit. Each week we will look at a different fruit. The Bible Study will be held on Thursday mornings from 10:30 until 11:45 in the social hall. All you need is a Bible. Feel free to invite a friend. Bible studies are open to anyone. People do not need to be member of Emanuel to attend.

Confirmation Classes Coming Soon

Pastor Mark will begin confirmation classes in the fall for those youth who are entering seventh grade or older. Classes will take place during the Sunday school hour each Sunday. If you know of any youth who have not been confirmed, please speak with Pastor Mark.

New Members Class?

Are you or someone you know interested in joining Emanuel? If so, please contact Pastor Mark so that he can schedule with all interested persons a time for new member classes.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 19 thru Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:00 am Outdoor Lakeside Holy Communion Service under Pavilion

9:00 am Adult Bible Study under Pavilion

(In bad weather BOTH 8:00 Service & 9:00 Adult Study will take place in Social Hall)

10:00 am Worship Service in Social Hall

(In Social Hall June, July, August – see Announcement Below)

Tractor Sunday

Lakeside under the Pavilion

September 29

8:30 am Continental Breakfast as Tractors Arrive

10:00 am Special Community Worship Service

11:30 am into the afternoon -- Picnic with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, music, hay rides, fun, and games for kids and adults

Altar Flowers for the Summer season will be special silk arrangements. The sign-up list is still posted on the Church 1st Floor Bulletin Board to dedicate altar flowers again beginning with the 1st Sunday of October.

PRAYER LIST

Bobby Hiles	Sarah Romig
Bill Bollentino	Leona Knerr
June Bostwick	Ed Gheysens, Sr
Elaine Williams	Mona Hess
Edna Halter	Otto Wirsing
Nancy Heck	Betty Heil
Jennie Lillie	Pauline Benjamin
Walt Plummer	Betty Lowery
Harry Heck	Holly Hall
Jillian Sayre	Lois Conklin
Cookie Weaver	Jeff Kunkle
Rick Pfeffer	Julie Dodge
Pete Toner	Ed Wiker
Margaret Law	Emma Rutherford
George Moore	Norma Miley
Pastor David	Ruth Peterson
Laurie Betts	Katie Robbins
Kelly Thistle	Barbara Welsh
Steve Pierangeli	Ron Roedell

TELEPHONE CHAIN

Patsy Madden
(856) 935-5552



SPECIAL DATES

August is one of our biggest “special days” months. Here are the birthday folks:

2 Faye Brooks	24 Dustin Wilson
6 Ashley Huff	Nathaniel Pilling
10 Terry McAllister	25 Nancy Wilson
12 Allan Hermanson	Cookie Weaver
13 Audra Rinnier	26 Evan Cox
Brian Bradley	29 Dan Pilling
14 Heather Knerr	30 Lauren Knerr
	Taylor Knerr

Celebrating anniversaries are David and Nancy Wilson on the 1st and Terry and Judy Cellmer on the 7th.

Offering Envelopes

Please don't forget Offering Envelopes are convenient, mail-in envelopes in the event you are away from Sunday Worship or you would like to catch up on offering.

*Offering needed to date \$ 64,537.08
Offering collected to date \$ 59, 217.00*

We are in the midst of our annual appeal for financial support for the Cemetery Fund.

This assists in covering costs to maintain the cemetery especially the mowing and trimming.

You may donate using your regular Offering Envelope and writing “Cemetery Fund” in the space for “Other”, or by using the small

brown envelopes provided at Worship on Sundays, or simply give your donation to Wayne May, Cemetery Treasurer.

Thank you for helping us keep our commitment to maintain

this sacred resting place of the great company of saints gone before us.

Pastor's Perspective

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4

It is a great joy that within the first month of my call as your Pastor that I've been asked to officiate at a Baptism. It is a joy on so many levels. First, Will Motter has been coming to Emanuel thanks in a large part to Cindy Plummer. In hearing the Word of God, in the welcome that you have provided Will, he has made the request to be baptized.

Second, I was reminded again about the danger of making assumptions. Before Will asked, I assumed that he was already baptized. The reality is in the world today that there are many adults who have never been baptized. In the 60's we first started hearing with growing frequency that parents wanted not to force a religious choice on their children. Consequently, there was no hurry or even desire to have children baptized unless the grandparents pushed to "get the baby baptized". Over the past 50-60 years we have a large population of adults that have not been baptized. In this regard, the church today is going to be much like the church of the first disciples where baptism of adults is going to become more common to our experience.

Keep in mind as well that not all denominations practice infant baptism. Some people therefore may have been brought to a church but have never been baptized. As we heard a few weeks ago in the Gospel according to Luke 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." As disciples of Jesus, it is our calling to sow seeds of God's Word in the lives of people in our communities who may seek to be baptized.

Third, as I was thinking about Will's baptism it has occurred to me that the lakeside service takes place at the lake (obviously). With the later service taking place in the social hall, we are not using the sanctuary in the summer. So, instead of bringing out the baptismal font from the church or stating that we are going to have a service in the sanctuary, why not have the baptism take place in the lake. Keep in mind, baptisms in the early church were done in bodies of water. While we are used to seeing infants and others baptized with the pouring of water over the child or adults head, there is nothing un-Lutheran about submersion. In fact, the going into the water and coming up out of the water provides a visual for what Paul described in the verses I quoted above from Romans 8. Thus, on Sunday, August 25th we will welcome a new brother in Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the lake as part of the 8:00 a.m. service.

Now, this does not mean that all the baptisms will take place at the lake. Will we be using the baptismal font in the church? Absolutely! Hopefully, with great frequency! Will all baptisms be by submersion or immersion? No. But, it serves us well to remember that the gifts of baptism are the forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil and eternal salvation. Additionally, from the words of Martin Luther in the Small Catechism regarding the use of water in Baptism we hear this explanation to the question, "How can water do such great things?"

"Clearly the water does not do it, but the Word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is just plain water and not a baptism, but with the Word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a 'bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit,' as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter 3:5-8, 'through the bath of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit, which he richly poured out over us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that through that very grace we may be righteous and heirs in hope of eternal life.' This is most certainly true."

God bless,
Pastor Mark

HOSPITAL/PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital, please contact Pastor Mark at 856-521-0771 or 724-244-4248. As a result of HIPPA Privacy Rules, most hospitals no longer inform churches of admissions, even if you specify a church affiliation on your paperwork. A call from you or a family member is the only way we will know.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

If you are in need of a luncheon following a loved one's funeral at Emanuel, contact any member of LCW and we will help coordinate it for you.

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Dianne Hermanson

AUGUST USHER

Wayne May

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

September 8- 3:30pm Pastor Mark's
Installation Service

September 22- 11 am Healing Service
in Social Hall

September 29- Tractor Sunday

CHURCH COUNCIL

Wayne Knerr, President.....2020
Patsy Madden, Vice-President.....2022
Cindy Cairone, Corporate Secretary.....2022
Anette Manno.....2020
Jason Cobb.....2020
Wayne May.....2021
Brenda Mace.....2022
Elizabeth Brooks, Recording Secretary, Bookkeeper
Dianne Hermanson, Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Brooks, Church Secretary

COMMITTEES

Christian Education.....Helen Cobb, Wayne Knerr
Fellowship.....Brenda Mace, Anette Manno
Finance.....Terry Cellmer
Mutual Ministry.....Judy Cellmer
Property.....Wayne May, Jason Cobb
Stewardship.....Wayne Knerr
Witness/Outreach/Evangelism.....Judy Cellmer
Patsy Madden, Cindy Cairone
Worship/Music.....Patsy Madden
Cemetery.....Wayne May

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