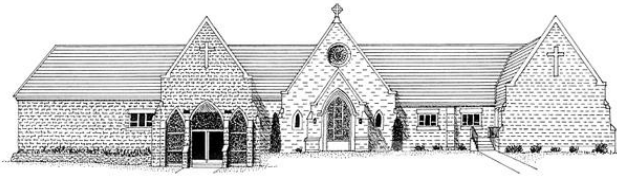


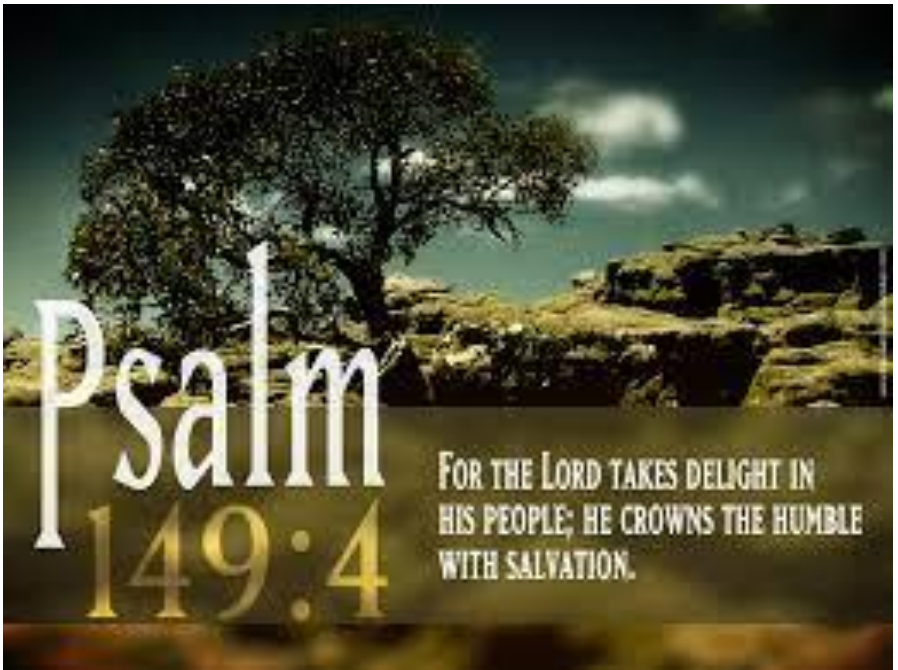
THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

AUGUST

2021



FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

A farmer who had experienced several bad years went to see the manager of his bank. "I've got some good news and some bad news to tell you. Which would you like to hear first?" he asked.

"Why don't you tell me the bad news first and get it over with?" the banker replied. "Okay. With the bad drought and inflation and all, I won't be able to pay anything on my mortgage this year, either on the principal or the interest." "Well, that is pretty bad." "It gets worse. I also won't be able to pay anything on the loan for all the machinery I bought, nor on the principal or interest." "Wow, is that ever bad!" "It's worse than that. You remember I also borrowed to buy seeds and fertilizer and other supplies. Well, I can't pay anything on those items either, principal or interest." "That's awful and that's enough! Tell me what the good news is." "The good news," replied the farmer with a smile, "is that I intend to keep on doing business with you."

As this article goes to press, we are wrapping up an inspiring Bible School week here at Emmanuel that has repeatedly affirmed God's faithfulness to us and for all people, even when there's no way we could ever begin to pay it back. We've been repeatedly reminded that God's faithfulness knows no boundaries and that God expects nothing in return but our complete trust in Him, that we keep doing business with Him.

And keep doing business with God and experiencing God's faithfulness is something that we will continue to celebrate throughout the month of August, building on our summer months. Over the summer months we have been blessed to have several baptisms take place in our time of worship, a public celebration of God's promises which wasn't able to happen for an extended period of time. We will welcome new members into our congregation for the first time in nearly two years, a celebration of the many and unique gifts that God has put upon his people. The Care and Share Support group has been meeting in-person at Emmanuel again. In the coming months, as long as it is safe to do so, we will either continue or begin in-person yoga, confirmation, Sunday School, choir, Rally Day picnic, and adult studies, among other opportunities. Finally, we will continue to celebrate Holy Communion together, something else which wasn't able to safely transpire during the pandemic (which, I remind you, we are not out of yet!).

In this meal we participate in the consumption of the body and blood of Christ which cleanses us and reminds us that through Jesus Christ we are made right to come before God.

And the most wonderful aspect of it all is that God will continue to come to us and fill us with His Spirit, that God will continue to do business with us, if you will, even though we may feel bankrupt, whether it's spiritually, emotionally, morally, or financially. Though we may often fail to remember this fact of God continuing to want to do business with us, by participating in worship, you are empowered and fulfilled, and reminded that you are not on this spiritual journey alone, but are surrounded by your fellow pilgrim saints.

So come to worship this month; or, if you are more comfortable doing so, join us virtually; but, most importantly, experience God's faithfulness toward you that is expressed and celebrated in worship. It's an experience that cannot be replicated, an experience of joy and wonder.

I can't wait to see you at church!

Pastor Mark

EMMANUEL BUDGET NEWS

As of June 30, 2021

*Your Contributions to the General Fund	\$111,558.07
*Your Approved Budget Amount	\$123,166.46

Giving Statements are available now – We are now more than halfway through the year and the 2nd quarter giving statements (through June 30th) are now available, should you want one. If you are interested in receiving a statement of your offerings for 2021, please contact Judy in the church office at 863-3431, or, you may contact Emmanuel's Financial Secretary, Marcia Peters, directly, at 863-8810. Thank you all for your ongoing contributions in making the work of the church happen in 2021 and beyond!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Any persons who are interested in membership at Emmanuel are invited to join Pastor Mark for a new member class. Pastor Mark will share who we are as an ELCA Lutheran church, as well as answer any questions that potential new members may have. **This class will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 14th in the narthex.** New members will then be welcomed on Sunday, August 22nd during our 9:00 service. If you have any questions or are interested in being part of this, please contact the church office at 863-3431.

Senior Choir and Children's Choir

It's almost fall which means it's time for choir to finally begin again! The **senior choir** will have their first practice Wednesday **September 8th at 6:30.** Everyone is welcome to join. I'd love to have a choir room full of beautiful voices and a church blessed with musical worship! We rehearse every Wednesday during the school year (with a few exceptions after Christmas and Easter) and will sing every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the year starting the Sunday after Labor Day. I have a lot of fun **NEW** music picked out for this year along with a few favorites.

Children's choir will start **September 26th** with rehearsals being Sundays starting at about 9:05 (or whenever the 8:00 service is done) to 9:30. The children will sing about once a month depending on attendance. This year, I will be having the children singing the Sunday before Christmas instead of the Christmas Eve Service to better fit everyone busy holiday schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me personally at 906-290-3801. I look forward to continuing to help lead and grow our music.

Linda Davis



July 25, we celebrated *Addison Rae Eland*, daughter of Tyler Eland and Kacy Rindal, who was washed in the waters of Holy Baptism. Addison's sponsors were Josh and Brooke Allen. May the Spirit of God be present in all who celebrate Addison being claimed by Christ!



Emmanuel's Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

**Henes Park
Sunday, September 19th
10:00 a.m. Worship
(8:00 a.m. worship at
church)
Picnic to follow!
Pavilion #3**



**Watch for details in the
September Messenger.**



Confirmation / Youth Retreat

September 11th - 12th

Registration forms and more information will be mailed out this month to students/parents regarding this annual event that is held at Camp Bird. A retreat orientation meeting for parents and students will be held on Sunday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting.

2021 Confirmation Classes

Information and registration forms for this year's classes will be mailed out to students/parents in September. Classes will start in October.

Rite of Confirmation

Our 9th graders will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 31st during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Information regarding this very important step in our student's faith life will be mailed out in September to our incoming 9th graders.



Emmanuel's high school youth have an opportunity to participate in a retreat at Camp Bird on September 11-12. We will join the confirmation students for some activities and meals, but our program breakouts

will be geared specifically to our GLOW group. This time together will give us an opportunity to plan our program year, grow in our faith, and enjoy the beauty of

nature. A letter explaining registration costs to attend and permission forms will be mailed this month. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. If you have not been an active member of GLOW, this is the perfect time to join us! GLOW is open to all of Emmanuel high school youth.





Fall Sunday School

Fall Sunday school classes will start on **Sunday, September 26th**. All children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to attend. Children will participate in the first

part of the 10:00 a.m. worship service and then be released to classes following the children's sermon. More information on our Sunday School program activities as well as the registration form will be included in the September newsletter and be made available on the church website.

Drive-through Communion

Drive-through communion will be offered for those who would like it on **Sunday, August 15th, at 10:00 am**, immediately following the 9:00 worship service at the 14th Street entrance.

COVID-19 CHURCH AND WORSHIP IMPACT

As this goes to print, the Delta variant of the COVID-19 coronavirus has been confirmed in our communities. While nothing relating to our worship practices and gatherings will be changed at this immediate time, Pastor Mark and the church council will continue to monitor the spread and what impact it may have on our gatherings. A time may come where we feel that it is necessary to be responsive to this spread by requiring masks or even cancelling in-person worship for a short time. Again, there are no changes at this time, but we will always place the health of those who come through our doors as first and foremost. Should change need to happen, we will notify you as quickly as we are able. -- Pastor Mark

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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