

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, September 23 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 16: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; and Matthew 21:23-32.

**New Women's Bible Study:** Pastor Dave is leading an Eight Session Study on I Corinthians. Women of Emmanuel Lutheran & Oasis Baptist are gathering on Wednesday afternoons (1:00-2:30 p.m.), twice each month, for a 21st Century look at St. Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth. The Church in Corinth had its share of problems. Instead of living as resurrection people and infiltrating the culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the church was accommodating itself to culture and swallowing paganism hook, line, and sinker. Written in Ephesus around 55 A.D., Paul could have been addressing the Church in the USA in the year 2014. **Remaining Dates:** Sept. 24; Oct. 8, 22; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3 & 17.

**Confirmation for Youth (grades 4-9).** Thursday Nights from 7:00 -8 p.m. Youth are reading C.S. Lewis' Prequel, "The Magician's Nephew". Remaining Class Dates: September 25; October 2, 9, 23; & November 6, 13 & 20. We've learned the story of Redemption. Now we'll learn about Creation and Fall.

**Saturday School**—Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays prior to Worship begins TONIGHT! Welcome to Rally Day! Enjoy. Invite a friend. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft and a light meal (kid friendly).

**Council Highlights (Sept. 9):** Constitution & Bylaws review progress report was given; document to be distributed at the Sept. 27 Huddle. Thank you letters were sent to our Emmanuel supporters. Thanks to Dick & Nancy Stanley for the gift of our Emmanuel Baptismal Cloths. Emmanuel is requesting dual membership in both the Minkota and Iowa Mission Districts of the NALC. Arne Nelson and Lee Pearce will be our voting lay members at the Iowa Mission District Convocation on Saturday, October 11 (Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton, Iowa). Pastor Steffenson will attend both Mission District Meetings. Rev. Mike Lockerby will be our guest preacher on Oct. 11, with Pastor Steffenson presiding. Exciting fall happenings include: Confirmation for grades 4-9, "God's Not Dead" Matinee, Women's Study on I Corinthians, & Saturday School.

### **Jonah 3:10-4:11—Jonah Gets Mad!**

3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. 4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" 5 Jonah went out of the city & sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, & the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night & perished in a night. 11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, & also much cattle?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th. Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**C:**

**Thanks** for worshipping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the power of the Holy Spirit equip the saints for Witness in the World!

### WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Sound: Don Holtan

Treats: Janet Sunde

Ushers: Rich Sunde and Matt Serr

**NOTICE:** A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. The agenda will be one item: Required ratification of an NALC Constitutional Amendment allowing Annual NALC Convocations to be held in months other than just August each year. Following the very brief meeting, we will adjourn for an Emmanuel Huddle to discuss our ministry together.

**God's Not Dead DVD**—Join us for a Sunday Matinee and Movie Discussion on Sunday, September 28 (2-5 p.m.) at Sharon Hart's place (The Gramercy Coop). Refreshments: **Snack Potluck!**

**Save the Date:** Emmanuel will have its second annual Prayer Walk and Potluck on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Gather at Oasis Church at 2:45pm. Praying for the welfare of the City. Potluck at the Gramercy at 4:30pm. Please join us; invite a friend!

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014**  
**Pentecost XV - 6 pm**

**"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing  
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily  
life!"**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Sept. 20 @ 4:50pm  
Rally Day for Saturday School; Pentecost XV Worship @ 6pm
- Sun, Sept. 21—Pastor Dave at Youth Encounter
- Tues, Sept. 23—Men's Bible Study Bkft. @ 8am
- Wed, Sept. 24 @ 1pm  
Women's Bible Study
- Thurs, Sept. 25 @ 7pm  
Confirmation Class
- Saturday, September 27  
Saturday School @ 4:50pm; Worship @ 6pm; Emmanuel Mtg. and Huddle @ 7:30pm
- Sun, Sept. 28 @ 2pm  
Movie: "God's Not Dead"
- October 1-2 —Minkota Annual Mtg.—St. Cloud

## THE TRUTH PROJECT

Focus on the Family DVD Series!  
Equipping the Saints with a Biblical Worldview for bearing witness to Jesus.

13 weeks, on **Sunday mornings, at Oasis**

10:30 a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship

10:50 a.m.—DVD Segment

11:50 a.m.—Discussion

12:20—Closing & Prayer

12:30 p.m.—Departure

DATES: Sept. 21 & 28.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Gathering Hymn: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"—ReClaim #46

Hymn of the Day: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"—ReClaim #180  
Scripture Readings:

Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Matthew 20:1-16  
Kid's Sermon: "LAST first, FIRST last"  
Sermon: "Is Your Eye Evil?"

Communion Hymn: "In Christ Alone, My Hope Is Found"—ReClaim #215

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Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter  
and Prayer Calendar**