

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 30 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 17: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; and Matthew 21:33-46.

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:** 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: 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! Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/ Craft and a light meal (kid friendly).

NEW LIFE Family Services: "Celebrate the Vision" ANNUAL BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Rochester International Event Center. Keynote Speaker is Carol Everett. Contact #507-282-3377.

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!

Empty Bowls 2014: Thursday, October 9 from 11am-7pm at the Rochester Art Center. Join Channel One Regional Food Bank for this special 10th Anniversary celebration of Empty Bowls. Enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread provided by top local restaurants and bakeries. Attendance allows participants to choose donated hand-painted bowls as a take home memento of the event. Access to all Art Center exhibits and a silent auction will also be included.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32—The Soul That Sins Shall Die

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? 3 As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ... 25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 26 When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. 27 Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. 28 Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

23 And when Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" 26 But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

C:

Thanks for worshiping 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: Mandy Lambrecht

Scripture Reader & Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Sound: Don Holtan

Treats: Margaret Quam

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Bob Mulvihill

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!**

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

Final Session: September 28.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014
Pentecost XVI - 6 pm

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

WORSHIP NOTES

Gathering Hymn: “In Christ Alone, My Hope Is Found”—ReClaim #215

Hymn of the Day: “Take My Life and Let It Be”—ReClaim #233

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Matthew 21:23-32

Children's Sermon: “YES and NO”
Sermon: “I AM Responsible”

Communion Hymn: “O Master, Let Me Walk”—ReClaim #229

NOTICE: *A Special Congregational Meeting will be held tonight, 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—Questions; Constitution and Bylaws; Budget 2015.*

**Pick up your copy of the October
Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter
and Prayer Calendar**

- Sat, Sept. 27 @ 5:10pm
Saturday School; 6pm
Pentecost XVI Worship;
7:30pm—Emmanuel
Church Mtg. & Huddle
- Sunday, Sept. 28 @ 2pm
Movie: “God's Not Dead”
- Tues, Sept. 30—Men's
Bible Study Bkft. @ 8am
- October 1-2 —Minkota
Annual Mtg.—St. Cloud
- Thursday, Oct. 2 @ 7pm
Confirmation Class
- Fri, Oct. 3—Faithfulness
Clergy Mtg. (12:00-2pm)
- Sat, Oct. 4 @ 5:10pm
Saturday School; 6pm
Pentecost XVII Worship;
- Thurs, October 9 from
11am-7pm: Channel
One Empty Bowls Event