

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, June 16, 2018
Pentecost IV - 6 pm

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

Welcome Pastor Gies

Pastor Steffenson enjoyed a few days of continuing education this past week and Pastor Waldemar Gies is serving as our guest preacher tonight. Thank you Pastor Gies for serving Christ & His church.

Theme of the Day

Faith is something that is not rational, logical, or reasonable. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit that sustains us in our daily lives. Faith assures us that God has our best interests at heart, but even more so that God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven. As we walk by faith, we are assured that Christ is with us, even if we cannot fully understand the ways in which God’s kingdom comes.

Worship Servants

Emmanuel invites you to offer your time & talents as a worship servant during the months of July & August. Signup sheets are available on the Resource Table.

**The June Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print! Pick up your
copy of the current issue of the
“Our Daily Bread Devotional”.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, June 16—Pentecost IV Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, June 17
Blessed Father’s Day to all our dads!
- Tues, June 19—Men’s Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am); Dinner for 8 at Serr’s (6pm)
- Wed, June 20—Panera Bible Study (6am); Homestead Hymn Sing (10am); Madonna Towers Worship (1pm)
- Thursday, June 21
Dinner for 8 at Bothun’s Home @ 6pm
- Sat, June 23—Pentecost V Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, June 24—Pastor Dave preaching at Gift of Grace (Holmen, WI)

Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation and ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

Byron Parade: Interested in being a part of the Emmanuel Parade Team? The Byron Parade will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3pm. Last year was FUN! This year will be even better! Contact Jenna Serr if you’re interested in participating. Arne Nelson has a flatbed trailer for us to use. Karen Peterson has received a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team grant in support of this ministry.

Dinners for Eight: Special thanks is offered to members of Emmanuel who are hosting a dinner for 8. Thanks is also offered to those who have made reservations to attend one of our church family dinners. **Upcoming dinners:** Matt & Jenna Serr—Tuesday, June 19 at 6pm. Darald & Leitha Bothun—Thursday, June 21 at 6pm.

6th Annual Mega Kid’s Camp: An amazing camp for kids, including Creative Arts, Horses, Legos, and Adventure Games & Sports will be held in the summer of 2018 (Monday, July 16th - Thursday, July 19th, from 8:45am-Noon each day) at Century High School. This year’s theme is “Team Spirit”. Youth (Preschool age 4-Grade 6) will learn how to be great teammates through both sports stories and Bible stories about Jesus and his team of disciples. Cost: \$35.00 per child. Call Evangel Methodist for registration & more information (507-289-4817).

Work Weeks at Oasis Church: June 25-29, building visual fence around dumpster, repair some facial things on the building exterior including some flashing, trim, grounds work, etc. Future work week is August 13-17. Contact Dave Hammond at #507-271-4726 or DavHam60@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out with this ministry.

Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) and dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). With repentant hearts, we preach Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Women's Bible Study: The "Great Commissions" of the Bible class has concluded. The Women's Study will resume in the fall. Thanks to Nancy Stanley for hosting our study at the Homestead of Rochester. Location & topic for our fall study is pending.

Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel: On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Service will be on Wednesday, June 20 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Save the Date—Church Picnic: Our 5th annual Emmanuel church picnic will be held at the home of Larry & Deb Vomhof on Sunday, July 29. Arrive at 11:30am and eat at Noon. Bring a dish to share. Our picnic will also include an Emmanuel Huddle, where we will share feedback from our Dinners for 8.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am and discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. They meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee. This Week's Study—June 19: Acts 21-24.

Thanks for worshipping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & 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
Eve of
Pentecost IV
June 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

LITURGY: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition
(Please return the Service Bulletin)

Song of the Day: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
ReClaim #46

Children's Sermon: "Miracle Grow" — Pastor Steffenson
Sermon: Pastor Waldemar Gies

Communion Song: "Come, You Thankful People Come"
ReClaim #261

Closing Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
ReClaim #55, Verses 1 & 2

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Waldemar Gies

Pianist: Scott Schilbe

Flutist: Julie Peterson

Scripture Reader: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Judy Caudill

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Caudill & Deb Vomhof

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Rich Sunde

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

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Ezekiel 17:22-24 — Israel Is Replanted

22 Thus says the Lord God: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

II Corinthians 5:1-10 — We Walk by Faith

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened — not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, renew us daily through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might be nurtured in faith and holiness through having been grafted onto the true vine, Jesus Christ, our Lord; in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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