

Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes: Emmanuel Lutheran has received new offering envelopes, which are also being used as visitor & communication cards. 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 to provide changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks!

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - June 12, 2016: A woman of the city, who was a sinner brought a flask of ointment. - Luke 7:37 See The Difference? Lots of people break bread with Jesus. Our Lord will come eat with anyone. There's sure good news in that. We've seen Him go to the house of traitorous tax-collectors before in the Gospels, and now in Luke 7 He is at the table of a Pharisee. These were the buttoned-down, upstanding citizens of town. These were the successful leaders; and often exuded an aroma of snobbishness. They are kind of the "bad-guys" of the Gospels, so it is nice to see our Christ give them some personal time. They need Him too. However, at this banquet there appears to be a party-crasher. A woman of ill-repute has snuck in - she definitely would not have been invited and she rather makes a scene. She throws herself at Jesus in utter adoration. She is weeping & kissing and getting in Jesus' personal space. How embarrassing, eh? The Pharisees are not pleased that the good rabbi allows this public display of affection. So Jesus makes it a teachable moment. Not so concerned with outward decorum & more interested in inward intention, our Wondrous One reveals a great truth: "the one who is forgiven little loves little." The way you see yourself will shape the way you respond to Jesus. The Pharisees felt pretty good about themselves; they were comfortably self-righteous. They didn't need mercy; indeed they figured they were due affirmation. So there was no need to pour out adulation on this upstart teacher from Nazareth. The woman off the streets, on the other hand, brought a broken humility. She would not even pretend to be acceptable. She literally threw herself at Jesus' feet. Thus she was the one in a position to be lifted up. She who was forgiven much and loved much could in turn forgive much and love much. You see the difference. I am not suggesting that you make a scene on your way up to communion today, but the Word of the Lord is teaching us that when the grace of Jesus has reached into the depths of our hearts it will open up a flow of love that cannot stay buttoned down. When the compassion of Christ touches our hearts it results in passion for Him & love for others. We see the difference.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, June 11, 2016
Pentecost IV - 6 pm**

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

Save the DATES!

- Saturday, July 30 (6pm): Baptism of Edison Kirby Konop
- Sunday, August 7 (12:00 Noon): Emmanuel Picnic at Vomhof's place.
- Saturday, August 13 (6pm): Music Celebration Worship Service!
- Saturday, August 27 (3pm): All Church Picnic with Oasis & Iglesia.
- Saturday, September 10 (5:10pm): Saturday School Rally Day.
- Saturday, September 17: Iowa Mission District Convocation at Bethany Lutheran in Laurens, Iowa.
- Saturday, October 8 (6pm): Gideon Service with Gary Froiland.
- Sunday, October 30 (3pm): Prayer Walk & potluck—Reformation Sunday
- Friday, November 4: Men's & Boy's Banquet.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, June 11
Pentecost IV Worship @ 6pm
- June 12 - Bethany Lutheran, Laurens, IA. 125th Anniversary
- Tuesday, June 14 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am); Lady Light Bible Study at Katie Siebenaler's @ 6:30pm
- Wednesday, June 15 Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Thursday, June 16 Clergy Mtg. in Rushford at 10am
- Saturday, June 18 (6pm) Pentecost V Worship
- June Liturgy: Revised Holden Evening Prayer

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14. Our Bible Readings for Pentecost V are: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 3; Galatians 3:23-4:7; and Luke 8:26-39.

Women's Bible Study: The Evening Study Group will meet on Tuesday, June 14 (6:30pm) at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield); Session 8 (David's Wives: Michal & Bathsheba). The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wednesday, June 15 at 1pm (Topic: "New Testament Ladies" - Phoebe, Priscilla, and Philip's Daughters) - Meeting at Oasis Church.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of June we are praying for Riverside Elementary School. We delivered goodies on Monday, June 6, as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff and the students of our local schools in your prayers.

Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel: On the first Wednesday of each month. Emmanuel members are invited and encouraged to participate a ministry to seniors of our community. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, July 6 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Offering Envelopes for Children: If you are interested in teaching your children or grandchildren the joy of giving, offering envelopes are available in kid size. Each household can receive a box of 100 envelopes to be used as desired. Generous giving is a mark of discipleship.

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 & 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 receive the forgiveness of sins.

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
Eve of Pentecost
IV
June 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval
Scripture Reader: Larry Vomhof
Communion Server: Fred Morck
Sound: Don Holtan
Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson
Coffee: Peg Holtan
Treats: Leitha Bothun
Acolyte: Elijah Matzke
Ushers: Darald Bothun & Creig Anderson
Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

Song of the Day: "In Christ Alone" - ReClaim #215

Children's Sermon: "Am I Forgiving?"

Sermon: "Forgiven Much!"

Communion Song: "Chief of Sinners though I Be" - ReClaim #187

Prayer of the Day: God of grace, we turn to you with repentant hearts, conscious of our daily and overwhelming sin. In response, you pour out upon us the abundance of your mercy. Grant us grateful and obedient lives poured out in service to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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II Samuel 11:26 - 12:10, 13-14 — David's Sin & Repentance

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Galatians 2:15-21, 3:10-14 — Justified by Faith Alone

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ & not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if

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