

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - June 19, 2016: I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me. - Isaiah 65:1. Unrequited Love. Some relationships are very one-sided. When one person is “all-in” - fully on board with love and devotion and the other person is not, then that is a recipe for heart-ache. Think of the young man who wants to marry his gal, but she prefers to keep her options open. Think of the mother who steadfastly gives and gives for the good of her son, but he just does not reciprocate. Such unrequited love is a large part of the story of the Lord and His children. God creates human beings, supplies them with every good gift, bestows upon them honor and delight, teaches them the ways of blessing, rescues them from bondage and danger, accepts their pleas for pardon, does not give up on them. The Lord is “steadfast and merciful, abounding in love and goodness.” Yet, by word and deed, His children do not say “we love you too.” This plight of the lovelorn God is what Isaiah and the prophets dealt with and wrote about for centuries. The words today in Isaiah 65 give us a feel for the hurting Father. “I stretched out my hands all day long to stubborn people. They chose to go the wrong direction. They followed their own plans. They constantly and openly provoked me.” This compassionate Creator is not the God many people seem to picture. Many folks evidently have in mind a cold & distant God, or a mean and vengeful God, or an impotent & irrelevant God. So long as those images dominate how people see their Maker, there will be no love lost toward Him. His love will then remain unrequited. It was Isaiah, more than any Older Testament prophet, who foresaw the day when the Lord would take a new and decisive action to change the course of events. Isaiah was given a glorious glimpse of a Messiah to come. How far would God go to alter the death-bent direction of His beloved creatures? He would come in flesh Himself, show His face, give His love even unto death. God cannot force you to love Him back. But when you do, there’s a smile on His face; and on yours.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, June 18, 2016
Pentecost V - 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 18
Pentecost V Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, June 19 - Pastor Dave at Eagle Grove Lutheran Church—Iowa; Youth at Camp Victory Bible Camp
- Tues, June 21 - Men’s Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie’s (8am)
- Saturday, June 25 (6pm) Pentecost VI Worship; guest pianist Mandy Lambrecht
- Wed, June 29 - Women’s Bible Study (1pm)
- Thurs, June 30 - 12:00 Clergy Faithfulness Mtg.
- June Liturgy: Revised Holden Evening Prayer Please return liturgies

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 21. Our Bible Readings for Pentecost VI are: I Kings 19:9b-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; & Luke 9:51-62.

Women's Bible Study: The Evening Study Group is on break for the summer and will resume in September at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield). The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wednesday, June 29 at 1pm (Topic: "New Testament Ladies" - Grandma Lois and Mother Eunice) - Meeting at Oasis Church. Final session until Fall (Sept. 21—Revelation).

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 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
Eve of
Pentecost V
June 18, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval
Scripture Reader & Communion Server: Jenna Serr
Sound: Don Holtan
Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson
Coffee: Peg Holtan
Treats: Deb Vomhof
Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler
Ushers: Matt, Nora and Scarlett Serr
Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition
(Please return the Service Bulletin)
Song of the Day: "Children of the Heavenly Father"
ReClaim #201
Children's Sermon: "Beggars All"
Sermon: Baptized, We Say, "Abba, Father"
Communion Song: "Just as I Am" - ReClaim #193

Martin Luther: "The Law did not want mere works, nor would it be satisfied with them. It wanted to be loved and to be satisfied with love. Without love it would not let us go or be discharged... Our conscience constantly faulted us as sinners and transgressors and threatened us with death and hell until Christ came and gave us His Spirit and love." - **Sermon on Galatians 3 (1522)**

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Isaiah 65:1-9 — Judgment & Salvation

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Galatians 3:23-4:7 — Baptized we say, “Abba, Father”

3:23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise. ... 4:1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Life-giving God, in the midst of a world torn asunder by sin and evil, we call out to you for peace, life, and salvation. Hear our cries; defend us from all evil and restore our hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

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