

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 8 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 16: Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29.

Women of the Word! Women's Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, September 9 at 1pm. We'll be studying famous Women in Scripture. An evening option will also be available for women not able to attend the afternoon study. Interested in hosting the evening study? Contact Pastor Dave.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE: *On Saturday night, September 12, following worship, members of Emmanuel Lutheran are invited to a time of mutual conversation regarding our ministry together. Highlights from the recent NALC Convocation in Dallas and Mission Driven Roadmaps will be presented and discussed. Join us for conversation and refreshments!*

Iowa Mission District Convocation: Our fall Mission District Convocation will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn, Iowa on Saturday, September 19 from 8am - 3:30pm. Bishop John Bradosky will be the keynote speaker & worship preacher. Registration is required by September 8 for those wishing to attend. Contact Pastor Dave Steffenson for a Registration Form.

RALLY DAY for SATURDAY SCHOOL: We hope you are ready for another fun year of Saturday School. We will kick off our new year on Rally Day which is Saturday, September 19th at 5:10pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and we will decorate cookies and play a few Bible games. We will again be learning about stories and people in the Bible, and using games, skits and crafts. A special unit on the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed will also be offered during the year. We hope to see you all there!

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: Each month, on the 15th day of the month, we pray for an area school. During the month of September we are praying for Pinewood Elementary and delivering goodies as an expression of our love & gratitude. Our pianist, MarJean Damerval, is a music teacher at Pinewood Elementary.

Save the Date: Christmas with Emmanuel—Dec. 24, 2015 @ 4pm

Martyrs: "Living Witness" - Visit www.thenalc.org. Video & paper copies of the 2015 Lutheran Week Events in Dallas can be viewed by going to "Convocation" on the main navigation bar of the NALC website. Also, a 32 page August-September NALC Newsletter is available containing a detailed account of the Convocation.

Visit www.poblo.org (People of the Book Lutheran Org.)

POBLO International is a Christian organization working to transform the way missions is approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard. POBLO serves immigrants and refugees. They train and educate churches on how to engage in cross-cultural outreach. Most importantly, they share the Gospel message. They love people. Our local contact for this ministry is **John Gayed** — International Friendship Coordinator, Trinity Lutheran Church Campus, Rochester, MN (507-258-4155).

United Marriage Encounter is celebrating 40 years of ministry. Don't take marriage for granted. Invest in your marriage and the marriages of others. Everybody wins when marriage gets better. An Encounter weekend for couples is taking place in Des Moines, Iowa on the weekend of October 15-18. Call #1-866-483-8889 or visit www.unitedmarriage.org.



Moms Night Out + Saturday Conference (2 Main Sessions + 4 Workshops of your choice + Lunch) = The Best Weekend Ever!! **The Hearts at Home North Central Conference** will be held on Friday & Saturday, November 13-14, at the Mayo Civic Center, right here in Rochester. Cost: \$98.00 until October 21. At a **Hearts at Home Conference** moms will experience laughter, Christ-centered learning, & understanding that they are not alone in this mothering thing! Visit www.heartsathome.org for more info.

Channel One—Empty Bowls: October 8, 2015 11am - 8pm. Enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread provided by top local restaurants and bakeries. Attendance allows participants to choose a donated hand-painted bowl as a take home memento of the event. All proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank's mission-partnership with others to feed people in need. Emmanuel Lutheran is a proud supporter of Supermarket Saturday at Oasis Church.

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 & Prayers: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Deb Vomhof

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Janet Sunde

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Cabe Siebenaler

Ushers: Rich Sunde & LeRoy Quam

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-18; Mark 7:24-37

Song of the Day: “O Lord, May All We Say and Do” - Insert

Children’s Sermon: “Is There Room on the Feather Bed?”

Sermon: “Favoritism: Show Me Your Faith”

Communion Hymn: “He Leadeth Me” - ReClaim #232

“**October Baby**” DVD—A college freshman's world is rocked when she learns she is the adopted survivor of a failed abortion. Embarking on a journey to discover her hidden past, Hannah discovers the true power of forgiveness, and learns that every life is beautiful. Join us for a Sunday Matinee and Movie Discussion on Sunday, September 27 (2-5 p.m.). Location is pending.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

Pentecost XV - 6 pm

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



Church Picture Directory!

Members of Emmanuel Lutheran are having their pictures taken for a Church Directory. Thanks for sharing a photo and your contact information with your church family. We hope to have the Directory printed & ready for distribution by the end of September. Church Directories are an excellent tool for communication & for prayer. There is still time to submit a photo.

Promise Keepers Men’s Conference

A Men’s Conference will be held at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN on October 9-10. Cost is \$59. Emmanuel Men, interested in participating, should contact Larry Vomhof for more information.

**September Emmanuel Epistle
Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are
available! Also, pick up your copy of
Our Daily Bread Devotional for
September—November**

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, September 5
Pentecost XV Worship at
6pm; Fellowship Time
Follows
- Sunday, September 6
Dean & Michelle Paxson
7th Wedding Anniversary
- Tues, Sept. 8—Men’s
Bible Study Breakfast @
Charlie’s (8am)
- Wed, Sept. 9—Women’s
Bible Study @ 1pm
- Saturday, September 12
Pentecost XVI Worship
at 6pm; Fellowship with
“Information Exchange”
follows Worship
- Tues, Sept. 15—Church
Council Mtg. @ 10:30am
- Saturday, September 19
Rally Saturday!

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 35:4-7a—Your Savior Comes!

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7a the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

James 2:1-10, 14-18—Show No partiality

1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11 For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. 14 What good is it, my brothers,

if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, “You have faith & I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, & I will show you my faith by my works.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37—Bread to the Dogs

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24 From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29 And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” 30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. 31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**“O Lord, May All We Say and Do” - Sung to the tune of
“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” ReClaim #63**

*Verse 1: O Lord, may all we say and do
Reflect the faith we have in you;
For faith is meant to change the way
We live our lives from day to day.*

*Verse 2: God, may we open wide the door
And welcome people who are poor;
And may we share with them our bread,
For faith without good works is dead.*

*Verse 3: Just as a spark can start a fire,
Our words can damage or inspire;
We pray for wisdom from above
To speak and act in gentle love.*

*Verse 4: May we not covet earthly things
Or seek the riches this world brings;
May we not boast of all our plans,
For, Lord, our lives are in your hands.*

*Verse 5: O Lord, possessions rust away,
But your love fills us every day;
Through prayer and service in your name,
May we live out the faith we claim.*

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