

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission: "To Share God's Salvation with Everyone!"

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

WELCOME VISITORS! *We are glad to have you with us today and pray our service is a blessing to you. It is our sincere hope that you will come to worship with us again.*

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 22:1–18

James 1:12–18

Mark 1:9–15

Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he “*took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.*” And “*when they came to the place of which God had told him*,” Abraham bound Isaac “*and laid him on the altar*” (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham’s hand and provided “*for himself the lamb for a burnt offering*” (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God’s own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom “*all the nations of the earth*” are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit “*into the wilderness*” to be “*tempted by Satan*” (Mark 1:12–13), in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and “*gives birth to sin*” (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained “*steadfast under trial,*” and He has received “*the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him*” (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Deaths: Family of Bonnie Sutton (mother-in-law of Karla Kittoe (Les) Sutton) who was taken to the Lord on Wed., Feb. 18th; In the Lord's Hands: Reiny Hessler; Ill: Tom Neuenkirchen; Hospitalized: Dave Gumz, Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann); Recovery: Jim Strode; On-Going Care: Steven Fahnstock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Anniversaries: Chuck & Shirley Strode (60th on 2/26); Mission: LCMS domestic mission of church planting in inner cities; Our sister LCMS congregations: Peace Lutheran Church, Plainfield, IL – Pastor Sollie & wife Sue; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from the Altar & Flower Guild.

RADIO BROADCAST is being sponsored to the glory of God by Marlys Odean in memory of Dianne McCarty.

Classes

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS- Undercroft-10:30 am
Topic: "Genesis 2"

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Church Library-10:30 am

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS - Church Library-9:30 am
Topic: "The Intertestamental Period"

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST - the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am at Maxfield's Pancake House & Restaurant located the corner of Montgomery Rd. & Ogden Ave (Rt. 34).

Topic: "The Augsburg Confession"

Mission Corner

The Office of National Mission is looking at ways we can work together with Districts and Congregations to further the work of God's Kingdom. The Reverend Thomas Chryst has been transferred from the Office of International Missions to the Office of National Missions of the LCMS due to the fact that the Singapore government will not issue visas. He is now working to find ways to plant new churches and missions in the U.S., and especially in inner city areas which many churches are abandoning.

Church News

EMMANUEL'S WEB PAGE: If you miss a service, you can listen to the sermon on podcasts as well as reading it online.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL ANYWHERE— you may listen to the service online at <http://www.wbig1280.com> Click on the *Listen Live* button in the upper right hand corner of the page.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH: Join us after the worship service for coffee and fellowship in the Undercroft.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS & PRAYER REQUESTS for the bulletin by 12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday.

A SEARCH COMMITTEE for a new organist has been formed under the auspices of the Board of Elders. It consists of Bill & Rosemary Swenson, Denise Pryor, Andi Seifrid, & Art Cooper. Applications are now being accepted. If you know of anyone who plays the organ & might be interested in this position, please inform them. Applications can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off in person during office hours.

Upcoming Events at Emmanuel

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING will be held today after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to establish a salary for a new organist.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS meeting has been changed from Tues., Feb. 24th to Thurs., Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm.

Around Town

NOTED HISTORIAN and author, Dr. Paul L. Maier will explore the historical and archaeological evidence for prominent figures and events in the Jesus story and correlate it with the non-Christian writings from the ancient world.

Friday, March 13, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Gorton Community Center

400 East Illinois Road

Lake Forest

Free event

Dr. Maier will present a more detailed archaeological and ancient writing examination of the events surrounding the First Easter the next day.

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

680 Deerpath Road

Lake Forest

Lunch provided at a cost of \$15. RSVP requested.

Contact Steve at 224-520-0506 for additional information

CHRISTIAN GRAPHIC ARTIST wanted part-time for a Christian Bible publisher. Knowledge of Photo Shop & Illustrator would be preferable. If interested, please contact Gary Hill at 630-890-5712.

Those serving in today's service: 2/22/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Gary Moore

Organist: Rob Clow

Radio Announcer: Rosemary Swenson

Oil Candle Care: Al & Millie Burmeister

Altar Care: Denise Pryor

Flower Care: Barbara & Karli Moore

Ushers: Timothy Seifrid, captain;

Dennis Patzer, Bryan Pittman, Andrea Seifrid_

Those serving Lenten Wednesday PM: 2/25/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Jaime Graham

Organist: Aaron Foster

Oil Candle Care: Al & Millie Burmeister

Altar Care: Denise Pryor

Ushers: David Moser, captain; Gary Moore,

Elijah Moser, Jeremiah Moser, Benjamin Seppelfrick

Those serving in next Sunday's service: 3/1/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Julia Graham

Elder: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Art Cooper

Organist: Nancy Lee

Radio Announcer: Joyce Cooper

Oil Candle Care: Dennis & Lois Patzer

Altar Care: Jan Pittman

Flower Care: Andrea Seifrid

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain;

Jaime Graham, Michele Odean, William Swenson

