

# EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Numbers 21:4–9

Ephesians 2:1–10

John 3:14–21

### ***Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live***

The people sinned by speaking “*against God and against Moses,*” and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which “*bit the people, so that many people of Israel died*” (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “*make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,*” so that “*if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live*” (Num. 21:8). Thus God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “*may have eternal life*” (John 3:14–16). By His cross, “*the light has come into the world,*” not for condemnation, but “*that the world might be saved through him*” (John 3:17–19). While we “*were dead in the trespasses and sins*” in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live “*with him in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 2:4–6).

**THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

In the Lord's Hands: Reiny Hessler; Ill: Tom Neuenkirchen, Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann); Recovery: Dave Gumz, Donna Lilly (sister of Joyce Cooper); On-Going Care: Steven Fahnestock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Mission: LCMS missions in Africa; Our sister LCMS congregations: Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL – Pastor Fritz & wife Sharla; 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 Tim Seifrid in memory of Carl J. Seifrid's homegoing on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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*

Rev. Charles and Janet Froh serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Kenya. In this role, Charles teaches theology courses to male seminary students preparing for pastoral ministry and to female students preparing to serve as deaconesses. Through the relationships that are formed, he is given the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Kenya.

Please pray for Charles and Janet as they serve in Kenya. Please ask God to strengthen both of them as they teach so that they remain faithful and focused on Christ and their students. Pray also for the health of their students. Ask God to provide financial support for their students so they may continue taking theology and diaconal classes at the college. Let us give thanks to God that Charles and Janet have answered the call to serve in Kenya.

## *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.

**THE EASTER STORY BOOKLET**, brought to us by the Lutheran Hour Ministries, is a wonderful way to share and spread the story of Easter with young children. The rhythmic storytelling and the coinciding illustrations make it easy to comprehend. It is the perfect gift to add to an Easter basket or to include in an Easter card. A Board of Education member will be standing at the back of the church after today's service to distribute them.

**THE 2015 FLOWER CHART** still has dates open for flowers for the altar. Please consider signing up and reserving a date. Thank you.

**NEW ISSUES** of Strength for the Day and The Northern Light are available in the Narthex and on the lower shelf of the back door table.

**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**

**MOVIE MATINEE:** Please join us on Sun., March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm for the Board of Education's next movie "God is Not Dead" This movie is rated PG with a run time of about 2 hours. You may also bring a snack to share. See you then!

**Those serving in today's service: 3/15/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham  
Acolyte: Benjamin Seppelfrick  
Elder: Jaime Graham  
Communion Assistant: Jim Davis  
Organist: Aaron Foster  
Radio Announcer: Elijah Moser  
Oil Candle Care: Dennis & Lois Patzer  
Altar Care: Jan Pittman  
Flower Care: Jill Hauser  
Ushers: David Moser, captain; Gary Moore,  
Elijah Moser, Jeremiah Moser, Benjamin Seppelfrick\_

**Those serving Lenten Wednesday PM: 3/18/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham  
Elder: Gary Moore  
Organist: Aaron Foster  
Oil Candle Care: Dennis & Lois Patzer  
Altar Care: Jan Pittman  
Ushers: Paul Odean, captain;  
Jaime Graham, Michele Odean, William Swenson

**Those serving in next Sunday's service: 3/22/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham  
Elder: Art Cooper  
Organist: Rob Clow  
Radio Announcer: Paul Odean  
Oil Candle Care: Dennis & Lois Patzer  
Altar Care: Jan Pittman  
Flower Care: Caryl Johnson  
Ushers: Charles Strode, captain;  
Karli Moore, Jeffrey Secord, Shirley Strode

