

# EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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.*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 4:1–12

1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

### ***Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep***

The Lord Jesus is “*the good shepherd*” who “*lays down his life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

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

Deaths: Families of: Barb Salis (former member) who died Tues., 4/21, Frank Slaker (husband of former member Carol (Duy) Slaker & Jerry Zimmerman's uncle) who died Wed., 4/22, Gene Parker (cousin of Hackers & Patzers) who died Fri., 4/17; Ill: Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann); Recovery: Dave Gumz, Lois Hacker; On-Going Care: Steven Fahnestock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen, Tom Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Anniversaries: Ruoff & Beth Dhuse (60<sup>th</sup>); Mission: LCMS missions in Korea; Our sister LCMS congregations: Peace Lutheran Church, Plainfield, IL – Pastor Sollie & wife Sue; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry; Jonathan Hessler on the occasion of his Baptism today.

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from Ruoff & Beth Dhuse in thanksgiving for many blessings and the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**BAPTIZED TODAY**

*Jonathan Reinhart Sopian Hessler*  
Son of Jason & Agnes (nee Sopian) Hessler

**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. Chuck and Jean Hoffman serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in South Korea. In this role, Chuck serves as the pastor at International Lutheran Church, Seoul, South Korea. He is responsible for the spiritual care and growth of the many expatriates and Korean nationals who worship at this church. He also coordinates with other LCMS missionaries and the leadership of the Lutheran Church in Korea (LCK) to develop new ministries and potential new church plants outside the city of Seoul. Together, Chuck and Jean minister to the local people in this community as they seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.

Please pray for the Hoffmans as they serve in South Korea. Pray God gives them strength and peace as they transition to life in Seoul, learning the culture and the language of such a large city. Ask God to daily use both of them to effectively and compassionately share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people they encounter where they live and work. Let us give thanks to God Chuck and Jean have answered His call to serve in this part of the world!

### *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.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** the bulletin board located by the drinking fountain in the Undercroft for upcoming events that are not printed in the bulletin that may be of interest to you.

**FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** are available for pick-up. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

**APPLICATIONS** for organist 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.

**SOME JEWELRY ITEMS** from the Jewelry Table at the Rummage Sale have been found. The items have been put on a table in the Basement. Please take any items you would like, **free of charge**. Any items left over will given to Cross Lutheran's Resale Shop.

**REMINDER:** Women, please remember to blot your lipstick before using the Common Cup during Communion. Lipstick is difficult to remove from the Purificators. Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events at Emmanuel**

**THE NEXT REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING** will be held today following the worship service. Action items include:

(1) Designation of a missionary to receive congregational support for the remainder of 2015. (2) Authorization to transfer \$15,000 from special funds to checking account. (3) Vote to approve the sale of our school building to Northern Lights Development Corp for \$175,000.

## *Around Town*

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:** John 3:16 shares a simple message, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Eight million people now have access to this Gospel message through LBT's ministry of translation. Over the past 51 years, LBT has completed 40 New Testaments, four Bibles, and many Scripture engagement programs. Yet an estimated 180,000,000 people remain without access to God's Word through Scripture because they don't understand the languages in which this Good News is proclaimed.

We invite you to share LBT's vision for the future at our annual dinner on May 1st at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois (3003 Corporate Drive West). The social hour will begin at 6:00 P.M., and dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. There is no cost for the dinner, but a free-will offering will be taken that evening.

The guest speakers for the evening will be Reverend Dan Gilbert, the president of the Northern Illinois District of the LCMS, and LBT missionaries Paul and Ali Federwitz.

For more information or to RSVP by April 23, call [800-532-4253 ext. 21](tel:800-532-4253), or email [jbehrens@lbt.org](mailto:jbehrens@lbt.org).  
God's Blessings,

**Those serving in today's service: 4/26/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Jaime Graham

Organist: Gwen Carlson

Radio Announcer: Elijah Moser

Oil Candle Care: Paul & Michele Odean

Altar Care: Jean Meyer

Flower Care: Andrea Seifrid

Ushers: Charles Strode, captain;

Karli Moore, Jeffrey Secord, Shirley Strode

**Those serving in next Sunday's service: 5/3/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Julia Graham

Elder: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Jaime Graham

Organist: Gwen Carlson

Radio Announcer: Paul Odean

Oil Candle Care: Jack & Jill Hauser

Altar Care: Shirley Strode

Flower Care: Denise Pryor

Ushers: Mark Moser, captain;

David Gumz, Jack Hauser, Cole Stephens

