

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 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.*

PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Zechariah 9:9–12

Philippians 2:5–11

John 12:12–19

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, “*sitting on a donkey’s colt,*” yet as the King of Israel “*in the name of the Lord*” (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out “*the ruler of this world*” and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to “*rejoice greatly,*” because her King comes with salvation, and “*he shall speak peace to the nations*” (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed “*beforehand for burial*” (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as “*the King of the Jews*” by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes “*as it is written of him,*” wherefore “*you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power*” (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So God the Father has “*highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Deaths: Families of James Spencer who died 3/24 & James Ottinger who died 3/26 (friends of Dennis Patzer); In the Lord's Hands: Reiny Hessler; Ill: 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, Tom Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Birthdays: Dennis Patzer (72 on 3/28); Mission: LCMS missions in Africa; Our sister LCMS congregations: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL – Pastor Tutwiler & wife Lyn; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from Denise Pryor in memory of her brother, Ivan “Tim” Neuenkirchen, called to life 28 years ago on March 31st.

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. Jacob Gaugert serves the Lord as a career missionary through The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod in Togo. Jacob teaches courses in Lutheran theology at The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET), in Dapaong, Togo, West Africa. He also teaches some distance learning and continuing education courses as needed. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he coordinates visiting professors to CLET.

Please pray for Jacob as he serves in Togo. Pray for him as he transitions to life in Africa, learning the new culture and the local language. Pray that God provides him with prayer and financial supporters in the United States. Pray that the Lord blesses CLET, its supporting congregations and other African partner churches. Ask the Lord to raise up African theological leaders to serve as teachers of the Good News of Jesus Christ in the community.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on April 3rd Good Friday.

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

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. Copies of the booklet are available on the table in the Narthex. .

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

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING has been scheduled for today following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to bring voters up-to-date on the potential sale of Emmanuel's school.

EASTER EGG HUNT – There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 pm on Sat., April 4th at church. All children are welcome!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be held: April 2nd Maundy Thursday (w/Communion), April 3rd Good Friday (Tenebrae) and April 4th Easter Vigil (w/Communion). All services begin at 7:00 pm. April 5th Easter Sunrise service begins at 6:30 am and Easter Day service (w/Communion) begins at 9:00 am.

EASTER BREAKFAST - Please join us at 7:30 am (after the Sunrise service) until 8:30 am (before the Easter Day service) for breakfast in the Undercroft.

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.
God's Blessings,

Those serving in today's service: 3/29/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Cole Stephens

Elder: Gary Moore

Communion Assistant: Art Cooper

Organist: Aaron Foster

Radio Announcer: Margaret Bauman

Oil Candle Care: Dennis & Lois Patzer

Altar Care: Jan Pittman

Flower Care: Jill Hauser

Ushers: Timothy Seifrid, captain;

Dennis Patzer, Bryan Pittman, Andrea Seifrid

Palm Distribution: Barbara Moore, Karli Moore,

Shirley Strode

Those serving Maundy Thursday service: 4/2/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Art Cooper

Communion Assistant: Jaime Graham

Organist: Aaron Foster

Oil Candle Care: Paul & Michele Odean

Altar Care: Jean Meyer

Ushers: David Moser, captain; Gary Moore,

Elijah Moser, Jeremiah, Benjamin Seppelfrick

Stripping of the Altar: Margaret Bauman,

Caryl Johnson, Jan Pittman, Andrea Seifrid

Those serving in Good Friday service: 4/3/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Julia Graham

Elder: Jim Davis

Organist: Aaron Foster

Oil Candle Care: Paul & Michele Odean

Altar Care: Jean Meyer

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain;

Jaime Graham, Michele Odean, William Swenson

Those serving in Easter Vigil service: 4/4/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Assistant: Jaime Graham

Elder: Gary Moore

Communion Assistant: Art Cooper

Organist: Aaron Foster

Oil Candle Care: Paul & Michele Odean

Altar Care: Jean Meyer

Ushers: Charles Strode, captain;

Karli Moore, Jeffrey Secord, Shirley Strode

Those serving in Easter Sunrise service: 4/5/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Jim Davis

Organist: Aaron Foster

Oil Candle Care: Paul & Michele Odean

Altar Care: Jean Meyer

Ushers: Mark Moser, captain;

David Gumz, Jack Hauser, Cole Stephens

Those serving in next Sunday's service: 4/5/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Benjamin Seppelfrick

Elder: Jaime Graham

Communion Assistant: Gary Moore

Organist: Aaron Foster

Radio Announcer: Joyce Cooper

Oil Candle Care: Paul & Michele Odean

Altar Care: Jean Meyer

Flower Care: Jan Pittman

Ushers: Timothy Seifrid, captain;

Dennis Patzer, Bryan Pittman, Andrea Seifrid

