

# EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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.*

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 1:12–26

1 John 5:9–15

John 17:11b–19

### ***Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father***

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “*from the evil one*” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “*that they also may be sanctified in truth*” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “*to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life*” (1 John 5:13). For “*this life is in his Son*,” whom He has given by His Word, and “*whoever has the Son has life*” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “*with one accord*,” as one Body in Christ, “*devoting themselves to prayer*” and waiting upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

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

Deaths: Family of Don Hoffman (friend of Patzers) who died on Sat., 5/9; Ill: Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann); Procedures: Ken Kittoe; Recovery: Dave Gumz, Lois Hacker; On-Going Care: Steven Fahnstock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen, Tom Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Birthdays: Ben Seppelfrick (13<sup>th</sup> on 5/16); Mission: LCMS missions in Kenya; Our sister LCMS congregations: Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL – Pastor Fritz & wife Sharla; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry; Wedding of Paul Dhuse & Beth Walters on Sat., May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from the Altar & Flower Guild. The bud vase is given in celebration of Ben Seppelfrick's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 16<sup>th</sup> from Mom, Dad, & Oma.

**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 has been an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Matongo Lutheran Theological College in Kenya since January 2013 where he 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 Charles and Janet have answered the call to serve in Kenya.

Pastor Froh will be speaking this week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brookfield, IL, this coming Wednesday at 2:00 pm. Members of Emmanuel are invited and can RSVP to Pastor Brondos at: [jbrondos@gmail.com](mailto:jbrondos@gmail.com).

## *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.

**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.

**NEW FROM CPH:** The Lutheran Service Book, EBook Edition is now available for \$19.99. See [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) for more details and to order.

*Thank you dear friends for the prayers, flowers, cards, visits & rides you gave to Reiny & I the past two years. It was greatly appreciated. May God bless you all. Love, Norma Hessler*

### **Upcoming Events at Emmanuel**

**A SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING** will be held today following the worship service to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to approve the sale of Emmanuel School to Northern Lights Development Corp.

**YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION.** Come find out what this means and how it happened starting next week, May 24, in the Adult Bible Class as we begin our new topic of study: "The Covenant, Old and New".

**CLEAN-UP DAY** for the church will be held on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (weather permitting). Please bring lawn tools (rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.).

**MOVIE MATINEE:** the next movie matinee is planned for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Board of Education has not yet decided on which movie to show but we will be announcing that as soon as the decision is made. If you have a movie that you would like to see, please let a Board member know.

**THE ALTAR & FLOWER GUILD** will hold their annual end of the year “Picnic” on Wednesday, June 3 · 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Hounds Blue Moon Restaurant, 2124 W. Galena Blvd. in Aurora. For reservations, please contact Jean Meyer at 630-801-9866.

### *Around Town*

**PASTOR BRONDOS** and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Brookfield have invited us and other confessional Lutheran congregations to hear Pastor Charles Froh speak about the status of Lutheranism in Kenya, on Wednesday, May 20 at 2:00 pm at St. Paul’s church in Brookfield. Kenya is also where Lutherans in Africa, the mission Emmanuel adopted for this year, is located and it is the site where over 100 Christian college students were recently murdered by anti-Christian terror groups. For more information or to RSVP please contact Pastor Brondos at: [jbrondos@gmail.com](mailto:jbrondos@gmail.com).

**THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 8:45 am. Please use the Montgomery Road entrance and bring lawn chairs. The service will be held at the area of the cross. Pastor Danny Tutwiler will conduct the service after the Waidley VFW Post #678 conducts the Military presentation at the flagpole. All members and friends of your church are invited. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul Cemetery, your own church and/or school or the donor’s choice.

**Those serving in today's service: 5/17/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Benjamin Seppelfrick

Elder: Art Cooper

Communion Assistant: Jaime Graham

Organist: Rob Clow

Radio Announcer: Margaret Bauman

Oil Candle Care: Jack & Jill Hauser

Altar Care: Shirley Strode

Flower Care: Denise Pryor

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain;

Jaime Graham, Michele Odean, William Swenson

**Those serving in next Sunday's service: 5/24/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Cole Stephens

Elder: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Art Cooper

Organist:

Radio Announcer: Rosemary Swenson

Oil Candle Care: Jack & Jill Hauser

Altar Care: Shirley Strode

Flower Care: Denise Pryor

Ushers: Charles Strode, captain;

Karli Moore, Jeffrey Secord, Shirley Strode

