

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 17:22–24

2 Corinthians 5:1–10 (11–17)

Mark 4:26–34

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “*able to hear it*,” that is, “*to his own disciples*,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “*seed on the ground*,” which “*sprouts and grows*” unto life, even as “*he sleeps and rises*” (Mark 4:26–27). “*On the mountain height of Israel*,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “*a noble cedar*.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “*every kind of bird*” will dwell, and in which “*birds of every sort will nest*” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “*groan, being burdened*” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “*died and was raised*” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “*we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*” (2 Cor. 5:1).

THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Deaths: Family & friends of Dr. Wailam Kwok who died on Thurs., 6/4 & Esther Lindahl (friend of Hackers & Patzers) who died on Fri., 6/5; Procedures: Lois Patzer; Recovery: Dave Gumz, Lois Hacker; Ken Kittoe, Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann); On-Going Care: Steven Fahnstock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen, Tom Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Mission: LCMS missions in Asia; Our sister LCMS congregations: Zion Lutheran Church, Naperville, IL – Pastor Eggebraaten, wife Michelle; children Adley, Cana, & Simeon; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from Debbie Gaw in memory of her Mother Lois Seaton's birthday on June 17th, Gerald Seaton's home going on June 18th and also in memory of Mary Barath, a friend of the family.

Classes

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS- Undercroft-10:30 am

Topic: "The Covenant, Old and New"

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. Carl and Chenhsi (Li) Hanson serve as LCMS career missionaries in the Asia Pacific region, based in Hong Kong. From 1997 to 2004, they served in various roles in Taiwan. In 2004, Carl began serving as the area facilitator for East Asia. He helps to connect local churches and schools, creating a link for Asian Lutheran mission outreach in the Asia Pacific region. Carl notes, “One of the amazing things going on in Asia today is the exciting passion for missions within our partner churches and schools. Partners reach parts of Asia that are inaccessible to us as Western missionaries. We have a unique opportunity to touch people with the Gospel and expand the church.” Carl is also part of the Asia Management Team for the LCMS, which supports the whole Asia Pacific region through joint planning and budgeting. Carl shares, “I am blessed to be a part of our church’s mission work in Asia, both in developing new opportunities and in supporting the ministry of others. It is a wonderful opportunity to see how God’s people from all parts of the body can come together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Carl and Chenhsi have three daughters — Emma, Andrea and Lydia.

The Hansons ask, “Please pray that God would grant us wisdom in building mission partnerships, so that more local congregations and schools can be involved in mission work in Asia. Pray that God would give us direction in beginning new work as well as strength in supporting the area’s ongoing ministries. Especially pray that God would grant us safety in traveling throughout East Asia. Finally, pray that the Lord of the Harvest would call more workers to Asia.”

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.

ANY MEMBER who has belongings in the school or wishes to have anything from the school should contact Chuck Strode before June 21st to get into the school before the sale is final.

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.

Upcoming Events at Emmanuel

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

A SPECIAL VOTER’S MEETING will be held following the worship service this morning to (1) conduct a second vote for the sale of the school and (2) accept resignations from 2 members of the Board of Trustees.

EMMANUEL'S MEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM has started their season. The season schedule is now posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex, by the back door, and by the drinking fountain in the undercroft.

Around Town

RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM – the Quad County Urban League has given information on free weatherization services for eligible residents. See the letter posted on the bulletin board by drinking fountain in the undercroft for details.

Serving God and Our Neighbors

PLANTING A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY is a people-helping-people program that encourages gardeners to grow a little extra and donate the produce to local soup kitchens and food pantries. If you are planting a garden this year, you can make a difference through PAR. For more information go to www.gardenwriters.org.

Those serving in today's service: 6/14/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Jaime Graham

Organist:

Radio Announcer: Paul Odean

Oil Candle Care: Tim & Andi Seifrid

Altar Care: Caryl Johnson & Jill Hauser

Flower Care: Millie Burmeister & Rosemary Swenson

Ushers: David Moser, captain; Gary Moore,

Elijah Moser, Jeremiah Moser, Benjamin Seppelfrick

Those serving in next Sunday's service: 6/21/2015

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Cole Stephens

Elder: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Gary Moore

Organist:

Radio Announcer: Joyce Cooper

Oil Candle Care: Tim & Andi Seifrid

Altar Care: Caryl Johnson & Jill Hauser

Flower Care: Millie Burmeister & Rosemary Swenson

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain;

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