

June 2020 "Good News" Newsletter

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**Emanuel: God With Us ~
Loving Christ - Loving Others**



Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be
with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the
summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am
or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.



*Thank You to those who helped in any way with
planting our beautiful flower garden and flowers
around the office and sign. Beautiful!*



And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28: 20b

These are the very last words we hear from Jesus in the gospel of Matthew. The Risen Christ has commissioned the eleven disciples with the words, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.* And then in what appears to be words of reassurance, words of comfort, words of encouragement, Jesus adds, *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Remembering that Jesus is with us is difficult at times. Certainly during times of pandemic and civil unrest people are asking *where is God in all of this mess?* Indeed, during difficult times it takes a bit more effort on our part to see God in our everyday lives that have been turned upside down. Through our uneasiness, our uncertainty, our anxiety, we find it difficult to find God at times. And that is only natural. As one speaker at a retreat once declared, the problem with God is that we cannot see God. That speaker of course was referring to the fact that we cannot literally see God in person.

Of course, as Christians we do know that we can see God in many ways in our world. As baptized Christians, we are the Body of Christ in our world today. So just as Jesus told his disciples, *remember, I am with you always*, so it is for us today. Jesus is always with us and that presence is often through each other.

Through this time of pandemic as we continue to stay close to home I hope each of you have found new ways of connecting with each other. Chris and I have found more time to enjoy the outdoors together and to pursue the challenge of jigsaw puzzles. In my calling as deacon I have learned to communicate using Facebook Live for midweek devotions and even sharing a graveside service.

As we continue even longer with this pandemic, may all of you realize and experience that Jesus is always with us, to the end of the age. Amen, Alleluia!

Until next time, may the peace of Christ be with you.

Deacon Kevin

Reminders: Pastoral care is still offered through our ministerial staff---please call us, leave a message.

Even though the Childcare is open - the church building is still closed.

Members please contact the office with updated phone numbers & emails.

We have tried to contact a few members and phone numbers are no longer in use and emails were returned.

Summer is here, finally! Getting outside and exploring God's creation is a beautiful way to worship, pray, and talk about God. It is a way to teach and practice our purpose in what it means to be a Child of God! Bishop Daniel Beaudoin asked all of us to take time to think about 6 words:

PAUSE-- LISTEN -- PRAY--- LEARN --- HUMBLY-- ACCOMPANY

Take time to daydream, meditate, and focus on what each of these words mean to us. Then apply what the Holy Scriptures teach us about each word.
WWJD --- What Would Jesus Do.



What's Going On With Vacation Bible School?

We are doing something new and different this year. We will be giving you the stories, the snacks, the games, and ways we can share God's love. You will be able to do Vacation Bible School ALL SUMMER LONG! The VBS materials will be sent out the week of June 21! We encourage you to send us pictures and videos of VBS from your home. You may also share this with your friends! We are all being called to be teachers and learners! To get started, draw a map of where you live and who are your neighbors.

1) The theme of the week is **"Who Is My Neighbor?"** Together, we will learn about some of the people around the world who are our neighbors in the kingdom of God. We will also learn about ELCA World Hunger, an important ministry of our church. ELCA World Hunger works with people in the United States and in over 60 other countries to ensure that everyone has enough food to eat, a safe place to live, and the things they need for a healthy life.

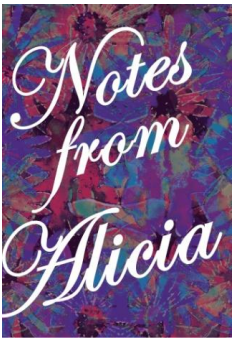
2) The week is based on Jesus' conversation with a lawyer in Luke 10:25-37. Each day, we will hear a new part of the story, meet a new character and see how they answered the question, "Who Is My Neighbor?"

3) Each day, we will also learn about a new country where ELCA World Hunger works. We will learn about our neighbors in that country and some of the projects ELCA World Hunger supports to help our neighbors.

*It is important to have the correct email address at the church - We would like to do ZOOM meetings for connecting our theme and ideas.



I keep you in my prayers and in my heart! Until Sunday School is able to safely gather and meet again, rest assured that God's great connection between us through the Holy Spirit unites always and forever.



I found this reading while looking through the archives. It didn't say who wrote it or where it came from. Alicia

The Lord's Prayer In Verse

Safe into Thine all-embracing arms, do we, Thy children, gather; With songs and praise and endless love, to Thee, our refuge and

OUR FATHER

From whom every good and perfect gift to us is given, Thou most Holy, true and mighty one
WHO ART IN HEAVEN.

From everlasting to everlasting, eternally the same. Changeless is Thy truth and love, and
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

Nevermore shall doubts and unbelief, Thy presence hide us from. But with triumphant faith and joy, we proclaim, **THY KINGDOM COME.**

In peace, let all nations be molded into one, whose united prayer shall forever be, Thy pleasure and
THY WILL BE DONE

And let every heart into Thine be so interwoven, that righteousness and truth prevail
ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

Thus, in faith and confidence we pray, knowing that from bountiful hands, Thou dost
GIVE US THIS DAY

The living words of truth, wherein Thou has said, all our needs shall be supplied, even to
OUR DAILY BREAD.

With substance abundant, Thou dost provide the faithful witness. While in love and mercy, Thou dost pardon **AND FORGIVE US**

All our mistakes, short comings and misuses of Thy goodness, wherein lieth
OUR TRESPASSES.

And since Thou art just and 'tis by Thee we live, Thy just and righteous law doth relieve us only.
AS WE FORGIVE

In thought and act and earnestness shown for in loving deeds.
THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

But let the gentle spirit of Christ prompt our every thought; and with Thine unerring hand, guide, protect **AND LEAD US NOT**

Through thorny path, bodily needs or soul tribulation. To places or conditions where we might fall
INTO TEMPTATION.

Through turbulent at times, may appear life's river. Thou wilt not leave us to struggle with the current.
BUT DELIVER

And redeem us from all unrighteous rabble. Crown us with victory and keep
US FROM EVIL:

With grateful hearts and obedient lives we honor Thee, by whom all rule and authority shall be put down.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM

Eternal, outshining, overruling all things transitory: to the Victor and the Master, be
THE POWER AND THE GLORY.

With cords of love that none can sever. We are united with Thee
FOREVER AND EVER.

Harbored, where no storm can hurt nor mar again. To the grandeur of Thine eternal dominion, be alleluia.
AMEN.



Church at Home: Small Group Bible Study is a Bible resource created by BibleProject to serve families, small groups, house churches, and individuals. This is a perfect option for those of you who are seeking an online Bible study during this time of staying close to home.

This study is free and is sent to your email each week. Each email contains:

- A BibleProject video
- A short audio message
- 2-3 Scripture readings
- 6-8 discussion questions

You can sign up for this Bible study at the following website address:

<https://bibleproject.com/church-at-home/>

Once you have signed up for this study you may wish to suggest to a friend to do the same and you can share in this study with others.

The BibleProject is a nonprofit animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated Bible videos and other Bible resources to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. In addition to this weekly Bible study they have created many other Bible videos, podcasts, and Bible resources to help people experience the story of the Bible. All are 100% free.

The writers for the BibleProject believe the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus. This diverse collection of ancient books overflows with wisdom for our modern world. As they let the biblical story speak for itself, they believe the message of Jesus will transform individuals and entire communities. Their Bible resources help people experience the Bible in a way that is approachable, engaging, and transformative. They do this by showcasing the literary art of the Scriptures and tracing the themes found in them from beginning to end. Rather than taking the stance of a specific tradition or denomination, they create materials to elevate the Bible for all people and draw our eyes to its unified message.

If you are looking for a new resource to add to your spiritual practices, the BibleProject may offer just what you are searching for.



The Communication and Evangelism Board is hard at work despite the COVID-19 shelter in place order. Our number one priority is livestreaming our worship service. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a back order on certain equipment that we need. We hope to have this system up and running in 6 to 8 weeks!

We've had to put the pictorial directory on the back burner, for now. LifeTouch, the company who will do our directory, is on shut-down until

August 1. Once they reopen, we will be in contact with them and get this process started. Look for more information on this in the fall.

God's work. Our hands.



As Christians, how do we view God's Work using Our Hands? Are we open to hearing God's call to action? Do we see opportunities in our community to do God's Work? In 2020 the Social Ministry Board is once again assembling a number of small service projects as Emanuel's response to the ELCA's GWOH call to action.

We need to make some changes to this year's list of service opportunities and are looking for suggestions from the congregation. Have you seen a need in your neighborhood or are you aware of a group filling a need in the community that could use a helping hand? A few of our past service projects have included: writing notes of thanks to our active service members, providing supplies to Choices (the women's shelter), collecting supplies/food items for McKinley Elementary, and providing blessing bags to Marion's veterans' clinic. Will your idea help serve the Marion community? The 2020 GWOH service project rolls out in September. Ideas large or small can be sent to Barb Russo at russofarm3@gmail.com by the end of June.

From the Women of the Church:

It is with regret that the Board has decided to cancel the Luke 14 Dinner that is held in August. Because of COVID 19 there could be issues with transportation, the size of the parlors, the number of guests and helpers, the vulnerability of the guests and other issues that could arise. It is doubtful that things could change much from the present restrictions.

We are all anxious to worship in the sanctuary again and see our church friends, but we need to be patient, safe, pray, and trust the Lord will see us through this.

Blessings to all,



When
you give a feast,
invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind,
and you will be blessed.

Luke 14:13-14, ESV



Dear Emanuel Lutheran Family, Thanks you so much for the amazing gift basket! I loved looking through all the cool goodies. It means so much to feel your support through my graduation, and I am blessed to be a part of such an amazing community! Sincerely, Olivia Houtt.

I would like to thank all of you at Emanuel for your prayers, phone calls, and cards on my 91st birthday. It was so nice to be remembered. Joann Blank

Memorials:

A donation was made toward the carpeting for the Praise Band by Maggie Clark, in memory of Sherry Klott.

A gift has been given to Emanuel by Sandy Becker in memory of Dorothy Twigg and Charles Miller.

A gift has been given to Emanuel by Elsie Mitchell in memory of Dorothy Twigg.

Letter to my Church Family - Vicar Tanyce Addison

June 8, 2020

Dear Pastor Mark, Deacon Kevin, and Respected Members of the Executive Board and Parish Planning Council, and Beloved Members,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my upcoming resignation as TEEM intern at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Family Life Ministry Coordinator and the director of the Adult Choir. The Lord has been impressing upon my heart for some time the need to minister to the brothers and sisters who are without a pastor, and recently an opportunity has come up for me to make that a reality. I will be leaving for Good Hope Lutheran Church in Bucyrus on July 1, 2020, and my resignation will take effect with coordination with Emanuel.

I have been blessed beyond measure to serve this congregation through music, in education and especially in the opportunity to serve as a Synodical Authorized Minister and a TEEM intern. I am grateful. The support and encouragement and the faith bonds have lifted me and sustained me. As I entered into candidacy, I knew I was answering the call of Christ to go where God sends me. As our year of mission Bible verse says: *John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

I came to Emanuel with my family in 1968. Being a part of this church has given me deep roots in faith as well as building strength in my wings to pursue the call for ordained ministry in Word and Sacrament. This has been a very difficult decision to make. It is comfortable, familiar, and safe to stay at Emanuel. But God calls us to keep our eyes open to His plan that may be uncomfortable, unknown, and a risk-taking adventure. I trust God to help and guide me. I welcome your prayers always. My life's moments of joy, celebration, service and sorrow have all been shared here in this place with my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Frank and I were joined in marriage here 40 years ago and centered our lives worshiping and being a part of the Emanuel family. We love our Emanuel family. Our prayers are for each of you to love and know our Beautiful Savior, Jesus Christ, more each and every day. You will always remain deep in our hearts and prayers.

I will continue to strive to serve the congregation as best I can in my remaining weeks. I appreciate your consideration in this matter and pray that this letter finds you in good faith in Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Vicar Tanyce J. Addison

Tanyce, Thank you for sharing your ministry with us over the years thru music, teaching, leading, and Word. We were blessed by your ministry. We pray God's richest blessings as you answer God's Call.

Your Church Family

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We celebrate Flag Day
on June 14!

NOTE the July-Sept.
Devotional "Christ In Our
Home" -- available on the
Church Office Porch.



on June 21



Wednesday's Meditations on our Facebook page

Sundays - Worship at 10:30a.m. on WMRN AM 1490
and on our Facebook Page.