



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

September 2021

What Really Counts?

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What really counts? We think report cards really matter. But in the end, not as much as you think.

Grades count for something when you're applying for high school or college. But if you graduate from the most prestigious school, what will it gain you? **What really counts?**

Success gets you more things you can count: awards for your wall, dollars for your investment account, square feet in your house where you can put all your stuff. But when you have all that—the degree, the dollars, the domicile—when you have too much to even count, is that what will really count?

"And [Abram] believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness." It's not that Abraham believed *in* the Lord, just believing in the existence of some kind of higher power. No, he *believed* the Lord, which is to say, he trusted that what God told him is true. He trusted God's Word. That is at once the easiest and the hardest thing you can ever do.

It's easy because it means Christ has done the work; it's not up to you. But it's difficult because you are moving out into a world which ridicules Christ and His Word. So if you want success, you'll have to set God's Word to the side. If you want to be accepted, they will demand you call evil good, and good evil. If you want the world to love you, you'll have to exchange the good, the true, and the beautiful for the evil, the lie, and the grotesque.

That temptation will be severe. The singing of the sirens seems irresistible. But you are those who have lashed yourselves to the ark of Christ's Church. You believe the Lord, His Word and His promises.

That's what counts. The school you attended won't be on your tombstone. Even if they erect a statue of you in this generation, the next will pull it down in a fit of madness.

So seek not the follies and pleasures of this world. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

It's not countable things that count. Abraham "believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness." It's God's accounting that counts.

When Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine, journeyed to Jerusalem, she built towers along the way, so pilgrims would know they were on the right path. What path will you follow?

The so-called towering figures of this world, be they rappers or politicians, they will becloud your vision. But you have the towers of the prophets and apostles. Let their writings be your guide. Follow the Scriptures single-mindedly, as the only thing that counts.

When the chaos of our culture's cacophony seems too much to bear, quiet your mind with the promises of God's Word: justification, absolution, resurrection. Believe the Lord's promises, and He will count it to you as righteousness. That's what counts.

Believe the Lord's promises, though all the world revile you. Be faithful unto death, and He will give you the crown of life.

Rev. Mark E. Latham



Current Events



Call Process:

Dear members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

As I've spent the last number of weeks considering this Divine Call, I wanted to thank you for everything you've done. Your prayers for me and my family, meeting with me and the conversations we've had where we were able to get to know one another better, and your willingness to go above and beyond. As I spend more time in the ministry it seems that when a call is placed before me, it only seems to get harder to deliberate. My prayer will always be that I do God's will, and that wherever He is leading me, I will joyfully go. As Psalm 31:3 says, "Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of Your name lead and guide me." I appreciate your patience during this time, as we had our third child in the middle of this deliberation, and as you have awaited my decision.

The congregation of Emmanuel, and the people that I've had the pleasure to meet, seems like a wonderful place for any pastor to serve, and they would be blessed to be there. And not just the pastor, but their family as well. I have not yet met a congregation that has been so positive as they think about their present situation, all the things that they are doing, and as they look ahead to the future when their next pastor arrives.

As you know, this has been an exciting time for my family, and it has also made me think about our present situation, all the things we currently have going on, and, most importantly, it has made me look ahead to the future as well. What I have discovered in all my conversations, reflections, and prayers, is that now is not the right time to accept a call. And this has come as I've thought and prayed about my calling not just as a pastor, but as a husband and as a father. So, as much as I am ready to serve a congregation like Emmanuel, I regretfully have to say no and return this Divine Call.

My prayer for all of you is that God would continue to prepare and grow you as a congregation, and prepare and grow the heart of your future pastor. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you" (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

God be with and bless each and every one of you.

In Christ,
Rev. Glenn Worcester



Wednesday Evening Schedule Begins September 1st.

5:30p Dinner
6:15p Prayer & Praise
6:30p Knights & Roses
& Adult Bible Study
7:30p Choir



The Ladies of the LWML will meet on
September 15th at 11:30am.

Noisy Mites will be collected Sep. 5th.
The LWML Rally will take place Sep. 25th.
Lutheran Bible Translator Sunday is Sep. 26th.

JR. HIGH (4th - 8th grade) **ACTIVITY NIGHT**,
September 24th. 8:00pm—12:00am.
Bring a friend and enjoy friendship,
food and fun. There will also be
acolyte training. Talk with Bekki if you
have questions.



Board and Council Meetings are scheduled for
September 21st. All Boards meet at 6:30pm
and Council 7:30pm.



The Church Office & Joyful
Hearts will be closed on
September 6th to observe
Labor day.



Oktoberfest is coming back in 2021! We are planning a delicious homemade German dinner on **Friday, October 15th from 5:00 pm - 7:30pm**. There will be plenty of family fun and a silent auction. Please mark your calendars and consider donating an item for our auction and signing up to volunteer.



Education Kick Off

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Verses for Back To School



Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6



So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. –

1 Corinthians 10:31



Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith & purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:12



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalms 139:14



I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who strengthens me.

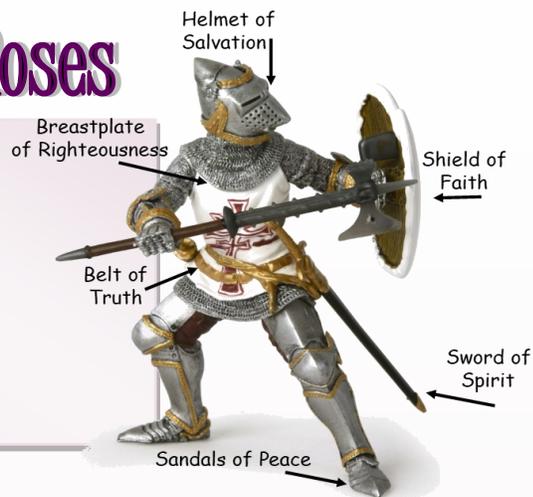
Philippians 4:13



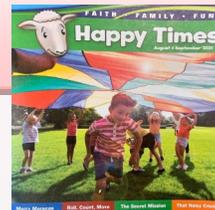
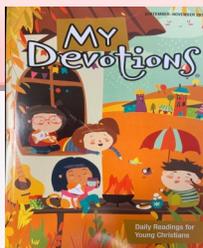
Knights & Roses

Wednesday Nights
Starting September 1st
Preschool–6th grade

Equipping God's children with the whole armor of God in order to stand firm in His promises and serve their Neighbors



Pick up a My Devotions and a Happy Times for your family.



The Sunday Education Hour for Adults, Youth and Sunday school students takes place between the Sunday morning worship services at 9:45am. Please join us.

How We Served



July 2021
Church & Daycare YTD

Income \$357,995

Expense \$314,289

Positive \$ 43,706 for 2021
cash flow

Overall Excess cash flow is \$99,107.

This excess is the result of two things: sale of the ministry house and not having to pay a full time pastor salary and benefits.

Thank you to our generous and faithful givers.

Gifts to the Unified Budget are the most helpful to the financial health of Emmanuel.

Members are welcome to donate to special funds at their discretion.

If you are not able to attend worship in person, you can continue to support the ministry by mailing in your offering to:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 11198 E Division Street, Cadillac MI 49601.

Beth Ruck, Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who helped with the rummage sale in August. Many quality items were donated. Thank you to all of our helpers! A special thank you to Nancy Shimek for organizing and managing the sale



Thank you to Emmanuel Lutheran Church for your prayers, calls and cards at the loss of my wife Jill Lovell. A special thank you to Pastor Turanski, the funeral committee for the wonderful luncheon, the church staff and all those that helped with any of the funeral preparations. Your love and kindness have help us through this difficult time.
Sam Lovell & Family



From Jayne Foster, Director of Joyful Hearts:

After 17 years of teaching at Joyful Heart Early Learning Center, I have decided that it is time for me to retire. Being a Preschool Teacher might be one of the hardest jobs on the planet, but it is also one of the most fulfilling. You have an opportunity every day to light a spark in a child that can burn brightly well into their future. It's a responsibility I take seriously and joyfully. Over the years, I have gotten to know and love many amazing kiddos and their families! I've had the opportunity to work with excellent teachers who love children as much as I do. And I've grown in my Faith and Bible knowledge right alongside my sweet students! My final day will be Friday, August 27th. To help celebrate the next chapter of my life, Emmanuel is hosting a retirement picnic on Education Sunday August 29th. Please come and enjoy food, friends, and fun!!

Opportunities to Give & Serve

Oktoberfest - October 15th 5:00p- 7:30p



Please join us for a delicious homemade German dinner on October 15th from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Dinner tickets are now on sale or can be purchased at the door. Adults \$10, Children ages 3 to 12, \$5.00, or Family \$30 and Children under 3, free. There will be plenty of family fun with local entertainment, a

silent auction, hayrides, a bonfire, crafts and face painting. Proceeds will benefit Foster Closet of Michigan Wexford-Missaukee and the continued ministries at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

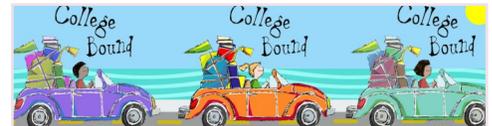
Foster Closet supports foster children and families. Foster Families can be unprepared for a newly placed child in terms of having the right size or quantity of clothing and equipment required for a particular child. Often children arrive in their new foster home with only the clothes on their back. This frequently places a financial hardship on the Foster Family. Foster Closet provides personal items to begin the process of rebuilding a foster child's self-esteem and provides them with belongings they can call their own.

Local entertainers, The Inland String Band, will provide the evening's entertainment.

The Inland String Band is a Northern Michigan Bluegrass, Traditional, Celtic, Roots/Folk Band offering a variety of songs, musical styles, and humor. The band features polished vocal harmonies and acoustic instruments, including: fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, and more.

Oktoberfest Helpers needed!!

Please volunteer to help out in some way with Oktoberfest. We need items for the auction and the dinner. We also need people to set up, serve and clean up. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet or contact Bob and Beth Menz . Thank you!



COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS: As students head off to school this fall. **Please update the Church office with school address and e-mail addresses.** We would like to continue to keep our college students updated with Church information and a package from the LWML will also be sent out later this fall. You can e-mail your information to cindy@emmanuelcadillac.org.

Seminarian

Alarik Morris



If you would like to send a card of encouragement to our Pre - Seminary or Seminary Students as they begin the new semester, their addresses are below.

Alarik & Angela Morris
525 Clara Ave. Apt. 102
St. Louis, MO 63112

Pre- Seminary

Logan Davis

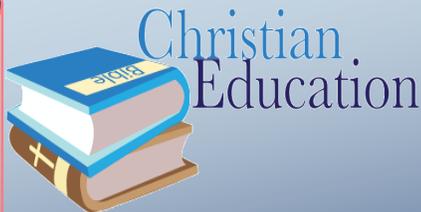


Logan Davis
4090 Geddes Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Congratulation to Logan on his engagement to Abby Haggard this summer.

THRIVENT MEMBERS:

Have you designated your Thrivent Choice dollars? **If you do not designate** where you would like your Thrivent Choice Dollars to go those dollars are lost. **Use them or lose them!** Please consider designating Emmanuel Lutheran Church as your Thrivent Choice. Please call Bekki in the church office for more information.





Sunday School Lessons and Memory work for Knights & Roses, Sunday School & Joyful Hearts Students



September 5th

"Silence before a Son." Doubting the angel's announcement of his coming son, Zechariah finds himself silenced until the boy's birth. Upon writing "His name is John," Zechariah regains his voice and prophesies concerning his son's work.

Memory Challenge: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. Luke



September 12th

In this week's Sunday School, Joyful Hearts and Knights & Roses lesson, **"The Temple Testimonies,"** God fulfills His promise as Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Forty days later, in keeping with the law, the family travels to Jerusalem's temple for Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation. There, they encounter Simeon, a devout Jew whose song of praise lives on in the Church today. Likewise, Anna, the aging prophetess, rejoices at the coming of the Savior.

Memory Challenge: My eyes have seen Your salvation. Luke 2:30



September 19th

"His Father's House," Jesus' parents travel to Jerusalem as they do each year for the Passover. Returning home, Mary and Joseph notice Jesus' absence, yet they assume He is among the others in their traveling group. When He doesn't appear, they return to Jerusalem, searching desperately for three days. They finally find Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers, who are amazed at His understanding. Despite being in His "Father's house" (Luke 2:49), Jesus honors His earthly parents and returns to Nazareth with them.

Memory Challenge: [Jesus said,] "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" Luke 2:49



September 26th

"The Pointing Prophet" John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and honey. John's message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

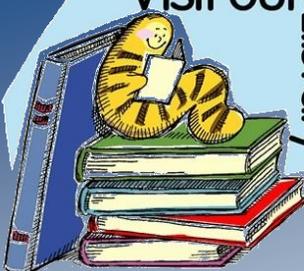
Memory Challenge: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29



New to the Emmanuel Library

Visit our

Library



My First Catechism

A resource to help parents teach the faith to their children. Organized in the same way as the Small Catechism, it defines terms, points to familiar examples in everyday life, and promotes family faith development.

Luther's Small Catechism for Kids

Intended for Elementary age children. This catechism is a perfect stepping stone to future confirmation classes. It is well illustrated and contains devotional material that will connect learning with children's everyday lives.

September Volunteer Schedule

| | September 5 | September 12 | September 19 | September 26 | October 3 |
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| Acolytes | 8:30 | Mina Schellhas | Charlie Schafer | William Howell | Ally Shuster |
| | 11:00 | | | | |
| Altar | 8:30 | Ruby Ohlrich Deb Schafer | Lisa Gottleber Katelyn Gottleber | Wanda Pillsbury Lorna Vanderwal | Pat Struck Denise Bujalski |
| | 11:00 | Volunteers Needed | Michael Gottleber | Volunteers Needed | Jan Ringel |
| Audio | 8:30 | Dan Schmidt | Volunteers Needed | Craig Weidner | Craig Belt |
| | 11:00 | Nancy Shimek | Heather Shuster | Volunteers Needed | Nancy Shimek |
| Elders | 8:30 | Jeff Shuster Brian Heyniger | Jeff Shuster Dave Wright | Alden Gonder Brian Heyniger | |
| | 11:00 | Dan Schmidt Chad Koehn | Craig Belt Chad Koehn | Craig Belt Matthew Flaska | Craig Belt Chad Koehn |
| Greeters | 8:30 | Sue & Duke Marcum | Ruby Ohlrich | Jan Ringel | Denise Bujalski |
| | 11:00 | Sandy Shene | Volunteers Needed | Mark & Robin Zagers | Volunteers Needed |
| Ushers | 8:30 | Diana Heyniger | Jan Ringel | Ashley Wright | Diana Heyniger |
| | 11:00 | Jessica Wetherell | Elizabeth Hill | Ken & Cathy Tacoma | Deb Weisfeld |
| Finance | | Jackie Breithaupt Vicki Mix Pat Struck | Jan Ringel Lori Wikoff Marian Harder | Vicki Mix Amy Grosso Sharon Gonder | Jackie Breithaupt Lori Wikoff Jan Ringel |

PRAYER

Requests

Pray without ceasing...

1 Thess 5:17



September Birthdays

- 2 James Little
- 2 Chad Koehn
- 4 Esther Heaton
- 5 Dolores Barrand
- 5 Dan Schmidt
- 6 Amy Whitney
- 7 Jane Whitney
- 9 Michelle Carrizales
- 10 Jessica Gottleber
- 12 Julie Cain
- 14 Jessica Podbilski
- 14 Teri Dalton
- 15 Ruby Ohlrich
- 17 Linda Wetherell
- 18 Larry Mix
- 20 Norman Prochaska
- 22 Tyler Bruning
- 23 Justin Landes
- 24 Matthew Flaska
- 25 Amy Wagner,
- 26 Grant Hamp
- 27 Amy Grosso
- 28 Aprill Meeks
- 30 Ashtyn-Michael Denning
- 30 Emily Moses
- 30 Stefanie Schellhas

September Anniversaries

- 2 Andy and Lisa Gottleber(26)
- 3 Paul and Beth Ruck(38)
- 7 Jerry and JoAnn Socal(58)
- 12 Brenda and Mark Sabov(1)
- 13 Laura and Matthew Clark(7)
- 15 Brian and Julie Loughmiller(14)
- 18 Robert and Julie Cain(28)
- 19 Tom and Carol Dettloff(46)
- 24 Justin and Crystal Landes(10)
- 27 Ken and Helen Neuman(63)
- 28 John and Lori Zengerle (42)
- 30 Jeff and Amy Wagner(15)
- 30 Paul and Linda Dryburgh(54)

PRAYER LIST

- Dolores Barrand
- Art Breithaupt
- Steve Bujalski
- Mary Cathcart
- Paul Dryburgh
- Henry Flintoff
- Sue Hale
- Ellen Hesselink
- L.D. Hesselink
- Pat Kindlinger
- Arnold Koehn*
- Jim Little
- Margaret Little
- Sam Lovell
- Isabel Mix*
- Penny Nordquist
- Arlene Parks
- Jennie Pruetz
- Pat Ruark
- Ron Saarela
- Jeffrey Thompson
- Shirley Winner
- Ruth Wright*

Strength & Comfort

Linda Wetherell & family
at the loss of her husband
Dave Wetherell

Sam Lovell & family at the
loss of his wife, Jill.

Terry Brizendine & family
at the loss of his wife Eva.

Be still, and know I am God. *(Psalm 46:10)*

All things God works for the good. *(Romans 8:28)*

Cast all my anxiety on Him. *(1 Peter 5:7)*

Know whose I am! *(1 John 3:1)*

Trust in the Lord with all my heart. *(Proverbs 3:5)*

Open my eyes to see the truth. *(Psalm 119:38)*

Show me your ways, Lord. *(Psalm 25:4)*

Create in me a clean heart. *(Psalm 51:10)*

He who is in me is greater... *(1 John 4:4)*

Obey the Lord my God. *(Deut. 27:10)*

Oh Lord, you are my strength & shield. *(Psalm 28:7)*

Let love and faithfulness never
leave me. *(Proverbs 3:4)*

MILITARY

- Derek Akers
- Samuel Boyce*
- Joshua Flitman*
- Dakota Gann*
- Joe Meier
- Nick Meier
- Adam Soldan*
- Logan Taylor
- Chayce Verity*
- Caleb Wakefield*
- Joshua Wakefield*



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The Rev. Mark Latham– Vacancy Pastor
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Mrs. Rebekka Koehn, Ministry Coordinator bekki@emmanuelcadillac.org
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Mr. Jim Foster, Business Administrator admin@emmanuelcadillac.org