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The Lord is your help and salvation!

Psalms 38 is one of the most painful psalms in the Bible. Hear how David describes his experience:

"There is no soundness in my flesh... there is no health in my bones." (v. 2)

"My wounds stink and fester." (v. 5)

"My sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and crushed." (v. 7-8)

"My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague." (v. 11)

"I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me." (v. 17)

It almost makes your skin crawl as you put yourself in David's place. While you may or may not have firsthand experience with these sorts of pains, it's not hard to imagine how unpleasant it would feel.

What's worse is that David may not actually be talking about physical pains. Because of how extreme his symptoms sound, they're likely metaphors, attempting to put into words the spiritual pain David's sin is causing him. Throughout the psalm, David recognizes that what he's dealing with is all because of his sins and the punishment he's receiving from God. These things are happening "because of God's indignation... because of my sin... because of my foolishness." (vv. 3, 5)

When was the last time your sin caused you to experience this much pain? Occasionally, we have to deal with natural consequences of our sinful actions. But I can only think of a few times in my life where I've felt anything near to this level of grief, shame, and spiritual pain in response to my own sin.

On the one hand, that speaks to how lightly we think of our own sins. In general, we (or at least I) tend to downplay the seriousness of our own sins. Sure, we'll magnify the sins of others. But far too often, we let ourselves off the hook when we should be holding ourselves accountable. Sin is serious business and not something to be treated lightly.

Yet on the other hand, we have a perspective that David could only see from a distance. We are those who know exactly how God has dealt with our sin. We can boldly confess our sin as David did, "I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin" (v. 18) and confidently pray "Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!" (vv. 21-22) because we know that Jesus has taken all of our sin on Himself and died in our stead.

Truly, the Lord is your salvation!

In Christ,

Rev. Benjamin A. Woell



Current Events

Labor Day Closure Monday, September 2nd

Please note that the Church Office and Joyful Hearts will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

We wish everyone a safe and restful holiday!

Wednesday Family Nights

FALL SESSION

The Fall session will run through Nov. 19th.



5:45p Dinner (pizza)



6:15p Prayer & Praise



6:30p Knights & Roses
& Adult Class



7:30p Choir

Come enjoy fellowship, food, and faith-building fun for all ages!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



PEACE BY PIECE

QUILTING GROUP

Do you enjoy quilting or want to learn?
Join the Peace by Piece Quilting Group!

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
of each month

Time: 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Come for creativity, fellowship, and fun –
whether you're an experienced quilter
or just starting out!

For more information, please contact Jan Ringel

MEN'S BREAKFAST



After 26 Restaurant
Saturday, September 13th
8:00 a.m.

Come for breakfast or just a cup of coffee,
and enjoy a morning of God's Word
and Christian fellowship.



The Ladies of the LWML
will have their regular
meeting on **September 17,**
11:30a. at Emmanuel.

The LWML Fall Rally will be held on
September 27 at
Emmanuel.



Registration begins at
9:00a. All ladies of
the congregation are
invited to attend.

This year, Lutheran
Comfort Dog Jude will be visiting to share
about their ministry. If you have questions,
please talk with **Nancy Shimek.**



MONTHLY CHURCH BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEN: EVERY THIRD TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH

🕒 BOARD MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

🕒 COUNCIL MEETING: 7:30 PM
(FOLLOWING BOARD MEETINGS)

Oktoberfest

October 3rd

5:00pm – 7:30pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
11198 E. M-55
Cadillac, MI



Dinner Tickets

Adults - \$15
Children - \$5 (ages 4 – 12)
Children 3 & under are Free
Family - \$40

Evening Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Hayrides
- Kids Crafts
- Face Painting
- Cider Press

Entertainment

Northern Lights Dancers &
Local Musicians

Delicious Menu

- Pulled Pork
- Sauerkraut
- Hot German Potato Salad
- Brats and Hot dogs
- Mashed Potatoes
- Salads
- German Chocolate Cake

Take-Out Available

All Proceeds will benefit,

Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) – Connecting local churches with those in need in Wexford and Osceola Counties.

Friends Ministry – Offering emergency & long-term assistance for families.

How We Served



Thank You, Joyful Hearts Summer Camp Staff!

A heartfelt thank you to the incredible Joyful Hearts Summer Camp staff for taking such wonderful care of our elementary children this summer. They provided a safe, fun, and enriching environment where the children could learn, grow, and enjoy the short Michigan summer. From reading to the residents at the Curry House, to picking blueberries, enjoying field days at CASA fields, miniature golf, Vacation Bible School, bike days, and simply playing with friends, our kids had an amazing summer full of meaningful experiences. **As the children head into a new school year, please keep these children in your prayers.**



Seminary Student, Logan Davis and Family

Thank you to our generous members who donated to the gift card collection for the Davis family. Your kindness is a beautiful expression of our love and care for them. What a wonderful way to bless and support this family in Christ!

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



New To The Library - For Teens and Adults

Meaningful Outreach - Gospel centered approach to outreach. Practical and practiced ideas.

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- Noah's Ark
- Charles Darwin
- Social Issues
- The Global Flow
- The Bible

- Dinosaurs
- Astronomy
- A Young Earth
- Apeme
- The Human Body
- Compromise

- Logic and Faith
- Best evidence
- Atheism
- Six Days
- What is Science
- The Fall

Opportunities to Give & Serve



STEWARDS
— IN ALL SEASONS

Gifts to the Unified Budget are the most helpful to the financial health of Emmanuel. Thank you to our generous and faithful givers.

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

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Cadillac MI 49601.



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Church & Daycare Year to date - July

Total income	419,661
Total Expenses	417,442
Mortgage principal paid	28,737
Cash flow positive/(negative)	(26,518)

PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Bringing Joy to Kids Ages 5-9!



Since 2007, Emmanuel Lutheran Church has sponsored the 5-9 Toy Table at Project Christmas.

This year, we are collecting new toys valued around \$20 for children in need (you don't have to spend \$20 – we shop sales and stretch every dollar!)

Donation Box in the Church –
Drop off toys anytime.

Monetary Gifts Welcome –
We'll shop for you!

We need more than 450
toys to cover both boys
and girls.

Help us share the love of
Jesus through the joy
of Christmas!

Contact: Nan Redes
231.942.1551

Dianna Heyniger
231.878.7567

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest Silent Auction

We are excited to host a silent auction once again at our Oktoberfest event on October 3rd, and we need your support!

Can you contribute a handmade item or offer a service for the auction? Donations of any kind are welcome, they don't have to be handmade.

If you know a merchant or vendor who might be willing to donate an item, service, or gift card, please kindly reach out to them on behalf of Emmanuel.

Sign up sheets are available in the fellowship hall for Oktoberfest volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for helping make this event a success!

Toys Needed for Project Christmas

Lego sets
Monster High dolls
Barbie sets
Nerf guns
Baby dolls
Superhero
Science kits (Stem)
Lalaloopsy dolls

Disney character dolls
Play Doh sets
Farm sets (tractor supply)
Hot Wheels sets
Shopkins
Batteries
Sports balls



Christian Education

Lessons For Sunday School, Joyful Hearts and Knights & Roses



Train a child in the way he
should go and when he is
old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Emmanuel Youth & Leaders
heading off to attend the LCMS
Michigan District Youth Gathering
In Frankenmuth, MI.

SEPTEMBER 7

"The Fall and a Promise." The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God's Word with one simple question: "Did God actually say . . .?" (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God's promise of the Savior.

Memory Challenge: The Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14

SEPTEMBER 14

"A New Beginning," students will learn how, following God's command, Noah and his family begin constructing a massive ark, with provisions for an extended journey. At the Lord's direction, each animal kind boards the ark, along with Noah and his family. The fountains of the deep open and rain falls for forty days, swallowing up every living thing. Through the flood, God keeps Noah's family safe and lands them on a mountain. Discuss the sign of the promise God gives us: the rainbow.

Memory Challenge: God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid. Isaiah 12:2

SEPTEMBER 21

"A Call to Action," Abram responds to God's calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord's appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God's promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

Memory Challenge: I trust in You, O Lord. Psalm 31:14

September 28

"A Promising Dream" Jacob undeservedly receives his father's blessing—he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac's life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God's promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.

Memory Challenge: I am with you and will keep you wherever you go. Genesis 28:15

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day The Church Office And Joyful Hearts Closed	2 9:30a Counters	3 12:00p Staff Meeting 5:45p Dinner 6:30p Knights & Roses & Adult Bible Class 7:30p Choir	4	5	6
7 8:30a Worship w/Com 9:45a Education Hr. 11:00a Worship w/Com	8 9:30a Counters	9	10 12:00p Staff Meeting 1-3 Peace Quilting 5:45p Dinner 6:30p Knights & Roses & Adult Bible Class 7:30p Choir	11	12	13 8:00a Men's Breakfast
14 8:30a Worship w/Com 9:45a Education Hr. 11:00a Worship w/Com	15 9:30a Counters	16 6:30p All Boards Meet 7:30p Council Meeting	17 11:30a LWML 12:00p Staff Meeting 5:45p Dinner 6:30p Knights & Roses & Adult Bible Class 7:30p Choir	18	19	20
21 8:30a Worship w/Com 9:45a Education Hr. 11:00a Worship w/Com	22 9:30a Counters	23	24 12:00p Staff Meeting 1-3 Peace Quilting 5:45p Dinner 6:30p Knights & Roses & Adult Bible Class 7:30p Choir	25	26	27 LWML Fall Rally 9:00am
28 8:30a Worship w/Com 9:45a Ed. Hour 11:00a Worship w/Com	29 9:30a Counters	30				

September Volunteer Schedule

		September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
Acolytes	8:30	Ally Shuster	Maeven Zondlak	Mackenzie Kendall	Amelya Miller	Harker Mix
	11:00	Henrik Bruning	Mark Watts	Henrik Bruning	Lucy Watts	Lochlinn Koehn
Altar		Wanda Pillsbury Lorna Vanderwal	Jayne Foster Deb Weisfeld	Deb Schafer	Lisa Gottleber	Volunteers Needed
Audio	8:30	Volunteers Needed	Dayton Zondlak	Jan Ringel	Dayton Zondlak	Volunteers Needed
	11:00	Dan Schmidt	Craig Weidner	Dan Schmidt	Craig Weidner	Craig Belt
Coffee		Heather Shuster	The Zondlak Family	Nancy Shimek	The Miller Family	Gloria Peterson
Elders	8:30	Brian Heyniger Jeff Shuster	Adam Zondlak Alden Gonder	Jack Foss Brian Heyniger	Jeff Shuster Adam Zondlak	Alden Gonder Jack Foss
	11:00	Dave Dalton Craig Belt	Chad Koehn Tyler Watts	Craig Belt Dan Schmidt	Tyler Watts Chad Koehn	Craig Belt Dave Dalton
Greeters	8:30	Denise Bujalski	Jan Ringel	Duke & Sue Marcum	Volunteers Needed	Denise Bujalski
	11:00	Mark & Robin Zagers	Volunteers Needed	Sandy Shene	Volunteers Needed	Mark Zagers
Ushers	8:30	Diana Heyniger Denise Bujalski	Janet Zondlak Don Wells	Jan Ringel Diana Heyniger	Denise Bujalski Don Wells	Vicki Mix Jan Ringel
	11:00	Chris & Elizabeth Hill	Jayne Foster Oscar Peterson	Ken & Cathy Tacoma	Mark Zagers	Ken & Cathy Tacoma
Finance		Kris Barcey Denise Schmidt Pat Struck	Lori Wikoff Sharon Gonder Robin Zagers	Kris Barcey Teri Dalton Jean Bucci	Lori Wikoff Jan Ringel Denise Schmidt	

September Birthdays

2 Chad Koehn
2 James Little
4 Esther Heaton
5 Dan Schmidt
10 Jessica Gottleber
14 Teri Dalton
17 Linda Wetherell
20 Norman Prochaska
22 Tyler Bruning
23 Chris Hill
25 Amy Wagner
25 Jean Bucci
27 Amy Grosso
28 Aprill Meeks
30 Ashtyn-M. Denning



September Anniversaries

2 Andy and Lisa Gottleber(30)
7 Jerry and JoAnn Socall(62)
9 Paula and Eric Dietel(53)
15 Brian and Julie Loughmiller (18)
19 Tom and Carol Dettloff(50)
27 Ken and Helen Neuman(67)
28 John and Lori Zengerle(46)
30 Jeff and Amy Wagner(19)

Prayer List

Mary Argue
Linda Barrand
Pat Bierens
Pat Kindlinger
Larry Kleino
Cora Knight*
Troy Knight*
Margaret Little
Riley Marr*
Isabella Mix*
Renee Parizon*
Norma Prochaska
Floyd Redes*
Diana Richardson*
Sandy Shene
Penny Shilling
Nancy Shimek
Pam Staub*
Janet VanAgtmael*
Linda Wetherell



Seminarian & Family

Jeffrey Goetz, wife Rachel,
Children Rebekah, Lucille,
Eloise, Jasper and Walter
4 Founders Way, Unit C;
St Louis MO 65105.

If you would like to know more about the
Goetz family, you can follow them on
their Blog.
www.thegoetzgazette.wordpress.com

Pregnant

Alyssa Clark*
Abby Davis*

Seminarian & Family

Logan, Abby & Amelia
Davis and their baby
boy due in October.



Prayer Chain Update

Our prayer chain has recently been updated. If you no longer see your friend's or loved one's name, please reach out to the church office with their current information, and we will be happy to add them back. Thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current so we can continue lifting one another up in prayer.

C.S. Lewis

"Children are not
a distraction from
more important
work. They are the
most important
work."

@littlegraceph

Reminder for Members



If you are ever hospitalized, please let the hospital staff know that you are a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and would like a pastor visit.

This will allow them to contact us directly so the pastor can visit if you wish. We care deeply about you and want to walk alongside you with prayer, comfort, and support during your time of need.



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