

# The VISITOR

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Service

Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> weeks

Sun. School/Bible Study 10:30 AM

Midweek Wednesday 2:00 pm

Sunday livestreamed on YouTube

## This Month.... Five Hundred Years Ago

As Lutheran Christians, we live in a wonderful time. Five hundred years ago the events of the Reformation were in full swing. We tend to focus on the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Castle church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. That is appropriate, but the Reformation continued for decades. That allows us to look back at what was happening each year at that time and learn from it. The major event(s) of 1524 involved the growing revolt of the peasants and their conflict with the nobility. What is fascinating is that the economy of Europe in general – and Germany in particular – was changing from a mostly barter system to a cash economy. As you might imagine, this put great stress on everyone, rich and poor alike. Even the wealthiest landowners and businessmen were short on cash. Peasants most certainly were. This created conflict within the very fabric of the economic system of medieval Germany. The theological reforms going on in the background created a perfect storm, if you will, for conflict.

Luther was a superstar among the people and had been writing much about the freedom of the individual Christian. This led to a sense of empowerment on the part of the working class and a resulting pushback from the feudal lords and wealthy merchants. Again, behind all of this was Luther's biblical renaissance, which promoted a strict separation between the Kingdom of the Left (worldly power and government) and the Kingdom of the Right (the Church). Because this was new and liberating to the common people – and misunderstood by all – it was subject to abuse. Tensions fomented throughout all of 1524 and came to a head in the spring of 1525 when the aristocracy put down the peasants. It is estimated that the Princes and landowners slaughtered more than 100,000 armed peasants and farmers. Luther took much of the blame for this bloodshed on himself.

During this Reformation season and on the eve of a contentious election, there are many lessons for us to learn from the events of five hundred years ago. First, we must always strive to understand the biblical teachings of our Lord, not just coopt them for our personal agendas. Second, we must remember that the Lord always wants us to stand up for the truth of His Word and the Gospel. That being said, He teaches us to do so without violence and hatred. Third, we must understand the difference between God's Kingdom of the Left and His Kingdom of the Right, and how He rules them. The Kingdom of the Left is governed by the secular ruling authorities and is not to ever dictate behavior, beliefs, or teachings to the

Church. God puts these civil rulers in place and allows them to govern (Romans 13:1-7). God rules the Kingdom of the Right (the Church) by His Word. The Church is to hold to and always proclaim the Gospel and biblical truth, but not try to rule the Kingdom of the Left with biblical doctrines. This doesn't mean our faith has no place in government, it simply means the Church and secular governments (both ruled by God) are not to infringe upon the other. As Christians, we are to obey civil authorities until they cross the line and force unbiblical principles upon us. When that happens, we are to always obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). Even then, however, we are to resist evil and follow our Lord without violence and hatred. Amazing, how lessons learned from the Reformation five hundred years ago are so relevant for us today. A blessed Reformation to you all!

In Christ, Pastor Davis



## Deaconess Intern

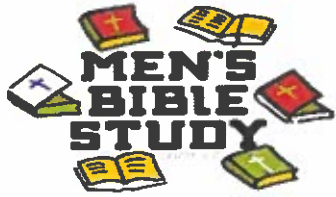
Blessings and thankfulness still greet me each morning and continue throughout the day. With Eric's condition, we had many ups and downs over the past few months. We didn't have the best news at Eric's last check-up, it seems the next doses of chemo would have greater side effects and less than 20% chance it would help the situation. So, Eric decided to stop chemo at this time. We are thankful for all your prayers. Please keep us in them. Lisa

Lori's hours: I will be in the office daily; hours will vary.  
 Lisa's hours will be shorter at church as Eric is home on hospice.

### READINGS FOR October 2024

Date	Festival	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Oct. 6 (Prop. 22)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 2:18-25	Psalm 128	Heb. 2:1-13 (14-18)	Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 13 (Prop. 23)	Twenty-first S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Heb. 3:12-19	Mark 10:17- 22
Oct. 20 (Prop. 24)	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Eccl. 5:10-20	Psalm 119:9-16	Heb. 4:1-13 (14-16)	Mark 10:23- 31
Oct. 27 ( <i>observed</i> )	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 <i>or</i> Matt. 11:12-19
<i>or</i> (Proper 25)	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Heb. 7:23-28	Mark 10:46- 52

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that most clergy do not publicize. Let's thank, encourage, and pray for Pastor Davis and his dedication to us and God's ministry here at Emanuel Lutheran.



The next Men's Bible Study will be on October 19th, with coffee and donuts at 9 AM. All Men Are invited!!!

## LOE

The Ladies of Emanuel will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 1 PM in the church fellowship hall. The lesson will be from the Fall Quarterly, page 17, "A Reason to Celebrate." Linnea Schwandt and Diann Dauwen will serve lunch. All ladies are invited to attend.



Sunday, Oct. 6, is LWML Sunday; JoEllen Heffron, Sharon Wieber, and Joyce Johnson will serve coffee. Oct. 19 is the LWML Fall Rally at Sisseton. Pastor Tom Mueller will conduct the Bible Study. All are invited to attend.



## Ready to Serve

Luke 1:38

LWML Fall Rally

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sisseton, SD

Saturday, October 19, 2024

### • Bible Study by Pastor Mueller

- **Societies report:** How each society helped their local Fire Department or other local servants
- **Ingathering:** Items for hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train: bath towel (dark colored), washcloth (dark colored), bath-size bar of soap, toothbrush, sturdy comb, 6 band-aids (1/2" or 3/4"), small package facial tissues, nail clipper (leave contents in original package; no religious camouflage, or patriotic symbols)
- **Servant Event:** putting together Hygiene Kits
- **Voting for Zone Officers:** President, VP Christian Life, VP Christian Outreach, VP

Servant Resources

Registration: 9:30 AM

Opening: 10:00 AM

Registration: \$10

Everyone is invited to attend





## Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing will be meeting on October 3, at 9:00 AM.

All are welcome, and we can always use extra hands to help tie quilts, cut squares, thread needles...etc.

## APPRECIATING OUR FIREMEN

The Ladies of Emanuel invite the members of the congregation in showing appreciation for the volunteer firemen in our community. During the month of October, we are gathering moist towelettes-individually wrapped- for their use after a fire. Please help us in showing our appreciation for these heroes in our community. A box is set up in the hallway on the south side.



Handbells and Choir practices have begun.  
Handbell is at 5:30 PM. The choir is at 6:30 PM.  
**All are welcome to join.**



**Orphan Grain Train: Annual fundraiser on**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**At Emanuel Lutheran Church**  
**German Sausage Dinner**

Featuring: Waldner's sausage, buttered potatoes, sauerkraut and assorted desserts.

## **OGT IS ON TRACK : South Dakota Orphan Grain Train Collection Center**

The International Orphan Grain Train Convention was held in Norfolk, NE, on Sept. 14, with a Dedication Service of the new **Servant Event Center building** on Sept 12. The Servant Event Center will allow double the storage of pallets of packed items, increased space for packing and storing Mercy Meals, and a room for automated packing of Mercy Meals. The sorting room is very large with a kitchen at one end and the capability of using the room for training classes, Bible classes or other events besides the sorting and packing of clothing and items that are shipped to countries in need.

The inspiring **OGT Convention** recognized many long-term volunteers, some of whom, are retiring. The convention keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, a former Lutheran Hour Speaker. Other speakers included a Russian pastor who works with Russian orphanages and Hannah House (a sort of halfway house for orphans to learn to live in their communities after discharge from the orphanage), a lady from Ukraine who, together with 5 other women, works in several orphanages in different areas of Ukraine focusing on war victims, and a representative from Georgia (the country) sharing how aid from OGT has helped there. OGT's 1<sup>st</sup> mission trip was the football team from Concordia University, Seward, NE, to Oklahoma to repair 2 roofs for individuals. An online and silent quilt auction for 56 quilts was held during the program and generated over \$13,000 to go to the flooded area in NW Iowa. Mercy Meals is always needed, especially to feed the children in the orphanages. One package feeds 6 people, a 1cup serving at 15 cents/meal. If there is no other food, the nutritional value

of Mercy Meals provides enough nutrients for 3 days. Many Mercy Meals go to orphanages around the world.

We pack Mercy Meals at the Milbank site every month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:15am. Anyone is welcome to join the group to do the packing or contact Duane Folk (605-924-6831) to schedule a group packing.

Recently, we received a trailer and van full of clothing leftover from a very successful city-wide rummage sale in White, SD. Proceeds went to their Backpack Program, and the 'leftovers' came to OGT, which were highly appreciated.

We continue to remain very busy sorting and packing but always encourage newcomers to join us and learn about the great mission work of Orphan Grain Train!

Joyce Kasuske, SD Orphan Grain Train

### **Orphan Grain Train History, by Ken and Mae Saeger**

The Milbank Orphan Grain Train Building at 8101 West 12th Avenue is 20 years old. The OGT is a branch of Norfolk, Nebraska, Orphan Grain Train headquarters. The OGT is a non-denominational organization. According to the Orphan Headquarters, they have a 4 Star on the Charity Navigational Rating. They have had this rating for 13 consecutive years.

The OGT depends on volunteers to keep the organization going. The recent report given by OGT has 22,999 work hours. Based on \$12.00 an hour, this would have cost the organization 1&1 half million dollars. This is why volunteers are so important. This shows why the OGT has such a high rating; they can put 97 cents of every dollar for the mission. This shows that only 3 cents is used for operational expenses. The headquarters was organized in 1992, and the Milbank shipping center was established in April 2005. Our local volunteers have been a part of this organization's success. We are thankful for all the prayers, the volunteers, and the monetary gifts.

Hopefully, we will keep this mission growing with God's guidance through good volunteers. The beginning was a struggle, but with countless prayers, the organization was a success beyond our dreams. Thank you and God Bless all of you. From the former organizers.

### **Dishwasher**

The dishwasher has been removed from the kitchen. Rental and rising required chemical purchases made it too expensive to continue. Currently, we are looking to replace it with a permanent dishwashing system. The trustees have been in contact with Maxwell kitchen equipment to help decide on a more permanent, cost-effective replacement. The system would be more user-friendly and save money in the long term. I believe every church in the area uses a dishwasher for health and safety concerns because of the age and lack of workers at funerals and larger events.

We will not purchase a replacement until we have the necessary funds. We hope to secure the money needed through Thrivent cards, donations, memorials, and perhaps a fundraiser. If you have any questions or concerns about the project or if you would like to donate, please contact Cheryl Pauli.



## SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

For October 2024, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:  
**Grant County Food Pantry**

### August 2024 Treasurer Report

Aug 2024 Income:	\$ 29,023.00	YTD 2024 Income:	\$ 305,741.31
Aug 2024 Expense:	\$ 20,892.42	YTD 2024 Expense:	\$ 280,782.06
Difference:	\$ 8,130.58	Difference:	\$ 24,959.25

## EMANUEL YOUTH GROUP

Thanks to everyone who ordered peaches and picked them up so quickly. The youth group is grateful to everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts and will continue to support them in the future.

### Upcoming Events:



**HAYRIDE - Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 2 PM**  
Grades 5 thru 12 are invited to Dewey and Max's home  
at 47537 US Hwy 12

**Food, Games and Fellowship!**

**Treat Street** – October 31 – Emanuel Youth will be serving hot dogs in front of ACT Accounting. Have a hot dog while taking the kids to Treat Street.

**December 1, Sunday from 10 AM to 12 PM – Bake Sale and Gift Wrapping** Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the kids to sell would be appreciated. A signup sheet will be available for anyone who would like to donate baked goods for the bake sale. Bring your Christmas gifts to be wrapped. For anyone with extra wrapping paper, the youth will be taking donations of paper, tape, bows, and ribbons. A box will be provided outside the sanctuary for these donations.



**December 7, Saturday** – Time to be determined – **Breakfast with the Grinch at the Lego Competition/Craft Fair.** Pancakes and Sausage will be served. More information to come, please watch the newsletter.

## Preschool News

by Karen Tillma



...a fun place to  
play and learn!

Greetings from preschool! September has been busy. We have celebrated 4 birthdays, with 5 more coming up in October! Our little ones are so excited to be learning to write their name already and as I get ready for conferences next

month, I see that we have a great start on learning letter names already.

The four-year-old class walked to Peaceful Pines Care Center this week. We made cards and delivered flowers to the residents. While we were there, the children "read" a story with their senior partner. We had a snack and played a game of Bingo. We all sang "Jesus Loves Me" before we left. We hope to make this a regular activity this year.

Upcoming events: On Wednesday, October 2nd, both classes will walk to the Library. Mrs. Cindy Jungers has a special storytime for our children. She reads a story, they do a craft and then have a snack before walking back to the school. On Tuesday, October 8th the firemen will visit the school at 10 am and 1 pm. Don't be alarmed if you see the truck with the lights on. The firemen have been great to visit every year, talking about fire safety with the children. At the end of October, I will hold Parent/Teacher conferences.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our little ones and our staff.

### **BYD SIGN UP-- BYD Group for October--Group 4, Charles Schamber/John Weyh**

Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary. There are several open spots currently for Usher, Greeter, and Communion Set-up/Clean-up. Thank you!!!!

#### **SOUND/RADIO BROADCAST OCTOBER**

Oct	6	9 AM	Dave Schamber
Oct	13	9 AM	Larry Underwood
Oct	20	9 AM	Tracy Pinkert
Oct	27	9 AM	Charles Schamber

#### **ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER**

Oct	6	9 AM	Jaxson Gores; Finley Hunt
Oct	13	9 AM	Brytten Schmiege; Allana Vogel
Oct	20	9 AM	Eliana Richardt; Karlie Nies
Oct	27	9 AM	Sydnee Weyh; Whitney Weyh

**\*\*\*If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed monthly or if names aren't spelled correctly, it means the office does not have your required information—please call us to update our records.\*\*\***

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bogenreif, Sharon J.	1-Oct
Meeker, Ryan	1-Oct
Whiting, Mary J.	1-Oct
Dragt, Kathryn A.	2-Oct
Vogel, Alanna	2-Oct
Hyatt, Teresa E.	3-Oct
Wagner, Daniel	3-Oct
Greiner, Brian A.	4-Oct
Pinkert, Alicia M.	4-Oct
Krause, Rita J.	5-Oct
Berkner, Chuck	6-Oct
Bloom, Jaime L.	6-Oct
Stemsrud, Shawn R.	6-Oct
Gilbertson, Abby	7-Oct
Gilliland, Damien J.	7-Oct
Koch, Kip	7-Oct
Schellberg, Rueben F.	7-Oct
Weyh, John	7-Oct
Zemlicka, Trent A.	8-Oct
Peiker, Heather L.	9-Oct
Poel, Leone	9-Oct

Tesch, Arelee	9-Oct
Spanton, Ryan P.	10-Oct
Campbell, Sharon	12-Oct
Gapp, Evan	12-Oct
Henderson, Jamie L.	12-Oct
Angerhofer, Zachary B.	13-Oct
Dietmeier, Micah M.	13-Oct
Toft, Lilly M.	14-Oct
Pinkert, Scott R.	15-Oct
Skovbo, Philip A.	15-Oct
Wittrock, Hallie E.	15-Oct
Morton, Jesse R.	16-Oct
Hofhenke, Trent L.	17-Oct
Kasuske, Joyce R.	17-Oct
Rudebusch, Hanna E.	17-Oct
Underwood, Larry A.	17-Oct
Wagner, Benjamin M.	17-Oct
Dexter, Logan L.	18-Oct
Schwandt, Kylynn M.	18-Oct
Henderson, Naomi R.	19-Oct
Dexter, Jacy J.	20-Oct

Hilbrands, Kennedy L.	20-Oct
Rudebusch, Clara G.	20-Oct
Schwandt, Dick	21-Oct
Smeins, Rhonda	22-Oct
Lee, Shelby K.	24-Oct
Newman, Olivia R.	24-Oct
Schweer, Kayla	24-Oct
Bogenrief, Steven J.	26-Oct
Koch, Lois	26-Oct
Wieber, Ramsey T.	27-Oct
Mueller, Devon E.	28-Oct
Wittrock, Emily E.	28-Oct
Newman, Isabel E.	29-Oct
Schwandt, Linnea M.	29-Oct
Smeins, Michael	29-Oct
Smith, Joan M.	29-Oct
Schell, Peyton D.	30-Oct
Heffron, Robert H.	31-Oct
Koch, Todd E.	31-Oct
Schell, Heidi	31-Oct
Skovbo, Kaja R.	31-Oct

### OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Pinkert, Tracy E. and Kimberly	1-Oct
Berkner, James Jim and Pat	5-Oct
Spanton, Ryan P. and Jessica M.	5-Oct
Skovbo, Lee R. and June M.	9-Oct
Fish, Richard J. and Kerry L.	11-Oct
Rethke, Leslie E. and Regina A.	11-Oct
Graf, Jackson P. and Caitlyn K.	12-Oct
Berens, Tom and Linda	13-Oct

Koch, Jacob M. and Brittany	14-Oct
Rudebusch, David and Courtne M.	14-Oct
Lee, Amber and Brandon	15-Oct
Morton, Jesse R. and Nicole	15-Oct
Bowen, Daniel L. and Angela M.	20-Oct
Staehling, Christina L. and Nick	22-Oct
Haigh, Jessica L. and Ross Haigh	26-Oct
Grabow, Wayne L. and Rita	27-Oct

