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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Service

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th weeks

Sun. School/Bible Study 10:15 AM

Midweek Wednesday 2:00 pm

Sunday livestreamed on YouTube

Yellowstone, Original Sin, and Faith in Christ

During fall of 2022, my oldest son was home for deer hunting season and told me I needed to watch this show called "Yellowstone". I kept putting it off, but recently I decided to watch it. Before I continue, I need to say how much I enjoy the program. I love westerns and the whole premise of the show is great. That being said, I also tend to look at everything though a biblical lens. "Yellowstone" is perfect for this because it gets to the heart of our original sin problem as human beings.

In the Garden of Eden God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree in the garden except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. As the Serpent told Eve, although in a way that sounded like she was missing out on something, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Although done in a misleading way, he was telling the truth. Once they ate, they became – or so they thought – the arbiters of truth and falsehood, goodness and evil. From that moment on mankind has felt capable of, and even justified, in determining what is fair and unfair.

As I have watched and enjoyed "Yellowstone", this original sin problem is on full and constant display. The Dutton's – and everyone else in the show – do terrible things all the time to keep from losing what they think is theirs. This is justified because, in the words of patriarch John Dutton, "My whole life is a series of losing things I love." As he tells his boy, "The one constant in life son, if you build something worth having, someone is gonna try to take it from you." Maybe the best example of this willingness to dress up evil under the guise of determining for ourselves what is right and wrong can be found when Kaycee steals horses that belong to a bank to help a family whose father committed suicide. John Dutton tells Kaycee, "You did a good thing today son. You broke a law that never should have been a law in the first place." Most of us watching the show would tend to agree. And that is Original sin in action.

This is what we fallen people do. We break laws and commandments every day and find reasons to feel justified in doing so. "Sure, I took something that didn't belong to me, but the person I got it from has plenty." "Yes, I had sexual relations (or immoral thoughts) out of wedlock, but everybody does it, and I was lonely." "Of course, I swear from time to time, who doesn't. It's no big deal." "Sure, I sneak candy into the movie theatre when I watch a show. Who wants to pay those crazy prices?" "Yes, I say disrespectful things about the president (and other politicians). They deserve it." The list goes on and on, doesn't it?

Felix Long – Monica Dutton’s grandpa on “Yellowstone” – makes an interesting statement when asked by Kaycee how to fix a certain problem. Felix responds, “Until they find a cure for human nature, there ain’t no way to fix it.” A cure for human nature. Interesting! That’s where Jesus comes into the conversation. The only fix for the Original sin problem that started with Adam and Eve – and is on full display in our world – is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for us.

Years ago, in discussing a real-life problem between Indians and whites in Walker, Minnesota, where a gun was brought into the school, I told a friend that the only real hope for these kinds of issues is Jesus. My friend looked at me and said, “Oh Chris, that is so simplistic.” The Bible tells us that Jesus is the only hope. “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). That changes everything, it truly does. It changes the way we look at ourselves. It changes the way we self-justify our behavior. It changes the way we see each other. After all, in Jesus, we are forgiven our sins and reconciled to our heavenly Father. As St. John puts it, “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). The Original sin that we were born with has been atoned for. God loves us in Christ. He now sees us the way he sees His Son, our Lord and Savior. We no longer have to live the lives that we see so accurately portrayed in the world and on programs like “Yellowstone.” Because we are forgiven in Christ, “from now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh” (2 Corinthians 5:16). That truly does change everything! Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Davis

(Please be advised, there are very objectionable things in “Yellowstone.” This is not an endorsement by your pastor to watch it. If you do so, be aware that there is offensive and sinful content in it.)



Deaconess Intern

Some days it’s just hard to get up in the morning. Some days I can’t seem to focus on anything. These past couple weeks I think most days felt like this. I start my morning with a prayer when I first wake up, but lately I get woke up at unusual times and my immediate reaction is to get angry. I already only sleep 2-4 hours on any given night so if I awaken from sleep it is always significantly less than that. This last week I have tried to pray as soon as I can to try and keep off the anger since neither Eric nor the dogs make me angry, it’s that I am not one blessed with easy sleep. School rolls on as well and I am in my last course for this year. Already working on Unit 4—Creedal Themes. Professor Arand from the seminary is our instructor and he is so refreshing and makes connections with God, Jesus, Creeds, that make so much sense. It is truly a blessing to be in his course. I have fallen back on homework a bit with the added time I have had to spend with Eric and a bad respiratory infection that we assume he gave me, I just got rid of it a bit faster. Thank you all for your prayers. We are in a new learning phase of this cancer thing, and it punches you in the gut a little harder than anticipated. We are blessed that God is watching over us and knows exactly what will happen and we trust in Him. We still laugh at silly things, smile over memories, look forward to what the next day will bring, and of course love our dogs, all 4 of them!

I will continue to deliver prayer shawls from Mission Sewing, attend District Pastor Meetings and Elder meetings monthly, help coordinate the Pastor’s schedule, work with those who have questions about Emanuel or are interested in membership as a first step, and many other tasks of the Office Manager. For the first couple weeks of July, Lisa will have very limited office hours. Lori’s schedule will stay consistent, and she can always get a hold of me if I am needed. Please call my cell if you need to reach me 605-467-3209. Hopefully we will get through the next week and Eric will have some things under better control and I will return to regular hours. Lisa

Lori’s hours Tues 10-5, Wed 1-5, and Fri 10-5

READINGS FOR JULY 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 7 (Prop. 9)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Cor. 12:1-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 14 (Prop. 10)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85: (1-7) 8-13	Eph. 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 21 (Prop. 11)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Eph. 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-44
July 28 (Prop. 12)	Tenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 9:8-17	Psalm 136:1-9	Eph. 3:14-21	Mark 6:45-56



July 20 is the next Men's Bible Study with coffee and donuts at 9 AM. All Men invited!!!

LOE

The Ladies Of Emanuel will meet Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study for the day, can be found on page 16 of the Summer Quarterly, "Speak the Truth in Love: What Does That Mean".



We will have a potluck lunch. The July Focus is school supplies for OGT. All women in the congregation are invited to attend. Serving coffee on July 7 are Joyce Kasuske and Judy Sackreiter.

Mission Sewing

Mission sewing will not be meeting in July, due to the first Thursday landing on July 4th. Please consider coming to our meeting on Aug 1st, 2024 at 9 AM.

We can always use extra hands to help with tying quilts, cutting squares, etc.! 😊 **At the BBQ Cook-off, On July 6th, we will have Quilts for sale.**



SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

For July 2024, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:
EMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

The Banquet, June 1st, 2024



Thank you for helping at The Banquet 2024 and all those that donated offerings for this wonderful cause!

May 2024 Treasurer Report

May 2024 Income:	\$ 32,480.63	YTD 2024 Income:	\$ 172,045.90
May 2024 Expense:	\$ 35,878.84	YTD 2024 Expense:	\$ 182,227.60
Difference:	-\$ 3,398.21	Difference:	-\$ 10,181.70

BBQ Cook-Off is July 6th!

If you would like to cook at the event, please contact Josh Radil (320-815-2024) or Dave Schamber (605-949-3047). Tickets will again be offered at \$25.00 per person---discounted tickets for kids. You can get those at the office and pay to assure you can taste all the cook-off food!!!! Please offer your support for our Confirmation Trip to the Ark and Creation Museum!





OGT IS ON TRACK

South Dakota Orphan Grain Train
Collection Center

New pictures have been added to the OGT Bulletin Board that is outside of the Fellowship Hall. On the first Wednesday of each month, we pack Mercy Meals. Volunteers are coming from several towns, and it's been such a great success.

At the LWML Women's State Convention we had a table with information to tell more people about this great mission. At one of the servant events, 154 T-shirt diapers were made. In order to assemble a Layette Kit, 4 diapers are needed. On June 12th, 5 women from the Wecota/Cresbard area came and worked all day with our volunteers. They also provided quilts, pillowcase dresses and laundry needs. Such a huge blessing.

In June, at St. Lawrence Catholic Gym, a Young Woman's retreat was held. They cut and looped together plastic bags. Now, these are ready to be crocheted into plastic mats. And last, but, definitely not least, (because we are receiving and meeting caring people all the time), 17 bicycles were collected and brought to OGT by a wonderful couple, thank you! Sharing God's love to many, in so many ways is what OGT is all about. School supplies will be going on sale soon! Please keep OGT in mind as we will be starting to collect items to put school and Teacher kits together. 😊

Linnea and Joyce

Orphan Grain Train History, by Ken and Mae Saeger

NOVEMBER 2005 101 West 12th Avenue, Milbank, SD.

This day was a very happy day because the Orphan Grain Train in Milbank, SD became a reality. As a plus with the building, the heating system was also paid for. The moving day went very smoothly. Four volunteers went searching in Bohlen's shed to see if there was anything we could use in the building. The rest of the story is going to be about what is in the building. The first stop will be the bathroom. Here we found two places, one was a corner shelf and the other was a box shelf. We only had one problem, the bathroom stool was not operating properly. After a few weeks, it was replaced by a volunteer who gave us the extra one he had.

Our next step will be in the main room where all sorting and packing will take place. In a short time, two volunteers found an almost new clothes dryer on the street, free, and it worked. Shortly afterwards on a return trip from Morris, Mn, our volunteer drivers drove to Bellingham, Mn to look at a washing machine that someone would give to the Orphan Grain Train. We took it to our location in Milbank and it worked and now we had to call our plumber/ electrician to wire up the washer and dryer. The one big expense was to replace the water heater which was too small. While he was there, we decided to put in a lot of extra plug ins which was a good idea. Now we can wash and dry.

About this time the Kids Against Hunger Program came into working on their project. They had some restrictions that we had to redo in the kitchen. The kitchen had to have three sinks, so we called a

carpenter, and he was able to fulfil the requirements. We received an electric stove from Peace Lutheran parsonage. We also got a refrigerator from someone. The last two storage items were a large cupboard and a round kitchen table. The carpenter fitted two cupboard counter tops and the one he put in a large tub size sink and a smaller sink. The Kids Against Hunger has now been dismantled and replaced by Mercy Meals. The last payment, we used toward building an addition onto the building and this is where Mercy Meals are packed. This is separate from the Orphan Grain Train. Contact people are Duane Folk, Joyce Kasuske and Linnea Schwandt.

We have now left the kitchen and are back in the main part of the building. We soon discovered that the humidity was building up. We solved the problem by putting the boxes on pallets, this required a pallet lifter. Then someone called and said they had an almost new humidifier which we accepted and that was very helpful. Overtime that one wore out and someone gave us another one.

The second payment of the three years grant we used that money for an air conditioning system. A couple who was moving gave us a complete computer desk and we designed it, so it is now a sewing center which is used for mending things that are too good to throw away.

Odds and Ends: Fund Raisers and Projects. The first big fund raiser was The Fish Boil Meals. They were successful but costly. This was discontinued because the workers came from Southern Minnesota. Now we have Wanders German dinner which is very successful. Other donations came from Sunday morning coffee. We also had one Sweetheart Pancake Brunch. We canceled the future ones because of the chance of bad weather that time of the year.

Boxes: Then we changed to two other kinds of boxes. The reason for changing the boxes was because they had some writing on them. The main word was expired. When labeling was not done properly, and the word expired was not covered the shipment came to its destination the crates were right there to take the complete shipment or we had to pay a big sum of money to get it back so Orphan Grain Train decided to make its own boxes from then on. Now the boxes are the same size and placed on a pallet of 36 boxes

Transportation: We purchased two city transit buses and a van. These vehicles were used to take boxes to Morris Minnesota. Then some changes took place at the Orphan Grain Train. Our boxes were then taken by four volunteers to Nebraska, and this proved to be too costly. We then decided to go with the second plan, to have a semi-truck pick up our boxes when we had twelve pallets of boxes or more to go. Other goods such as bicycles and medical items like wheelchairs were also taken.

SHOES: We had to destroy many shoes as we had no way to clean them to be wearable. We then had to use the laundry mat to wash all washable shoes, shoe rubbers, overshoes, and backpacks. The other shoes were cleaned by hand at the OGT building. Some were shoe polished and some had to have new shoelaces.

PROJECTS: The Orphan Grain train has come up with many projects that can be done at home or in a group organization. Handmade quilts are a very big project for many people. Other projects are pillowcases made into dresses, t shirts made into diapers, shopping bags made into sleeping mats, crocheting winter stocking caps and other projects. Collecting school supplies to be put into back packs, collecting items for hygiene kits, making layettes for infants and the projects go on. This work is all done by volunteers, and it covers a wide area of volunteers as far west as Leola, SD. and south to Redfield, Webster and north to Britton, Wilmot, Ortonville and into some Minnesota towns and other places

MONEY DONATIONS: We received money donations, and this money was used by Orphan Grain Train headquarters to buy supplies that was needed for areas that were hit by severe weather disasters. Many people ask if South Dakota gets help and I will answer yes. One big project that sticks in my mind

was the money raised for a project that helped the farmers who lost cattle in a sudden October snowstorm. The project was called, One thousand dollars for one pregnant cow. Our Milbank OGT raised over four thousand dollars for this project.

This marks the 24th year that the Orphan Grain Train has been in Milbank, S D. These 24 years, projects were done by six volunteers who were Ralph and Jeanette Stensland, Vern and Kathy Koopman, Kenneth and Mae Saeger. These people stuck together and made this dream come true through prayers, strong faith and a lot of hard work. Sadly, we lost Ralph, Vern and just recently Kathy.

As I close this brief history, I am praying people with continue volunteering for our new leaders, Joyce Kasuske and Linnea Schwandt. If you have never stopped to look at the Orphan Grain Train work, stop and do so. Continue reading the Orphan Grain Train in the church Visitor paper for I know Linnea will keep you well updated

Please take a copy of the Lutheran Witness to look through—we still have over 70 magazines from April and May, plus June/July has been added ! It is full of good, interesting articles.

The Lutheran Witness has stopped going to individual households after the March issue. The church ordered 100 copies at a reduced rate for the members of Emanuel to share. If you want to order your own subscription you are welcome to do so. If you want Emanuel to order your own subscription at our reduced rate (it will be shipped to Emanuel) please contact the office. If you have any questions...PLEASE contact the office. You can also read the explanations at the District LCMS office in their newsletters. www.sddlcms.org

YOUTH GROUP **ENDURE 2025**

Emanuel Lutheran has potentially six to eight youth who plan to attend LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA in July 2025. The group of young people and their parents will be fundraising over the next year. Their first fundraiser will be Thursday, July 18 on Main Street Milbank in front of ACT, Inc. The group plans to serve hot dog and hamburger meals for the Kickoff to Farley Fest Event from 5pm-8pm.

LCMS National Youth Gatherings provide the following for our youth:

- Chance to grow in personal relationships with God.
- Equip our young people for ministry and vocational service in church congregations, communities, and the world
- Celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Help our youth recognize and affirm diversity in God's people.
- Affirm, support, and promote the ministry of LCMS congregations.

Please come support the youth of Emanuel on July 18th on Main Street Milbank as they raise funds to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025!

BYD SIGN UP-- BYD Group for July---Group 1, Josh Radil Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside of the sanctuary as there are several open spots currently for Usher, Greeter, Communion Set-up/Clean-up. Thank you!!!!

SOUND/RADIO BROADCAST JULY

July 7 9 AM Tracy Pinkert
 July 14 9 AM Charles Schamber
 July 21 9 AM Harlan Monson
 July 28 9 AM Dave Schamber

ACOLYTES FOR JULY

July 7 9 AM Eliana Richardt, Karlie Nies
 July 14 9 AM Sean Nicholson, Maxine Peiker
 July 21 9 AM Sydnee Weyh; Whitney Weyh
 July 28 9 AM Braden Mueller; Leeah Schwandt

*****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.*****

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Meister, Phyllis J.	1-Jul
Polkinghorne, Dick	1-Jul
Richardt, Ethan M.	1-Jul
Steltz, Thomas A.	1-Jul
Zubke, Donna M.	1-Jul
Berkner-Hoff, Kinsley L.	2-Jul
Schell, Ben	2-Jul
Reil, Carol J.	3-Jul
Schwandt, Lowen I.	3-Jul
Street, Benett G.	3-Jul
Harms, Audrey	4-Jul
Haliburton, Lenette Y.	5-Jul
Mueller, Bill	5-Jul
Wagner, Jacob H.	5-Jul
Wagner, Mitchell D.	5-Jul
Wendland, Austin M.	5-Jul
Gabriel, Diane	6-Jul
Angerhofer, Scott	7-Jul
Keller, Claire I.	7-Jul
Larson, Kevin G.	8-Jul
Giossi, Dakota J.	9-Jul

Keller, Philip C.	9-Jul
Berkner, Pat	10-Jul
Christians, Cassidy L.	11-Jul
Cummins, Noel V.	11-Jul
Davis, Barb	11-Jul
Ehlebracht, Frieda	11-Jul
Rethke, Dale	11-Jul
Kolb, Kim	12-Jul
Karges Jr, Kim (Buddy)	13-Jul
Myers, Susan	13-Jul
Nies, Karlie M.	13-Jul
Boerger, Serena	14-Jul
Henderson, Craig O.	15-Jul
Shackelford, Jeanne R.	15-Jul
Vipond, James H.	15-Jul
Berkner, Pattie J.	16-Jul
Hilbrands, Liz	16-Jul
Fischer, Corylee K.	18-Jul
Forman, Vonnie	19-Jul
Frickson, Bette	19-Jul
Hunt, Adam	19-Jul

Negen, Steve	19-Jul
Zubke, Darla R.	19-Jul
Koepke, Wanda M.	20-Jul
Campbell, Angel	21-Jul
Priebe, Maci L.	21-Jul
Nelson, Rayven J.	22-Jul
Pollock, Aubree M.	22-Jul
Underwood, Daniel W.	23-Jul
Karges, Daniel E.	25-Jul
Klemm, Shelly	25-Jul
Schamber, David M.	26-Jul
Wojahn, Darwin N.	26-Jul
Berry, Beckham L.	27-Jul
Schneck, Lavonne B.	27-Jul
Henderson, Evan T.	28-Jul
Moser, Kalli J.	28-Jul
Tietjen, Jeanne K.	28-Jul
Underwood, Susan R.	29-Jul
Bogenrief, Cynthia M.	30-Jul
Koepke, Scarlett R.	30-Jul
Morton, Peggy J.	30-Jul

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Hermans, Floyd and Joyce M.	3-Jul
Melham, Randall and Linda J.	5-Jul
Larson, Kevin G. and Connie L.	8-Jul
Selchert, Walter L. and Gloria	9-Jul
Ackerman, Jason J. and Angela M.	10-Jul
Trapp, Gene D and Debbie D	10-Jul
Steinlicht, Clifford L. and Margaret	11-Jul
Reyelts, Rodney and Dee Dee	14-Jul
Underwood, Larry A. and Ray Ann	14-Jul
Wendland, Michael and Anita M.	18-Jul
Athey, Dewey and Maxine	19-Jul

Polkinghorne, Dick and Barb	20-Jul
Bogenrief, Michael and Cynthia M.	21-Jul
Berry, Gary and Joy	22-Jul
Jackson, Scott and Pam	22-Jul
Weinkauf, Dale and Stacey M.	25-Jul
Peiker, David M. and Joann	27-Jul
Karels, Joshua and Karissa L.	28-Jul
Hilbrands, Ryan and Kelly L.	29-Jul
Mueller, Kevin and Angel	31-Jul
Nies, Micheal and Brenda E.	31-Jul

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:15 AM Mercy Meals at OGT 2:00 PM Midweek Worship 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA	4 Holiday Happy 4th of July!!!! Office Closed	5	6 4:00 PM BBQ Cook-off
7 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study	8	9 1:00 PM LOE 5:30 PM Youth Board 6:00 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Trustee Mtg	10 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 Book Study 8:00 PM AA	11 11:00 AM Communion at St Williams 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Grief share at Milbank Visitor Center	12	13 Diane Cummins FH
14 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:30 AM Bible Study	15 VBS 9 AM-Noon 7:00 PM Elder Mtg	16 VBS 9 AM-Noon 3:30 PM Board of ED	17 VBS 9 AM-Noon 2:00 Midweek Worship 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA	18 VBS 9:00 AM –Noon 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Grief share at Milbank Visitor Center 4:00 PM Christian Service Council	19 VBS 9:00 AM –Noon	20 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
21 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study	22 Confirmation Trip	23 Confirmation Trip	24 Confirmation Trip 2:00 PM—NO Midweek Worship 7:00 NO Book Study 8:00 PM AA	25 Confirmation Trip 1:00 PM NO Bible Study	26 Confirmation Trip	27 12:00 PM Bridal Shower—Hannah Lingbeek
28 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:30 AM Bible Study	29	30 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	31			