

THE VISITOR

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th
weeks and every Wednesday

YouTube Live Streamed on

Sunday or Watch Replay

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Galatians, Luther & What Really Matters

Sometimes people can be frustrating, right? We all know this. As fallen people we get frustrated with and/or frustrate others on a daily basis. Martin Luther, in his commentary on Galatians, offers us some guidance in this regard. In Galatians 5:9, Paul tells us, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." False teachers were adding things to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in some of the first century churches. That's why, twice in Galatians 1, Paul writes, "...if anyone is preaching to you a gospel that is contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed" (see Galatians 1:6-9). Specifically, we know that some people were telling new Christians that they had to be circumcised and follow certain Jewish traditions in order to be saved. As Paul reminds us, however, the Gospel is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16) and all Holy Scripture is about the proclamation of the Gospel (see Luke 24:25-27). Therefore, Paul issues a stern warning about messing with God's Word. That's what he's getting at when he writes, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." Put another way, false teaching distorts God's truth and diminishes the Gospel. In expounding on this truth in his Galatians commentary Martin Luther writes the following:

As I have warned you, we must carefully discern between doctrine and life. Doctrine is heaven, life is the earth. In life is sin, error, uncleanness and misery, mingled with vinegar, as the proverb says. There let charity wink, forbear, believe, hope, suffer all things; there let forgiveness prevail as much as may be defended and maintained. But in doctrine, like as there is no error, so it has no need of pardon; wherefore, there is no comparison between doctrine and life. One little point of doctrine is of more value than all else; and therefore we cannot abide to have the least jot of it corrupted.

Did you catch that? Doctrine (biblical teaching) is heaven (eternal) and not to be trifled with. Life on the other hand (things that we experience in our daily interactions with each other) is earthly and temporal and therefore must be handled with charity and kindness. This is so important. Doctrine is from God. In doctrine the Holy Spirit works through God's Word to show us His love and will for our lives. Through doctrine we know God and His forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Holy Scripture opens heaven to us as we hear – from Genesis to Revelation – about God's love for us in Christ Jesus. Because the Bible is God's Word it is totally true and without error. As such, we need to make no apologies or compromises when we proclaim it and hold dearly to it. Life in this world, however, is full of need for apologies and compromises. In life, there is a daily need for forbearance and forgiveness. This is Luther's guidance referred to above. When it comes to the truth of

Scripture, we hold to it no matter what. We don't change it, apologize for it, or set it aside. We cherish doctrine because it is truly heaven. Life in this world on the other hand is about turning the other cheek (Matthew 5:39). When people do things that bother us, we can let it go. When we don't get our way in matters of life, we can be OK with that. When people hurt our feelings or do things that are unkind, we can simply forgive and turn the other cheek. If someone sets a time for something that isn't optimal for you, let them have the time that works for them. If your neighbor likes the temperature to be a little warmer than you, be willing to be uncomfortable for them. If someone wants pizza and you don't, you can be happy by letting them have what they want. When the television or movie is too loud, but others need the volume turned up due to hearing problems, you can put their needs ahead of your own. This is Luther's guidance for us. Doctrine (biblical teaching) is what really matters because doctrine points to God's truth, and God's truth points to Christ and the Gospel. The other stuff is just life. It is temporal and will pass away. What does not getting my way in life matter when I have God's Word? What does an insult or an inconvenience mean when I know Jesus and His forgiveness. In matters of life, let others have things the way they want or need them to be. Forgive people when they act in ways that hurt or inconvenience you. In other words, give in on everything else, but never on doctrine and the Word of God. After all, in the end that's what really matters.

In Christ,
Pastor Davis

Baptism: 6/20/2026 – RemiAnn Jo Anderson

Ladies of Emanuel May Meeting Highlights

Hello – The women who are called Ladies of Emanuel would love to have women of all ages join us the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the fellowship hall. Our July 14th meeting will begin at 12:30 as we are having a summer potluck. Just come check us out, don't worry about bringing anything.

We enjoy a Bible study – followed by our meeting and fellowship.

In June, we concluded our diaper derby where diapers and wipes were collected. Thank you to all. They were taken by Joan Smith and Joyce Kasuske to the Grant County Food Pantry to be give out as needed. Also in June, Judy Sackreiter and Joyce Kasuske attended the South Dakota District LWML 64th Convention in Rapid City. Serving as delegates, one highlight of there voting participation as to choose 15 mission grants. Milbank Orphan Grain Train Collection Center received a \$5,000 grant. A total of \$65,000 in grant money was given to different groups.

Joyce Johnson volunteered to fill candles for June/July. Please join us July 14th at 12:30 for our summer potluck and meeting. Our topic of study will be from the Summer Quarterly page 18. How long Lord?



Please Join Us for our
Teacher, Helper, Volunteer Planning Meeting
August 2, 2026 (right after church)

Sunday School is set to start on September 13th
and will run from 10:30-11:30 each Sunday.





Jerry Pauli, Gary Wellnitz, Doug Barland, Kenny Brinker

Donnie Leddy, Cheryl Pauli, Kathy Stephens, Judi Smith, Wayne Dragt, Tom Berens, Linda Berens, Barbara Zahrt, DeeAnn Dragt

Dewey Athey, Krecia Leddy, Karla Wellnitz, Joyce Johnson, Regina Rethke, Debbie Redmond, Maxine Athey

Thank you to our volunteers who served at the Sioux Falls downtown Banquet on Saturday, June 6th. We were able to help over 200 people including 25 children. We are blessed to have both members and friends of Emanuel helping us during this service opportunity.

REMINDER on July 12 we will be taking a Door Offering to offset the costs of food and services we offered this year during our time at the Banquet.

Please find Ark Encounter and Creation Museum resources on display in the fellowship hall.

These resources given in honor of Confirmation Class of 2026 by Noel & Diane Cummins:

**Journey thru Creation Museum
Journey thru the Ark Encounter**

The following given in honor of Noel & Diane Cummins in the celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2026:

**The Answer Books for Kids Box Set Vol. 1-8
The Ultimate Answers Pack Vol. 1-5**





Alyssa Rethke, Naomi & Alyssa Henderson

Thank you for supporting us this year as we traveled to Camp Minneboji. It was a great week.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CAMP MINNEBOJI JUNE 20-26, 2027



June 2027						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Grades 4-8th can attend.

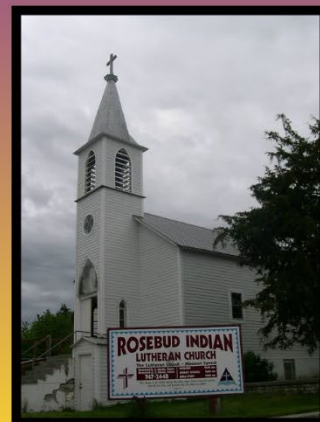
The camp is held in Milford, IA at Camp Okoboji.

July Mission of the Month Native American Ministry



The goal at Native American Ministry in Rosebud is to build Christ centered relationships.

Please use the "Special Mission Offering" envelope or make mention on your form of payment that you wish to contribute to this mission. Thank you for your support.





Milbank's Orphan Grain Train (OGT) collection volunteers are excited to let our church know we received a \$5,000 grant from the SD LWML women. Our plans are to get a new water heater and get a deep sink installed. We have been very busy and that's good. We have received specific kits, clothing, medical supplies and monetary gifts from so many places. The OGT mission is being heard at more and more places. Our building shows it. Glory be to God. - Linnea

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Vacation Bible School July 27 - 31, 2026

9:00 - Noon
PreK - 6th Grade

Register at www.elcmilbank.org



BBO COOKOUT FUNDRAISER

BRISKET
PULLED PORK
TURKEY BREAST
RIBS
BAKED BEANS
COLESLAW
BARS & COOKIES

SATURDAY JULY 11 • 5-7PM

\$25 ADULT / \$10 CHILD (4-12)
CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER FREE
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT DOOR

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
701 S 1ST ST
MILBANK, SD

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS' TRIP TO THE ARK AND CREATION MUSEUM.

2026
Youth Camping Trip

Thankful for this time together.



Romans 1:11-12

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you
some spiritual gift to strengthen you
that is, that we may be mutually encouraged
by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

MOVIE NIGHT

JULY 18

STARTS AT 7 PM



Emanuel
Lutheran Church

**MOVIE, POPCORN & POP
IN THE CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**





Thank you to everyone who helped make the confirmation trip possible this year. They started off early in the morning and drove to the Fort Wayne Seminary. They explored the seminary, fished in the pond, went to the Fort Wayne Zoo, and stayed in the campus housing. Then they traveled to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. It was a meaningful trip that will never be forgotten.



Birthday Wishes	Day
Polkinghorne, Dick	1-Jul
Zubke, Donna M.	1-Jul
Meister, Phyllis J.	1-Jul
Steltz, Thomas A.	1-Jul
Richardt, Ethan M.	1-Jul
Olson, Laiken Kay	1-Jul
Schell, Benjamin F. (Ben)	2-Jul
Berkner-Hoff, Kinsley L.	2-Jul
Street, Benett G.	3-Jul
Schwandt, Lowen I.	3-Jul
Mueller, William (Bill)	5-Jul
Wagner, Jacob H.	5-Jul
Wagner, Mitchell D.	5-Jul
Haliburton, Lenette Y.	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
Keller, Philip C.	9-Jul
Giossi, Dakota J.	9-Jul
Berkner, Patricia (Pat)	10-Jul
Cummins, Noel V.	11-Jul
Ehlebracht, Frieda	11-Jul
Rethke, Dale	11-Jul
Goplen, Cassidy L.	11-Jul
Kolb, Kim	12-Jul
Myers, Susan	13-Jul
Karges Jr, Kim (Buddy)	13-Jul
Nies, Karlie M.	13-Jul
Boerger, Serena	14-Jul
Vipond, James H.	15-Jul
Shackelford, Jeanne R.	15-Jul
Henderson, Craig O.	15-Jul
Hilbrands, Mary E. (Liz)	16-Jul
Wilber, Pattie J.	16-Jul
Burke, Paulina K. (Polly)	16-Jul
Fischer, Corylee K.	18-Jul
Frickson, Bette	19-Jul
Forman, Yvonne (Vonnice)	19-Jul
Negen, Steve	19-Jul

Zubke, Darla R.	19-Jul
Hunt, Adam	19-Jul
Koepke, Wanda M.	20-Jul
Campbell, Angel	21-Jul
Priebe, Maci L.	21-Jul
Nelson, Rayven J.	22-Jul
Underwood, Daniel W.	23-Jul
Klemm, Michelle R. (Shelly)	25-Jul
Karges, Daniel E.	25-Jul
Wojahn, Darwin N.	26-Jul
Schamber, David M.	26-Jul
Schneck, Lavonne B.	27-Jul
Berry, Beckham L.	27-Jul
Tietjen, Jeanne K.	28-Jul
Moser, Kalli J.	28-Jul
Henderson, Evan T.	28-Jul
Underwood, Susan R.	29-Jul
Morton, Peggy J.	30-Jul
Koepke, Scarlett R.	30-Jul
Anniversary Wishes	Day
Reil, Tanya and Christopher Wayne Reil	2-Jul
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
Steinlicht, Clifford L. and Margaret	11-Jul
Reyelts, Rodney and Deloria (Dee Dee)	14-Jul
Underwood, Larry A. and Ray Ann	14-Jul
Wendland, Michael and Anita M.	18-Jul
Athey, Duane (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
Weinkauff, 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