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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

WHY GENESIS IS SO VERY IMPORTANT

As you all know, the Confirmation students just got back from their trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Thank you to the chaperones and everyone who made this trip possible again. Some people might wonder why this trip is so important. I think it is the single most important part of the Confirmation education of our students. That is because Genesis 1-11 is the foundation for all we believe as Christians. Genesis 1-11 tells us how we got here and who we are. Genesis 1-11 lays out the foundations of life and how special it is to God. If you want to know why human life from conception to natural death is sacred, read Genesis 1-11. God created mankind in His image and knew each of us intimately before He created our bodies in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16). Each human life is precious to our Lord.

If you want to know how death came into the world and why the world is such a messed-up place, read Genesis 1-11. Evolution (the Devil's greatest lie... the lie that has cost so many people their faith in Jesus over the last century and a half) cannot be true if Genesis 1-11 is true. Evolution teaches that death has always been around and is actually, a good thing. After all, without natural selection how can stronger individuals pass on their characteristics to the next generation. Hitler was an evolutionist and believed the weaker specimens should be killed to make way for the stronger. Genesis 1-11 teaches that death was not part of God's original Creation. Death only entered the world after Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and evil. Sickness and struggle follow death. Since the Fall, the penalty for sin has been death. It was because of sin that God first promised the Savior in Genesis 3:15. If evolution is true, there is no need for Jesus. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The universe and all life on earth were created in six normal days and not over billions of years. Ever increasing ages for the earth and our universe are a necessary byproduct of the theory of evolution. The Hebrew word for "day" in Genesis 1 is "yom". It is impossible in that context for "yom" to mean anything other than a normal twenty-four hour day. In his book *On the Origin of Species*, published in

1859, Charles Darwin hypothesized that for his theory to be true incredible ages for the earth would have to exist. Interestingly, the earth has aged – in the speculation of evolutionary scientists – since the publication of Darwin's book. You will hear about scientific tests that purportedly date the earth at millions and billions of years, but those tests have been proven to be terribly flawed. There are many other dating methods that seemingly prove the earth is young (sedimentation in the oceans and helium in the atmosphere, for example). In the end, the Bible is the only eyewitness account of how our world came to be, and the Bible unequivocally tells us everything was created in six days a few thousand years ago.

Marriage is defined in Genesis as well. The very first marriage happens between Adam and Eve in Genesis 1 and 2. There God makes it abundantly clear that His design for marriage is one man and one woman for life. That union is designed for procreation and the couple's mutual comfort and care. Marriage was to be the foundation for society. It wasn't until after sin entered the world that questions about sexuality and marriage arose. Any sexual activity in thought, word, or deed, outside the bounds of marriage between one man and one woman is a deviation from God's plan for us. As Jesus says, ".... everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

Finally, race is such a divisive issue in our world today. It has been for centuries. Yet God describes how these difference that we label race came about. In Genesis 11, God dispersed all people to different regions of the world and confused their languages. The differences we call "race" came about by people groups living in isolation from each other for periods of time. In God's eyes, skin color is no different than eye or hair color. It is simply a variation within the human genome that is expressed in people differently. People are people, period! All people were created in God's image and are now in need of a Savior because of sin. Jesus died on the cross for all people. Race is a meaningless construction of fallen people. Genesis 1-11 teaches that.

In the end, the reason Genesis 1-11 is so important is that if we cannot take God's Word seriously there, then why should we believe it elsewhere. If Genesis 1-11 is myth or fable or just a story, then what part of Scripture is true? If evolution and billions of years of death and struggle have existed from the beginning, then there is no need for Jesus. And that is the Devil's plan. If he destroys confidence in the foundational chapters of the Bible, he can undermine our need for and faith in Jesus Christ. That is why we need to teach the historicity of Genesis. That is why a Creation ministry is vital. That is why Genesis 1-11 is so important. Thank you for supporting the Confirmation trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.

In Christ, Pastor Davis



Deaconess Intern

I give blessings and thanks to God every morning. I look at beautiful sunrises and sunsets with wonder and amazement at God's work here on earth. I thank God every day for giving me more time to spend with Eric. Each day, there is always something to cry about, always something to anger about, but we also find ourselves laughing, hoping, wishing, and remembering, and all of those things are thanks to God. We continue to thank you all for keeping us in your prayers.

My Deaconess class is a little over halfway through. I have been working diligently to get caught up and will get through this class without too much worry. I have had continued discussions with Eric, the Elders, the Pastor, and the Seminary regarding my situation with Eric and all the "what ifs" that may take me out of classes at some point in the next couple of months; however, all discussions have led to continuing my studies. Eric is my strongest

supporter and wants me to continue as we both know this has been a God-driven event that has added to both of our lives.

I am continuing to do most of the same activities. I have had less time in the office for different health issues at home, but I have been keeping in touch with Pastor and Lori. I am hopeful that the remainder of August will be the normal schedule. Eric and I will try and get one more little travel this month as it is probably our last chance to go any distance. It will most likely be something over a long weekend, so it shouldn't interrupt work. Please don't hesitate to leave me messages or contact me via cell phone (605-467-3209). May God continue to bless your morning and evening as he has for our family. Lisa

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

Lisa's hours Mon 10-4, Wed 10-4, and Thurs 10-4 (I work from home Tuesday and Friday on church and Deaconess work)

READINGS FOR August 2024

Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Aug. 4 (Prop. 13)	Eleventh S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 16:2-15	Psalm 145:10-21	Eph. 4:1-16	John 6:22-35
Aug. 11 (Prop. 14)	Twelfth S. a. Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Eph. 4:17-5:2	John 6:35-51
Aug. 18 (Prop. 15)	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	Prov. 9:1-10 or Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:12-22	Eph. 5:6-21	John 6:51-69
Aug. 25 (Prop. 16)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 29:11-19	Psalm 14	Eph. 5:22-33	Mark 7:1-13



August 17 is the next Men's Bible Study with coffee and donuts at 9 AM. All Men invited!!!

LOE

The Ladies of Emanuel will meet on Tuesday, August 13, at 1 PM in the church Fellowship hall.

Our lesson will be from the Summer Quarterly, page 18, "Steadfast in Faith".



LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

Regina Rethke and Donna Zubke will serve a light lunch. Our focus for August will be a donation to the organization "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". They build beds and provide bedding for children without beds. All women in the congregation are invited to attend. Serving coffee on the 4th of August for Sunday Morning Bible Study will be Diann Dauwen and Regina Rethke.



Mission Sewing

Mission sewing will be meeting on August 1st, 2024.

We can always use extra hands to help with tying quilts, cutting squares, etc.!

Stewardship

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. :10 He who supplies the seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sewing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. :11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way

SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

For August 2024, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:
Together in Mission

June 2024 Treasurer Report

June 2024 Income:	\$ 69,944.73	YTD 2024 Income:	\$ 189,601.00
June 2024 Expense:	\$ 25,800.53	YTD 2024 Expense:	\$ 217,061.56
Difference:	-\$ 44,144.20	Difference:	-\$ 27,460.56

Creation Museum and Ark Encounter





OGT IS ON TRACK

South Dakota Orphan Grain Train Collection Center

As this note is being written, we are expecting the Orphan Grain Train semi on Wednesday, July 24. The last truck was on May 31. AMAZING- Many thanks to many people, churches and groups who donate material items, gifts of

money and volunteer their time. This semi will be loaded with 18 bikes, 2 pallets of Mercy Meals, plastic mats and 20 pallets of...flip flops, snow boots, sewing items, men's caps, kitchen items, toys, outside games, quilts, bedding, medical items, layette, hygiene and school kits etc. The volunteers put specific kits together when we collect needed items, As school items go on sale, please consider picking up extra to share with kids all over the work.

SCHOOL Kits include pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, erasers, scissors, rulers, 24 pkg crayons and colored pencils, construction papers and backpacks. Gently used backpacks are great.

We continue to ask that you remember OGT in your prayers, memorials and charitable giving. Hours: Tuesday 3-5pm, Wednesday 10-12 and Saturday 10-12.

Linnea and Joyce

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

JESUS IS MY HERO



Such a great week at VBS. A great opportunity for all who attended to learn, grow in faith and have fun with their friends.



PEACHES – Please sign up at the back of the church or call the church office at 432-9555! Delivery is going to be late August. Cost is \$50 per lug. Please tell your friends and neighbors as we are not putting this in the paper due to advertising costs. We are trying to keep the cost of the peaches as low as we can.

EMANUEL YOUTH GROUP



Upcoming Events:

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. Bring your Christmas gifts to be wrapped.

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.



BYD SIGN UP-- BYD Group for August--Group 2, Dave Schamber

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

Aug 4	9 AM	Larry Underwood
Aug 11	9 AM	Tracy Pinkert
Aug 18	9 AM	Charles Schamber
Aug 25	9 AM	Harlan Monson

ACOLYTES FOR JULY

Aug 4	9 AM	Alyssa Rethke; Finley Hunt
Aug 11	9 AM	Jaxon Gores; Alyssa Henderson
Aug 18	9 AM	Brytten Schmiege; Alanna Vogel
Aug 25	9 AM	Eliana Richardt; Karlie Nies

*****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.*****

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dexter, Ryan D.	1-Aug
Jackson, Jacob C.	1-Aug
VanHout, Kristie S.	1-Aug
Anderson, Nicholas A.	2-Aug
Davis, Ward	2-Aug
Dragt, DeeAnn K.	2-Aug
Schell, Kelly	2-Aug
VanHout, Kaia S.	2-Aug
Fraasch, Jason	3-Aug
Hilbrands, Kelly L.	3-Aug
Dikstaal, Carolea H.	4-Aug
Karges, Michelle	4-Aug
Nicholson, Morgan A.	4-Aug
Reil, Deanna L.	4-Aug
Madsen, Janelle M.	5-Aug
Zubke, MaKenna R.	5-Aug
Thorkelson, Marlene	6-Aug
Athey, Leah I.	7-Aug
Hofhenke, Arvid	7-Aug
Polkinghorne, Barb	7-Aug
Reil, Tanya	7-Aug
Rethke, Mark P.	7-Aug
Bjerke, Arabella	8-Aug
Dexter, Jenna A.	8-Aug
Gulley, Douglas (Doug)	8-Aug
Morton, Todd W.	8-Aug
Mueller, Grant T.	8-Aug

Saint George, Jaiden T.	8-Aug
Bolton, Pat	9-Aug
Moser, Bradyn P.	9-Aug
Hunt, Cydney J.	10-Aug
Mead, Penny M.	10-Aug
Weyh, Sydnee M.	10-Aug
Campbell, Gerald	11-Aug
Cummins, Diane K.	11-Aug
Dexter, Douglas L.	11-Aug
Haigh, Jessica L.	11-Aug
Morton, Sheila A.	11-Aug
Pies, Arlon	11-Aug
Thiele, Debra A.	11-Aug
Weinkauf, Derek D.	11-Aug
Heffron, JoEllen	12-Aug
Kolb, Linda	12-Aug
Berkner, Corley M.	13-Aug
Dauwen, Diann E.	13-Aug
Leddy, Kadon R.	13-Aug
Wellnitz, Marge	13-Aug
Lee, Sophia P.	14-Aug
Koch, Jacob M.	15-Aug
Schell, Amber M.	16-Aug
McFaden, Tabitha	17-Aug
Bolin, Julie	18-Aug
Campbell, Koda	18-Aug
Seezs, Dallas J.	18-Aug

Staebling, Christina L.	18-Aug
Steltz, Andrew R.	18-Aug
Wilde, Vivian J.	18-Aug
Mueller, Steve	20-Aug
DiNatale, Karmen A.	21-Aug
Fewkes Grant, Kyrie M.	21-Aug
Bohn, Donald	23-Aug
Lee, Mark A.	23-Aug
Schweer, Kaden	23-Aug
Jackson, Pam	24-Aug
Reyelts, Dee Dee	24-Aug
Tesch, Emmett D.	24-Aug
Zubke, Natasha M.	25-Aug
Lingwall, Tim	26-Aug
Riley, Michael J.	26-Aug
Gesswein, John L.	28-Aug
Karels, Karissa L.	28-Aug
Dexter, Devon J.	29-Aug
Neuschwander, Gaylen	29-Aug
Radil, Joshua L.	29-Aug
Seehafer, Rick R.	29-Aug
Tesch, Peyton	29-Aug
Karges, Michael R.	30-Aug
Henderson, Karen	31-Aug
VanHout, Kobe	31-Aug
Wendland, Michael	31-Aug
Wieber, Jeremy A.	31-Aug

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bogenrief, Matthew J. and Jennifer Hockhalter	2-Aug
Hanson, Dean A. and Beverly A.	4-Aug
Weyh, John and Misty	4-Aug
Schwandt, Jackson R. and Breanna L.	6-Aug
Fischer, David P. and Dana	7-Aug
Jibbens, Randolph H. (Randy) and Debra J.	8-Aug
Schmieg, Jada C. and Brandon J.	11-Aug
Mielitz, Richard R. and Tammy	12-Aug
Reil, Gary L. and Michelle	13-Aug
Street, Geoff and Kris	23-Aug
Tietjen, Larry L. and Jeanne K.	23-Aug
Krause, Jason L. and Rita J.	28-Aug

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Confirmation class will start September 11th. 5:45 PM through 7:00 PM every Wednesday. Sunday School Rally Day anticipated 9/8/2024.</p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study			9:15 AM Mercy Meals at OGT 2:00 Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA	1:00 PM Bible Study		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 AM—Service of the Word Sunday School Teacher meeting 10:30 AM Bible class		1:00 PM LOE 4:00-6:00 PM Preschool Open House 4:30 PM Board of ED 5:30 PM Youth Board 6:00 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Trustee Mtg	2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA	1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Christian Service Council		9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study VAN DRIVER NEEDED	7:00 PM Elder Mtg	Preschool Starts	2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:45 Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA	1:00 PM Bible Study		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:30 AM Bible class 12:00 PM Baby shower In FH Eliza DiNatale VAN DRIVER NEEDED			2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 Book Study 8:00 PM AA	1:00 PM Bible Study		