



News from the Cross



2011

REMEMBER ...

- Our services are broadcast on Hudson cable Channel 15 on Wednesday night at 9:00PM and again on Thursday morning at 9:00AM.
- Check out our church web site at: <www.emmanuelhudson.org>
- Watch "Time of Grace" on TV Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on FOX 9.
- "Message from the Master" airs on 1220 AM radio Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

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Pastor's Pen... A Nation That Needs to Repent!

In a recent mid-morning bible class we were discussing the passages that were used in our worship service on October 16. One was from the Old Testament book of Isaiah 55:6-9. Let me refresh your memory:

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

It was interesting to note that on November 16, 2011 Germany will have a national holiday that is called a day of Repentance and Prayer (Bussbettag). They've been having such a holiday off and on for quite some time going all the way back to the 1800s. What comes to mind immediately is the horrific atrocity of the Holocaust. Then it is thought that at least 6 million Jews were murdered by the Nazis in order to purify the Fatherland! That certainly is reason to continue to pray and to repent! Such ethnic cleansing is contrary to the very basic

fibers of civilization and most certainly the will of the Almighty Lord God.

I wondered out loud to the class how they felt about an even worse murderous scheme in our very own country? To be sure I had the class's attention, but what is more important than that small group and its feelings on the matter, is how you feel about it and what you think ought to be done. Oh, yes, you and I are involved in this really bad thing. It's because in 1973 our country's highest court agreed to the abortion of unborn children.

Read the verses quoted above once more. It's a call to repentance that has gone virtually unheeded in our country. Sure there are right to life groups sprinkled here and there in America, but the vast majority of American adults, even though their consciences scream out against this atrocity, do absolutely nothing about it! I hear no requests for prayers for forgiveness, I am never asked to pray for the young women who have been encouraged to destroy the little one(s) within them, and I have never seen a petition sent around to counter act the Supreme Court ruling.

Since Roe versus Wade, 1973, it is estimated that approximately 50 million legal abortions have been done in the United States. 50 million! Not one innocent child, not 2 or three, which would be wrong and terrible enough...but 50 million!

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Joyful Noise Notes

- Ann Winkler

November is the time we think of bountiful harvests, crisp autumn days, and being thankful. The children continue to see how God turns evil into good as we study about David and Goliath, Jonah, and the Men in the Fiery Furnace.

Numerous activities are going on this month:

- Children will need to put on their best smile for Picture Day on November 4 and 5.
- Hat day will add excitement to our letter study of H on November 10 and 11.
- The children will be singing in church for the first time on November 13. They will be sharing the message that Jesus is the only way we can get into heaven through the song "Jesus is the Way".
- A special Grandparent's Day will be held November 21 and 22 to honor our grandparents and show we are thankful for them.
- There will be no school on November 23, 24, and 25 due to Thanksgiving vacation. This will give families a chance to give thanks by being together.

If you are wondering about the activities the children are learning during the preschool day, log on to the preschool blog page. The address is joyful-noisepreschool.tumblr.com or go to the Emmanuel website and click on blogs.

JESUS IS THE WAY

Sunday School and Preschool children will be singing the song "Jesus is the Way" in church on Sunday, November 13. Please meet in the church fellowship area at 8:45 am. If you are unable to make it, please contact Ann Winkler.

Thanksgiving Prayers

May we truly be thankful

Heavenly Father, as we look around us, you have once again shown us all your blessings. We know that you have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank you for so generously giving us your Son, our Lord. Through him you have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise—no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.

We thank you, Lord

Dear Savior, thank you for your suffering and dying for us on Calvary's cross. We thank you for taking the guilt, the curse, and the punishment for our sins. We thank you for your victory over the grave and all it brings to us. We thank you, Lord, for your perfect substitution. Now help us appreciate the blessings we have because of your death and resurrection. Help us demonstrate our thankfulness by our actions and service—not just our words. Help our actions direct others to you, their Savior. Amen.

For humble gratitude

God of grace, give me grace to view my present circumstance with humble gratitude. Teach me the secret of contentment. Keep me from murmuring against your will, and help me break the habit of envying the blessings others receive. Give me the satisfaction that comes from being sure of having eternal life in Jesus. Amen.

Thanks in being forgiven

Thank you, Lord, for convincing us that our sins are forgiven and for letting us praise you today. Fill us with your love, and keep it bright throughout the coming week. Watch over us and our loved ones, and bless our work, rest, and activities in the days ahead. Amen



Pastor's Pen Continued...

Shame on us! We quibble about finances, we are shocked and filled with anger when 3,000 die in an act of terrorism, but we think nothing of 50 million little babies being destroyed because they were considered an inconvenience. Not by the hands of hate-filled terrorists, but at the hand of their very own mothers.

Every time I look the other way when someone is thumbing their nose at God's will I'm guilty of acquiescent partnership. If I remain silent when speaking to the children of God it is as though I am saying it okay to murder babies! Yes, murder babies!

Our Ladies Guild is sensitive to this terrible problem and for this reason they are asking Sharon Kurtzahn, the head of Christian Life Ministries in Minnesota, to come and speak to them and their guests about the whole matter of how we may help the young mothers, those who have kept their children, those who have been influenced to abort them, and those who are in positions of influence when the young women come to them for counseling.


We'd like to invite you and your members to this Saturday morning seminar/gathering. It will be in Hudson, WI at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 712 Grandview, on November 12. We'll gather and network at 9:15AM and be finished by noon. A light snack will be shared. If you would like to be with us please send us an email:

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so we may plan on your sharing some time and snack with us.

God bless you and yours in your various forms of ministry.

Pastor Fred Kogler





Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

“ _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ .” PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. Lord, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.
 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name, make known among the nations what he has done, Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

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*"Believe in the Lord Jesus and
you will be saved ..."*

... home of Joyful Noise



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Why we're here ...

Emmanuel Lutheran exists to prepare people for eternal life. The Bible presents two possible destinations when we die: one is hell; the other is heaven. While people follow all sorts of ideas and philosophies to gain heaven (self-denial, being a good person, etc.), the Bible gives us the only pathway to heaven: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Emmanuel Lutheran proclaims the truths of Holy Scripture, pointing always to Jesus Christ as our only Savior from sin -- our only path to heaven.