



News from the Cross



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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...

What's going on in our World?

(Psalm 127:1 and Isaiah 30:15)
"...when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them...your heart is lifted up and you forget the Lord your God...you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth'." "...if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods... you shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God." (Deut. 8:10-20)

In a recent conversation with a young man, who is a pastor, he asked me how I thought things were different today from the time that I began my ministry. To be sure that leads me to think that my silver grey hair is a dead give away that I'm older than younger, and that since I may have lived longer than many, I may have some thing to say about "the good old days."

My memory bank picks up right after WWII. But my insights go back even further as I was raised by my grandfather in so many ways philosophically. He was an octogenarian when I was in my early teens. Listening to him and my folks and other relatives on Sunday afternoons, which was our family custom, taught me more than I realized as it was happening.

Yes, things are different. What is more the world is changing fast. A massive shift from the guidance of a Bible-based conscience to a mindless pursuit of corrupt "thrills" has been fanning the flames of this transformation for years.

The following news items let us glimpse the dark consequences:

"In Philadelphia, a group of 20-40 youths went on a rampage...resulting in 59 people being beaten and briefly hospitalized. ...a mob ran through the Wisconsin State Fair at closing time, beating up people at random. In London, citizens have been besieged by three straight nights of hellish rioting [that] spread to other parts of the nation." (Weapons of Mob Destruction)

You may not like history, but, like it or not, we can learn something from what happened to people who lived in times gone by. In the early and mid 1500s the world was a mess. Religious leaders were corrupt to the very core selling lies, destroying the word of God and at the same time declaring that they represented the will of God. Political leaders were no better. They were greedy, selfish, and dangerous men who thought nothing of slaughtering women and children in order to gain political power and wealth. Their lives were the lives of thrill seekers, who gorged themselves on food and drink and sought all manner of thrill through slaughter, sex and enslavement.

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MISSION SUNDAY

WELS District President Charles Degner will be our guest speaker on October 9th for Mission Sunday. He will use 2 Tim. 4:6-8 as his text. The theme of his sermon is: "Pouring it all out for Christ." Pastor Degner is the Minnesota District President of which we in Hudson are a part. Having him be available for our mission Sunday is a rare opportunity as he is also on the WELS Conference of Presidents and is extremely busy with all the affairs of our district as well as our WELS. He is a sought after speaker and we are excited about his being here.

He has graciously agreed to speak about his recent trip to China as an adjunct to his being with us. We'll have him do that in place of the Adult forum, SS, and youth gathering, and we'll gather in the sanctuary for that activity.

Joyful Noise Notes

- Ann Winkler

Joyful Noise Preschool has begun its twelfth year of operation. This year there are ten 3 years olds attending Tuesday and Thursday morning and sixteen 4 and 5 year olds Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Our two new teacher aides are Rebecca Huth for 4-5 year olds and Ross Collins for the 3 year olds.

These twenty six children are learning the routine of school. We learned that God created the world with His almighty power and it was very good. We also learned why we need a Savior and that Jesus loves little children. Learning about the great flood and Samuel are in the future. Skills of patterning, sorting and identifying letters and sounds have been introduced. Letters A through G have been the focus. Art, counting the days of the month, dressing our weather bear for the day, and learning to play together fill the remaining time. No time is wasted during our busy day.

The children will enjoy a short break October 20-21 for the Wisconsin Teacher's Conference and October 28 for Hudson district conferences. Parent-teacher conferences will be October 25-27 in the late afternoon and evening. The month will end with a costume party featuring the children's favorite non-gory or non-scary characters.

LADIES' GUILD

- Sarah Dahlke

There were 6 ladies present at the September meeting. Pastor Kogler began the meeting with a devotion looking at God's Word as our anchor. We read Romans 8 together.

The main topic for old business was the Women's Fall Fellowship which Ladies Guild hosts in October. Pastor is looking for a speaker, which will determine the date of the event. Watch the bulletin for more update on this. It is an enjoyable Saturday morning spent with women sharing their faith and friendship.

New business in September includes events from October to December.

- Mission Festival will be Sunday, October 9th. A potluck will be held after Sunday School and Bible Class. Ladies Guild will provide beverages.
- A sign up sheet will be out soon to order Christmas wreaths and swags. Wreaths and mixed balsam swags are \$12 and mailbox swags are \$17. They will arrive mid November for your Christmas decorating.
- Church Christmas decorating will be Sunday, December 4th after education hour. Pizza will be purchased for lunch by whoever wants to stay and eat together.

There are lots of great things coming up, so mark your calendars! Watch the bulletins and newsletters for more details on events as the dates get closer.

YOUTH GROUP

Great things are happening with the youth at Emmanuel! We have had good attendance for our weekly Bible study on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the balcony of church. Currently we are studying the power of prayer and would love for more students in grades 9-12 to join us. Watch the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for a sign-up sheet to purchase calendars again. Thank you to the youth who used their time and talents to change the saying on the sign out in front of the church. Also, we are trying to plan a couple of fall social activities. One is an overnight campout (possibly with a paintball war) and the other is a football party for

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Pastor's Pen Continued...

When Martin Luther came on the scene he and men like him knew in their hearts that the way things were was not the way they should be, and they believed that it was not the way the Almighty God wanted people to live. They chose to seek the guidance they needed from God's word and they were blessed to see a re-awakening through the return to the principles of God as set forth in the Bible. Although it didn't take place overnight, and it cost many their lives and freedom, by the power of God countries were gradually freed from the oppression of the darkest age of human history.

The terrifying thing is that we seem to be re-entering a similar era. When pornography is the number one addiction among clergy and politicians of both genders follow the principles of humanism and religious pluralism for purposes of satisfying greed we cannot but wonder if we're slipping back into the black hole of the ancients.

We need to examine our lives... each of us, on our own, and be honest with ourselves while doing so. The guidance we need, the strength we need, and realization that there is a far better way can only come from the Word of God as it has been set down in the Bible.

Let's take the time to study what the Word says so that we may spare our children!

Pastor Kogler



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

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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.