



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...

Greetings and blessings to everyone!

Matthew 6: 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.³⁴ "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.(NKJV)

An evening with friends

Recently, my wife and I had dinner with a couple that we have known and associated with for more than 35 years. My wife and LeeAnn are good friends as individuals and have many similar interests. When we get together there's no way that you can keep up with their conversation flow. Even if we haven't been with Al & LeeAnn for a long time, as soon as we are together, the conversation moves along as though we had been in constant contact.

At our most recent meeting, it so happened that the "girls" were on the porch engaged in animated conversation about a healthy pasta salad, and

Albert and I were talking about how to put a razor's edge on our wood chisels. (You should know that he and I share the common bond of "sawdust making.") We were discussing how to use a combination of diamond, water, and oil sharpening stones to shape, dress, and hone our treasured woodworking chisels, when I made the offhand comment that once I had sharpened my wood chisels I hesitated lending them to anyone for fear of the chisels being abused. Without blinking an eye or a moment's hesitation Albert responded: "Amen, brother, you're spot on!"

We looked at each other and simultaneously asked: "I wonder how Jesus felt about sharpening his dad's wood chisels?" That instantaneous, similar response evoked another "Amen." Once again we had shared the same thought and at almost the same instant. What is more we had indicated so by using the same word..."Amen."

Our eyes met once again, and it was clear we were launched on a new topic and research: "What does 'Amen' really mean?"

I reached for Jan's MacAir[®] and "Butch", as Albert is called, drew up

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

- Christina Dobberstein

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. *Matthew 7:7*

Emmanuel Youth Bible Study is coming! A few months ago, the youth of our congregation expressed an interest in having a youth group again at Emmanuel. Well, here is your chance to be a part of it. We are going to begin with a weekly Bible study on Sunday mornings (during Sunday School and Adult Bible Class). Youth grades 9-12 are invited to attend from 10:30-11:30AM in the balcony of the church starting September 11. This will give us a chance to get to know each other, study the word of God, and eventually plan some activities together. The group will only be as strong as its members, so come prepared to participate, share ideas, and grow in friendship and faith.

Sunday School Begins

- Ann Winkler



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 10:20 a.m. with devotion and music in the church sanctuary. Afterward, the children will go with their assigned teacher to their classroom. The children will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

This year's teachers are Eileen Spreeman (PreK/K), Margaret Hoglund (grades 1-2), Linda Carlson (grades 3-4), and Ann Winkler (grades 5-8).

This year the children (grades PreK-4) will be studying lessons from the New Testament. Grades 5-8 will be completing the study of I Peter and then turning our focus on the Gospel of John and Christians in different cultures. Believer Beaver puppet show is returning for another year and can be seen during the children's devotion on the 4th Sunday of the month. The offering for the first half of the year (September - December) will

Joyful Noise Notes

- Ann Winkler

Joyful Noise Preschool will begin its 12th year of operation with 7 three year olds and 16 four and five year olds.

A parent orientation meeting has been scheduled for Thursday evening, September 1 at 6:00 pm for 3-year-olds and 7:00 pm for 4-5 year olds. The first day of preschool will be Tuesday, September 6 for the 3 year olds and Wednesday, September 7 for the 4-5 year olds. The three year old class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and the four and five year olds will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. All sessions will run from 9:00 - 11:30.

Rebecca Huth will be the new teacher's assistant for the 4-5 year old class.

The school was able to purchase a new water and sand sensory table for the classroom with a gift from Orlow Widvey in memory of his wife Alberta. A helicopter teeter totter will be the new attraction on the playground.

Keep up to date on the events of Joyful Noise Preschool and the trends of early childhood education by logging into the new preschool blog. The address is joyfulnoisepreschool.tumblr.com.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of new adventures, friendships and knowledge. Please keep the school, the teachers, and the children in your prayers.



Come use your voice to give praise and
g l o r y
to our Lord. Choir will begin rehearsal on
Sunday, September 18 at 8 am. Everyone
f r o m
6th grade and up are welcome. Contact
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Winkler if you have any questions.

"amen" A Hebrew word meaning "it is true" or "so let it be"; it was used liturgically in worship to express agreement in response to a religious address(1 Chr. 16:34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 35 And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation; Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise." 36 Blessed be the

LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! **And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.** Neh. 5: 13 Then I shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out each man from his house, and from his property, who does not perform this promise. Even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." **And all the assembly said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this promise.** Neh. 8:6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. **Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.**

Jesus frequently used the term to emphasize the importance of His teaching when He specifically mentioned the "truth" of what he was saying (e.g., Matt.5:18, 26; 18 "For **assuredly**, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled., 26 "**Assuredly**, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny. Matt. 6: 2 "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. **Assuredly**, I say to you, they have their reward. ... 5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For

they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. **Assuredly**, I say to you, they have their reward. ... 16 "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. **Assuredly**, I say to you, they have their reward.)

The word is also used as a title for Jesus Himself (Rev. 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says **the Amen**, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:')

"Amen, amen" (doubled), the famous "verily, verily" of the KJV or "truly, truly" of some modern translations is often used by Jesus in John's Gospel.

An Evening that came to a close

After our study, into which we had drawn our wives, the evening wound down with a tour of a visit to my shop and some show and tell, here again I got some good advice from dear friends about how to put a finish to the woodworking project that was in process.

We returned to the house, things were gathered together, the left-



Thank You

Thank you to all the people who participated in or were behind the scenes in getting things ready for the parades this past summer. The names and messages of our church and preschool were promoted through signage, music, handouts and friendly smiles.

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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.