

Emmanuel Lutheran News

February, 2018

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Join us for a week of celebration.

Saturday, March 3

Pancake Breakfast from 8am-11am

Book Fair from 9am-2pm

Sunday, March 4

Lutheran School Sunday Worship at 10am

Followed by refreshments

Tour around classrooms

Friday, March 9

Lutheran High Northwest Choir Concert

From Rochester Hills, Michigan

7pm

(Free will offering)



2017-18 Theme

Walk according to your calling: with humility, gentleness, patience, love, unity, and peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

*Emmanuel is One Family, Many Peoples
Growing as Disciples of Jesus and Children of God...*

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WORSHIP

(Team Leader: Joni Mercer and Ruth Heilman)

Our WORSHIP goals are: that people would *understand* worship, *participate* in worship, and *enjoy* worship.

Sunday Morning Schedule—ONE SERVICE @10

9am Faith Formation/Sunday School

Begins sharply and lasts until 9:45.

10 Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Season of Lent On Ash Wednesday (Feb 14) we began our journey of 40 days to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Sundays don't officially count as part of these 40 days because every Sunday is considered a "little Easter". During this season we add worship services on Wednesdays (12noon and 7pm) to help us in our spiritual journey to the cross and empty tomb. Join us when you can!

Sunday Theme in Lent—We will have a special focus on various spiritual disciplines which relate

to the readings for the day each week.

Wednesday Theme in Lent—In our midweek services (12noon and 7pm) we will take a look at several "unsung servants of Christ" along with the unique ways they served the Lord and how their examples help us in our service to Jesus. A couple examples include the woman who anointed Jesus' feet as well as the man born blind.

Wednesday Dinners—Each week one of our "neighborhoods" will provide the 6pm meal. Be sure to help out on your day to provide food, if you can and come each week to enjoy good fellowship with good food before our 7pm service.

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday—March 25 @ 10

We begin with palm branches and then turn to the story of Christ's suffering and death.

Maundy Thursday—March 29 @ 7pm

We begin with individual absolution and celebrate the Lord's Supper before the stripping of the altar

Good Friday—March 30

@ 10:45am: ELS Chapel (all are welcome!)

Stations of the Cross with our school students

@ 7pm: Tenebre—service of gradual darkness with the reading of the Passion account.

Resurrection of our Lord—April 1 @ 10am

Webcasts

Can't join us in person? Connect with us on the web each Sunday at www.emmanuelbaltimore.org. Mobile device? Download the "Sunday Streams" app and log in with: emmanuelbaltimore.org.

Urdu Language @ 7:30pm Worship (Pr. Robson)

Feel free to consider supporting this ministry financially using the DONATE button at emmanuelbaltimore.org. and designating your gift to "Evangelistic Outreach Minister".

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FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

(Team Leader: Trish May)

Our FELLOWSHIP goals are: that people would *know and care* for one another, "generationally" *pass on* the faith, and *support* the greater church.

Reading Ahead

Each week you are encouraged to daily read and meditate on the gospel for the upcoming Sunday.

Beginning	March 4	John 3:14-21
	March 11	Mark 10:35-45
	March 18	John 12:20-43
	March 25	Mark 16:1-8

9am Faith Formation/Sunday School—Each Sunday

Classes for ALL ages begin at 9am. Sunday School for ages 2.5 through grade 4. Preconfirmation for grades 5/6. Confirmation for grades 7/8. Youth group for high school. Bible study in sanctuary.

Prayer Prayer Prayer

Prayer and Mercy Ministry Team Do you have a prayer request or would you like to be part of our email Prayer Chain ministry? Contact our **new** Prayer Chain coordinator: Carol Hastings at chastings@lawpga.com.

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WITNESS

(team leader: Stefan and Marlena Gabriel)

Our WITNESS goals are: that people would *bless* non-believers, *minister* to their neighborhoods, and *work* for the good of society.

Emmanuel Lutheran School—News

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Bringing Jesus to people and people to Jesus throughout Baltimore and beyond.

Thank you for sharing the word about Emmanuel Lutheran School with your friends and allowing us to provide an excellent Christ-centered education to an ever increasing number of students. Call (410-744-0015) for a personal tour to learn more about a school with a strong history, that continues to get stronger still. **2018-19 applications are now available.**

Concordia Preparatory School

CPS offers a high-quality, Lutheran Christian education to young men and women in grades 6-12 and is located in the Towson area. For info go to www.concordiaprepschool.org. Enrich the mind. Empower the spirit. Embrace the opportunity!

Comfort Dog Ministry MARCH Note

The mission of the Comfort Dog program is "to share the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need." Receiving our comfort dog is still a long way off, but feel free to follow the other comfort dog in our district, Sasha, on Facebook: [SashaComfortDog](https://www.facebook.com/SashaComfortDog).

Sandtown Mission—Faith and Work Enterprises

Consider joining us for our prayer meeting on March 20 at 11 on location at 1824 Penn Ave, 21217: hear updates and lift up prayer concerns to the Lord. Also—MEN, would you like to learn more about being a mentor as part of the program? Join us for an information session on Thursday, March 22 at 6pm. Reminder: the mission will be comprised of a new church plant and a job readiness program which includes our chocolate company: Pennsylvania Ave Chocolates.

Dates to Remember

March 31—Easter Egg Hunt

April 1—Easter Sunday

April 21—Women's Retreat at Emmanuel

April 28—Spaghetti Dinner and Art Show

March 2018

<p><i>9:00 am Faith Formation</i> <i>10:00am Worship</i> <i>1pm Oromo Lutheran</i> <i>7:30pm Urdu /Hindi Worship</i></p>				<p>1 B-Day Chloe Harrison</p>	<p>2 School Closed B-Day Ethel Hardingham, Clara Croll</p>	<p>3 9am—2 Book Fair..8am-11pm Pancake Breakfast 8:30pm N.A B-Day Isabelle Hinkel, Elinor Emanuel</p>
<p>4 Lutheran School Sunday B-Day Victoria Brownfield</p>	<p>5 7:30 pm N.A.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:15am Bible Study 12:00 noon Worship 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Worship 8:00 pm A.A.</p>	<p>8 B-Day Dorothy Savage</p>	<p>9 8:30 am ELC Chapel 7pm Guest Choir Concert</p>	<p>10 9am First Communion Retreat 8:30pm N.A B-Day Aaron Foks</p>
<p>11 Fourth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>12 7:30 pm N.A. B-Day Victoria Volta, Michael Haynes</p>	<p>13 7pm Discipleship Team Meeting B-Day Megan Doede, Ingeborg</p>	<p>14 8:15am Bible Study 12:00 noon Worship 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Worship 8:00 pm A.A.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 8:30 am ELC Chapel B-Day Frederick Dreyer, Carolyn Williams, Braeden Hastings</p>	<p>17 8:30pm N.A</p>
<p>18 Fifth Sunday in Lent B-Day Hugo Liem</p>	<p>19 7:30 pm N.A. B-Day Joseph Bennett</p>	<p>20 11am Sandtown Prayer Meeting B-Day Jamal Jones</p>	<p>21 8:15am Bible Study 12:00 noon Worship 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Worship 7:45 pm Council 8:00 pm A.A.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 8:30 am ELC Chapel</p>	<p>24 8:30pm N.A B-Day George Mears</p>
<p>25 Sunday of the Passion</p>	<p>26 7:30 pm N.A. B-Day Samantha Ayres</p>	<p>27 B-Day Lee Knight, Herbert Miller</p>	<p>28 8:15am Bible Study B-Day Margaret Scherer</p>	<p>29 Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship</p>	<p>30 Good Friday 10:45 ELS Chapel 7pm Worship</p>	<p>31 10am Easter Egg Hunt 8:30pm N.A B-Day Marlina Gabriel, Edward Clark</p>

Memorials.

Emmanuel's Current Fund in memory of Ed Lohmeyer

By: Bud and Lou Jean Liem
Gordon and Carol Huggins

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Stewardship Ministry

March 2018 Newsletter Article

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, "on the mount of the Lord it will be provided" (Gen. 22:14). The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).