

Emmanuel

United Methodist Church

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We welcome! We worship! We witness!

The Christian as Servant

Servant Ministry

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EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

If you are a Christian, you are a minister. A non-ministering Christian is a contradiction in terms. Jesus Christ was a servant and he directed his followers to be servants, too. Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

This booklet is prepared to help you find your place in the ministries of Emmanuel. We have a wide array of committees, work groups, task forces, helping teams, classes and caring fellowships in which we invite your participation. As you read through the booklet, please pray that the Spirit may guide your thoughts and feelings to a particular group where you can minister to others and find fulfillment for yourself. Training is always available for persons with an interest, but who are unsure of their skills.

Also, be open to a new word from God! Perhaps you have the gifts and skills to help start a new ministry which will touch people's lives with the love of God. Perhaps you are thinking, why doesn't our church help people by doing -- such and such. If you are so led, talk to our pastor. We encourage ministries which extend God's kingdom of peace and love and justice. We have leaders trained in helping people organize such ministries. Their ministry of leadership exists to call you to, and encourage you in your ministry for Christ and his church.

As each member finds his or her place in these various ministries we build up the church, the body of Christ. Together we can do great things for God. May God's richest blessings be upon you as you give him and his high purpose your time and talent and energy.

—Staff and Members of Emmanuel Congregation

EMMANUEL IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE In

2007 Emmanuel completed a major construction project including adding an elevator, a handicap accessible restroom, which made our church fully handicap accessible, from the parking lot in. All are welcome!

MINISTRY GROUPS

MINISTRY TEAM This group is made up of representatives of the major organizations of Emmanuel, charged with considering, developing, coordinating, and evaluating goals and objectives that relate to its total program. Members are responsible for specific programs and leadership needed to reach out and receive persons, help them related to God, develop them as Christian disciples, and send them out into the community to serve. Our Ministry Team is made up of our Pastoral Staff, Ministries Coordinator, Director of Music Ministry, Passionate Worship Team, Radical Hospitality Team, Intentional Faith Development Team, Risk Taking Mission & Service Team, Extravagant Generosity Team, Administrative Council Chairperson, United Methodist Women's President, and our Lay Leader.

WORSHIP WORK GROUP

This group works coordinates to aid the congregation to become aware of the meaning, purpose, and regular practice of worship. It coordinates with the pastor in planning and caring for the worship of the congregation, and makes recommendations for study in the art of worship. The following groups are part of the Worship Work Group.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP TEAM works to coordinate all the areas which touch upon our worship, seeking to help all who come to worship to fully sense God's presence, God's call, God's grace, God's love. Carrie Korb and Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

RADICAL HOSPITALITY TEAM seeks to coordinate the welcoming and caring for all who come to Emmanuel, from the moment they drive into the parking lot to the moment they leave to go home, and beyond. Janet McKee, 733-0574 & Deanna Gass, 993-7805

ALTAR GUILD consists of members interested in caring for the worship aids such as candles, paraments, flowers, banners, and anything that will enhance the setting for the worship service. They work closely with the pastor to prepare for special and seasonal services and events during the year. If you are creative and handy, this would be a good outreach for you. The contact is Carrie Korb, 731-3288.

MUSIC MINISTRY lifts up the Gospel through vocal and instrumental music. Our music program offers everyone an opportunity to participate in the fellowship of song:

- Chancel Choir, Junior High to Adult - Ryan Korb - 993-9320
- Handbell Choir - Lenore Geisthardt 955-3505
- Children's Choir - Linda Heisler - 734-3403

USHERS are an important part in the life of the church. They are often the first to greet members and guests of the congregation as they enter the Sanctuary. The Ushers are an organized group of volunteers, men and women, who work in teams of four. This is one of the many ways in which church members can help in definite Christian service. Carrie Korb, 993-9320

GREETERS serve on Sunday mornings before worship to welcome and greet all who come to Emmanuel. One of our primary areas of ministry is that of welcoming. Carrie Korb, 731-3288

SOUNDBOARD CREW runs our sound and projection systems. Hands on training is provided. A schedule is provided and it is hoped that those who are part of this crew could work at least one Sunday per month. Ryan Korb, 993-9320

NURSERY Our nursery staff on occasion is in need of volunteers to help. Care is provided through age 5. Carrie Korb, 993-9320

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is a time for all who have worshiped that morning to gather and greet each other. Coffee, juice, and treats are provided by volunteers. These persons are responsible for the set-up and clean-up, and are usually called upon to serve two times a year. Carrie Korb, 993-9320

TAPE MINISTRY provides tapes of our Sunday morning worship service so that those who are unable to worship can take part. If you are homebound, in a nursing home, or just missed a service, call the church office and arrangements will be made to get the tape you request. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

WELCOME AMBASSADOR make themselves available on a monthly basis to make sure that newcomers to Emmanuel are welcomed, introduced to others, are given information about our church, given a tour of our facilities, and told about our ministries. Vida Kallath, 731-5809

NURTURE WORK GROUP

Focuses on building up disciples for Christ and caring for those who have already come to Emmanuel, whether they have been here for one worship service or have been part of Emmanuel all their life. The following groups are part of Nurture:

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM This group focuses on coordinating and leading our ministry of Christian Education in order to make Disciples for Jesus Christ. Lenore Geisthardt, 955-3505

CARING MINISTRIES visit the elderly and homebound members and friends of our congregation. The purpose is to visit with individuals and let them know that someone cares, that church members care, and that God cares. Training is provided for anyone interested in this ministry. Nancy Prue, 733-3905

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is a ministry for all ages. This group includes our Sunday School, Wednesday evening classes, Confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, as well as Adult classes at various times throughout the week. The primary contact is Carrie Korb, 993-9320. Specific contacts are:
Sunday Morning Children & Youth - Carrie Korb
Sunday Morning Lectionary Class - Lynn Kollath 731-5809
Sunday Morning Women's Class - Brenda Davis 739-8162
Sunday Morning Book Class - Bill Gibson 954-8923
Sunday Morning Christianity 101 - Mark Geisthardt 731-3288
Disciples Bible Study - Mark Geisthardt 731-3288
Thursday Lunch Bunch - Mark Geisthardt 731-3288
Wednesday Night Classes for all ages - Carrie Korb 993-9320

WEDNESDAYS@EMMANUEL MEAL CREW preps, cooks, serves, and cleans up for our Wednesday evening meal. All ages, all abilities are welcome to help in any or all of the four areas on a given Wednesday. Andrea Willetts, 738-9774

WEDNESDAYS@EMMANUEL TEACHING STAFF We periodically have need of teachers for Wednesday evening classes. Some teach a specific age group or class all year long. Others lead topical short-term studies that range from 2 to 10 weeks. We are open to a variety of faith related classes and experiences. Carrie Korb, 993-9320

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) is a vital, active part of our church life. Belonging to UMW provides an opportunity to support each other in creative ways, serve the church through support of global and local missions, and learn more about witnessing to God's love in the world through many activities. Linked to the Winnebago District and WI Conference UMW offers many opportunities for growth and participation beyond the local church. Women of all ages are invited to be part of this fellowship by becoming involved in one of our circles or simply accepting the challenge to support us through prayers, gifts, or service. Sharon Kardoskee, 739-1142

CARD MINISTRY sends handmade cards to members of Emmanuel on special days in their lives as well as during illnesses and following losses in their lives. Become involved in this ministry through card making, note writing, or addressing and mailing. Sharon Murray, 832-1070

YOUTH GROUP is for grades 6 to 12. Youth Group seeks to help youth keep Jesus Christ first in their lives and to build strong Christian friendships. They have gatherings every Sunday night. Other events include lock-ins, bake sales, Octoberfest car park, retreats, and concerts. There is a time to grow and share at each meeting as well as to explore social issues and how the Bible and our faith informs and leads us. Brian Gass, 993-7805

GIVE-A-RIDE MINISTRY seeks to match those who can drive with those who are in need of transportation. This ministry is for anyone who would otherwise have no other means of transportation. If you are in need of transportation, please call the church at 731-3288 to arrange a ride. If you would like to be a driver please call the church at 731-3288

PRAYER CHAIN is a group that is contacted either through e-mail or over the phone with prayer concerns that have been lifted up by the congregation. You may phone the church office, or sign a prayer card on Sunday, to start the prayer chain for a concern you have. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLICITY This area covers a variety of media. Our monthly newsletter could use volunteers to help write and edit this. There is also a team of volunteers who assemble it for mailing. In addition, we have a website to maintain on the internet, www.emmanuel-umc.org. Volunteers are also needed to update bulletin boards, make posters, prepare mailings, and notifying media sources to cover our activities and events. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

LIBRARY Our selection of books and magazines continues to expand through purchases, donations, and through our United Methodist Women's reading program. Volunteers are needed to keep materials organized and to encourage their use. Our library serves to interest our church in expanding their understanding of the world from a Christian perspective. There are materials available for every age, preschool through adult, as well as a large print section. Carrie Korb, 993-9320

CAMPING MINISTRY is a ministry for all ages. Our Wisconsin Conference has two campsites in the state. Scholarships are available to all who are interested in attending any of the camps offered at these sites. We also have an Emmanuel family camp weekend during the summer. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

WALK TO EMMAUS is an ecumenical ministry coordinated by Upper Room Ministries which is part of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Discipleship. It begins with a three day course on Christianity in a retreat setting which is called the "Walk to Emmaus." This is a spiritual walk not a physical walk. Following this weekend, those who have been part of the Walk are strongly encouraged to join a Reunion Group which meets on a weekly basis and to attend large group gatherings on a monthly basis. Tony Meulemans, 954-6150

UNITED METHODIST MEN this group meets for breakfast on a quarterly basis. This group's purpose is to provide another channel for involving men in the total ministry of the church. An important element of this is to promote good Christian fellowship within the group by meeting regularly and seeking ways to further our commitment to Christian service. All men of the church are invited to attend our meetings and become active members of our group. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

OUTREACH WORK GROUP

This work group's focus is outside the bounds of our building and congregation. It has three primary areas of focus; bringing those who have no church into the church; involve members in hands-on ministries; change unjust systems.

RISK TAKING MISSION & SERVICE TEAM This group's role is to coordinate and to explore Emmanuel's support and participation in mission ministries. The members of Emmanuel provides financial support for ministries through our weekly "Special Offerings" as well as hands on support through our work at various locations. Our goal is to show God's love through the way we live our lives. Carrie Korb, 731-3288

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY TEAM This group encourages the people of Emmanuel to live generous lives. Everything we have is a gift from God and in response to God's giving we are called to give generously! Bill Gibson, 954-8923

SALVATION ARMY LUNCH prepares and serves lunch at the local Salvation Army every month on the third Thursday of the month. Irene Benner, 739-0071

EMERGENCY SHELTER BREAKFAST prepares and serves breakfast at the Emergency Shelter the last Sat. of every month. Greg Stuyvenberg, 687-8387 & Sue Schmidt, 462-4259

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD works through Samaritan's Purse to package up and ship shoeboxes full of gifts to children all around the world. The primary effort for this project occurs in October and November. Greg Stuyvenberg, 687-8387

LAWRENCE CONNECTION is a group that reaches out to our neighbors at Lawrence University. Every fall we are on site at the Student Services Fair for new freshmen and transfer students. During finals week at the end of every term, homemade cookies with a note from Emmanuel are distributed in the campus library during this stressful time. Carrie Korb, 993-9320

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY builds affordable homes in the Fox Valley and has a variety of needs from delivering food to work sites, to building the homes as they are constructed, to working in the office. Sharon Kardoskee, 739-1142

BREAD FOR THE WORLD is an ecumenical ministry which seeks to not only feed the hungry but to also modify systems which create hunger and poverty. This is done through its annual letter writing campaign. Sharon Kardoskee, 739-1142

SPECIAL OFFERINGS/ MISSIONS WORK GROUP searches out needs within Emmanuel, needs within our community, needs in our state and nation, as well as needs all around the world and selects groups to support through our Sunday morning special offerings. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

HELPING HANDS provides limited emergency assistance to those who come to Emmanuel by providing gift cards for groceries, fuel, and bus passes. We support the work of social service agencies better suited to meet the greater needs of the community through special offerings. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

E.S.T.H.E.R. is an interfaith peace and justice ministry in the Fox Valley. This group seeks to address social justice issues by changing the system. ESTHER's current issues are:

- Treatment Instead of Prison for non-violent drug offenders, promoting the use of treatment rather than incarceration in order to reduce repeat offences.
- Immigration, promoting a more humane way of dealing with those who come to our nation seeking better opportunities.
- School Funding, creating a more equitable way for funding our state's schools.
- Health Reform, reducing the number of uninsured individuals in our state and nation.
- Affordable Housing, working at a local and county level to ensure affordable housing is available in our community.

Gwen Gibson, 954-8923.

AREA ECUMENICAL NETWORK (AEN) is an ecumenical organization in the Fox Valley which seeks to build up connections between the various Christian denominations in the Fox Valley. AEN sponsors the events of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity every January. They also sponsor panel discussions throughout the year. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288

CROP WALK is an ecumenical event that occurs every October to raise funds through pledges for the work of Church World Services. Of the money raised 75% goes to Church World Services and 25% goes to local ministries which seek to feed the hungry. Coleman Korb, 993-9320

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK GROUPS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL is the executive agency of the Charge Conference and is responsible for the organization of the local church. The Council, comprised of representatives of all of the organizations involved within the church structure, initiates program planning, helps to establish objectives, adopt goals, authorize action, determine policy, and review the mission and ministry of the church. Kent Willetts, 738-9774

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE helps persons find a place for ministry in and through Emmanuel. It encourages and recruits for lay ministry and seeks to engage persons for ministry tasks. Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES provides for the overall care, oversight, maintenance, and supervision of all church property. Membership in this group provides an opportunity for persons who are interested and are knowledgeable about building care, insurance, and property concerns to make an important and meaningful contribution to the church. Lynn Kollath, 731-5809

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE aids the pastor and staff in making their ministries effective by being available for counsel, keeping them advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relations between the pastor, staff and people, and continually interpreting to the people the nature and function of the pastoral office. Persons with inter-personal relations skills are needed for this work. Brenda Davis, 851-6451

FINANCE COMMITTEE compiles the annual budget for the church, submits it to the Administrative Council for review and adoption, and develops and initiates plans to raise sufficient income to meet the budget, guides the work of the Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary, administers funds according to Administrative Council directions, provides for an annual audit of church finances, and prepares reports for the Administrative Council. The Financial Recording Secretary and a Treasurer serve under the supervision of this group. Ryan Korb, 993-9320.

MEMORIALS, WILL & BEQUESTS receives memorial gifts and or gifts in honor of persons. These gifts may be undesignated (to be used at the discretion of the committee), or designated (donor specifies their use). Mark Geisthardt, 731-3288.

CHURCH STAFF-CONTACTS-SCHEDULES

Pastor	Rev. Mark Geisthardt
Ministry Coordinator	Carrie Korb
Director of Music	Ryan Korb
Admin. Assistant	Susan Murphy
Worship Musician	Leonard Hayes
Custodian	John Quella
Nursery Staff	Kim Geiger & Jessica Spaltner
Office Hours	8 am - noon, Monday-Thursday
Church Phone	(920) 731-3288
Church email	emmanuelumc@tds.net
Church Website	www.emmanuel-umc.org

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

September - May

8:45 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

11:15 Handbells

Childcare is provided from 8:30 to the end of Handbells.

Memorial Sunday - Labor Day

8:00 Sunday School

9:00 Worship

10:00 Coffee Fellowship

Childcare is provided on summer Sundays during worship.

WEDNESDAYS@EMMANUEL SCHEDULE

September - May

4:45 Handbells

5:00 Fellowship time

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Classes

6:00 Youth Fellowship

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Childcare is provided Wednesdays from 6pm to the end of choir.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Is a body of believers with Christ as our head,
Tending the fire sparked by the Holy Spirit.

We Welcome,

knowing that alone we flicker
but together we blaze.

We Worship,

stirring up the grace
and gifts of God in all.

We Witness,

warming one another's hearts with heaven
that we may ignite the world with Christ's love.

May all catch the flame!



