



EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Rebuilding

The storms on July 20th were not kind to our Emmanuel Church building. A tree on the west side of the church fell over on the roof of the sanctuary. Most of you know we have been worshipping in fellowship hall the rest of the summer.

As I write this on August 27th, our timeframe is still “a week or two” before we are able to begin worshipping in the sanctuary again. Things have progressed very well in the sanctuary with the repair of the ceiling. The roof replacement is coming along well at the same time. But we are on schedule to back in the sanctuary by early September.

We will be back in our sanctuary but will have another time-

line on the horizon. The water leakage caused damage to several of our pews. The humidity caused issues for several others, such as staining from the red cushions. The insurance company stated that refinishing our current pews would be too costly but replacement would be offered. A committee has been working to help select replacement pews for our church, but these would not come until December or January.

The path has been challenging, but I believe we can still see God’s hand moving in many ways. People have shared their gifts to create a welcoming worship space in fellowship hall, with an altar and projection screen.

We’ve seen wonderful ingenuity shared to create pew card holders on the back of our metal folding chairs!

Additionally, the large tree had been on our lawn for a month when we discovered that insurance would only cover removing the tree from our roof. God sent us THREE people in the same day asking if they could take the tree for fire wood. In one day the entire tree was gone and many prayers were answered.

The path has been challenging but we have much to be grateful for. God is Good All the time.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

KICKOFF SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 8TH!

The end of summer is within sight! The changing of the seasons means that we will return to our Fall Church schedule at Emmanuel with Sunday School at 8:45 and Worship at 10:00.

Our first Sunday resuming the Fall Schedule will be **Sunday, September 8th**. More information will be available soon regarding

our Sunday School and Wednesday Night class offerings. Mark the 8th on your calendar for the schedule change!



OUR SUMMER

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Fellowship

OUR WEDNESDAY

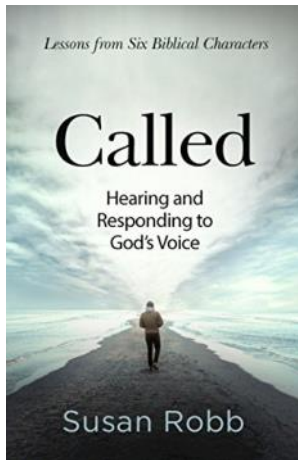
SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 5:30 Meal
- 6:15 Discipleship
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

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SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES- "CALLED"



Throughout the Bible, God interrupts the lives of ordinary men and women, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never could have imagined on their own!

In *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*, invites the reader to Discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on your life through the stories of ordinary people found in the Bible. *Called* will examine the lives of the Abraham, Samuel, Es-

ther and Mary Magdalene, Jonah, and Peter.

Pastor Ben will begin a 6 week worship series using *Called* as a resource. Small groups for adults will be offered Sunday mornings before worship at 8:45 and Wednesday evenings following dinner.

We will hear stories from Scripture about how God called unlikely people to bring hope and transformation to the world. Join us for this worship series and small group time!

2ND YEAR OF ROTATION STYLE SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

At Emmanuel we are excited for the second year of "Rotation Station" Sunday School.

This model has allowed for children to learn in a variety of ways. In this format, students have experienced the same Bible story over several weeks but in a variety of different ways: storytelling, art, cooking, science, and mission. In addition to telling God's story for us through these lenses, it also invites several voices from our

congregation that will be helping us teach!

Emmanuel is a church family that is blessed to be together young and old; we value our intergenerational interactions together. For these reasons we will begin our Rotation School as an all ages program, beginning at age 3 through 6th grade. Adult Classes will be offered in the Library. We invite you and your family for our Sunday School Kickoff on September 8th. If you did not participate

in Rotation last year and have questions, join us for a donut on September 8th and meet all our of teachers!

UMW NEWS



Circle Meetings

The Eve Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 10th at 2:30 p.m. Vida Kollath will be the hostess. Nancy Huolihan will be the leader.

The Ruth Circle meet Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. Hazel Christopher will be the hostess. Tracy Laux will lead the program.

UMW Sunday

Worship on Sunday, September 22 will be a celebration of God's work through the United Methodist Women. Members of UMW will lead us in worship.

UMW Conference Gathering

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering is October 18th and 19th. Black River Falls UMC is hosting. Programming begins at 6:30pm on Friday the 18th, preceded by registration. More information is available on the UMW table regarding discount hotel information. Register by September 25th for the reduced rate of \$27, contact Robin Peterson—rlhula@yahoo.com or call 715-653-2382.

AUGUST PHOTOS!



Our Emmanuel golf team at the Senegal Outing! All of our golfers and mini-golfers on August 24th.



Elise Wiesner was a big help at our Mulch Work Day on Saturday, August 24th!



Jeff Wiesner snaps a selfie with Mark Geisthardt, Gary Morris, Pastor Ben, and Tom Pleiss. This fabulous fivesome took 2nd place at the outing!



Ryan Korb dumps the wheelbarrow with great fervor during the Mulch Work Day.

RAISE MONEY FOR EMMANUEL BY WORKING PACKER CONCESSIONS!



Emmanuel Church has a unique opportunity to raise funds for its ministries by partnering with Neenah First UMC to work a concession stand at Lambeau Field. It is a fun, fast paced way to be part of the atmosphere at Lambeau on game day!

Over the last few years, those that have worked concessions at the Packer games have raised over \$5,000 for Emmanuel!

Help will be needed for many September games: September

15th (Noon kickoff), September 22nd (Noon kickoff), and September 26th (7:20 p.m. kickoff). Please consider talking to Barb Steele or Pastor Ben about this opportunity and taking the online training. Paul Sagers has also participated this year.

Even if you only work one game or event this season it would be a great way to help raise money for Emmanuel!

PARK AT EMMANUEL FOR OKTOBERFEST AND HELP THE YOUTH GROUP!

Food! Fun! Festivities! Downtown Appleton is the place to be on Oktoberfest weekend, the last Saturday in September.

Remember to tell your friends the BEST place to park for Oktoberfest is Emmanuel Church! The youth group will be doing its fundraiser again this year on Saturday, September 28th. Enjoy the day and support the youth!



REGISTER FOR WALK TO EMMAUS IN SEPTEMBER!

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk to Emmaus begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy volunteers on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship and what it means to be the church.

This fall there is a walk for men September 19-22nd. A walk is offered for women the following weekend, September 26th-29th. Both gatherings are at Sparrows Nest in Sparta, Wisconsin.

If you have questions about Walk to Emmaus, Bill and Gwen Gibson have attended walks before and would be excellent



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED STATE ASSEMBLY- SEPTEMBER 7TH



The Church Women United Annual Assembly will be September 7th in Fond Du Lac. The event will be at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. Assembly begins at 8:15 a.m. and will end at 3:30 a.m. Cost for the day is \$25. Registration forms are on the UMW table. This years theme is "Caring for Creation."

Program

Our theme, "Care of God's Creation", includes caring for all living things – including ourselves, so a portion of this assembly will have some time and presentations that have a "retreat" aspect. Sr. Lynne Smith, OSB, resides at Holy Wisdom Monastery and will be telling us about Benedictine Practices and showing us different forms of

prayer. Pastor Michele Hopp will speak to us on "Caring for God's Creation." Patti Polk will address "How to Find Spiritual Time in a Busy World" as well as offer a meditation during our Memorial Roll Call of our deceased sisters in Christ. Kathy Maldegen will provide the music leadership throughout the day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL RETURNS SEPTEMBER 11TH!

A friendly face greets you as you get a warm cup of coffee. The delicious smells from the kitchen overwhelm and excite you. Find a table and an old friend, because Wednesday night meals are returning September 11th!

Join us every Wednesday at 5:30 for the best meal and best deal in town! Because of increase in food prices, meals this year will cost \$4 per person or \$10 per family! Meal will be followed by fellowship and discipleship each week.



Audrey Lunday, Denise Linstedt, and Marilyn Zylstra prepare "the spread."



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COMING UP AT EMMANUEL!!!!

- September 1st Communion Sunday and Pickett/Huston Baptism
- September 2nd Labor Day– Church Office Closed
- September 3rd First Day of School– Pray for Teachers and Students!!
- September 7th Emmanuel hosting Emmaus Training
- September 8th Kickoff Sunday! Sunday School Returns 8:45! Worship at 10!
- September 9th Ruth Circle Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- September 10th Eve Circle Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- September 11 Wednesday Night Meals Return!
- September 19th Emmanuel Church Serving at Salvation Army Lunch
- September 22 UMW Sunday
- September 28th Oktoberfest Youth Group Car Park