



Emmanuel Reformed Church

Sunday, September 6, 2020



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Good Morning! Welcome to Emmanuel Church. Our guest pastor today is Rev. Ray Tilstra, the Classis Leader of the Illinois Classis.

Prelude: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Songs of Praise: "Raise A Hallelujah" First Sunday
"See A Victory"

Special Music: "There Was Jesus" First Sunday

*Invocation & Greeting the Church Here & Online

*Hymn #1 (Vs. 1 & 2) "O Worship the King"

Time with the Younger Church

Announcements

Interlude: "Take Time to Be Holy"

Scripture: Acts 15: 36-41; Romans 8: 28

Message: "Staring At The Door Too Long" Pastor Ray Tilstra

Morning Prayer

*Closing Hymn (Vs. 1 & 3) "Here I Am, Lord"

*Benediction

Postlude: "Tocatta and March on The God of Abraham Praise"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Sanctuary: Reservations for the 9:00 a.m. service are still necessary to meet the guidelines. Reservations open on Tuesday and carry through to 12:00 pm on Saturday. Call or text the Emmanuel Reformed Church reservation line (815) 213-8715 and leave your name, how many attending and contact number. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call or text the reservation number. Livestreaming will continue as a worship option. For now, no nursery will be provided. Masks are STRONGLY recommended for the duration of the service. Masks will be available at the door if needed. ***In an effort to help our ushers on Sundays – if you are uncomfortable with where an usher seats you, please communicate that and you will be seated in another area. We also ask that once you are seated in the sanctuary please remain seated until you are dismissed by an usher at the end of the service. Thank you for your understanding!***

****As we enter the fall/school season and the possibility of increased cases of COVID-19:** Our hope and prayer is that our congregation will be spared of any outbreaks. With that in mind, we ask that if you are symptomatic or in contact with someone who is, that you please follow the guidelines of the Health Department or your physician, before attending our live services. Thanks in advance for your attention to this as we love one another through these trying times.

Jr. High JAM (4:00-5:30 pm) & Sr. High YF (6:30-8:00 pm) meet on Sundays at Emmanuel in the parking lot. They will meet in the gymnasium if there is inclement weather.

Church Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of Labor Day and Pam will also be out of the office on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

From Pastor Al: Greetings from Eagan. Next Sunday I will share a “Kick Off” Sunday to the 2020/21 church ministry year. I will be returning to Morrison tomorrow. May the Lord bless you and your families on this Labor Day weekend.

Virtual Sunday School for PreK-3rd Grade: Beginning NEXT Sunday, Sept. 13th, during regular Sunday School time, join Hilary & Lydia on the **Emmanuel Little Folks Spring 2020** Facebook group page.

Emmanuel will be hosting a blood drive for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center on Monday, Sept. 21st from 12:30-5 p.m. in the gymnasium. Anyone who hasn't donated since July 27th will be able to give. **Appointments and masks are required.** To schedule an appointment please contact Deb Eissens @ 309-714-2008 or online at www.bloodcenter.org (group sponsor code 1570).

Wednesday night meals return September 16--with a twist!

After a 6-month hiatus, Ritch & Heather Lindstrom, Lynelle Criss, Brittany VanDrew & Donna Todd are returning to the kitchen to prepare delicious meals for our community starting Wednesday, September 16. These "**drive-up only meals**" will be served in the church parking lot from 5:30 –6:00 p.m. each Wednesday night through November 18. **How will this work?** You will drive into the parking lot from the alley and proceed as directed. A "runner" will come to your car, inquire how many meals you need, go back and get them and place them in your car for you. That's all there is to it! You will then proceed out of the parking lot through the drive through canopy and head home where you can enjoy your meal. **How can you help?** We will need 3 runners, 2 "food baggers", 2 dish washers, one "donation receiver" and one parking lot attendant each night. Masks and gloves will be REQUIRED for everyone handling the food. **Please let Rich C. know if you are willing to serve in any of these capacities.** The hope is that enough volunteers would step up that each person will only need to volunteer every other week. Thank you for your support in this wonderful way Emmanuel Church reaches out to the community.

PLEASE UPHOLD IN PRAYER:

All who have yet to trust the Savior Jesus.
The persecuted church around the world.
The world, national & state leaders.
Those battling addictions in their lives.
The families & marriages of our community & church.



The Missionaries our Emmanuel family supports: the Fields' serving in Columbia; the McCleerys serving in Latin America; the Pitchers serving in South Africa; the Smith-Mathers serving in South Sudan & the Sundararajans serving in Asia.

Bill Senior has been diagnosed with lymphoma in the bloodstream and has begun chemotherapy treatments. He is experiencing some side effects such as weakness, nausea, etc. and is not feeling real well. Please remember he and Alice during this. They did share that while this type of cancer is not curable, it is very controllable through treatment.

Warren Pruis had cornea transplant surgery on Wednesday in Iowa City. He was expected to return home to recuperate on Thursday.

Those who are healing & recovering: **Corey Johnson, Diane Renner, Pat Oostenryk & those who are recovering from COVID-19.**

Those who have long-term needs: **Bob Atherton, Linda Damhoff & Jacob Green**

Those undergoing cancer treatments: **Kathy Merema, Deb Wikoff & Jonelle Hook**

Our servicemen and women serving our country, including **Jason Akker, Riley Coffey, Brad Eissens, Logan Frederick, Brevin Pruis & Lloyd Wicker**

George Temple in his home.

Betty Tegeler & Lois Wiebenga at Resthave.

Norma Boeck, Elwyn Nice, Roger & Marla Buikema at Windsor Manor.



Congratulations to Jason & Rachel Decker on the birth of their daughter, Mia Marleigh, who was born on September 1st. Mia weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sisters, Elivia, Riley & Lexie.

BIRTHDAYS



Sept. 9-Dawn Meyer, Nancy Vandermyde
Sept. 10-Kevin Buis, Jonah Venema
Sept. 11-Gene Bonneur, Tristan Ohlsen

ANNIVERSARIES



Sept. 6-Larry & Bertha Eliassen
Sept. 7-Boone & Shelly Brackemyer
Brad & Allie Venhuizen
Ken & Sally Zuithoff
Sept. 10-Howdy & Pat Mills



FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offering to Budget Last Sunday:	\$ 6,091.12
Missions Offering: (International Justice Mission)	\$ 1,490.00
2020 Budget:	\$ 447,161.00
2020 Income YTD to Budget:	\$ 279,041.82
Total needed to meet Budget:	\$ 168,119.18