

WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Liturgical Color: Green (signifies growth & mission)

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Arr. Terry Baldrige

Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship

*Songs of Praise: "Goodness of God" *First Sunday*
"Soul on Fire"

Invocation

Special Music: Hilary, Jason & Isaiah McDearmon

Sacrament of Baptism

Mia Marleigh Decker, daughter of Jason & Rachel Decker
Kole Austin Workman, son of Todd & Kenzie Workman

The rosebuds on the organ symbolize the beauty of Mia & Kole's lives that are already present while reminding us that God has even more in store for them. As roses open to reveal their full beauty, Mia & Kole will continue to grow and bloom as God continues to allow them to blossom throughout their lives.

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #303 (All Vs.) "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Message Series: **Armor of God**
"Sword of the Spirit"

Scripture Text: Ephesians 6: 17b

*Closing Hymn #107 (Vs. 1, 2 & 4) "Jesus Saves!"

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" John B. Dykes

**AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY, REMEMBER YOU
ARE NOW ENTERING YOUR MISSION FIELD!**

*Please stand as you are able.

SUNDAYS AT EMMANUEL

8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary Choir Warm-Up (resumes Sept. 12th) Choir Room
9:00 a.m. – Sunday Worship Sanctuary & Livestream
10:15 a.m. – Men's Ministry "Take Ten" Front of Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship Time Christ Center
10:15 a.m. – Sunday School (resumes Sept. 12th) Entire Campus
5:30-7:00 p.m. – Sr. High YF (**new time) Youth Room

Those Serving	September 5	September 12
Sound Tech:	Russ Wallander	Matt VanDrew
Projection Tech:	Scott Findley	Jason McDearmon
Greeters:	L Adolph/A Alvarado	Adams family
Ushers:	Kris Schmidt	Ernie Renkes
	Loren Tenboer	Loren Tenboer
	Don Reed	Jim Landheer
Nursery:	Lydia Ohlsen	Katie Rodriguez
Exit Greeters:	Becky Koster	Becky Koster
	Jason McDearmon	Jason McDearmon
	Tim Dauphin	Tim Dauphin
Coffee Hour:	R Henard/J Smith	Needed!!
Post-Service Welcome Center Greeter:	Betty Pruis	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 5

5:30-7:00 p.m. – Sr. High YF (**new time)

Monday thru Friday

5:00-9:30 a.m. – Walking ministry Gymnasium

Mon., Sept. 6

6:30 a.m. – YEAH meets before departing for Branson Trip

Church Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day

Tue., Sept. 7

7:00 p.m. – H. S. Girls Bible Study Chapel

Wed., Sept. 8

9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study Fireside Room

6:00-7:30 p.m. – Jr. High JAM Youth Room

Thur., Sept. 9

5:30 p.m. – YF departs for Rend Collective concert

6:00 p.m. – Women's Dinner @ Harvest Bakery

Fri., Sept. 10

5th Quarter Party after the football game Christ Center

Sat., Sept. 11

7:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study Fireside Room

5:00 p.m. – YEAH returns from Branson Trip

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Offering to Budget Last Sunday:	\$ 3,265.62
2021 Budget:	\$ 473,665.00
2021 Income YTD to Budget:	\$ 294,804.83
Total needed to meet Budget:	\$ 178,860.17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Sept. 12th: Pastor Luke will conclude his *Armor of God* message series with "The Final Piece - Prayer". The scripture will be drawn from Ephesians 6: 18-20.

Ladies join us for dinner on Thursday, Sept. 9th! We will leave Emmanuel at 6:00 p.m. and carpool to Harvest Bakery in Erie. Please sign-up in the Fireside Room by TODAY, Sept. 5.

5th Quarter Parties: Yes, it's that time again! We have three more 5th Quarter Parties on Sept. 10, Oct. 1 and Oct. 15. We are in need of donations of: **cans of Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Orange Crush, Root Beer, & Sierra Mist (no diet please), bottled water and baked goods** for those Friday nights.

This fall we are introducing a new Sunday School Curriculum entitled "Orange". Over a three-year period it moves through the entire Bible bringing great lessons and activities. Most of the teaching is handled by the curriculum through videos and teachings and will definitely keep the kids' interest and provide easier teaching for the volunteers. **As we begin this new education year we are in need of individuals who would be willing to be small group leaders for the particular age groups (Pre-K – 5th grade).** We are also needing volunteers for our Wednesday Night DELTA program as well. Your help is vital to the ongoing Christian education of our children and youth. If you are interested in helping please contact Lydia Ohlsen @ 563-212-0325 for Sunday School & DELTA K-2nd and Sam Wiersema @ 815-718-5204 for DELTA 3rd-5th.

The Nursery is now available during Sunday morning worship! However, we are in need of many more Adult and Youth (7th grade-H.S.) volunteers. The more people we have, the fewer times you will be scheduled. Please sign up on the Fireside Room bulletin board, call Pam in the office at 815-772-3890 or email her at office@emmanuelreformedchurch.org

EVOP/Choir Family Reunion Picnic

All Sanctuary Choir & EVOP members and their families are invited to attend an Old Fashioned Family Reunion on **Monday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m.!!** Kids welcome!! We are going to hold this reunion at Old Mill Park in Savanna inside the screened in Plum Pavilion with tons of playground equipment just across the drive. Why are we having it there?? Well....we have a lot of members that drive DOWN to us from Carroll County every single week, so I thought THIS TIME WE WILL DRIVE TO THEM!! Please bring a dish or two to pass, depending on family size, your table service and beverage. **Please sign up on bulletin board near the church office.** We can't wait to see you there!

Emmanuel will be hosting a blood drive for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center on Monday, Sept. 20th from 12:30-5 p.m. in the gymnasium. Anyone who hasn't donated since July 26th will be able to give. **Appointments and masks are required.** To schedule an appointment please contact Deb Eissens @ 309-714-2008, jeffeissens@outlook.com or online at www.bloodcenter.org (group sponsor code 1570).

Sanctuary Choir and Voices of Praise return!! Come join us on Monday, September 20 for Sanctuary Choir rehearsal from 6:30 to 7:15, followed by Voices of Praise rehearsals from 7:30 to 8:30 for their brand new Christmas Cantata, "The Carols of Christmas--the Sequel." If you are 6th grade and older, you are cordially invited to be a part of these exciting opportunities for ministry! Come, invite your friends, and come worship through music together!!

SERMON NOTES: Sept. 5, 2021 Pastor Luke Schouten
Armor of God: "Sword of the Spirit" – Ephesians 6: 17b

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 5-Megan Folkers, Michele VanBuren
Sept. 9-Dawn Meyer, Nancy Vandermyde
Sept. 10-Kevin Buis, Jonah Venema
Sept. 11-Tristan Ohlsen, Gene Bonneur

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Tony & Amber Wright and family on the recent death of Amber's grandfather, Hugh "Whitey" Nelson, who passed away on Sat., Aug. 28. May they continue to feel God's presence during this time.

Laurie Ybema, sister of Brenda Schaver, as she continues her battle with cancer.

Sean Leech, son of Doug & Judy Leech, will have a surgical biopsy on Tuesday, Sept. 7. After receiving those results, final treatment decisions will be made.

Those who are healing & recovering: Judy Wiersema, Linda Schlegel, Karine Fulton & Corey Johnson

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

Those undergoing cancer treatments: Arlyn Huizenga & Jonelle Hook

Our servicemen and women serving our country, including Riley Dauphin, Brad Eissens, Brevin Pruis, Jaicee Schmidt & Lloyd Wicker

Rollie Ebberts at his daughter's (Linda Snyder) home.

Betty Tegeler, George Temple & Lois Wiebenga at Resthave.

Norma Boeck at Windsor Manor.

Elwyn Nice at Allure of Prophetstown.



On behalf of our little friends from Sunshine Preschool, we would like to give a big thank you for all of your gifts of classroom supplies and support. Your donations and prayers have made a big impact on the education of our children. A special thank you to Mark and Connie Pruis for going above and beyond the call of duty. Please stop down and visit our classroom after church.

Carol Stralow, Director of Sunshine Early Education



Emmanuel Reformed Church

A Christ-centered, come-as-you-are family
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