

EMANUEL CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR:

They preached the gospel and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to strengthen the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith.

(Acts 14:21-22)

Today we hear the word “evangelical” kicked around and has devolved into a political sound bite for headlines and political action. But “evangelical” is as ancient as the scriptures, derived from the Greek word meaning “gospel” or “good news.” Evangelical Christians believe in the authority of the Bible, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and the importance of sharing the “good news” (gospel) of salvation through faith in Jesus.

Quickly, we see that evangelical Christians are different from and set apart from society, culture, other religions, and, in some cases, even other derivations of Christianity. At its heart is a one-on-one relationship with God through Jesus Christ, a confidence in the authority of God’s word, and a commitment to share the good news of Jesus with others. Evangelicals are called to be holy. That’s what holy means— to be set apart. Our question should be, “What exactly does that look like?”

While Jesus focused much of his time and effort on Israel, the Resurrected Christ intentionally and purposefully called Paul to be the voice and interpreter of his teachings to the gentiles (non-Jews). Today, just as in Paul’s time, his teachings in the name of Christ continue to be relevant.

Beginning in May, we will begin a message series entitled “In Search of the Holy,” where the idea of holiness began and what did God use as its foundation. Following that, through the summer months and into next year, we will focus on Paul’s letters to the churches he planted— the Church in Rome through the Church in Thessalonica.

Paul, by his own words, was “the worst of sinners.” We should find comfort and encouragement in that, as Paul, being transformed, converted and led by the Holy Spirit of Christ, teaches and interprets Jesus’ teachings and commands for his church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE FROM DANI:

Youth Night Concert

Connect with other youth groups in the community! All are welcome. Join us for flag football, hamburgers, worship led by Brendan Brooks, and an inspiring guest speaker: Pastor Ryan Barker.

Event is free but you must RSVP to Michelle Bahe so we can plan accordingly.

Saturday, May 10th: 4p-football, 5p-food & 6-7:30p -music

Last VBS Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30p

Join us as we make props and decorate Emanuel for VBS

Many hands make less work. No experience required, we can give you a job 😊.

Tuesday, May 27th at 5p

Friday, June 13th at 5p

VBS Registration is live

Join us June 16-19th for an Alaskan Adventure finding our True North: Jesus.

4:45p - Free Family Dinner

5:30-7:30p - VBS Program for kids 4K through 5th grade

Head over to www.emanuelchurch.net to get signed up today.

Emanuel will be going to Timbavati

Join us on Saturday, May 31st at 9:30a for a day at the wildlife park in the Dells!

Tickets are \$10 per person and include admission into the park and a safari train ride.

Add on a carrot cup for \$2 per person or a parakeet bird stick for \$1 per person

*Must be paid in full by: Sunday, May 18th.

Dates to Remember:

Last day for Fun in the Son & Youth Group: Wednesday, May 14th.
Last day for Sunday School: Sunday, May 18th
We go to one combined service starting: Sunday, May 25th at 9 am through August 31st.

Community Meal Date *change*: June

Our community meal will be served on Monday, June 9th from 5-7p instead of the 3rd Monday due to VBS scheduling.

Mission Trip to Kentucky: July 12-18th

Pack your work clothes and join the Emanuel crew for a week-long adventure at Red Bird Mission, a work camp smack dab in the heart of Appalachia.

Sign up in the narthex today! First payment is due: May 11th (\$500 per adult or \$150 per Emanuel Youth Group kid). Must be paid in full by: June 1st.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We begin: "In Search of the Holy"

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
4 th	Guest Speaker: Dave Becraft	
11 th	Letting Jesus In	John 13:2-8
18 th	Set Apart	1 Peter 2:4-10
25 th	Guest Speaker: Rev Ryan Barker ***	

*** Summer Season begins May 25th with only one service on Sunday morning at 9:00a

OUR LIBRARY

Have you been missing out on great Christian reading? We invite you to visit the library at Emanuel, where we offer a wide range of resources to support your spiritual growth. Our collection includes books on Christian living, Bible studies, parenting, devotionals, biographies, and fiction. There are music cd's to listen to and movies to watch. Puzzles have recently been added for you to borrow. The library is thoughtfully maintained by two dedicated church members who take great care in updating and organizing the collection for the benefit of all. We encourage you to come explore the library and discover the many treasures it holds.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Each month over the next several, we will be highlighting one of Emanuel's staff positions so the church can better understand its purpose.

Church Custodian Kristin Shimon



The Church Custodian for Emanuel falls under the guidance of the Trustees as part of the care and upkeep of the church grounds and facilities. On a daily basis, the Custodian must coordinate with every staff and ministry leader within the church! The upkeep of the church building is a necessity for cleanliness, safety, and presenting a welcoming appearance for members and guests.

The Church Custodian position is a church ministry in the truest sense. Caring for the messiest of our family members— children and youth; setting up tables and chairs for guests to Mission Emanuel's monthly, community meal, Fun in the Son, and our all church fellowships and Bible studies; keeping rest rooms clean and classrooms organized for our education and discipleship programs; and making sure the church Sanctuary is welcoming and presentable for worship on Sunday mornings. Additionally, the church Custodian serves for our American Heritage Girls troop, weddings, and funerals in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Emanuel is blessed to have as our church Custodian, Kristin Shimon. Kristin is a member of Emanuel and along with her husband Jeff and children— Connor, Max, Nolan, and Atlee are all active in serving and participating in almost everything we do here at Emanuel.

The Custodian position is a part-time position here at Emanuel. With a large and busy family life, Kristin makes sure all duties get accomplished with flexible weekly hours. Communication is best done through the church office should you need assistance from our terrific Church Custodian.