



***September 2017***

**RALLY DAY SUNDAY**

**SEPTMEBER 10, 2017**

**Help us kick off the**

**2017/18 School Year at Rally Day**

**Beginning with Worship**

**at 9:00am**

**The Children will then have**

**Sunday school at 10:15am**

**At approximately 11:00am**

**We invite everyone to join us in the**

**Fellowship hall for a Potluck Lunch!**

**Sign-up sheets are in this Lamplighter**

**& Sunday bulletins.**

**Please plan on joining us!**



For a long time, these were the pictures I had as my locked screen and home screen on my iPad. It was during a time when I was very new to the single parent thing. I was in the midst of so many challenges and I realized there were times that my frustration, exhaustion and fear got the better of me. Like many people that felt themselves get overwhelmed, my anger sometimes go the best of me and I would yell at the easiest of targets—my kids (and the dog.). I needed reminders that the words I chose had lasting effects, and that while I may not have control over what other people do and say, I did still have control over me. I was able to exert self control because I remembered the most precious of all things on the face of the earth—my kids. I fully embraced the reality that words do hurt and that it only takes a moment to words that build up rather than those that tear down.

Jesus reminded us that it is not what we eat that defiles us, but what comes out of us. Food does not have the power to tarnish our souls, but we learn much about the condition of a person’s spirit by the way in which he or she speaks about and treats others. It seems a simple concept to us today, but in Jesus’ day, it was revolutionary.

Today we need to go back to the time of remembering that our words do matter. It takes moments to use positive language. Amazingly, the more often we speak words of love and encouragement, the easier and more comfortable it becomes. I am not always going to agree with you, nor you with me. And thank goodness. How boring a world this would be if we were all the same! Our strength lies not in our sameness, but in our ability to get along in our diversity. It is that diversity that makes us the body of Christ—some of us hands, some of us feet, some of us eyes (and so on—you get the idea.)

Use your words well. Remember that what comes out of you speaks volumes as to what is inside. This applies not merely to your time within the walls of the church. Our faithful, Christian voice of love and grace and mercy and peace needs desperately to be heard in our city streets and country roads. Learn to speak the message of our Jesus, and surely it will be true—they will know we are Christian by our love.

***Pastor Andi***

***Cell Phone: 920-216-3622 Email: pastor.andi@emmanueloshkosh.org***

**SEPTEMBER USHER, GREETER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

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| **DATE** | **USHER** | **GREETER** | **ACOLYTE** |
| Sept. 3 (9:00am) | \*Ray Hitz, Mike & Kim Winter, Meg Hable | Ron & Sandra Golliher | Becca Wolf |
| Sept. 10 (9:00am) | \*Dan & Rene Rogers, Earl & Laurie Dorst | Karen Chapin & Bev Fretchel | Noah Wilson |
| Sept. 17 (9:00am) | \*Norm Luft, Kay Lund, Dennis & Karen Chapin | Glen & Julie Barthels | Sam Sienkiewicz |
| Sept. 24 (9:00am) | \*The Lee Yoder Family | Gerry & Lisa Keuler | Becca Wolf |

***Thank you to all of the ushers, greeters, and acolytes who contribute to our worship services on Sunday. Would you like to be an usher or greeter? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 235-8340 or by email at*** [***office@emmanueloshkosh.org***](mailto:office@emmanueloshkosh.org)***. Thank you!***

**TREASURER’S NOOK**

**THROWING SHADE**

Language is always fun and each generation will develop its own catch phrases. A recent one is “throwing shade”. If you are critizing someone, you are throwing shade. That is of course a normal part of life. When the shade becomes hate, as it did in Virginia, things turned from catch phrases to harsh reality. The thought that someone would be murdered from an event that supposedly started out as a protest over the removal of a Confederated Statue is crazy, but it shows all of the pent up anger in our society. Words do mean things and this is an extreme example of where things can end up when “shade” gets out of hand.

**July Results**

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| **THE NUMBERS:** | MONTHLY  BUDGET | MONTHLY ACTUAL | YEAR TO DATE  BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL |

**DIRECT GIVING 15,794 14,168 117,550 110,138**

**OTHER INCOME 1,584 191 20,282 11,174**

**SCRIP SALES NET 417 (178) 2,919 1,562**

**TOTAL INCOME 17,795 14,181 140,751 122,874**

**TOTAL EXPENSES 17,043 14,312 138,678 142,895**

**CASHFLOW/DEFICIT 752 (131) 2,073 (20,021)**

**SCRIP PROGRAM:**

**NET COMMISSIONS EARNED**

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| **1ST QUARTER** | **2ND QUARTER** | **3RD QUARTER** | **4TH QUARTER** | **TOTAL** |
| $ 954 | $ 1,595 | $ 163 |  | $ 2,712 |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

**SCRIP ORDERS ARE DUE**

**ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd**

***Orders can be dropped off in the church office any weekday morning prior to September 3rd.***

**YOUR SCRIP CARDS WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**

**ORDER BLANKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OR ON THE SCRIP TABLE IN THE LOWER NARTHEX**

*We have a SCRIP card available for just about anything! Pick up a SCRIP card for those last minute back to school supplies that you forgot. Treat your family to a night out for supper and a movie, we have SCRIP cards available for many restaurants and the theater. Need some gas to get you where you’re going, pick up a SCRIP card and have it handy! Pick up a SCRIP today for your convenience as well as supporting Emmanuel.*

*We have a limited supply of certain SCRIP cards available on Sunday mornings at the SCRIP table, or weekday mornings in the church office.*

**Thank you to LISA & PETER SMITH & MARGARET YODER** for making the SCRIP program available to us. Thank you to **Gerry Keuler and Meg Hable**

for your help selling the cards.

**If you would like to help sell SCRIP cards on Sunday mornings, please contact Lisa Smith at 920-379-7732**

**or by email at pickettsmiths@gmail.com.**

**RALLY DAY POTLUCK RESERVATION SHEET:**

**DATE: September 10, 2017 – Following Sunday school approximately 11:00am in the fellowship hall.** If you plan to attend the church potluck, please fill out the following form and place it in the offering plate, or drop if off at the church office, or call your reservation in to the church office at 235-8340. ***FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER!! PLEASE HAVE YOUR RESERVATION IN BY SEPTEMBER 3rd, THANK YOU!!***

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***NAME:***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**HOW MANY ATTENDING:**  \_\_\_\_\_Potato Salad (Hot)

Adults\_\_\_\_\_

Children\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_Potato Salad (Cold)

**PLEASE CHECK WHAT YOU** \_\_\_\_\_Cheese Tray

**PLAN ON BRINGING TO SHARE!**

Please bring a generous amount! \_\_\_\_\_Veggie Tray & Dip

Please remember that hot dogs, \_\_\_\_\_Baked Beans

hamburgers, brats, soda, coffee

lemonade, potato chips and \_\_\_\_\_Fruit/Fruit Salad

pickles will be provided.

\_\_\_\_\_Pasta Salad

Silverware and dishes for you

and your family will also be \_\_\_\_\_Bars (Precut)

provided.

\_\_\_\_\_Desserts (Precut)

If you have any questions, call

the church office at 235-8340 or \_\_\_\_\_Other (Please specify)

email at office@emmanueloshkosh.org

***Would you like to help with the potluck? Give us a call at 235-8340!***

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*The new school years begins on Tuesday, September 5tht. Please remember to pray for all of the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, crossing guards, parents and students as they begin this school year. We pray that everyone has a safe and productive school year. Please keep our children safe by slowing down in the school zones!*

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It’s time to **WECOME BACK** our Sunday School students. **Rally Day is Sunday, September 10th, 2017**. Please join us at 10:13 am in the sanctuary to kick off the year. Sunday School will go until 11am, and a potluck dinner will follow immediately after.

 It is going to be an exciting year for our Sunday School students as they continue their faith journey. With fun events like bowling, Easter Egg hunts, the Christmas program, pretzel making, and several fundraising events mixed in, it is going to be fun for the whole family.

 I look forward to seeing you on **September 10th**!

 Kelsie Smith

***\*\* Please fill out the following form for your son/daughter and bring it with you on Rally Day.  We will also be taking photos for the bulletin board so please make sure to be there.***

***Emergency Contact Form 2017-2018***

***STUDENT NAME:***

***First Last***

***ADDRESS:***

***Street Address City Zip***

***PARENT(S):***

***First Name(s) Last (If Different than student)***

***PHONE: Mom Dad***

***EMAIL: Mom Dad***

***STUDENT BIRTHDATE: GRADE IN SCHOOL***

***ALLERGIES:***

***EMERGENCY CONTACT:***

***This contact is someone rather than a parent (above) listed, please list name, relationship & phone number.***

***Name Relationship Phone #***

***I would like to contact everyone via email if possible for information regarding Emmanuel UCC Sunday School. If you are unable to receive information please contact to me as to how you would like to receive the information***

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ASAP to Kelsie at the church office or vial email to kelsann13@gmail.com***

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**DAUGHTERS OF SARAH**

**RESUMES ON**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH – 6:00PM**

**WITH A SANDWICH EXCHANGE**

**HOSTESS: Valeria Basler**

**Mission: Bring Peanut Butter for the Pantry**

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month from September-June at 6:00pm

Meetings are approximately 2 hours long.

We welcome any woman wishing to join.

**CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 – 6:30PM**

Contact Mary Dinkins if you are interested in joining the choir,

we would love to have you!

**YA YA’S & GENTLEMEN**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 – 11:30AM LUNCH AT PRIMO’S**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 – 6:30PM**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH – 6:00PM**

**CHIME CHOIR RESUMES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 – 5:30PM**

Contact Lisa Keuler if you are interested in joining. Anyone ages 10 and up is welcome to join. If you can count to ten you can play the chimes!

**OPERATION NOT ALONE**

Operation Not Alone is a non-profit organization. They strive to give our service men and women the utmost support and encouragement by sending very unique and heartwarming care packages to our nations bravest. All of their packages are put together with tremendous care and love. Every soldier will receive a handmade fleece blanket specific to his or her branch of service in the military, much needed supplies to use during deployment, and a slew of cards and letters from all types of community members. They guarantee that all of their packages are safe, clean and supportive. Their goal is to make sure that no one feels alone during the deployment and that each and every soldier comes home to warm and open arms. No soldier will be forgotten and our nations bravest will feel our continuous gratitude.

They are in need of supplies to help fill these care packages. We are collecting supplies for them in the bin located in the lower narthex. The following items are needed:

Baby Wipes Q-tips Gushers

Flaming Hot Cheetos Socks Nuts (all kinds)

Hand & foot Warmers Drink Mixes Sugar Packets

Dry Creamer for Coffee Granola Cliff Bars

Peanut Butter Games: Zelda etc.

Movies or Books – Sports Related

For more information visit [operationnotalone@gmail.com](mailto:operationnotalone@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!

***Your help is needed….***

***We enjoy seeing the sunshine whenever we can get it, and sometimes the blinds are opened in the lower narthex so we can enjoy that sunshine. The problem that we have is if we have the blinds open and they aren’t shut when the building is closed for the day the sun later in the day heats up the lower narthex and makes the air conditioning work that much harder. It is also important for security reasons to have the blinds closed. If you open the blinds to enjoy the sunshine, can you please close them before you leave? Also, if you enter a room and turn the light on, can you please turn it off when you leave? The Council members responsible for securing the building on Sunday mornings are not aware of where everyone has been in the building, so some lights get missed when they lock up. It would help us greatly if we can all work together to keep our building secure. Let’s close the blinds and turn off the lights! Thanks for your help!***

*****Thank you to* ***Sandra Golliher, Pastor Andi, Hannah Wolf, Leanne Monroe & Rene Rogers*** *for helping with Vacation Bible School at Wesley UMC. Thank you also to those who donated food items for the week. Thank you also to those parents and grandparents for bringing your children and grandchildren to Vacation Bible School. We had a great week!*

***Church Council Elections*** will be coming up in October. Please consider volunteering for a position on the council. The Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. (There is no meeting in July). A term on the council is two years, not to exceed three terms. If you have been considering sharing your time and talent with Emmanuel, this might be just what you are looking for! If you have any questions about being on the council, please contact one of the current Church Council members or the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

**Our current council members are:**

Judy Ambroso, Gail Hable, Gerry Keuler, Sandy Karns,

Peter Smith, Dan Rogers, Jim Schaick, Earl Dorst

Karen Chapin, Ron Golliher, Mark Thompson, Steve Fredrick

***Comfort Meals/Food for Emmanuel Members***

*This is another area where you can volunteer your time to Emmanuel. It is our wish to bring comfort meals to those recovering from an illness, accident, or surgery, or if there has been a death in the family, or a family bringing home a new baby.*

*Homemade meals or entire meals are not necessary. The meal or food item (fruit basket, etc.) could come from a grocery store deli, restaurant take out order, or even our very own Emmanuel food pantry. If you are hesitant to become involved because you’re unable to make deliveries, please be assured that someone else on the team would be happy to act as the delivery person.*

*If you feel a calling to serve Emmanuel in this capacity, contact Debra Kraemer at (920)410-5542 or by email at* [*dkraemer57@new.rr.com*](mailto:dkraemer57@new.rr.com)*.*

***Food Pantry Update…***

During the month of July we served 143 families. We served 263 adults and 178 children. Approximately 5720 pounds of food was distributed. Thank you for your continued support!

We continue to have a well run food pantry with the help of the following dedicated volunteers: **Gail & Meg Hable, Jim Harmon, Kathy Hable, Karen Chapin, Bev Fretchel, Ray Hitz, Jim Felda, Howard Gintner, Mike & Bonnie Green, Kelly Freiberg, Pat Fenrich, and Ron & Joan Gorchels.** Thank you for your help every week.

Thank you to **Our Sister Church, St. Paul, Rick Peppler & Pepsi, Mark & Susie’s Piggly Wiggly and Jay Koepke and Festival Foods** for your continued support.

***During the month of September, any non-perishable food donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!***

**HELP**

**STOP**

**Human Sex Trafficking**

All Saints and First English Lutheran churches of Oshkosh are co-sponsoring a fall event. Oshkosh, as the “Event City”, attracts sex trafficking. Here is an opportunity to learn more and to become part of the solution!

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS:**

**Educating the Community**

**FREE EVENT**

**Saturday, November 11, 2017 8:00am-Noon**

Learn the facts from 8 active organizations on

the front lines and what you can do to help.

**All Saints Lutheran Church**

**1072 Honey Creek Road, Oshkosh**

**(close to Oakwood Road & Highway 21)**

**Free, but Admission Ticket is needed to receive a**

**prepared Free Packet at the event.**

**Go to** [**www.Eventbrite.com**](http://www.Eventbrite.com)**:**

**11-11-17 Help Stop Human Sex Trafficking Oshkosh**

**Before November 5 to Register**

Thank you to **CORY SCHULTZ, KIM WINTER, MIKE WINER, ZACH WOLF, CINDI POMMERENING & JEFF POMMERENING** for running the projection system and videotaping the worship services.

Thank you to **JEFF POMMERENING** for leading worship while Pastor Andi was on vacation.

Thank you to **LISA SMITH & CORY SCHULTZ** for keeping our website up to date. Check it out at [www.emmanueloshkosh.org](http://www.emmanueloshkosh.org).

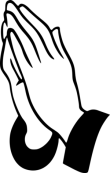
Thank you to **RAY HITZ** for repairing the stripping machine.

Thank you to **GAIL HABLE & PETER SMITH** for all of the time you have been spending at city hall working on the parking lot project.

Thank you to **LAURIE DORST & MEG HABLE** for helping with the Lamplighter.

Thank you to **CHRISTIANO’S** for hosting our fundraising night on Monday, May 22nd. We raised $300 toward our Campital Campaign! Thank you to everyone who participated. Watch upcoming Lamplighter’s and bulletins for further fundraising opportunities!

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| ***Help us help you!***  ***Please let us know if you are scheduled for an upcoming surgery or procedure, so Pastor Andi can visit you. Please call the church office 235-8340 or drop us an email at*** [***office@emmanueloshkosh.org***](mailto:office@emmanueloshkosh.org) ***with the information. Thank you!*** |

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***Please remember, prayer requests can be entered on our website at www.emmanueloshkosh.org.***

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 30, 2017**

Absent: Steve Fredrick, Jim Schaick, Pastor Andi

Meeting was called to order with at 10:21 am with 10 of 13 council members present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Parking lot repair has been in debate for over 3 years due to conflicting information from each visit at City Hall
2. Options:
   1. If we do the whole parking lot we will have to do a 4 foot fence or 8 inch curb plus the City requirements for bushes & trees
   2. If we do only 49% of parking lot we can do it without the City requirements for bushes & trees, fencing or curbing
   3. If we do the whole parking lot we will have to do a 4 foot fence or 8 inch curb we will also need cross access easement from neighbor lot which will be difficult to get
3. Discussion on:
   1. Lawyer to file the paperwork
   2. Bid from Fox Valley Asphalt for 8300 sq ft
   3. Bid from Griese
   4. Parking lot materials should be asphalt or cement
   5. Which of the 49% we were going to repair

**\*\*Motion made,** second, and carried to do on 49% of the parking lot at this time in cement.

B. Discussion on amending the wording of the motion from the wording for the re-affirmation vote during the special congregationalmeeting.

**\*\*Motion made,** second, and carried to correct the minutes from the special congregational meeting to state that the congregation approved up to $20,000.00 for the brick repair, with the funds coming from our Building Fund and $2,521.00 coming from the Memorial Fund.

\*\*Gail Habe made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 am; Second, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra S. Karns, Secretary

**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – August 8, 2017**

Opened with prayer by Pastor.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Approved the Secretary's Report as written for June, no meeting in July.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 30, 2017:** Parking Lot Repairs--Amending the wording of the motion from the wording for the re-affirmation vote during the special congregationalmeeting. Secretary's Report for Special Meeting was approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Therefore, Stock has a fair market value of $82,940.00 and $40.53 per share, down 0.13 from June. Bottom Line for June we had a negative cash flow of ($9,686.49) with a Year Net Cash Flow (deficit) of ($19,890.14); for July we had a negative cash flow of ($130.80) with a Year Net Cash Flow (deficit) of ($20,020.94). SCRIP commission income earned for the year to date has been $2,644.00 with an on hand inventory of $3,950.00 for July. Treasurer's Report was approved as read/written for June and July.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** A Building Fund Timeline of Repairs and will be located in the office

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Calendar--Aug 9 -18 Pastor on Vacation Nancy Taylor, Reanne Beebe and Deborah Bartelt are covering for pastor. September 10 Rally Day Potluck; September 13 Confirmation Class to begin for the 7th grade class; September 19 Community of Practice (in Green Bay) begins; October 31 Reformation Day marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenburg church.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Food Pantry June: 143 Families; 263 Adults; 178 Children with 5720 lbs of food distributed; asked to buy another freezer with the pantry funds, motion made, second, and carried to approve to purchase another freezer for the food pantry with the pantry funds.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION: About** 40 kids for Vacation Bible School this year; Kelsie Smith has agreed to be Superintendent again this year. BOCE meeting will be scheduled soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Driveway – have to get the city’s definition of the 49% of the parking lot; Scratching Doors – frame adjustments; Tuck pointing – quote discussion and we need a bid in writing.

Corrected the January 22 Annual Meeting to read "...to use $25,000 from the Undesignated Memorial Fund for 50% pave-over of the parking."

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.