



***September 20, 21 & 22, 2014***  
***15th Sunday After Pentecost***

***ME WITHOUT YOU:***  
***“PERMISSIVE”***  
***Fall Worship Series***

*Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church & School*  
*A Growth and Learning Center*  
*New London, WI*

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# Emanuel Information

## Service Times

- Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: 6:30 p.m.
- The radio broadcast airs at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning on WJMQ, 92.3 FM

## Each Sunday from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

- Sunday School (school classrooms)
- Bible Studies and Fellowship (narthex & various Emanuel rooms)

## Office Hours & Contact Information

- 200 E. Quincy Street, New London, WI 54961
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- Website: [www.emanuelnl.org](http://www.emanuelnl.org)

### Contact Information for the Executive Director

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, you can put a note in my mailbox in the narthex (located next to the confirmation picture boards), call me at 982-3943, or email [RYerkeyRet@Charter.Net](mailto:RYerkeyRet@Charter.Net)  
Richard Yerkey, Executive Director

## Pastoral Visits

If you, a friend, or a family member, are in need of a pastor visit, please call the Emanuel office at 982-5444 or email us at [eman@emanuelnl.org](mailto:eman@emanuelnl.org) and let us know about the situation. We are not always aware of those that may be in need of a visit, so your help would truly be appreciated. Thank you for helping us help others!

### Emergency Pastor for September 22 – September 28:

Pastor Heiges – 920-284-7044

# ME WITHOUT YOU: PERMISSIVE

## BELLS & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN..... *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd* – CW 508

**Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd,  
Children all are dear to you;  
May your loving arms enfold them  
In your care their whole life through.  
Gently tend and safely keep them  
In your mercy strong and true.**

**Tender Shepherd, never leave them,  
Never let them go astray;  
By your warning love directed,  
May they walk the narrow way.  
Thus direct them, thus defend them  
Lest they fall an easy prey.**

**By your holy Word instruct them;  
Fill their minds with heav'nly light.  
By your pow'rful grace convince them  
Always to approve what's right.  
Let them feel your yoke is easy;  
Let them find your burden light.**

**Taught to love the holy praises  
Which on earth your children sing,  
With their lips and hearts, sincerely,  
Glad thank off'rings may they bring,  
Then with all the saints in glory  
Join to praise their Lord and King.**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as God's children we know, we confess, we believe that God's Word is true.

**C: Why then, is it such a struggle to stand up for the truth of God's Word and live by that truth?**

M: The answer is found in our own sinful weakness. Fear, doubt, pride, and the desire for acceptance move us to compromise and disregard God's truth. Acknowledging our weakness and our guilt, we come before our heavenly Father with humble hearts and confess our sin.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN RESPONSE** ..... *Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul* – CW 238, vs. 1-3

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name  
Whose favors are divine.**

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness  
And without praises die.**

**'Tis he forgives my sins;  
'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses  
And makes me young again.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in your grace you have given us your holy Word.

**C:** **In your Word you make clear what is right, what is wrong, and the only answer to our sinful condition.**

**M:** Give us hearts that cherish your truth more and more,

**C:** **so that we are ready to face anger, rejection, even death, rather than compromise your Word in any way.**

**M:** We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

**C:** **and forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** (8:00 & 10:30)..... *The Lord is My Strength and My Song*  
Emanuel Lutheran Day-School Children

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON** ..... Hebrews 12:2-11 (p. 1193)  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Since the children have flesh and blood, [Jesus] too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Alleluia!

**O Lord, our God, your gracious hand  
Has crowned our lives with blessing;  
Your goodness has enriched our land  
With gifts for our possessing.  
Our homes, our food,  
And ev'ry good  
For earthly work and living,  
Abundant wealth  
And life and health  
Your faithful love is giving.**

**For ev'ry earthly grace and gift  
We thank you, dearest Father.  
Now teach us, Lord; our thoughts uplift  
That heav'nly fruit we gather.  
Our fathers knew  
And kept in view  
True wisdom's worth and pleasure;  
They prized as jewels  
Their Christian schools  
And left a lasting treasure.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise  
For blessings you have given;  
Be with us still in future days  
To guide our youth to heaven.  
Lord, grant that we  
May clearly see  
The worth of Christian training  
That youth may grow  
Your love to know,  
Eternal riches gaining.**

**Your Word alone, great God of pow'r,  
Can feed our soul and spirit.  
Christ's love gives strength for ev'ry hour  
Without our deeds or merit.  
Grant schools that teach  
And men who preach  
True Christian education.  
Let youth grow strong  
By Word and song  
In ev'ry land and nation.**

**SERMON** ..... 1 Samuel 2:12-26 (p. 263)

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**OFFERING** ..... The September WELS Connection will be shown  
*Please sign the Friendship Registers located at the end of the pew.*

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

##### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Bless our loved ones, Holy Father;  
Hear our anxious prayer;  
By your mercy keep them always  
In your care.**

**Jesus, Savior, let your presence  
Be their light and guide;  
Keep, oh, keep them in their weakness  
At your side.**

**When in sorrow, when in danger,  
When in loneliness,  
In your love look down and comfort  
Their distress.**

**May the joy of your salvation  
Be their strength and stay!  
May they love and may they praise you  
Day by day!**

**Holy Spirit, let your teaching  
Sanctify their life;  
Send your grace that they may conquer  
In the strife.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God forever true,  
Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them  
Close to you.**

## **CLOSING CONFESSION**

### **Who I Am IN CHRIST**

**All:** I know, believe and confess to you, Lord, who I am in Christ. I am a dearly loved child of God through faith in Jesus, my Savior. My sins are all washed away by the blood of Jesus.

I leave here today deeply loved, fully pleasing, totally forgiven, accepted, and complete in Christ. I have the mind of Christ. I have the peace of God guarding my heart and mind.

I have the same power God used to raise Jesus from the dead at work both in me and for me. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. I am more than a conqueror through Christ.

I intend to leave here today confident that I have God's love, joy, peace and power in Christ. I intend to live a life of faith among the people I live, work and play with.

I ask you, Lord, to use my words and actions to attract people to you. May they experience your love through me and who I am In Christ. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**Presiding Minister & Message:** Pastor Bill Heiges

**Organist:** Mrs. Heather Sulzle

# Fall Worship Series: "ME WITHOUT YOU"



The New Testament writers encourage us that everything that was written in the past was written for our benefit, "so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope" (Romans 15:4)

Our "back to school" series brings us face to face with the spiritual weaknesses that plagued the Bible's heroes and villains of old. What's amazing is how incredibly contemporary their stories are. As their stories speak to our story, our comfort is Jesus, who alone can rescue us from both the guilt and the tyranny of our sinful nature.

## September 28 "PARANOID"

Taking other's words and actions in the worst possible way coupled with a failure to trust God and his promises, sets the scene for irrational fear and suspicion in our lives. What burdens could be lifted if I simply put my trust in God and his promises.

Check out these Scripture passages: 1 John 4:18-21, John 20:19-23, and 1 Samuel 22:6-16.

## October 5 "BITTER"

We've all had someone do or say something to us that really hurt, and the more we think about them or what they did, the more bitter we become. What are the dangers of holding on to this bitterness?

Where do I find freedom from these ugly feelings?

Check out these Scripture passages: Acts 10:24-48, James 2:1-10, Luke 19:1-10 and Jonah 4.

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Last Weekend's Attendance: 823

Last Weekend's Guest Attendance: 54

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## **Large Print Hymnals**

**Large-print copies of the service are available for anyone in need – please ask an usher for a copy.**

### **Attention Hearing Impaired Members**

Special receivers are available to help you hear the service. Ask one of our ushers for a receiver and return it to an usher after the service.

### **Parent Room**

A parent's room is available for anyone with small children. There is a closed-circuit TV in the room to watch & listen to the service. An usher can assist you in locating this room, also called the "Bible Class Room".

### **Wheelchair Area**

For your convenience, there are two areas set aside to accommodate members with wheelchairs, walkers, or other special space needs. Ushers are available to assist you to the following locations:

- Halfway down the middle and side isles on the lectern side of church, there is a pew with wheelchair space on either end.
- In the right half of the front row, also on the lectern side, there is a larger area with wheelchair space.

## **This Week's Today's Light Bible Readings**

Week 87 (September 22 – September 27)

Monday .....	Romans 7:1 – 25
Tuesday .....	Romans 8:1 – 39
Wednesday.....	Romans 9:1 – 11:36
Thursday .....	Romans 12:1 – 21
Friday.....	Romans 13:1– 14:23
Saturday.....	Romans 15:1 – 16:27

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## **Prayer & Thanks**

### **Anniversaries**

Jerry & Joanne Kuppemus – 53 years

### **Baptism**

Michael Allen Koehler – after the 8:00 service

Bentley James Turner – after the 10:30 service

### **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast was sponsored in memory of Bob Cupp, Sr. by the family

## **This Week at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church & School**

### **Saturday –**

10:00 a.m. – B Team Volley Ball Tournament – School Gym

1:00 p.m. – Wedding – Kristina Conat & Jerry Samson – Ch. Proper

5:15 p.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

### **Sunday –**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

8:00 a.m. – All School Sings (Anderson – Hernke)

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – School Commons

9:15 a.m. – *“Prepared to Answer”* Bible Study – Church Proper

9:15 a.m. – *“Family Foundations”* Bible Study for Parents - Commons

10:30 a.m. – All School Sings (Hoewisch – Wulf)

6:00 p.m. – *“Financial Peace University”* Class – Community Room

6:00 p.m. – Bells Alive Practice – Church Proper

**Monday –**

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Residence Service – St. Joe’s Chapel

4:30 p.m. – Cross Country Meet AT Fox Valley Lutheran High School

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Fest Working/Planning Meeting – Comm. Rm

6:30 p.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

**Tuesday –**

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Emanuel Blood Drive – Church Narthex

4:00 p.m. – C Team Volley Ball Game AT St. Peter, Weyauwega

**Wednesday –**

12:00 p.m. – *“Lunch Break”* Bible Study

4:15 p.m. – Soccer Game AT Martin Luther, Neenah

5:30 p.m. – Public School Instruction – School Classrooms

7:00 p.m. – *“Life With God”* Bible Study – Community Room

**Thursday –**

6:30 a.m. – *“Breakfast Bible Class”* at Marly’s Restaurant

9:15 a.m. – *“Trinity Terrace Bible Study”* – at Trinity Terrace

4:15 p.m. – Volleyball A&B AT Riverview, Appleton

6:00 p.m. – Adult Handbell Practice – Church Proper

7:00 p.m. – Emanuel Prayer Evening – Community Room

**Friday –**

8:15 a.m. – JAM (Jesus And Me) Time – School Commons/Gym

**Saturday –**

Soccer Tournament – Fox Valley Lutheran High School

5:15 p.m. – Worship with Communion

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4:30 p.m. – Cross Country Meet AT Colburn Park, Green Bay

6:30 p.m. – Worship with Communion

# Announcements

## Good Samaritan Collection

There will be a Good Samaritan collection **THIS weekend, September 20-21-22**. Please donate personal care items this month; shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, etc. Please place your items on the tables in the narthex or bring them to the Emanuel office. Donation boxes will be placed by the exits.

## Harvest Fest Meeting

Anyone interested in helping with Harvest Fest 2014, is invited to a working/planning meeting that will be held **Monday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Community Room.

## Emanuel Blood Drive

Emanuel's next blood drive will be held on **Tuesday, September 23 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.** Sign up at Welcome Center, call Beth at 982-7544, or go to [www.save3lives.org](http://www.save3lives.org). Reminder: the blood drive is open to the public. Invite a friend or neighbor to save a life with you!

## Mixed Choir – the time has come

Choir begins this **Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m** in the School Music Room (Enter Door G by playground). See you there!

## 2014-15 Youth Groups Beginning!

It's fall and Emanuel's youth groups, S.O.A.R. (High School) and Crossroads (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), are ready to begin again. S.O.A.R. (High School) will start up this week on **Wednesday, September 24 at 8 PM** – *this is a **NEW TIME** for us*, but we will still be meeting in the youth rooms. Crossroads will start the following week at 7 PM also in the youth rooms. Both groups will be meeting each Wed. night unless it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month. Hope to see you there! If anyone has questions, or if any adults have an interest in serving in youth ministry here at Emanuel, please feel free to contact me at [jvandeguchte@emanuelnl.org](mailto:jvandeguchte@emanuelnl.org).

## **LUNCH BREAK BIBLE CLASS SERIES**

Starting Wednesday, October 15, we will start a course title, ***Biblical Apologetics for Real Life!*** The word *apologetics* means “a defense of.” This course will equip you with the best of modern research and science to answer with conviction any criticism people hurl at the Bible (and you). It is a 13 week course that begins with a 30 minute DVD. The Cost of the participant’s workbook is \$8.00. The deadline for signing up for this course will be Oct. 4. Lessons 1 and 2 will equip you to defend your faith, giving a reasoned and logical defense of Christianity. Other lessons will show how science and the world we live in all cry out for the existence of God. You can register on a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office at 982-5444.

## **Radio Broadcasts**

We still have many broadcast dates available starting with October 26, November 2, & 30, December 6, 21, 28 & 31. The cost to sponsor a radio broadcast for 2014 is \$132. You may call the Emanuel office at 982-5444 to schedule your broadcast.

## **Canning Jars Needed**

We are in need of quart jars, pint jars, jelly jars and rings for the Ladies’ Aid members that are doing canning for the Bazaar on October 5. If you have any jars and rings to donate, please drop them off at the Emanuel Office. Thank you.

## **Early Childhood Word Wall**

The early childhood room is learning their alphabet, and we are requesting your help once again! We will create word lists for each letter of the alphabet as we learn about it. You can contribute your words in the basket in the Narthex just like last year. This year we are comparing and contrasting our new list of words to the lists we made last year. We will see if they are longer, shorter, different words. . .! The children love seeing the words that you come up with. This week we will be looking for Bb. Thank you in advance for your help!



Sessions 1 & 2 Theme:

# God's Amazing Creation



Where? Emanuel  
Lutheran School  
Commons and Gym

## When?

Fridays 8:15am—9:15am

September 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24

November 7, 21

## Who?

Kids ages 0-5

Grown ups stay and  
play too!

Mrs. D will lead the  
fun!

## What?

Jesus Time  
Physical Activity  
Story Time  
Art Projects  
Small Motor Activities  
Singing

## **FVLHS Update**

*FoxFest* - FVL's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Strolling Auction – is scheduled for October 11. Tickets are now on sale by credit card through the FVL website (click on Quicklinks; Foxfest; Purchase Auction Tickets). Tickets are also available for purchase with cash or check at the FVL School Office. The theme this year is “A night in Hollywood.” You are not going to want to miss it! Five amazing food stations and many incredible items up for bid await you. Your attendance at this fun event supports the teen ministry at FVL and helps keep tuition costs low.

## **NBN Tryouts**

Nothin but Net (Booster Club for FVL Girls Basketball Program) is holding tryouts for the upcoming 2014-15 season. NBN is open to all girls from grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in attending Fox Valley Lutheran High School (whether enrolled in FVL Schools or a member of an FVL Federation church).

Tryouts are being held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend both days.

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts will be 1:00-2:30 pm; 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts will be 2:30-4:00 pm.

Contact David Schroeder at 920-284-4607 or nothin-but-net@new.rr.com with questions. More info on NBN can be found on the Youth Sports page on the FVL Schools website ([www.fvlschools.org](http://www.fvlschools.org))

## **Marriage Retreat**

Mark your calendar for the “*With this Ring*” marriage retreat. It will be held on February 27 – March 1, 2015 at the Olympia Resort & Spa in Oconomowoc, WI. Jay & Laura Laffoon will lead the “Ultimate Date Night Tour.” The retreat price is \$100.00 if you register by Monday, November 10. Go to [www.WithThisRingRetreat.com](http://www.WithThisRingRetreat.com) to register.

Check out their Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/withthisringretreat](http://www.facebook.com/withthisringretreat) and “Like” them to get the latest updates. The last day registrations will be accepted is Monday, February 16.

## **Northwestern Publishing House Fall Harvest Festival**

Drop in and save on inspirational books, devotions, décor and more at NPH Christian Books and Gifts on Friday and Saturday, October 3 & 4. Don't miss this two-day sale event and the fun fall activities for all ages! For details, email [events@nph.wels.net](mailto:events@nph.wels.net) or call 414-615-5700. NPH Christian Books & Gifts is located as 1250 North 113<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center or the Emanuel Office for a special fall discount.

### **Attendance & Offering Information**

<b>Attendance Last Week</b> .....	<b>823</b>
Average attendance since July 1 (11 weeks).....	730
<b>Offerings Last Week</b> .....	<b>\$ 18,692</b>
Average offerings since July 1 (11 weeks).....	\$ 20,281
Average amount needed weekly for budget .....	\$ 21,753

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## **Family Foundations Bible Study**

Join us each month in the School Commons for a parent's discussion about strategies for growing Christ-centered families. Refreshments and babysitting provided.

(9:15-10:15 am)

Sept 21	Family Dreams
Oct 19	Family Life
Nov 16	Family Faith
Jan 11	Family Love
Feb 08	Family Altar
Mar 08	Family Communication
Apr 19	Family Future

Lessons adapted from Ken Kremer's *From the Ground Up: A plan to build Your Christian Family*

## Up and Coming Bible Classes

### “The Roles of Men and Women”

The roles of men and women are found under three areas in the Bible. First there are the roles as they pertain to everyday life in our society. This would involve how we view each other at work and play. Secondly there is a biblical way that we are to view each other in our marriages. The third level of biblical relationships deals with our interaction with each other in the church. Because our society has strayed away from a biblical worldview these areas of relationship have become very misunderstood by both men and women today. Come and explore our roles on Tuesday evenings September 30 to October 21. Mr. Krause

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### **Emanuel's Growth Groups** *A place to connect*

#### **Growth Groups are coming**

Emanuel's Growth Groups are members that meet regularly, in a casual setting. This fall session will be ten weeks long starting with the week of October 5. Each group will meet six to seven times during the session.

The Growth Groups are designed to build friendships and bring people together to develop close spiritual relationships. The hoped outcome is that faith will grow and people will find meaningful and useful ways to serve their Lord and fellow man. Do you know five to nine people with whom you would like to share a faith enriching experience; then come to a informational-training meeting Wednesday, October 1 at 3:30 and 7:00 P.M.

# ***“Life With God”***

***Wednesday Evening Bible Class – Community Room***

***Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m.***

There is a hole inside every human heart that can only be filled by God. Most people know that God exists but that doesn't mean they “know” God. Our relationship with God is the most important relationship in our life. It is the *only* relationship that is eternal.

This 10 week course will not only help you discover what a relationship with God through Jesus looks like, it will also give you the basics of our Christian faith. It will share with you the chief beliefs of our Lutheran Church.

While this course is designed to be an introductory course for people who want to explore membership in our church, it also serves as a great review of Christian teachings for our members.

Invite your friends, relatives, coworkers and neighbors to this class and join them for a fun and fascinating walk through the Bible.

The class will be held on Wednesdays: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 12 & 19.

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## ***“Prepared to Answer”***

***Sunday Morning Bible Study***

***Sundays through November 16 – 9:15 a.m.***

You've heard the objections. These and many more! There are many paths to God. What kind of God demands worship? There are hypocrites in the church. Religion is a crutch for the weak. Where is God when I'm hurting? I want to feel good about myself. All the church cares about is money. Can a loving God send people to hell? Christianity is so anti-woman. I can't handle your outdated view of sex. How do I know I'm a Christian? I'll be rejected by family and friends.

You've heard the objections, but you don't feel prepared to answer them. What if, instead of racking our brains for just the right passages, we would begin instead with the right story? A story that sets the living Jesus before their eyes?

We might come away concluding, “All I really needed to know I learned in Sunday school.” This approach, called Bible Story Evangelism, might be just what we need, not just to set Jesus before those outside the church but also before those who are in danger of drifting away.

Can you tell the story of Peter’s denial? of the Emmaus disciples? of the weeds and the wheat? of Judas’ betrayal? of the woman at the well? of the woman who anointed Jesus with the expensive perfume? Then you’ve already got a vivid way to respond to six of the objections above. Even if you can match them up yourself, we encourage you to join us beginning Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 a.m. in the church proper. We’ll be looking at stories of Jesus and asking ourselves, “Who needs to hear this?”

We will be using the book “Prepared to Answer” for the Bible study. Emanuel will have several copies for you to borrow. If you would like your own copy for the Bible study, the cost is \$16.00 per book. *(For each week, there will be pages to read ahead of time.)*

***To sign up for the class or to purchase the book, please contact the Emanuel office or sign up in the Welcome Center.***

Wk 3– Sept 21: “The Visit of the Magi: What kind of God demands worship?”

Wk 4 – Sept 28: “The Birth of Jesus: Isn’t this all a myth, not history?”

***Read: Prepared to Answer, pages 26-32***

Wk 5 – Oct 12: “Gethsemane: Why doesn’t God answer my prayers?”

Wk 6 – Oct 19: “Peter Disowns Jesus: What if I want to feel good about myself?”

Wk 7 – Oct 26: “Jesus Before Pilate: What is truth?”

Wk 8 – Nov 2: “The Crucifixion: Where is God when I’m hurting?”

Wk 9 – Nov 9: “The Faith of the Canaanite Woman: Isn’t Christianity anti-woman?”

Wk 10 – Nov 16: “Jesus Appears to Thomas: Why can’t I just believe what I see?”

# Volunteer Schedules

## Communion Servers

**September 27-28-29:** (5:15) Lee Shaw, *vacant*; (8:00) Rich Platz, Skip Boese, Pete Krueger; (10:30) Bruce Davis, Dave Meyer; (6:30) Roger Mathison

## Greeters

**September 20-21-22:** (5:15) M/M Lee Shaw, M/M Dan Laird; (8:00) M/M Carlton Begrow, M/M Allen Diem, Judy Gorges; (10:30) John Meshke, Judith Meshke, M/M Arnie Heise; (6:30) Arlene Birkholz

**September 27-28-29:** (5:15) Joyce Hoffman, M/M John Truby; (8:00) Tammy Kent, Henrietta Kent, Joanne Finger; (10:30) Betty Drath, Ione Dorschner, Lucille Drath; (6:30) Janet Prey

## Sound-Booth

**September 20-21-22:** (5:15) Don Schmoll; (8:00) Micah Backus; (10:30) Ken Johnson; (6:30) Scarlett Polley

**September 27-28-29:** (5:15) Joe Dexter; (8:00) Micah Backus; (10:30) Ken Johnson; (6:30) Scarlett Polley

## Ushers

**The Month of September:** (5:15) Kenny Olson, Ron Reick; (8:00) Barry Hoewisch, Harry Blum, Jay Close, Danke/Krause/Ehlke; (10:30) Al Tank, Bob Danke, Scott Lenzner; (6:30) Mike Knapp, *volunteers needed*

## Welcome/Information Center

**September 20-21-22:** (5:15) Greg & Cherie Michaelson; (8:00) Ruth Littmann; (10:30) Cathy Volz; (6:30) Laureen Gagnow

**September 27-28-29:** (5:15) Mona Klug; (8:00) Judy Gorges; (10:30) Dick & Marlene Hoerning; (6:30) Bob & Bev Meyer

1. **Highs and Lows:** What was a high point from your life this past week? A low point?
2. This week, our church sermon series continues the theme, “Me Without You.” We are exploring how our relationship with the Lord empowers us to replace **permissiveness** with the virtue of **self-discipline**. What are some areas of life in which permissiveness (a lack of self-control) is destructive?
3. Long ago, a priest named Eli was permissive with his two sons, who were also clergy, yet lacked godly self-discipline. Skim **1 Samuel 2:12-26** for details about the situation. How did Eli fail? What appetites did Eli’s two sons indulge? How would your church be affected if these same behaviors were present today?
4. What happens when people in roles of responsibility (parents, teachers, policemen, judges) are overly permissive? In what areas of your life is it important to avoid permissiveness?
5. It appears that Eli’s sons failed to resist various appealing – but immoral – “opportunities” that existed around them and near them. Read **Mark 7:14-23**. How does Jesus’ teaching here help you understand the true root of permissiveness?
6. Humankind has always struggled with self-discipline. What emotion does the Lord encourage Cain to struggle against in **Genesis 4:1-8**? Over what areas of your own personality or behavior would you like greater control?
7. Why do you think self-control is so hard for people to practice consistently in all areas of their lives?
8. Jot down some thoughts about what the following Bible quotations have to say about self-discipline.
  - Matthew 26:36-44-
  - Ezekiel 36:26-27-
  - Romans 7:15-25-
9. According to **Romans 6:1-14**, how are Christian baptism and self-discipline related? If you are baptized, how can your own baptism be helpful as you grow in the area of self-discipline?

# Me Without YOU: Permissive

The Account of Eli – 1 Samuel 1-4

**Lord, Give Me the Ability to Discipline in an Undisciplined World  
And**

**Lord, Give Me the Ability to Disciple in an Undisciplined World**

## 1. Give me the right heart to discipline.

- a) J \_\_\_\_\_ discipline like Hannah received from Eli (1 Samuel 1:14).
- b) L \_\_\_\_\_ discipline like we receive from God (Hebrews 12:4-11).

## 2. Give me the right heart to discipline.

- a) J \_\_\_\_\_ my own hypocrisy (Matthew 7:3-5).
- b) F \_\_\_\_\_ my own hypocrisy (Colossians 1:22).
- c) C \_\_\_\_\_ my own hypocrisy (Philippians 4:13).

## 3. Give me the right truth to discipline.

- a. The right s \_\_\_\_\_ of right and wrong.
- b. The right d \_\_\_\_\_ of right and wrong.
  - i. Applying law and gospel to a “Hannah”
  - ii. Applying law and gospel to a “Hophni and Phineas”

## My next steps

- Read the account of Eli in 1 Samuel 1-4 as a review of this week’s message.
- Read 1 Samuel 18-26 in preparation for next week’s message about King Saul.
- Memorize Proverbs 10:17: “Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.”
- Pray for strength for self-discipline and for wisdom to discipline others.