



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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### Calendar

**Monday, October 30**  
10am VRQ Lunch

**Tuesday, October 31**  
1:45pm — Trunk or Treat  
2:00pm — Hardesty Bible Small Group

**Wednesday, November 1**  
8:10&10am — School Chapels (sanctuary)  
12-12:30pm — Noon Church Service  
1:30pm — Women's Bible Study (ch conf room)  
6:00pm — Handbells rehearsal (music room)  
6:45pm — Choir Rehearsal (music room)

**Thursday, November 2**  
6:30pm Parish Admin Meeting (Virtual)

**Friday, November 3**  
6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

**Saturday, November 4**  
7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Another Broken Café)

**Sunday, November 5**  
8:30 am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)  
9:45 am PreK-5th Sunday School (Sch rm 017)  
9:45 am Adult Bible Study Class (Fellowship Hall)  
9:45 am Confirmation Class (ch conf room)  
9:45 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Blended Service (Sanctuary)  
1pm-3pm — Food Pantry **CLOSED**  
5pm-7pm — HS Youth Group

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak*  
Director of Christian Education: *Alexi Lundquist*  
Principal: *Mark Edmiston*  
Early Childhood Director: *Christine Smith*  
Church Choir & Handbell Director: *A.L. Brown*  
Praise/Worship Music/Band Director: *Heather Meulenberg*  
Organist: *Lula Meulenberg*

### Today's Servers:

10:00 am  
Acolytes: Naomi Hines  
Communion: Vaughn Stinson & Bradley Hines  
Lectors: Wendy Hines  
Ushers: David Meyer & Lary Schulhof  
Elders: Susan Roby

**October Altar Guild**  
8:30 Amy Bair  
11:00 Margo Rabon & Sherry Rauschenplat

**October Offering Counters**  
Mike & Rojealous Rush

**Tech /Sound Crew**  
8:30 Heather Meulenberg/Peter Linton  
11:00 David Merhling/Bryce Gleason

### This Week's Celebrations!

**BIRTHDAYS**  
10/29: Richard Baldwin, Rachel Stackhouse; 10/30: Karl Koon  
11/01: Bergin Martin, CJ Reece, Carol Treadway  
11/02: Martha Price, Kathy Ridgeway; 11/03: Bill Parker  
> **This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+):**  
10/14 Bertha Mertens  
**ANNIVERSARIES: 11/05:** Jay & Kristy Barlow Capodiferro

### Last Service Attendance & Stats

**Last Week's On-Campus Attendance**  
Last Sunday 8:30 - 71 11:00 am - 70  
Wednesday Noon - 20 **TOTAL = 161**

### Last Sunday's Website & FaceBook Hits\*

Website — 28 FaceBook — 112 **TOTAL= 140**

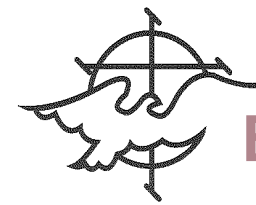
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### Last Open Food Pantry/VRQ data:

Sunday 10/15 served: 98 households; 374 individuals  
10/2023 Total served: 425 households; 846 individuals

### Last Week's Offerings

General Weekly Offering needed: \$12,817.31  
Last week General Offering received: \$ 8,815.80  
Building Funds Received: \$ 25.00



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 29, 2023

REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 Services

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*Our Vision: Fully Engaged—Biblically Passionate — Driven to Serve*



“Jesus Exposes the Truth”





## Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

9:00am Pre-K thru 5th Grade — Rm# 017

9:00am Confirmation Class — Conf. Rm

9:00am Adult Bible Study Class — Fellowship Hall

Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is OPEN Today



**Todays Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:**  
Kay Thorp in celebration of the Five Solas of the Reformation.  
Ed Schallhorn in memory of his loving wife, Elaine Schallhorn.

### *One Reformation Sunday Service*

10:00am Worship outline

**Call to Worship** “Be Still my Soul”  
Emmanuel Choir with Ruben Orengo, violin

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Opening Hymn** “Thy Strong Word” LSB 578, vv.1-3,5

#### INVOCATION

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**SONG OF PRAISE** “I Believe”

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**THE ORDER OF BAPTISM** [page 270]

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 14:6-7*

**EPISTLE** *Romans 3:19–28*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:31–36

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “A Mighty Fortress” LSB 657  
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**SERMON** “Jesus Exposes the Truth” John 8:31-36

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

#### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “A Mighty Fortress” arr. Kevin Lorenz;  
Kevin Lorenz, Classical Guitar; Ruben Orengo, violin

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

#### PAX DOMINI

#### AGNUS DEI

**DISTRIBUTION** “By Grace I’m Saved” LSB 566  
“O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB 617

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**CLOSING HYMN** “Firm Foundation”

Emmanuel Lutheran

# MEN'S BREAKFAST

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD

Meets 1st Saturday of each month 7:30am at:  
ANOTHER Broken Egg Cafe

Contact Scott Hausman for more info:  
(828) 450-9188  
scott.a.hausman@gmail.com

### ELS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE — 4th Grade Trip Fundraiser!



**Locally Made 24" Frasier Fir Wreaths**

Order forms available in the Narthex  
& via email from the Church Office.



**Orders due by November 27th!**

# ELS ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

Singing at 11:00 am service  
*Sunday, November 19th*

“WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD”

*Reformation Sunday!***EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH****October 29, 2023****22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost****10:00 am Service****PRELUDE***KEVIN LORENZ, CLASSICAL GUITAR; RUBEN ORENKO, VIOLIN***AS WE GATHER**

On this day when we observe and celebrate the Reformation, our Readings point us to remember the struggles and eventual insights of Martin Luther. God used these struggles and insights of one man in Germany to reshape the Church and let the true Gospel resound all over the world. Luther struggled as a young monk and professor because he had been taught that he, by his works of righteousness, might possibly then qualify to be loved by God. This teaching caused him nearly to despair entirely. But then he read Romans 3:23–24: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Struck by God’s Word here, Luther recognized that it is Christ’s work of righteousness—His dying and rising for sinners like Luther—that saves. Today is a celebration of what Christ has done for sinners like Luther and us.

**CALL TO WORSHIP “BE STILL MY SOUL”***Emmanuel Choir with Ruben Orenko, violin***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****OPENING HYMN “Thy Strong Word” LSB 578, vv.1-3,5**

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| <p>1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;<br/>At Thy speaking it was done.<br/>For created light we thank Thee,<br/>While Thine ordered seasons run.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p> <p>2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,<br/>Dark as night and deep as death,<br/>Broke the light of Thy salvation,<br/>Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p> | <p>3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;<br/>Bright with Thine own holiness,<br/>Glorious now, we press toward glory,<br/>And our lives our hopes confess.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p> <p>5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,<br/>Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,<br/>Throats that shout the hope that fills us,<br/>Mouths to speak Thy holy name.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>May the light which Thou dost send<br/>Fill our songs with alleluias,<br/>Alleluias without end!</p> |
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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26*

Pastor: By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

People: **God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

Pastor: Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

People: **The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.**

Pastor: As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

People: **reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

People: **and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

*A time of silence.*

People: **Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.**

Pastor: "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "I Believe"

(Verse 1)

I believe there is one salvation. One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption one confession. I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

(Verse 2)

I believe in the crucifixion. By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

(Chorus)

**All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

(Verse 3)

I believe in the hope of heaven. He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine. Ears have heard or eyes have seen

(Verse 4)

I believe that day is coming. He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning. See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

**(Chorus)**

**All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son**

**All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome**

**The King who was and is and evermore will be**

**In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

(Bridge)

No I'll never be ashamed. Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away. From the One who saved my life

(Repeat Bridge)

**(Chorus)**

**(Repeat Chorus)**

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## **SALUTATION**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life for ours on the cross that we now stand righteous before You by faith. Grant us to trust not in our own righteous actions but always in Jesus alone, that we may live now and forever in the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **THE ORDER OF BAPTISM** (page 270)

### **FIRST READING** *Revelation 14:6-7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**                    *Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being<sup>[a]</sup> will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector:            This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:            Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**            *John 8:31–36*

Pastor:            The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**People:            Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave<sup>[a]</sup> to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor:            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:            Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY**    **LSB 657**    **“A Mighty Fortress”**

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- 1    A mighty fortress is our God,  
       A trusty shield and weapon;  
       He helps us free from ev’ry need  
       That hath us now o’ertaken.  
       The old evil foe  
       Now means deadly woe;  
       Deep guile and great might  
       Are his dread arms in fight;  
       On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 Soon were our loss effected;  
 But for us fights the valiant One,  
 Whom God Himself elected.  
 Ask ye, Who is this?  
 Jesus Christ it is,  
 Of Sabaoth Lord,  
 And there's none other God;  
 He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
 All eager to devour us,  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
 They shall not overpow'r us.  
 This world's prince may still  
 Scowl fierce as he will,  
 He can harm us none.  
 He's judged; the deed is done;  
 One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain  
 Nor any thanks have for it;  
 He's by our side upon the plain  
 With His good gifts and Spirit.  
 And take they our life,  
 Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
 Though these all be gone,  
 Our vict'ry has been won;  
 The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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## **SERMON “Jesus Exposes the Truth”**

*John 8:31-36*

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13***

**People: 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.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY “A Mighty Fortress”**

*arr. Kevin Loren; Kevin Lorenz, Classical Guitar; Ruben Orengo, violin*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** You, O Lord, freely give us what we could never attain for ourselves—a right relationship with You through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We thank You for giving us the body of Christ to eat and the blood of Christ to drink, Your gift of grace that forgives our sins and joins us together as the Body of Christ.

**People:** **For all this it is our duty and delight to thank and praise, serve and obey You. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI LSB 434 (v.1) “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”**

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 566 “By Grace I’m Saved”**

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
 Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
 Was it because of your own merit  
 That Jesus died your soul to win?  
 No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
 That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
 As long as God is true, it stands.  
 What saints have penned by inspiration,  
 What in His Word our God commands,  
 Our faith in what our God has done  
 Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried,  
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
 For though I know my heart's condition,  
 I also know my Savior's voice.  
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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### LSB 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
 In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
 Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
 Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
 That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
 And Thy blood for us plead  
 In all trial, fear, and need:  
 O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
 Life to win for us in heaven.  
 No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
 May this feast thereof remind us!  
 O Lord, have mercy!

- Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
 That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
 All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 Peace with God once more is made:  
 O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
 That we follow Christ our Savior  
 And live together here in love and union  
 Nor despise this blest Communion!  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
 Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
 Days of peace and unity:  
 O Lord, have mercy!

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. You alone, O Lord, are righteous in all Your ways. We thank and praise You for the gift of Christ's perfect righteousness given to us in this Holy Sacrament. What we could never do for ourselves, You have done for us in Christ. Send us from this Table with renewed hearts, ready to serve our neighbors with the love You have first shown us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG** "Firm Foundation"

(Verse 1)

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He has said; to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

(Verse 2)

Fear not He is with us, O be not dismayed, for He is our God our Sustainer and Strength  
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand, upheld by His merciful almighty hand

**(CHORUS)**

**How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation  
And we will not be shaken. Jesus firm foundation**

(Verse 3)

The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord, will press on enduring the darkest of storm  
And though even hell should endeavor to shake  
He'll never no never no never forsake  
He'll never no never no never forsake

**(CHORUS)**

**How firm our foundation. How sure our salvation  
And we will not be shaken. Jesus firm foundation**

(Bridge 2x)

Age to age He stands faithful to the end  
All may fade away, but He will remain  
He will remain

**(CHORUS)**

(Tag)

Jesus, firm foundation, Jesus, firm foundation!

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**POSTLUDE**



# Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

## The Week of October 29, 2023

### HEALTH, HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS

These are people in need of prayers this week. Take them home. Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know the joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You."

(New or updated prayers are in **BOLD**)

- ◇ **Christi Lorenz** (K. Lorenz) **Christi suffered a bad fall recently & is recovering at home. Prayers are for quick recovery.**
- ◇ **Patti Reece** **Having back surgery on 11/22 at Pardee Hospital. A 4-6 week at home recovery. Prayers for rest & strong recovery.**
- Merdie Mullins & Family** (A.Bair's Father) **Amy's Father's Sister passed away on Friday, 10/20. Prayers of comfort & love for the family.**
- Bill Mullins** (A.Bair's Uncle) **Had surgery after recent stroke and is doing better. Prayers for continued healing & swift recovery.**
- ◇ **Stephanie Hanson** **She has some recent health concerns . Prayer are for good health, strength, and a peaceful mind.**
- ◇ **Doug Greene** Doug's brain tumor has spread, he has now been placed in palliative care; prayers are for God's comfort & peace.
- Kim Plemmons** (G.Bailey's Sister) **Having medical tests done next week at Wake Forest. Prayers of hope & God's covering.**
- ◇ **Katelyn Sullivan** **Struggling with living far from friends/church; prayers are that she will soon be able to move closer to home.**
- ◇ **Helen Cline** **Recently hospitalized for serious illness; now recovering at home—prayers for continued healing.**
- ◇ **Cynthia Cline** **Started chemo treatments; prayers for success and healing**

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS:

- ◇ Doug Greene Sam Leder (V.Stinson's cousin)
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- ◇ Emily Nieting Don Young (P/CJ Reece)
- ◇ Cynthia Cline Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend)
- ◇ Helen Cline Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family)
- ◇ Marjorie Locke Jenny Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)
- ◇ Ken Treadway Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)
- ◇ Mike Walker Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)
- ◇ Julia Kearley Min Soo Lee (E.Bailey's friend)
- ◇ C.J. Reece Janice (L.Giese's friend)
- ◇ Dale Wooten Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Jan Williams (C.Waites Mother) Bob Frey (D.Wooten's friend)
- Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend) Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend)

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS (cont'd.):

- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father) Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend)
- Virginia Lopez (E.Lopez's mother) Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend) Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Richard Brinkley (S.Pruett's friend) Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle)
- Drew Butterfield (J/H Hodge's friend) Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father) Kristen Kirby (S.Pruett's cousin)

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

- \* Adam Nieting & his wife Emily (Concordia Theological Seminary)

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

- \* Dot Fastenau \* Jean Metcalf \* Marilyn Saylor
- \* Teenie Smathers \* Marjorie Yelton \* Diana & Isabelle Hempel
- \* Bertha Mertens \* Helen Cline
- \* Marjorie Locke \* Ray & Glenda Bailey

#### Scripture and Prayer for Today:

*"Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

*Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine and doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits and enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper. Thank you Jesus, Amen.*

#### ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Member

Emmanuel is a praying community. We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. If you would like to put someone on the prayer list, we need the following information:

- Your name
- Name of person to be added, and their relation to you (friend, relative, etc.)
- Nature of prayer concern (healing, grief, birth, thanks, etc.)

Please be sure to secure the person's permission before submitting their name— and to update us on their progress.

**We want to share God's Answers!**

**Jesus Exposes the Truth**  
**John 8:31-36**  
**Reformation Day Observed**

*It is only through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ that we can be set free from \_\_\_\_\_, death, and the power of the Devil. But many are still \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth*

- I. People \_\_\_\_\_ Numb....
- A. As Jesus continues to bring God's Word concerning \_\_\_\_\_ and God's people, they begin to object
1. The faith of many within the crowd that day will only go so far and they begin to grow \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus reveals
  2. They are numb to being \_\_\_\_\_ to sin
- B. They were subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire yet claim "freedom" as Abraham's descendants
1. They believed \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't touch them
  2. Their tie to \_\_\_\_\_ was their guarantee, as much as an \_\_\_\_\_ was during the days of Luther
    - a. The chief driving force behind Luther's \_\_\_\_\_ was the Vatican's sale of indulgences to raise funds for the building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome
    - b. They were numb to the truth that the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is not a contribution, but eternal death and that apart from faith in Christ they were still lost

- II. Deny! \_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_!
- A. There is still a tendency to think that humanity is inherently \_\_\_\_\_
1. Many will try to refute that there is anything \_\_\_\_\_ with us
  2. Most wrong happens because of self \_\_\_\_\_ and self \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Never \_\_\_\_\_ that anything is \_\_\_\_\_
1. The idea of confession, or admission of wrong is seen as a \_\_\_\_\_, as recipe for disaster.
  2. Many live with the \_\_\_\_\_ of living the lie

- III. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth
- A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ - Let's just admit it
1. Be freed from keeping up \_\_\_\_\_
  2. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to behold and claim
- B. We have a righteousness bestowed on account of \_\_\_\_\_ on all who believe because we have a brother, a friend, a fellow Son - Jesus
1. The one who is \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, separated from God, tied up in guilt can find freedom in the Son through whom they can be made a fellow member in God's household and a joint-heir together with the Son who has set them \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Places where we do not have to win anything anymore is where we dare to be \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Through Christ we are \_\_\_\_\_ to be forgiven, \_\_\_\_\_ to be ourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ to be who we were created to be

*Our \_\_\_\_\_ is in Christ who enables us to live anew not out of fear or an attempt to keep up appearances, but out of a love for Him who first loved us. Our freedom is in Christ who would make the Reformation of the church ore than an \_\_\_\_\_ in 1517 that we remember. It is an ongoing reality for each of us today as we hear God's Word and abide in its truth, spoken in Christ, His Son, our Savior. Remaining in Him and His \_\_\_\_\_, you are free!*

