

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912 Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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<u>PRAYER:</u> Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 18; 368; 783; 413:5,6

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Ezekiel prophesies of how the Lord would shepherd His flock. He would feed them in good pastures. The Lord promises peace for His flock. He will seek the lost and then bind up the broken and strengthen the sick. The Lord is our Shepherd. We are the sheep of His fold!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-11

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We know His voice. We listen to His voice. He leads us in and out safely. He does not come to steal us away. He has come to give us abundant life. Why should we believe all this? "The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

THE SERMON: John 10:22-30

Theme: The Welcome Sound of a Familiar Voice

- I. "My Sheep Hear My Voice"
- II. "I Know Them"
- III. "I Give them Eternal Life"

Due to illness Pastor Barthels is reading a sermon previously preached on 4-21-13.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. A pot luck lunch is scheduled to follow after Bible class and the quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for 12:30. Sermon text: John 15:1-11.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday May 1: Pastor Barthels will be out of town attending a seminar.

<u>June 5th</u> Minnesota delegate conference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato.

<u>June 23-26, 2016</u>: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Preston Johnson, Melvin Eichstadt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes

Cleaning: Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 10 Worship – 28; Sunday School – 7

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 721.00	Prop. Iprv. Fund	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$17,320.00		
Received for Year:	\$14,297.00		

CLC NEWS: Pastor Moses Raghu (Chairman of Berea Ev. Lutheran Church in India) has been hospitalized with heart problems and has had three heart valves replaced. Pray for Moses' recovery and for his family during this difficult time. Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC, has called the Rev. David Pfeiffer, pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL. <> Missionary Matthew Ude has resigned from his call as foreign missionary to India and the African countries of Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Congo, and Zambia. He plans to serve until the end of 2016 as he is able.

Caring for God's Servants: One of the blessings that comes from the ascended Savior is the gift of teachers for our Immanuel campus. One gift (Prof. John Pfeiffer) is moving on even as another gift (Prof. Paul Naumann) is getting ready to move in. Providing housing is one way we care for these gifts to our fellowship. The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) has compiled a list of projects that need to be done while the professorage is vacant. We are looking for volunteer help immediately before or after the CLC Convention, or anytime in June and early July convenient for you. Projects include: installing new windows & siding, installing new carpeting/vinyl, installing a new kitchen, painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. If you are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/tiefels@hotmail.com).

<u>PFEIFFER RETIREMENT</u> - At Immanuel's graduation service on May 21, one of your former pastors, Professor John Pfeiffer, will be retiring from the full-time ministry after 49 years of service. The Pfeiffer children would like to collect stories and memories from his previous congregations about his time in your midst. Correspondence can be sent to Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer via email: revpfei@gmail.com or through postal mail to: The Pfeiffers / 4724 N. Wall St / Spokane, WA 99205

Retirement Gift: Professor John Pfeiffer has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. He served in the pastoral ministry from 1967 until November 1994 when he began his service at Immanuel. Prof. Pfeiffer's has taught at Immanuel for 21 years, 15 years of which he was also ILC President. His years of faithful service will be acknowledged during the ILC graduation festivities on May 20-21, 2016. As is our custom, Prof. Pfeiffer will be presented a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 21). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Pfeiffer Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat –in Pillager, MN, June 16-19 Singles, couples, and families in their 20s & 30s are welcome. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11) (if registered by June 5th, 2016). This year's theme is based on Ephesians 2:8-10. You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com.