

Emmanuel Reformed Church



“I am with you”

MATTHEW 28:20

“You are with me”

PSALM 23:4

Meeting God
in the Psalms

SUMMER 2023

Sunday, September 3, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

God Gathers Us

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

“10,000 Reasons”

Prayers of the People

“Hymn of Heaven”

God Speaks to Us

Prayers for Illumination

Psalm 139, “Opening to God”

Pastor Cody Raak

The Sacrament of Communion

All who believe in the Lord Jesus are welcome at his table of grace. When invited, come forward to receive the bread and the cup. Eat and drink, then return to your seats. If you are not able, trays will be brought to you.

“Lead Me to the Cross”

God Sends Us

*** “Doxology” (#625)**

*** Prayer for Blessing**

*** Benediction**

*** *We stand, as able, to worship our great God!***

Sunday, September 3, 2023

9AM	Praise	Team	practice
10AM	Worship Service with Communion		

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

5-7PM	Church	Office	Open
6:50PM	AWANA @Springfield	Community Bible	Church (gr K-6)
7PM	LIT @Parsonage (gr 9-12); CREW @ERC (gr 7-8)		

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9AM	Sunday	School	Fall	Kick-Off
10AM	Worship Service "All Authority"			

***The church office will be open WEDNESDAY this week from 5-7PM.**

Discipleship

Sunday School — we meet together at 9:00AM, before the worship service, in the church basement!

Music — Krystal Williams, Linda Tjeerdsma, Jill Tolsma

PreK-Kindergarten — Hillary Tjeerdsma

1st-3rd — Amy Vanderlei

4th-5th — Pastor Cody

Jr. High+ — Matt DenHerder, Connie Tjeerdsma

Adults (New!) — Mel & Danielle Wallinga (see below)

Youth Room Wish List — The students of the LIT youth group express our overflowing thanks to those of you who have purchased from our Amazon wishlist and contributed to our new space and our gatherings. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in the new year!

If you'd like to help equip our space for ministry, search the Amazon gift list "LIT" to view our ideas.

The logo for RightNow Media, featuring the word "rightnow" in a lowercase, sans-serif font and "MEDIA" in an uppercase, sans-serif font, both in white, set against a solid orange rectangular background.

RightNow Media is like a Netflix for Bible studies, offering thousands of video series taught by Christian pastors, teachers, and writers. We've subscribed to this service for our members. To create your free account and get started, use the QR code here, or text EmmanuelRC to 49775. Or, go to www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/EmmanuelReformedChurch.



Mission

The BH Food Pantry asks for the following: gravies, shampoos, soups, cereals, canned or dried fruit, canned vegetables, taco fixings. As always, any and all donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry is seeing an increase in the number of folks visiting the pantry!

Bon Homme County Food Pantry

105 E 17th Ave
Tyndall, SD 57066

Open Wednesdays 8-12PM
(2nd Wednesdays open 2-6PM)

Our Mission Partners

Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield SD
Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY
Bon Homme & Avon Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Dakota Senior Meals
Northwestern College, Orange City, IA
Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD
Words of Hope

The Mission Team and Deacons are reviewing our support of mission partners, and looking to increase our participation in local mission efforts. If you have any input or ideas, please contact the deacons or Beth Namminga!

Prayer

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

As you pray your delight in God and your trust in his care, ask him: Who needs to hear about God’s goodness and holiness today?

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Prayerfully talk with God about what you know about his kingdom. What is his kingdom? What is it like? How does it feel to live in it?

Give us today our daily bread.

Jesus teaches us to pray for our physical needs. Pray for those who need healing, friendship, or material help. Lift up your own needs.

Jesus also quotes Deuteronomy 8:3, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Who do you know who needs to be sustained by the word of God? How can you encourage them with his words of life?

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

We don’t practice confession the same way our Catholic brothers and sisters do, but James does write “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another” (James 5:16). Find a **trusted, loving, wise** believer and share with them a sin you’ve struggled against or hid. Ask them to remind you of God’s forgiveness (read Ephesians 2:4-8, for example), and pray together for God’s mercy and strength.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Worship God with wonder! Move from prayer to proclamation, sharing with someone you know how God has been good to you.

Honor Marriage, Honor Singleness

— Matthew 19:3-12 —

This encounter is adversarial and controversial — on purpose. The Pharisees try to catch Jesus in his interpretation of the law concerning divorce. Jesus, instead, addresses the condition of their hearts, and the good intent of God his Father. Jesus doesn't focus on the qualifications or permissions for divorce; he upholds God's original design for marriage: a man and a woman are made one by God. "What God has joined together, let not man separate" (v.6).

Jesus acknowledges that divorce happens "because of your hardness of heart" (v.8), and that it is warranted in cases of sexual immorality (v.9). But he insists that marriage is God's idea.

Jesus tells his disciples afterward that singleness is also God's idea. Verse 12 is a little opaque; "eunuch" isn't a modern category of persons, and the idea of forcing a person into singleness or sexlessness, usually as part of slavery, is shocking and condemnable today. If we look through this, the point here is that Jesus invites individuals to embrace singleness "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (v.12b). ***Marriage and singleness alike are both gifts from God*** (see 1 Corinthians 7:7).

If you are married:

Pray for your spouse this week. If you do this regularly already, engage it more intentionally. If it is challenging to go to God with or for your spouse, begin gently. Thank God for your spouse, for giving him or her to you for your good. Ask God for greater love for your spouse, for greater selflessness and service. Continue to pray this.

If you are single, or widow(er)ed:

Pray about the life and opportunities that God has given you in your life. Pray for your friends and relatives, and ask God how he wants you to love and care for them. Seek God's kingdom and its joy!

Read: Hebrews 13:4; Malachi 2:13-17; 1 Corinthians 7:1-11, 25-40

Emmanuel's Mission

“To serve God and share the message of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Emmanuel Staff

Pastor: Cody Raak (464-4952)
Office Manager: Tanya Krueger (830-2734)

Emmanuel Consistory

Elders

Beth Namminga (*Mission*)

Bryan Nagel (*Worship*)

Lawrence Namminga, Jr. (*Clerk*)

Connie Tjeerdsma (*Hospitality*)

Claudette Heusinkveld

Ginger Pudwill

Deacons

Amy Cooper

Craig Vanderlei (*Treasurer*)

Tom Kolecka

Jeremy Krueger (*Deacon's Secretary*)

Brenda Pudwill

Blane Nagel

Emmanuel Reformed Church

1112 College Street | PO Box 525

Springfield, SD 57062

(605) 369-5596

erchurch@gwtc.net

www.emmanuelreformed.com

www.youtube.com/@emmanuelreformedchurch2022

www.facebook.com/springfield