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May 26, 2024

Worship

Prelude: "So Will I (100 Billion X)" - Hillsong Worship Video

God Gathers Us

Call to Worship - Psalm 8

"Glorify Thy Name" (#29, v.1)

"How Majestic Is Your Name" (#30)

"Great Is the Lord" (#31)

Prayers of the People

God Speaks to Us

Children's Sermon

"Join with All Nature": Worshiping the Creator

Pastor Cody Raak

God Sends Us

*** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (#64)**

*** "Doxology" (#625)**

*** Benediction**

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

This Week at ERC

Sunday, May 26, 2024

- 10a** Worship: "Join with All Nature"
- Afternoon:** VBS decorating! All helpers welcome!
- 7p** Praise Team Practice

Monday - Friday, May 27-31

- 5:30p** VBS meal is served downstairs
- 6p** VBS opening (sanctuary)
- 8:10-8:30p** VBS closing (sanctuary)

Thursday, May 30, 2024

- 3-5p** Church Office Open
- The church office will be open THURSDAY this week from 3-5p.*
- Bulletin information can be called, texted, or emailed*
- to Gwynevere DenHerder or Pastor Cody by Wednesday.*
- 605-464-7764 erchurch@gwtc.net

Sunday, June 2, 2024

- 9a** Praise Team Practice
- 10a** Worship: pulpit supply by David Carhart
- Communion

Recent Offering Totals

04/28/2024	\$1,870.00
05/05/2024	\$4,356.00
05/12/2024	\$2,628.00
05/19/2024	\$1775.00

Spiritual Disciplines

Responding to God's Invitation

DISCIPLINE: WORSHIP

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”

— John 4:23 —

God desires worship from you. He is seeking people to worship him “in spirit and truth.” God made you for worship, to reflect his glory in adoration.

Paul sees creation itself as a grand invitation to know God and respond to his reality in worship:

“But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being.”

— Romans 1:19-20, *the Message* —

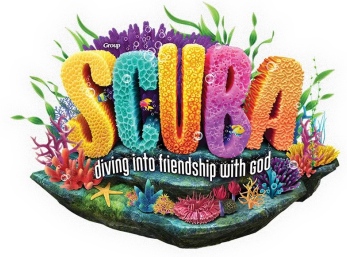
This week, try “taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created.” Allow your senses to feast on God's handiwork:

- Gaze in awe at a field growing green, or at a bird taking flight, or at a sunset draping the sky. Look until your heart recognizes God's care and feels wonder and gratitude.
- Pay attention to the sounds of nature, especially the birds' songs. What worship do they raise to God for his care for them (Luke 12:24)?
- Eat a ripe, fresh strawberry. Taste it slowly, savoring it. Praise God for growing such foods to nourish our bodies, and for making them so extravagant and special!

Worship can happen anywhere, in many, many ways. Worship is when your heart responds to the greatness of God by drawing close to him. Practice worship intentionally.

VBS Is This Week!

May 27-31



Staff Shirts are Ready! - Pick up your labeled shirt by the VBS desk.

Decorating the church — We need help THIS AFTERNOON transforming our church into an underwater adventure for the kids this week, to help immerse them in friendship with God. Thank you!

There's still room for more! — We have over 80 kids signed up, and there's room for more! Even if you can only make it one or two nights, please come! You can register in person beginning at 5:15 Monday evening, or online at www.emmanuelreformed.com/vbs.

Nightly Schedule — Each night will follow the same basic schedule (except Friday night, which is our program!)

5:30p - A meal is served downstairs before VBS.

6p - VBS openings in the sanctuary. After opening, groups go to stations in the church and parsonage basement.

8:10p - VBS closing in the sanctuary — parents welcome! Everyone is dismissed at 8:30p!

Friday night's program will start at 7:30p in the sanctuary, with an Ice Cream Social to follow!

VBS Offerings — Offerings this year will contribute toward 3 different local missions: a Guardian Angel sponsorship for the River City Domestic Violence Shelter; the newly formed Bon Homme County Child Protection Team (read more on the handout at the VBS desk); and toward medical expenses for preemie baby Maddox Tjeerdsma.

Emmanuel's Mission

"To serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Staff

Pastor: Cody Raak (464-4952)

Custodian, Secretary: Gwynevere DenHerder (464-7764)

Consistory

Elders

Lawrence Namminga, Jr. - *Clerk**

Connie Tjeerdsma

Claudette Heusinkveld

Ginger Pudwill

Mel Wallinga - *VP**

Matt Den Herder

Deacons

Tom Kolecka

Jeremy Krueger - *Deacon's Secretary**

Brenda Pudwill - *Treasurer**

Blane Nagel - *Deacons' Chair**

Tom Pier

Jeremy Bertrand

** Admin team: The consistory officers oversee church personnel.*

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