

Pastor's COLUMN



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

and Bible Class

7 – Worship Service – 9:30am

Bible Classes – 10:45am

14 – Worship Service – 9:30am

Bible Class – 10:45am

21 – Worship Service – 7:00pm

Bible Classes – 10:45am

28 – Worship Service – 9:30am

Bible Classes – 10:45am

*Services can be watched
on Emmanuel's Facebook page
on our website www.elcknippa.org*

A Christian was at the gallows to be hung for not professing faith in the Emperor as a god.

As the noose was being placed around his neck he was asked by the pagan priest if he had any last words. The condemned prisoner shouted as loud as he could, "He is Risen!"

Then those gathered around the gallows heard the shouted response from the woods surrounding the execution site, "He is Risen indeed!"

How does one remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ in times of difficulty and persecution?

I don't think one remains faithful due to something we've learned about Jesus Christ.

Our faith is strengthened by knowing our Lord; that is to say by experiencing the transformative power of Christ.

Do you remember Thomas?

He missed the first resurrected appearance of Jesus. We don't know why. Perhaps he was the only one brave enough to venture out into the streets of Jerusalem.

Thomas, when advised of the appearance of the Risen Lord, states unless I see and touch the wounds I will not believe.

Yet when Jesus appears for the second time and Thomas is present, it was simply the presence of the Risen Lord that transforms Thomas, just being present with Jesus.

Thomas doesn't have to put his finger in the wounds. Simply the presence of Jesus, His words, His touch, His compassion, and His grace, transforms a doubter into a believer.

May we all experience that type of transformation experience with Jesus during the Easter season.

Peace, Pastor Nathan



*Church Council members
met on Sunday, March 10*

Short Summary:

Fence will be put up around property that the church bought from Elbert Reed after old fence has been removed.

Church website needs to be updated or changed.

Cemetery Maintenance Fund will be set up to be used for upkeep of the Knippa Cemetery.



Hosted by Knippa Volunteer Fire Department

Date: April 20th

Time: 6:00am to 10:00am

**Place: Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall**

Cost: \$10.00 per plate

Breakfast includes 2 pancakes, eggs,
choice of sausage or bacon, and coffee or juice

Come and support our local fire fighters.



Cemetery Fund in memory of Travis Muecke

by: Vangie Kramer, M/M Jimmy Smith

Cemetery Fund in memory of Wesley Kramer

by: Erline Braesicke

Cemetery Improvement Fund in memory of

Wesley Kramer by: M/M Raymond Schwarzlose,

M/M Gabriel Fuentes, M/M Eric Ede

Memorial Fund in memory of Travis Muecke

by: M/M Jimmy Smith

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS

Six Women of the Church met on March 20th to discuss future activities.

We reviewed the signup sheet for the Pancake Breakfast that will follow our Easter Sunrise service.

We also reviewed the prayer concern list. We removed those who are doing well and added those needing additional prayers.

Under old business we talked about the Knippa Volunteer Firemen's Pancake Breakfast to be held on April 20 at Emmanuel Lutheran. We voted to provide plates, napkins, coffee cups and a pot of coffee for this event. We will also decorate the tables with our Americana theme.

We talked about having a trial lunch featuring sausage. This will take place on Sunday, May 5 after church. Church members will furnish side dishes and desserts. More details later.

Our Spaghetti meal honoring the Knippa Seniors will be held at lunch on Friday, May 10. There will be a signup sheet for volunteers who can help and provide desserts. Save the date and be ready to volunteer to honor these young people in our community.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Your help on any and all of these projects is appreciated.



Members met on Sunday, March 24 for their first meeting. They looked over and discussed some of the LCMC guidelines for process of looking for a new pastor. Next meeting is Sunday, April 7 at 4:00pm



Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of **Susan Gilpin Tuttas** who passed away on Friday, March 17. She is survived by her husband, Tom; mother, Ruth Singleton; sisters, Ann Pinther, Jody Richards and Jennifer Gilpin.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of **Wesley Marvin Kramer** who passed away on Tuesday, March 26. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Sparks Kramer; brother, Bobby Kramer and wife, Linda; three daughters, Charla Garcia and husband, Robert, Misti Fuentes and husband, Gabriel, and Amy Kramer; five grandchildren, Megan Fuentes, Hayden Fuentes, Bailey Guerrero and husband, Edward, Hannah McFarlen and husband, Leelynn, and Christian May; one great-grandchild, Kessler McFarlen; two nephews, Leslie Kramer and Robert Kramer; and one niece, Cheryl Watts, and their families.

May God comfort their families and friends.



- 1 – Kelsey Ede
- 8 – Janet Davis
- 8 – Jesse & Kristin Adams
- 10 – Katie Fisher
- 20 – Jovoni & Autumn Guerrero
- 25 – Mike Jett
- 27 – Hedwig Hardie
- 28 – Andy Kline
- 29 – Mary Ramirez



Sunday, April 7 –

Call Committee Meeting – 4:00pm

Sunday, April 14 –

Church Council Meeting – 10:45am

Wednesday, April 17

Women of the Church Meeting – 11:30am

Saturday, April 20 –

Pancake Breakfast

hosted by the

Knippa Volunteer Fire Department

6:00am to 10:00am

Tuesday, April 23 –

Articles/Information for May Newsletter due

Wednesday Activity Night

resumes on **Wednesday,**

April 3 – 6:30pm

Bell Choir Practice
resumes on **Wednesday,**

April 17 – 5:45pm

Women's Bible Study –

Wednesdays at 12 noon

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Men's Bible Study –

Thursday mornings at 7:00am

