

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## FROM THE PASTOR The Pastor's Pastor

Six years ago, Michael and I visited Wittenberg, the city of the Reformation, while in Germany to reconnect with my family. I loved being in that historic place and could have lingered especially in the two famous local churches as well as Luther's home. I took tons of pictures and touched as many items as possible (even forbidden ones, yikes!). But, I knew I had to make sure there was enough time to go through the *Bugenhagen House* as Michael had spent many years researching the life, ministry and theology of *Johannes Bugenhagen* who, among many accomplishments and blessings, had the honor (or was it the scary task?) to serve as Martin Luther's pastor and confessor when he was the resident clergy person of St. Mary's, the City Church of Wittenberg.

North Iowans of German descent ought to take particular note of Pastor Bugenhagen for you (we!) share a common background; he was from Pomerania and perhaps had more widespread influence on the lives of our ancestors than anyone else. His heritage got him the nickname "Pomeranus"- or "Dr. Pomeranus" as Luther preferred.

Bugenhagen was born in Wollin, Pomerania in 1485 and matriculated at the University of



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## August 2017

Greifswald to study classics and eventually became Rector of the Latin school in Treptow. He was ordained a priest in 1509. In 1520, he read one of Luther's writings and decided that Luther was a heretic. So, he read the document again, changed his mind, contacted Luther and started a vigorous correspondence with him. Three years later, when the Pope excommunicated Luther, Bugenhagen left Treptow for Wittenberg, studied theology and became Pastor of the Wittenberg City Church where he served until his death. He was the first of all reformers to marry and eventually officiated at the wedding of Martin and



### **The Bugenhagen House in Wittenberg, Germany.**

*For 500 years, until the end of the 20th century, Bugenhagen House served as a parsonage and meeting place for the Protestant town church congregation, and at the same time as the seat of the Superintendency. Continuing its traditional functions and use, today the building still serves as a community and meeting center for the Protestant town church congregation and their guests. It is used for conferences, training courses and religious or cultural events.*



*Johannes Bugenhagen*

Katie Luther – and rigorously publicly defended Luther’s decision to wed - baptized their children. Years later, Bugenhagen presided at Luther’s funeral, preaching with tears streaming down his face. He extolled God for the

extraordinary gifts He had showered on the Church through Luther and prayed for the preservation of the work that had just begun. He seemed to have little idea of how much his own work was an answer to that prayer of preserving the Reformation.

History sees Bugenhagen’s lasting contribution in the way he applied Luther’s theology as an administrator in northern Germany and Scandinavia. He developed so-called ‘Kirchenordnungen’ (church orders) and tried to balance the theological directives of the Reformation with the practices of pastors and congregations. Such often took him out of Wittenberg and Luther complained more than once that he had to fill in for Bugenhagen! Both, Luther and Bugenhagen, preach at the same church and in a sense shared the preaching office, even though Luther served as professor and teacher at the time. Bugenhagen was known for having particularly long sermons, many lasting up to three hours. I am still wondering how these two preachers worked their schedule for it is well known that Luther himself preached up to 70 times per year.... obviously, folks went to church more often than today ☺

Some of the practical questions Bugenhagen sought to address in his efforts to let the faith be lived out in the community, for example, sounded like this: who should receive Holy Communion when and how; when should the Sacrament be

denied and how would it be prepared. Bugenhagen translated Luther’s Bible into Low German to make it even more accessible and created a harmony of the Passion Narrative for the devotional life of simple folks (that Narrative is used to this very day and yours truly has used it, albeit in English). While he fervently agreed with preaching in the vernacular he loved the singing of Latin songs and encouraged the youth to study them.

Bugenhagen also emphasized the importance of the church in society. Education was important to him as it was for his mentor, Luther. Likewise, he preached the care for the poor and sick and proper interaction with government officials.

After Luther’s death Bugenhagen became rather marginalized. He died in 1558 and is buried under the altar at the Wittenberg City Church where he had served so long and faithfully.

It is a good reminder that Martin Luther whom we surely perceive as the ‘go-to-person’ in all things theology, saw and knew the importance of having a pastor in whom he could confide; who would either encourage and support or admonish and re-direct him. Luther evidently saw value in being able ‘to let his hair down’ and felt safe doing so. Bugenhagen’s pastoral love and care for Luther and his family serves as a glorious example that pastors are not lone rangers but redeemed sinners with problems, needs, desires, hopes and disappointments ...and require a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on. Martin and Johannes already lived it 500 years ago.

Pastor Z+



## PASTORAL ACTS



**We welcome into the family of God's children and our faith community,** Brock Brandon Trenhaile and Raedyn Michelle

Dalluge who were baptized on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Brock is the son of Brandon and Jamie Trenhaile and his baptismal sponsors are Carrissa Trenhaile, Amy Edwards and Jacob Hyde. Damon Dalluge and Krissi Blodgett are the parents of Raedyn. Her godparents are Jacob Dalluge, Cierra Dalluge, Roger Brownfield and Katlyn Merten. We pray blessings and peace upon the families of Brock and Raedyn and rejoice in God calling these precious children by name and making them His own.



**Congratulations to Marissa Hulshizer and Taner McClure** who were united in marriage on June 17<sup>th</sup> here at

Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Richest blessings and delight to you, Mr. and Mrs. McClure!



**We express our sympathy to the family of Suzanne Stephanie White** who passed away on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in St. Ansgar, two days

before her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Suzie's Memorial Service was conducted by Pastor Zamzow on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Schroeder and Sites Funeral Home in Northwood. May God comfort all who mourn Suzie's death.

## STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Following Christmas a few years ago there was a cartoon in the *New Yorker* magazine that pictured a well-to-do businessman leaning back at his desk with his hands resting on his head and a broad smile on his face. The caption read, "During the holiday season, Mr. Arthur Jefferson takes a little time out of each day to think of those who are less fortunate."

Are we like this? Do we look at the enormity of the problem and ask ourselves, "What could I possibly do about world poverty (or any other overwhelm-

ing problem we are facing right now)?" We convince ourselves that even winning the lottery and giving it away would hardly be a drop in the bucket compared to the magnitude of the problem. Sure, that is not entirely untrue – but it also is not entirely correct. Can you or I single-handedly solve these huge issues we are facing? No. But we can do "something." Each one of us has to do what we can with what we have. Whether it is supporting a mission fund, or volunteering at a soup kitchen, or assisting with any of dozens of other programs, including those within our own church community, we can help alleviate the problem in some way, great or small. The trick is to 'get going'. Standing in front of a challenge and deciding that we will not be able to overcome it, paralyzes our thoughts and actions. It is not any different than staring at 10 loads of laundry or a garden full of weeds: you don't start and eventually you will not have any clean clothes to wear and the weeds will choke out the bean plants. Therefore, we start up the washing machine and get out the garden hoe.

It is not any different with our time or funds toward the large concerns of humanity. Get started. Do something. Don't just sit there making excuses. And yes, just like there are other household chores besides doing laundry and weeding the garden, so there are plenty of 'issues' right in front of our noses. And some of them will be very important and necessary and need our attention and effort. But: just like we do not stop taking out the garbage or cook supper because we need to do the laundry and weed the garden, so there is no reason – really!! – not to respond to calls for help that draw us outside our four walls. We indeed

cannot do it all and nobody, including God I venture to say, expects us to do it all. But we can do something.... our share.



PZ+



## THANK YOU STEWARDS

A very special 'thank-you' to our Evangelism Committee (and their spouses!) for sponsoring another great Movie Night on June 10th! It was a fun time for all who attended. Special thanks to Ramie and Sara Kuntz and Merlin Bartz. Watch for the next movie night in August!

**... to all who helped with Vacation Bible School!**

**...to Mark Borchardt and Merlin Bartz for leading us in worship while Pastor Z was on vacation.** Your service to the Lord is well appreciated.

**...to those who shared flowers with us during June...**Sue Walk in memory of her mother, Marcella Walk, on her 100th birthday anniversary on June 14th; and the Altar flowers from the wedding of Marissa Hulshizer and Taner McClure. They added extra beauty to our worship service.

**...to everyone who was involved in the Public Bible Reading** held on the lawn of the Worth County Courthouse from July 1-3. Those who participated were: Clarice Bartz, Merlin Bartz, Barb Backhaus, Liz Backhaus, and Linda Koschmeder.

**...to Neil and Alex Hackbart** for removing the broken basketball hoop from the parsonage. It was much appreciated!

**...to our June Hospitality Team** – Larry & Carol Dalluge, Dean & Mardine Meyer, Duane & Patty Rustad, Janis Hackenmiller, Bill & Tammy Borchardt, Jane Dalluge, Ken & Linda Kroneman, Renae Kroneman, Alan & Mavis Stevens, Sam Walk, Marsha Pettey, Julie Schulz, Janice Nelson

**...to our July Hospitality Team** – Lisa & Merlin Bartz, Ryan & Ashley Trousdale, Jane Buechele, Marcy Hyde, Betty & Gene Rosenberg, Laurie Nack Bublitz, Dick & Ruth Neeley, Donna & Chuck Schilling, Crystal Braun, Connie Bruesewitz, Brett & Alex Trenhaile, Ardis Hanson



September 6<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Confirmation Class

September 7<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Adult Bible Study

September 24<sup>th</sup> - Pastor's Ordination Anniversary

October 29<sup>th</sup> - Pan-Lutheran 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Celebration

November 12<sup>th</sup> - Mission Fest Sunday

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Live Nativity

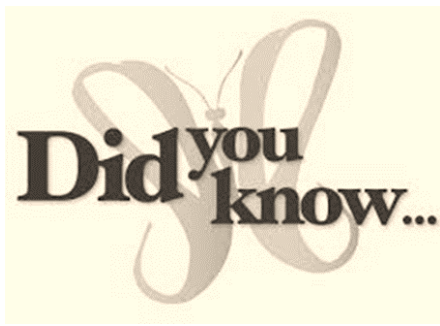


THANK YOU so much to the ENALCW for the lovely purple quilt and the generous gift-card to my favorite greenhouse. How very nice of you to remember my 'not-so-special' birthday. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

With great fondness, Pastor Z

## JOYS AND SORROWS

We express our condolences to Ken Kroneman and his family at the death of his mother. May God comfort all who mourn and sustain them with the promises of the Resurrection.



- That starting on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> you can view and follow us on Facebook? Yes, we are going 'live' on that day and here is what you need to know: Type 'Emmanuel Lutheran Church' into your search bar to find our page. There you can find photos, get updates and information on church events. Any post on our page or comment on photos and videos must be approved by a page administrator. This will help in assuring that we are presenting our church in the best way. We will never post, mention or "tag" names on our Facebook page. We will not use photo or video of anyone without their consent and parents will be asked to fill out a 'Permission for Use of Images' form at the start of the Sunday school year.
- That Merlin and Lisa Bartz and Pastor Z will attend the 2017 NALC Convocation in Nashville? Please hold in prayer all those who travel and commend their decision-making process to God so it may be pleasing to Him. Pastor will leave early on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> so she can attend the preceding Theological Conference for clergy and return on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Since all active NALC clergy persons in the area will be in Nashville, Pastor has secured Pastor Paul Weeg to tend to immediate needs in emergencies.
- That our wooden front door will get a face-lift? After several years of concern and lots of research we have decided to have the door refurbished this Fall. All panels are cracked and allow heat to escape and cold air to enter and we recognize that we are not energy-efficient any longer. The work will be done by Ron Wunderlich Woodworking from Mason City. The cost will be graciously covered by a Memorial.

- That we will observe the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with our brothers and sisters from several Lutheran congregations in our immediate vicinity? The day to remember is Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm right here at Emmanuel. While some of the details are still a bit 'sketchy', we know our time will be filled with lots of wonderful music and we will enjoy a sit-down dinner that will be 'as German as we can manage'. Please keep your ears perked because we soon will look for participating musicians of various stripes and maybe two or three persons to help with the dinner. The efforts toward this day are communal: each participating congregation with work toward the success of the event. The shared efforts will make for light work and plenty of enjoyment.
- That we have received two invitations from neighboring Lutheran congregations to join them on trips to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum? One trip will take place from June 5-8, 2018 with a cost of \$655 per person (double occupancy) and the other trip will be from July 9-13, 2018 with a price of \$605 for the same arrangement. If you wish to know more information, please see Pastor Z who will gladly give you the contact information.... we certainly would want individuals be able to join but we will not officially organize participation as a congregation. We would need King Solomon to help us decide with whom to go!
- That the abduction of two Roman Catholic priests in Congo is raising concern over the number of hostages held by local militias in the troubled country? Earlier this month the priests were abducted from the Parish of Notre Dame in the Butembo-Beni Diocese. They have not been seen since. Armed raiders entered the parish, looted a vehicle and motorbike and beat up seminarians before fleeing with the two priests, according to news reports. "The kidnappers are demanding ransom for their release," said Bishop Marcel Utembi. "At the moment, everything seems to lead us to believe that these two priests are alive. Contacts have been made



with the public authorities, the ecclesiastical authorities and the group of kidnappers, whose precise identity is not well-defined." In addition, more than 1,000 people are currently in the hands of the kidnappers, according to the bishop. While Cameroon, Nigeria and Mali have also seen priest abductions, Congo appears to be taking a lead. The Catholic Church is the largest religious group in Congo, and about 50 percent of its residents are members. (Twenty percent are Protestant and 10 percent Muslim.)

- That three-quarters of the nation's Muslims say they sense a lot of discrimination against their faith group and half say being Muslim in this country has been more difficult in recent years, a new Pew Research Center survey shows? But even more Muslims- 89 percent, say they are proud to be both American and Muslim. A significant majority also profess a continuing faith in the American dream. In the last decade, an increasing percentage of Muslims say they have experienced support from others because they are Muslim — 49 percent in the most recent survey, up from 37 percent in 2011 and 32 percent in 2007. But even as Muslims have a growing sense of American support, they report increasing instances of religious discrimination in the past year — from being treated with suspicion to physical attacks. Almost half — 48 percent — say that was their experience, compared to 43 percent in 2011 and 40 percent in 2007. The study also pointed to some clear divides in gender. "Muslim women are more likely than men to say that Muslims face a variety of challenges," said Farid Senzai, a political science professor at Santa Clara University and a survey adviser. "This idea of being both American and being Muslim obviously is now the clear consensus view of Muslims," said Bagby, another adviser on the study. "And to me it's actually quite remarkable that we've come that far." Here are a dozen other findings about U.S. Muslim adults: 85 percent say believing in God is essential



to what it means to be Muslim; 82 percent are concerned about extremism in the name of Islam around the world; 80 percent fast during Ramadan; 76 percent say targeting or killing civilians is never justified; 65 percent say religion is very important in their lives; 65 percent don't think there is a natural conflict between Islam and democracy; 64 percent say there is more than one true way to interpret Islam; 53 percent of Muslims are married; 52 percent say homosexuality should be accepted by society; 44 percent are employed full time; 43 percent attend mosque weekly.

## **BACK INTO THE PAST**

**VARIOUS CHANGES OVER THE YEARS AT EMMANUEL HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT? SOME OF OUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS MAY REMEMBER ALL OR PART OF THE FOLLOWING. TAKE A LOOK!**

**IN 1967 THE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE ON FEBRUARY 26TH WAS 367 (THIS YEAR – EXACTLY ON FEBRUARY 26TH – IT WAS 89) AND THE LENTEN ATTENDANCE THAT WEEK WAS RECORDED AT 216. SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS TAUGHT TO 179 KIDS WITH 41 OF THE REGULAR STUDENTS ABSENT.**

**THE CHURCH HEADQUARTERS (AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH) HAD JUST THANKED EMMANUEL FOR THEIR 1966 BENEVOLENCE CONTRIBUTION OF \$6,261.26. THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IN 1967 WAS THE COMMITTEE WITH THE MOST MEMBERS – 14! AND LADIES – THERE WERE FOUR ACTIVE "CIRCLES" AS WELL AS A "BROTHERHOOD" AND A "LUTHER LEAGUE".**

**AND ANOTHER QUICK LOOK A DECADE EARLIER REVEALS THAT IN 1958 THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY BUILDING FUND GARNERED A RESPONSE OF \$9,573.00 AFTER 86 HOUSEHOLDS HAD MADE A PLEDGE TOWARD IT. INTERESTINGLY, IT APPEARS THAT ALL WHO PLEDGED FULFILLED THEIR PROMISE. WHAT AN ENLIGHTENING GLIMPSE BACK INTO THE PAST.**



**MOVIE NIGHT  
AT EMMANUEL: SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM!  
DETAILS TO COME VERY SOON.  
CHECK YOUR BULLETIN AND KEEP  
THE NIGHT OPEN!**



*Aerial photo taken during the last outdoor movie!*



**Erna Pagel Grant  
Applications  
Need to be  
Turned in by  
August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Applicants must re-apply every year. They can be dropped off at the church office or with Lisa Bartz at the J-Mart.

## Sunday School News



Our 2017/18 Sunday School will start with our Rally Day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Grafton Park and Community

Center with worship and activities for all ages as well as a meal. Be sure to put this date on your calendar!

A note from Amy Edwards: As the school year is fast approaching, we are looking for Volunteers to help us teach our Sunday School classes this year. Due to our growing numbers, we will now have four Sunday school classes: Pre-k, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. This will give each child more attention and will help us to better focus our lessons to each age group. Several of those who helped out last year, will be helping again this year but we still need more volunteers to teach. This will help with the extra class, as well as allow all of our teachers to co-teach. What this means is that each teacher will only have to teach 2 weekends a month. Currently we are looking for two Pre-K teachers, one Kindergarten teacher and two 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers. Please contact me, Amy Edwards, via phone or text, at 641-430-0791, if you are willing to help out and volunteer to teach a class this year. The more teachers we have, the more flexibility and creativity we have!

Happy Summer!



**Blessing  
of the Backpacks**

Worship Service at 9:30am with the Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>.



## A message to my sponsor

5-07-2017

Dear my Friend,

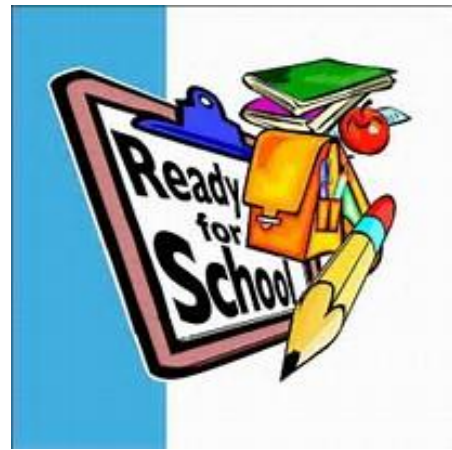
I am happy to write to you this letter.  
How are you? And how is your life?

I am doing well but my mother is sick,  
her legs are swollen and she feels pain  
on her wrist.

I was glad to receive your letter. It  
encourages me to read from you. In  
our country the weather changes but  
not extremely though, some from  
December to March. The sun is very  
hot and the roads are dusty no water  
and everywhere becomes dry but  
when it rains the weather becomes  
warm and some how cold for some  
hours.

During my free time I always play with  
my friend Nashon. We normally go to  
school for 3 months and have one  
month for holidays. From January to  
end of month we are at school April  
is our first holidays and August and  
then in December.

I love you so much from Lawrence



### School Kits- Items Needed

Items may be placed in the school  
supplies crate in the main entry.  
Contact Charlotte Cole or Clarice Bartz  
if you have any questions

- 70- sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper. No loose-leaf paper.
- 30-centimeter rulers; or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
- Black or blue ballpoint pens – no gel ink
- 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser





## TWC NOTES

- 1) No Bible study and TWC for August
- 2) **Ladies: Please keep in mind that September is our month to volunteer at the LRH in Northwood. We will need volunteers on all Fridays for Bingo and Thursday for the monthly birthday party.** The dates are Sept 1,8,15,22,29th for Bingo and the 21st for the birthday party. Let Charlotte know if you can help out with any of those dates. The residents always enjoy the volunteers.



### *Women of the Church*

#### **TWC (The Women's Council)**

June 20, 2017

Sharon shared devotions entitled, "Sweet Scent" which shows how we, as Christ's followers, are permeated with His fragrance and can carry His aroma with us through our words and deeds. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from May were read and approved with adding a note showing we served 80-90 people at the Confirm- and/Graduate reception. Treasurer's report shows

\$3,728.36 in checking. Correspondence was shared from CIS, LSI, and Salvation Army along with Thank you's from Ryan Cole and Gracie Urbatsch. We also received a request from the

National NALC regarding donations to "Stuff the Truck" which will be at the NALC gathering in August. We will check with those going to see if they have room for donations we are willing to send along.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: The ladies have received boxes of donated material for quilting; Personal care kits have been assembled and packed; Clarice will apply for Thrivent funds for bags for the school kits. 2) Benefit for Brooke Runde: Will be June 24th at the Manly school; Charlotte will take any donated goodies and items over. 3) PZ birthday: We will present Pastor Z with a gift card and quilt on Sunday, June 25th.

New Business: 1) LRH Bingo Volunteers for September: Will be needed on all Fridays in September--the dates are Sept 1,8,15,22,29; Birthday party will be on Thursday, the 21st. 2) Plans for the upcoming year: Ideas were discussed and TWC will meet with Pastor Z in August for further discussion.

Upcoming Dates: Monday, June 26th-Bible Study at 2 p.m. No TWC in July or August; TWC meeting Tuesday, September 19th at 9 a.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Who can find a  
virtuous woman?  
for her price is  
far above rubies.  
Proverbs 31:10

## Congregational Council Minutes-ELC

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Meeting called to order by:** JC Dawald-  
President

**In attendance were:** Pastor Zamzow, Darren  
Marsh-VP, Neil Hackbart-Property, Merlin Bartz-  
Evangelism, Jane Dalluge- Stewardship, Sharon  
Hulshizer-Lay Ministry, Christa Larson-  
Secretary/Treasurer, and Amy Edwards-Christian  
Education

**Absent:** Nicole Cole - Youth,

**Devotions:** Amy Edwards

**Education Segment:**

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to approve agenda as  
presented.

**Minutes:** M/S/C to accept Minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** M/S/C to approve treasurer's  
report as presented.

M/S/C to a 36-month renewal on the Allen  
Borchardt CD

**Bills to be paid:** M/S/C to approve the bills to be  
paid

**Pastor's Report:** Topics Discussed: Christmas Eve  
service, the 500<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of The  
Reformation, Replacing the bushes on the parsonage

property, Dates for Mission Sunday,  
NALC Convocation and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Discussed Pastor's vacation days and who will cover  
the services.

**M/S/C** to approve reimbursement to PZ for the  
purchase of some mulch for the parsonage  
grounds.

**M/S/C** to change the names on the Lock box  
account at FSB to JC and Darren.

**Board Highlights:** M/S/C to hardwire internet to  
youth room

**M/S/C** to use the Service of the Word for the  
summer and non-communion Sundays.

**Membership review:** None

**Unfinished business:**

- Discussion on future procedures for staff  
evaluations and compensation
- Constitution bylaws and committees up-  
date

**New Business:**

- Next month's meeting will be on June  
13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson

## Books of the Bible

J J R Z B Y S R E B M U N W F  
V O Z E M T I M O T H Y I C W  
L E E P N O Z H A I D A B O P  
S L H H W E H T T A M C N K S  
N S N A I N O L A S S E H T A  
O S A N P R O V E R B S D S L  
I N U I B G S I S E N E G B M  
T A H A I R A H C E Z S T N S  
A I S H S N A I H T N I R O C  
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E A J D E U T E R O N O M Y N  
V L M T F C H R O N I C L E S  
E A E W X S N A I S S O L O C  
R G Y E H E B R E W S Y G B Q  
A M O S S N A I S E H P E A X

AMOS	OBADIAH
CHRONICLES	PROVERBS
COLOSSIANS	PSALMS
CORINTHIANS	REVELATIONS
DEUTERONOMY	THESSALONIANS
EPHESIANS	TIMOTHY
GALATIANS	ZECHARIAH
GENESIS	ZEPHANIAH
HEBREWS	
HOSEA	
JOEL	
JOSHUA	
JUDGES	
MATTHEW	
NUMBERS	

## Congregational Council Minutes-ELC

June 13th, 2017

**Meeting called to order by:** Darren Marsh- VP

**In attendance were:** Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh-VP, Merlin Bartz- Evangelism, Nicole Cole- Youth Amy Edwards- Christian Education, Jane Dalluge- Stewardship, Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Neil Hackbart- Property, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer

**Absent:** JC Dawald- President

**Devotions:** Merlin Bartz- Evangelism

**Education Segment:** Pastor Zamzow- Ministry in the Midst of Tragedy

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to approve agenda as presented.

**Minutes:** M/S/C to accept Minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** M/S/C to approve treasurer's report as presented.

**Bills to be paid:** M/S/C to approve the bills to be paid

**Pastor's Report:** Topics Discussed: Pastor Z's flight and Hotel are booked for The Convocation, Pastor will be taking vacation from June 30- July 10<sup>th</sup>, There will not be Holy Communion on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Merlin Bartz will be conducting the service, Mark Borchardt will be conducting the service on July 9<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Z's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, it will be celebrated on Sunday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Board Highlights:

Education- Didn't meet in person but communicated through E-Mail. When Sunday school resumes there will be four classes instead of three. Nicole and Jody will be doing the Youth group. The following classes still need teachers: 2 teachers for the Pre-K class, 1 teacher for the Kindergarten class and 2 teachers for the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. Spoke with Kaylee Hicken's parents about starting Confirmation a year early, then skip a year and then start her second year to avoid being the only student in Confirmation class.

Property- Did not meet but will talk to Johnny Duvall about connecting air ducts to allow air conditioning in the entry way and hall ways.

Lay ministry- Did not meet.

Evangelism- Met on June 4<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the outdoor movie night.

Stewardship- Meeting is on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**M/S/C-** For Kaylee Hicken to start Confirmation a year early as recommended by Christ. Ed.

**Membership review:** None

### Unfinished business:

- d) 500 Year Reformation- October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to be held at ELC. Plans to have congregations combine for a mass choir and also a brass band.
- e) Face Book page for ELC, permission slips to be signed for posting photographs of people, page to be reviewed after a set period of time.
- f) Insurance agent, Denise Rustad will be coming to the July meeting at 7:30pm.
- g) Youth- Internet hard wiring.

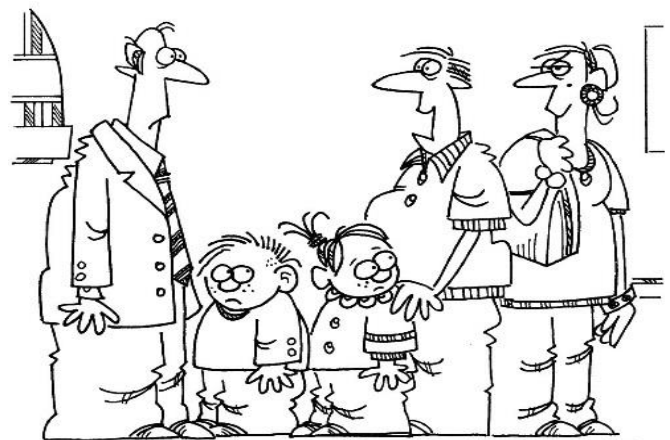
**M/S/C-** Face Book page to be created and approved by council before becoming active. Christa, Nicole and Amy will be administrators of the page. All Notifications will come through office email.

### New Business:

- a) WCTA- Change names of authority
- b) Allen Schultz undesignated money- to be discussed in July
- c) Next month's meeting will be on July 11 at 7:00pm

**M/S/C-** Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson



"We're teaching our children the importance of regular church attendance... what time should we pick them up?"



## TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for May 1-31, 2017

### Current Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$866.90

Interest: \$4.41

Total Deposits: \$12,494.18

Expense: \$10,263.10

**End of month Balance: \$3,102.39**

### Benevolence Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$1,086.00

Deposits: \$1,164.86

**End of month Balance: \$2250.86**

### Building Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$15,367.57

Deposits: \$761.89

Checks: \$0

**End of month Balance: \$16,129.46**

### Gifts and Memorials

Beginning of month Balance: \$26,717.51

Deposits: \$321.00

Checks: \$683.41

**End of month Balance: \$ 26,355.10**

**Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran Church:  
\$47,837.81**

## TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for June 1-30, 2017

### Current Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$3,102.39

Interest: \$

Deposits: \$8,158.28

Expenses: \$9,075.97

**End of month Balance: \$2,184.70**

### Benevolence Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$2,250.86

Deposits: \$440.00

Expenses: \$233.92

**End of month Balance: \$ 2,456.94**

### Building Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$16,129.46

Deposits: \$725

**End of month Balance: \$16,854.46**

### Gifts and Memorials

Beginning of month Balance: \$26,355.10

Deposits: \$ 25.00

Expenses: \$909.75

**End of month Balance: \$ 25,470.35**




**Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran Church:  
\$46, 966.45**



My financial adviser  
says I don't have  
enough faith, and my  
spiritual adviser says  
I'm too diversified.

# August 2017

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 the <b>Pastor</b> will be  <b>PZ on Vacation</b>	4  <b>PZ on Vacation</b>	5
6 <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	7	8 NALC Theological Conference and convocation in Nashville TN	9 NALC Theological Conference and convocation in Nashville TN	10 NALC Convocation in Nashville TN	11 NALC Convocation in Nashville TN	12 Travel day from NALC Convocation in Nashville TN
13 <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	14  PZ Recuperates from Convocation	15 7:00 pm- Church Council	16 6:30 pm- Youth and Education Committees	17	18	19
20 <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30am – Worship with Blessing of Backpacks 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am – Hymn Committee	21	22 6:00 pm- Constitution Task Force	23	24	25	26
27 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	28  Launch of the ELC Facebook Page	29	30 10 am- Pan - Lutheran Pastors Meeting at ELC	31		



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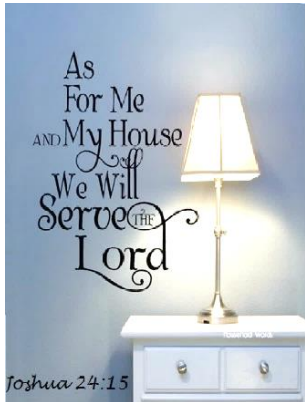
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August	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
6	Richard and Ruth Neeley	Marena Henkle	Ryan Hackbart
13	Gary and Linda Schotanus	Marena Henkle	Emma Hicken
20	Albert and Doris Ralph	Charlotte Cole	Brooklyn Hackbart
27	Rachel Rosenberg	Donna Schilling	Gabe Walk

### HOSPITALITY TEAM

#### Team Leaders: Curt & Julie Schaub

Jeff Schultz	Jason & Nicole Schuttler
Jay Schaub	Jason & Jody Hackbart
Nancy Walk	Linda & Gary Schotanus
Rod & Emi Kunt	Gregg & Mary Jo Urbatsch
Orland Bartz	Dorothy Mensch
Ken Fredrickson	

### ALTAR GUILD

Betty & Carol K

### LAY MINISTRY

Phil Hackbart

### COUNTERS

Lisa Bartz  
Belinda Borchardt  
Connie Rosenberg

### USHERS

Mark Borchardt  
Belinda Borchardt  
Ken Kroneman  
Calvin Thompson  
Linda Koschmeder  
Mitchell Cole  
PA  
Mark Fredrickson  
Gregg Urbatsch