

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## August 2018

## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Tart Result of Sweet Temptations



In early July Michael and I spent several hours picking our delicious red currants. The currant bush which we planted behind the parsonage has grown well and the promise of bright, tart jelly never escapes us. Therefore, we went through building a cage to protect the bush from the rabbits and threw not one but two bird nets over the blessing.

My currants however not only create yummy jelly but remind me of my very personal and real sinfulness. Here we go: I am a currant thief! The first thing I remember taking without permission ("stealing" for short!) was a cluster of red, ripe currants which were hanging over the fence of a small garden alongside the walkway that led from our apartment house to a bus stop. Thinking about it

even now I can taste the fruit on my tongue – and the guilt in my heart. Granted, most adults nowadays would grin seeing a little girl delight in a fruit which otherwise was not accessible to her. What's the harm losing a few berries when your bush is producing an overabundance – share freely! But for me this sticks in my mind and is forever a reminder of human temptation which leads to sin.

Lutherans are often accused of paying too much attention to sin. Indeed, we all would like to avoid sin-talk unless, of course, we are discussing the sins of others or societal ills. We often sugarcoat our sins. We do have a stake at hiding the truth of sin. And hiding one sin usually leads to committing other sins. In the end we often simply decide that we are at least not as bad as the guy whose mug shot glares at us from the Globe Gazette.

Lutherans however also have somewhat of a sense that confession is good for the soul. Even with a pre-printed confession in our hymnal and the familiar voice of the local clergy declaring "in the name of the triune God I forgive you all your sins", we acknowledge at a minimum that we fail God's hope for our lives, that we place ourselves more often than not in the place that only God ought to

occupy and that we are utterly helpless getting ourselves out of our messes. It's a start.

"Wretched man that I am. Who will rescue me from this body of death"? asked the Apostle Paul after he had admitted that "I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."

I read a quote from a book by Micha Boyett which I would like to share with you: *Sin is not something I could just stop. It was not simply wrongdoing. It was deeper. It was brokenness. It was in me more than it was coming out of me. My spirit was tilted, imbalanced. I was off kilter deep in the unknown places, and that was what needed fixing. And, even more, this was the case for the whole world. We are all askew, all looking for something to right us, to set us toward True North.*

What Ms. Boyett writes resonates with me. Perhaps we all need to cry out: I am broken! Fix me! I

want the life that is abundant which Jesus promises us. Neglecting to speak about our

sinfulness and refusing to point to the deep brokenness in us does not make the pain go away and it does not repair relationships. We need to talk about this pain that in so many ways makes our lives miserable and binds us to actions and feelings that are destructive.

If we can talk about sin in the sense of being off kilter no matter what we try to find balance, we also can talk about grace – that incredible gift from God in His devotion to a wonderful creation that has gone awry.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pastor theologian and resistance fighter of WWII, has given us the famous phrase of "cheap grace" which refuses to see the great cost God has taken upon Himself to save us in Jesus. Cheap grace refuses to look at our brokenness, our missing the mark, our separation from God, others and ourselves (see my guilt about

stealing currants!). This has little to do with judging others or ourselves. Of course, we can look and talk about sin in many ways, appropriately and incorrectly, but we may not dismiss it altogether. At the very least we must acknowledge that Jesus loves sinners (forgiven sinners that we are) and yet we remember simultaneously the words "go and sin no more".

Our recognition that something is askew in our lives is the first step to setting it right. We need to admit that we need help. If we do not think that anything is broken, well, why would we need someone to fix it? Jesus is only needed if we can admit that without him we are lost and the chasm between us and God will not be healed.

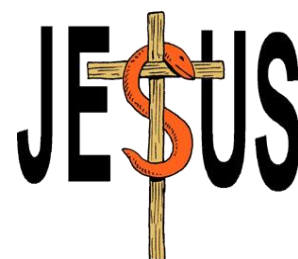
Transformation can only come when we know we are tangled up in such a way that we need to have actions and words from the outside to untangle us

for good. We are broken, off kilter, not in balance, without Jesus.

Moreover, we must pay attention

to the serious danger that we will end up in sorrow and despair if we think there is no way out of our sin, our despair, our darkness. There is! We belong to a Lord who was born to die so we may die to sin and live forever. He died "as a sacrifice to sin and a model of the godly life" as we say in one of our post-Communion prayer.

Sin does have a hold on us but it cannot win the day unless we refuse blatantly to see the remedy: Jesus Christ. Before we see the sin in others, may we see it in ourselves. Before we fall prey to despair, may we call upon the Lord and help others do the same. I only wish stealing red currants would be all I needed to confess. PZ+



## STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

*Dear members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran,*

*Your Church Council has kept a very close and watchful eye on the financial standing of our congregation over the last few months. We have noted with concern that our balance has remained negative by several thousand dollars for quite some time now. While the information can be found in our newsletters, we want to make sure that you are kept abreast of developments...therefore this announcement.*

*Our offerings have not been as limited as one would think based on the negative variance and we have been faithful in making sure that many of our building needs have been taken care of. Thank you for all the special offerings you may have contributed to those matters! As far as our Current Fund is concerned, we have encountered a number of expenses we could not realistically foresee when we set the budget. From our LP bills to administrative concerns, we have had to face some unexpected bills and even the infusion of a limited amount from our Savings account has not yet brought the hoped-for result.*

*On the other hand, wages are at or under projection and in several cases we have been under-budget in our Committee work. Still, the fact of our expenses not meeting our resources remains troublesome. We are therefore in the midst of brain-storming how we can increase revenue both in the short-term and for long-range planning. Please keep your eyes open for some suggestions we might present to you in the near future.*

*Your feedback is always welcome and we encourage all of us to prayerfully consider how we as individuals and households can help elevate this time of fiscal strain. Thank you for all you do. Please be assured that we endeavor to be as faithful as possible with your shared gifts.*

*The Church Council and Pastor Zamzow*

## Joys and Sorrows

**Congratulations to Laurie Nack Bublitz** on her newest great-grandson, Oliver Steven, the son of Tanner & Andrea.

**Congratulations to Will & Brittany Bartz** on the birth of their son, Desmond Emery.

**Congratulations to Cody & Chantel Bublitz** on the arrival of their son, Rexton.

**Our Condolences to Kristy Arzberger** and family on the passing of her mother, Betty Boyer. May God comfort all who mourn her passing.

**Our Condolences to Dick Neeley** and family on the passing of his mother, Jeanette Neeley. May God comfort all who mourn.



### **1-2 Volunteers Needed!**

**Bingo at LRH in Northwood, every Friday in the month of September.**

**and**

**The Monthly Birthday Party on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## DID YOU KNOW

...that Emmanuel Lutheran will not have an active Confirmation class this coming school year? However, in the following years we will have rather large classes. All past confirmands continue to serve faithfully as acolytes for our worship services and we are grateful to them for that commitment.

...that the reason for gutter material still 'gracing' the north side of the church is based on wrong items delivered? We hope the correct material will arrive soon for application.

...that Members of the North American Lutheran Church will gather for the church's annual Convocation Aug. 15-17 in Denver, Colorado? The theme of this year's Convocation is "The Holy Spirit: Calling, Gathering, Enlightening, Sanctifying." The Convocation is the annual meeting of the NALC. The Convocation opens with the church's annual Mission Festival — a time to focus on the mission of the Christian Church and to equip congregations to carry out that mission. Mission Districts will meet on Wednesday evening for a time of study, discussion and business. A wide variety of breakout sessions will be offered on Thursday morning. The business portion of the Convocation begins on Thursday afternoon. Task forces on structure, ministry, stewardship, and life-to-life discipleship will report on their work and Convocation delegates will elect members of the Executive Council, Court of Adjudication, Canada Section Board of Directors and North American Lutheran Seminary Board of Regents.

...that after reassessing its office needs, the North American Lutheran Church has decided to close the NALC office at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Hilliard, Ohio? The NALC office in New Brighton, Minn., will now be the NALC's primary office — receiving all phone calls and mail and will continue to oversee financial operations and store NALC records. Most of the NALC staff work from home offices. "The NALC is growing, which

always presents challenges for making structural changes as we have witnessed in the development of the structure proposal. Thanks be to God, we are not saddled with expensive office buildings, and can be relatively nimble in making changes in office and staffing arrangements," said Pastor Mark Chavez, NALC General Secretary.

### A Message to My Sponsor

Hello friend,

6/9/18

How do you do? It's my believe that God has kept you well and in good health. It's my pleasure to inform you that my family and myself are doing well. My parents are grateful for the support and gift we received from you. We all thank you we really appreciate them.

The weather in my village is wet and the rains are much. The corn planted by my parents is almost ready. It's the desire of my heart that I may meet you physically.

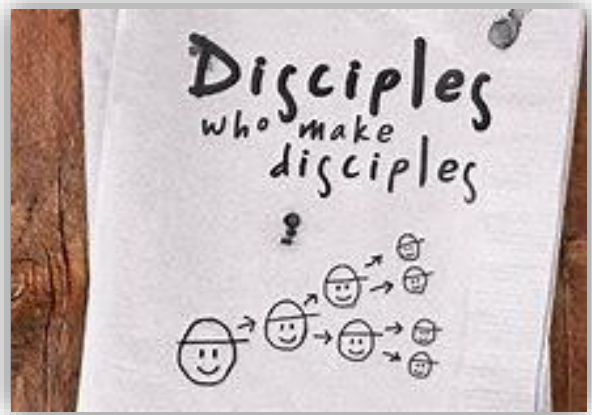
Above all I wish to inform you that I am working hard in school also I promise to put more efforts in life. Otherwise I wish to inform you that I love you and I wish you all the vest in whatever you do in your life. May God bless you and bye bye.

Your loving friend,

Lawrence Emojong







**Come one, Come all –Our 2018/19 Sunday School Rally Day will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> with a worship service at the Grafton Park, activities and a Potluck next to the Kinder Nook area.**

**This is a morning for young and old!! We have had lots of fun over the last few years and hope to make it an even better day. Watch your bulletins and email blasts for additional information – BUT MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The first day of Sunday School will be one week later on 9/16.**

**P.S. We are also looking for Sunday School teachers again. If you can help us teach our young charges, please contact Amy Edwards for additional information.**

***Matthew 28: MAKE DISCIPLES* by Bishop John Bradosky will be our new Bible Study starting the Thursday after Labor Day. “Discipleship” was the choice of the participants in our continuous study on Thursdays. We will again meet at 9:30 am in the Library but this time will repeat the study at 7:00 pm for those who cannot meet during the day. We will cover this study in four sessions! So, the commitment is very limited and we hope to see YOU in our midst!!**

### **Understanding Grief & Loss Group Sponsored by Hospice of North Iowa**

6-week program for adults grieving a death, it's free but space is limited, registration is required prior to 1<sup>st</sup> session.

Fall 2018: 6 consecutive Thursday evenings from Sept. 6 – Oct. 11, from 6-8pm in Mason City at HNI conference room, 232 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE

Or

6 consecutive Thursday evenings from Sept. 13 – Oct. 18, from 6-8pm in Hampton at First Christian Church, 605 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE

**Call 1800-297-4719 or 641-4286208 to pre-register**

## Reclaiming Life

I was only about ten years old but I remember it just as if it happened yesterday: the telegram from East Germany that brought the news of my mother's cousin, Uncle Fritz, who had taken his own life. Uncle Fritz was the brother my mother and her sisters never had. On the day of his death he had kissed his wife 'good-bye', promised to be home on time for dinner and agreed to drive her into the center of Berlin to run errands. Jovial and intelligent he had avoided to get caught up in the brutal politics of East Germany and against all odds rose to manage a huge government owned farm with dozens of workers. Thinking of Uncle Fritz nobody would speak of 'depression and anxiety'; careful research after his death showed no indication of illness, financial difficulties or moral failings. Fifty-some years later, his death remains as confounding a mystery as it was on the day it happened.

Kate Spade, Anthony Bourdain, a young actor here, an aspiring model there – we have been inundated with news flashes of suicides over the last few months. It seems to be getting worse rather than better – or perhaps we are paying simply more attention because the notifications have reached a critical mass.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently published a study that shows that the suicide rates in the areas of farming, fishing and forestry is five times higher than in the population as a whole. Never mind the overall increase in suicides over the last 30 years and the fact that states like Iowa were not even included in the study!

Of course, most suicide deaths are not as mysterious as the one I described above. In many cases there are warning signs or even attempts at ending one's life. No matter how: the question that gnaws at the hearts and minds of all who are confronted with this sad reality is a huge, overwhelming "WHY?".

As members of a faith community, this unfortunate epidemic our culture is experiencing, should

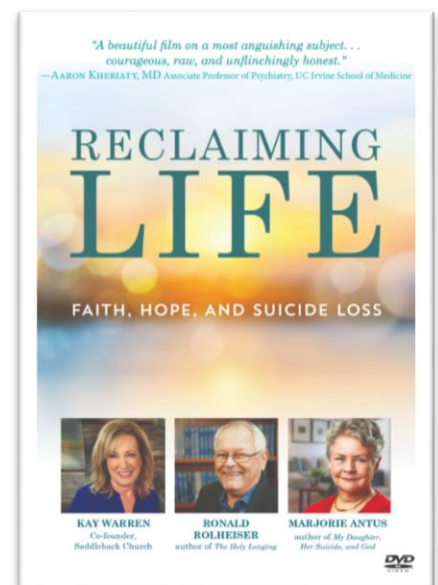
and must be of concern to us. We might never become 'experts' or recognize dangerous potential of self-harm when we should. Nevertheless, the more we understand about the issue, the more we can at least ever so slightly work and speak against grave misconceptions and hurtful comments we may encounter.

'Reclaiming Life' is a 90-minute DVD I purchased many months ago. It features three people intimately involved in the pain of suicide, including Kay Warren, the wife of Saddleback Church founder, Pastor Rick Warren, whose son took his own life. She and another mother speak eloquently about the distinct set of emotional, moral and religious scars and the ache, chaos, stigma and darkness that only one who has survived it can understand. In addition to hearing these voices, I hope to give us opportunity to share concerns, ask questions and become more aware of how we as non-professional individuals can be brothers and sisters to each other as we face and hopefully prevent future deaths by choice and support those whose lives are forever changed by the agony it brings.

The days for getting together to view and discuss the DVD and join in conversation are Mondays, October 15<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will meet for approximately 75-90 minutes each time. I believe the material will be appropriate for any young person over the age of 13 - we are

highly aware of the significance of teen suicide! Please mark these dates on your calendar and feel free to bring along friends and neighbors.

-Pastor Z+



## THANK YOU STEWARDS

... to the **June Hospitality Team:** Charlotte Cole, Neil & Donna Hackbart, Keven & Sandy Bruesewitz, Mark & Belinda Borchardt, Nicole & Michael Cole, Ray & Neoma Smidt, Chris Paulson, Raechel Fossey, Phil & Gloria Hackbart, Holly Bruesewitz, Steve & Brenda Trenhaile, Barb & Earl Backhaus

... to **Charlotte Cole & Tammy Borchardt** for serving on our Altar Guild for the month of June.

... to our **June Counting Team:** Gloria Hackbart, Dan Nack, Orland Bartz.

... to the **July Hospitality Team:** Lori & Darren Marsh, Steve/Kristi /Zane Arzberger, Vanessa & Levi Hanson, Liz Backhaus, Chris & Teresa Braun, Mark Fredrickson, Joy & Jerry Buechele, Elaine Huebner, Dale Schultz, Sally & Bryce Mayer, Callie & Jason Athey, Tammy Schuttler, Abbie & Josh Steinberg.

... to **Charlotte Cole & Myra Dierks** for serving on our Altar Guild for the month of July.

... to our **July Counting Team:** Myra Dierks & Duaine Dierks, Jane Dalluge and Lisa Bartz.

...to **everyone who was involved in our three-evening VBS earlier this month!** We had 16 children in attendance. Thank you to Myra and Duaine Dierks for making props and to Michael Zamzow for building our backdrop. Our teachers and actors, Sally Mayer, Abbie Steinberg, Marena Henkle, Christa Larson, Amy Edwards, Debbie Bublitz, Tammy Borchardt, Alex Trenhaile, Kaelee Hicken and Pastor Z did a super job teaching stories, music, crafts and recreation. Also a big thank you to our supper providers: Lori Marsh, Gloria Hackbart, Linda Koschmeder, Brenda Trenhaile, Julie Schulz, Jane Dalluge, Clarice Bartz, Ruth Neeley and Charlotte Cole. We could not have done it without you. Thank you one and all!!!

...to **Linda Koschmeder** for helping open and close the building while Pastor was on vacation. It was tremendously appreciated by Pastor Z as well as Christa. Thanks, Linda!

...to **everyone** who has stopped and strayed or pulled some weeds around the church this

summer. We are still not "out of the weeds" but really appreciate every effort that has been made!!

...to the **members of the Evangelism Committee** for their excellent job staffing the Bratstand in June. You set the bar pretty high!! ☺

...to **Merlin Bartz, Marena Henkle, Belinda Borchardt, Will Bartz and guest drummer, Travis Charlson**, for providing awesome music on June 17<sup>th</sup> for our contemporary worship service. Thank you so much for your time and talents which you shared so generously.

## THANK YOU EMMANUEL

**Thank you for all of the prayers,** cards and encouragement following my surgery & recovery at the nursing home. A special thank you to Pastor Z for her visits and prayers which I appreciated. I feel grateful to live in this small & caring community.

-Elaine Huebner

**Thank you for cards & prayers** during my recent illness. Thank you, Pastor Z, for your visits.

-Dale Schultz

**I hope each of you know how very grateful I am** for the concern and assistance you gave me at the time of my surgery and recovery. Everything you did was greatly appreciated! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

-Most Sincerely, *Charlotte Cole*

**I would like to thank my Emmanuel family** for all of your thoughts and prayers during my illness. Although I am not over everything completely, I am getting stronger and healthier every day. To everyone who sent cards, it was wonderful to hear things about home. To Pastor Z a big "thanks" also. I know sometimes the weather was not great, but you were always there. Those visits were wonderful and kept me grounded. I don't remember the first couple very well, but I knew you were there. Again, thank you all.

God Bless, *Marsha Wilde*

## TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for  
May, 2018

### Current Fund

Beginning Balance: \$(6,783.87)  
Interest: \$2.45  
Deposits: \$9,780.18  
Transfer In: \$4,476.88 (Farm Rent, G&M-interest)  
Expenses: \$10,206.06  
**End of month Balance: \$ (2,730.42)**

### Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$3,677.19  
Deposits: \$427.86  
Expense: \$3,165.25 (Water Mission & Iowa Mission Dist.)  
**End of month Balance: \$939.80**

### Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$(96.07)  
Deposits: \$1,168.09  
Expense: \$441.18  
**End of month Balance: \$ 630.84**

### Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$27,489.88  
Deposit: \$2,139.55  
Expense: \$932.23  
**End of month Balance: \$28,697.20**

**Total of all funds in ELC: \$27,537.42**

## TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for  
June, 2018

### Current Fund

Beginning Balance: \$(2,730.42)  
Interest: \$2.46  
Deposits: \$8,228.00  
Expenses: \$10,658.26  
**End of month Balance: \$ (-5,158.22)**

### Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$939.80  
Deposits: \$357.55  
Expense: \$0  
**End of month Balance: \$1,297.35**

### Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$630.84  
Deposits: \$250  
Expense: \$0  
**End of month Balance: \$ 880.84**

### Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$28,697.20  
Deposit: \$1,315.16  
Expense: \$285.78  
**End of month Balance: \$29,726.58**

**Total of all funds in ELC: \$26,746.55**

## **School Supplies Needed**

\*Wide or college ruled, 70 sheet Notebook

\*Ball Point Pens (no gel ink)

\*Pencil Sharpeners

\*Scissors

\*Rulers



If you would like to donate money towards school supplies please contact Clarice Bartz at 641-748-2384.





## Congregational Council Minutes May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, Paul Hackbart- Property, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer, Nicole Cole- Youth, Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Merlin Bartz- Evangelism

**Absent:** Amy Edwards- Christian Ed.

**Devotions:** Darren Marsh

**Education Segment:** Christa presented the council with information regarding the options for Church Management Software. After discussion, it was decided that Christa would do more research and give her recommendation for Church Management Software at the June meeting.

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to accept the agenda.

**Minutes:** M/S/C to approve as corrected- \*Date of next month's meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> not April 10<sup>th</sup> and \*Employee Pay Procedure- As Amended, M/S/C- to approve the signed settlement agreement between Christa and the church to be paid within 14 days from church funds.

**Bills to be paid / Treasurer's Report:** Discussed reports presented. It was decided to make a plea to the congregation for funds by adding an announcement to the bulletin as there was already one in the newsletter. **M/S/C to utilize the March 1<sup>st</sup> farm rent payment in order to cover the Current Fund deficit. M/S/C to accept the Treasurers report.**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Z reported that our council president volunteered to go to the Convocation this year in Colorado. We will be having a 3-night inter-generational Vacation Bible School with an evening supper on August 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School kids will do a hot dog and brat fundraiser at J-Mart with funds to go where council approves. Discussion held

regarding very minor accounts and their viability. **M/S/C to approve the following students to be confirmed: Ryan Hackbart, Emma Hicken and Zach Badker.**

**Board Highlights:**

**Property-** No Action

**Evangelism-** No Action

**Lay Ministry-** No Action

**Stewardship-** No Action

**Youth and Education-** No Action

**Membership review:** M/S/C to accept Ben Tweeten's resignation from the Stewardship committee.

**Unfinished business:**

a) **Custodial Position-** No Update

**New Business:**

a) **Replacement for Stewardship Liaison-** There is one position to fill as council liaison from the Stewardship committee. This person would only serve on the council until the 2019 Annual Meeting. **M/S/C to accept Ben Tweeten's resignation from the Stewardship committee.**

**M/S/C for Pastor Z to speak with the Stewardship committee to find someone to serve on council from June, 2018 until the 2019 Annual Meeting in January.**

a) **Insurance Claim-** We received a hospital bill from the Urbatsch family and will submit it to the insurance company.

b) **Inheritance Matters-** Emmanuel Lutheran Church was listed as the beneficiary of Jane Buechele's Life Insurance policy through Thrivent. There was discussion about investment options. **M/S/C to accept the beneficiary inheritance and to place the money into a beneficiary account which will receive 3% interest.**

c) **Seminary Appeal-** After discussion it was decided to put the NALC Seminary appeal insert in the bulletin for the month of May.

d) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, June 12 @ 7:00 pm)

e) Next meeting devotion's preparer: Merlin Bartz

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

*-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson*



**Congregational Council Minutes  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh- VP, Paul Hackbart- Property, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer, Nicole Cole- Youth, Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Merlin Bartz- Evangelism, Amy Edwards-Christian Ed.

**Absent:** Julie Schaub-Stewardship

**Devotions:** Merlin Bartz – Saint Barnabas

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to move ‘Unfinished Business- e) **Update: Custodial Position to the last item on the agenda.**

**Minutes:** M/S/C to approve as grammatically corrected.

**Bills to be paid / Treasurer’s Report:** M/S/C to accept the Treasurers report as given.

**Pastor’s Report:** There were 6 children from our church that went to VBS in Bolan. We will be hosting our own VBS, here at Emmanuel for 3-day VBS in August. She also informed the council that she may need a new computer soon as there are power issues with her current computer.

**Board Highlights:**

**Evangelism-** Met on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Discussed the Brat Stand they will running on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. They discussed New Member Sunday and an Evangelism Bible Study that would be 4 to 5 weeks in duration.

**Property-** Morton Company brought the gutters but they are not sure when the job will be started. There were some water issues in the South East corner of the kitchen. Old and weather cracked down spouts may be the reason for the water, or there may be a need to tuck point that South wall. They are hoping the new gutters and down spouts will help with the water issues.

**Lay Ministry-** Have not met but did send an invitation to Jefferey Daehn to do our Organ tuning and repair.

**Stewardship- M/S/C to appoint Julie Schaub as the Stewardship Liaison.**

**Youth and Education-** They expect 36 kids for the upcoming Sunday School year. Discussed the number of teachers needed and possibly switching class rooms because of class size.

**Membership review:** Suzanne Seleskie and Britany Bartz will be joining ELC in the late summer of 2018.

**Unfinished business:**

- b) **Appointing of Stewardship Liaison-** See Board Highlights
- c) **Update: Insurance Claim-** Insurance paid the bill directly to the Urbatsch family.
- d) **Update: Thrivent Investment-** Faxed the signed documents to Thrivent. The finalized contract documents will be mailed to us.
- e) **Update: Church Membership Database- M/S/C to approve the purchase of church management software by IconCMO with data conversion for \$825.**

**New Business:**

- a) **PA System Upgrade-** We are currently using a 3-cassette tape system to record worship service and special events. Discussed possibly upgrading to a Compact Disc recording system. Pastor created a questionnaire for members to determine which type of media would best suit the congregation.
- b) **Protocol for Electronic Meetings-** An electronic meeting can be called by the President, Vice President or the Pastor. There must be a reason or issue that needs to be stated as well as the time frame to respond and make a decision. The information regarding the meeting will then be forwarded to the Secretary to be made into a written record in the minutes.
- c) **Brat Stand- allocation of funds for July 28 and August 11-** We made almost \$270 at the first Brat Stand. A huge thanks to Jeff at J-Mart for his idea and donations. Funds were recommended to go for Campership and a sign should be made stating where the proceeds will go. **M/S/C to allocate funds to the account Campership in Gifts and Memorials.**
- d) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, July 10 @ 7:00 pm)
- a) Next meeting devotion’s preparer: Sharon Hulshizer

**Unfinished business:**

- e) **Update: Custodial Position-** After discussion it was decided that Christa Larson will be offered the Custodial Position at Emmanuel with a start date of July 1, 2018.

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

*-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson*

# August 2018

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30- Worship -Holy Comm. 10:30- Fellowship  ELC – VBS 5:30 – 8pm	6    ELC – VBS 5:30 – 8pm	7    ELC – VBS 5:30 – 8pm	8	9	10	11    <b>Brat Stand at J-Mart 11am-5pm</b>
12 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship	13	14    <b>7 pm- Council Meeting</b>	15	16	17	18
			<b>PZ at NALC Convocation</b>			
19 <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship	20	21	22	23 <i>First Day of</i> <b>SCHOOL</b>	24	25
<b>PZ on Vacation</b>			<b>Northwood &amp; St. Ansgar</b>			
26 <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31	



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## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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## --- August ---

August	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
5 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	Opal & Brian Diedrich	Charlotte Cole	Gracie Urbatsch
12 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	Duaine & Myra Dierks	Donna Schilling	Emma Hicken
19 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	Kyle & Amy Edwards	Marena Henkle	Brooklyn Hackbart
26 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	Cole Feldt	Marena Henkle	Lily Walk

### Share Shoppe – August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Clarice Bartz

### HOSPITALITY TEAM

**Team Leaders: Clarice Bartz**

Virl & Bonnie Deal	Garry & Angela Backhaus
Val & John Bork	Greg & Shal Zillgitt
Sara Buechele	JC & Sandy Dawald
Candi & David Feldt	Sharon Hulshizer
Corrie Kuntz	Ramon & Sara Kuntz
John & Sandy Duvall	Kim Kuntz

### ALTAR GUILD

Betty Rosenberg  
Carol Koschmeder

### LAY MINISTRY

Phil Hackbart

### COUNTERS

Lisa Bartz  
Connie Rosenberg  
Michael Cole

### USHERS

Mark Borchardt  
Belinda Borchardt  
Ken Kroneman  
Calvin Thompson  
Troy Tourtellott

### PA

Mark Fredrickson  
Gregg Urbatsch