

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Lord, help us order our days

Sitting in my office over Labor Day weekend, I arrived at the common, trite realization all of you will have grasped as well: for all practical purposes, summer is over!

Looking at my calendar, there is no doubt that my routine is changing. My priorities will have to be evaluated. What must be part of my days and what is optional? I know that you are asking similar questions because you have told me many times!

Finding an evening for a church meeting that does not have to compete with a ball game or a concert or a 'you name it event' is close to impossible. I get it! You also share with me how tired and exhausted you are from the daily grind you are in and that there is no energy left to do this or that at church. I get it! And, of course, as our bodies and minds get older and we reminisce about the good old days, we also are waiting for the next generation to step up and do what we once did. I get it! I guess it would be easier if I 'didn't get it' – then I could sit here and pontificate. As it is, though, I am with you; I am in

the same boat; I have the same struggles; I ask the same question; I share similar frustrations.

Therefore, I would like to think that we all are asking questions of priorities and routines. I know that I could be more effective with my time! I know that I could be more mindful with my finances! I suppose it is true when they tell us: *show me your checkbook and your phone and I will tell you what your priorities are.*

Here is my encouragement as the busy summer turns into another busy autumn: let us include God in our routines and priorities for God is the one constant certainty in our lives. It surely starts with reading and hearing God's holy Word. Please do not neglect to offer thanks to the One who gives us our days and our blessings in the first place. From there we get our impetus to live the abundant life God has promised us in and through Jesus. Yes, the richness of our days, our relationships and our possibilities are not of our own making (we sure think they are, right?). If it were not for our gracious heavenly Father, we would not have any need or reason to wonder about our routine and priorities! I know: it doesn't feel good to be reminded of our place in the universe but it is what it is, my friends. But just think: even though



PRIORITY

we are so limited in what we are and what we can accomplish, God is so gracious to us. See these words from Psalm 8:

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.



I could write another three pages – but I know that other responsibilities are calling for your attention. So, let's just say this: maybe we can remind each other of what is truly important and stop 'majoring in the minors' of life. It will surely take some practice. I have not yet mastered it. Yet, together, as brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus, we have a marvelous chance to get it right. If we can just remember it among the hustle and bustle of our days....

PASTORAL ACTS:



Virginia Mae (Ueker) Walk died on August 14th, 2018. Her Memorial Service took place on Saturday, August 25th at

Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We give thanks for her journey of life in our midst and entrust her to the mercies of Almighty God.

No vacation goes unpunished.

Karl Hakkarainen



Believe it or not, I will be going on vacation AGAIN! I will be out of the office from Monday, September 17 through Thursday, September 20th. Due to my husband's poor health over the last few years, I made sure to 'keep vacation days just in case' and now I am attempting to use up a reasonable number of those accumulated days.

Besides, after a long stretch of significant work and personal stress, I believe it will benefit not only me but also Emmanuel if I can manage to relax a bit. I am not planning on leaving the area during my time off but will be available and gladly respond to any emergencies that may arise during those days. Just call my phone at 641-903-9416!

Pastor Z+

JOYS AND SORROWS

Congratulations to Jeff Schultz who became a grandfather in July, to a little girl named Austen.

Congratulations to Chantel and Cody Bublitz on the birth of their son who was born in August, Rexton Dean Bublitz!

STEWARDSHIP MUSING



Our Iowa Mission District will be collecting Disaster Relief Supplies at the Convocation on September 15th in St. Ansgar. Any and all supplies within any of the following Kit categories are welcome: Baby Care, School Kits, Flood Buckets, Health Care, Quilts and Blankets, Bibles, and Gift cards. Disaster Relief supplies have been used extensively this last year in response to several natural disasters. The collection of these items will help whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Just as an aside: through the Women of the NALC, we collected over \$11,000 from individuals, congregations and Women's groups that came to the Convocation in Denver a few weeks ago. *If you are bringing in any items, please just place them on the pew in the entrance and we will transport them.*



Manna of Worth County, a well-known food pantry organized by local churches and located in Northwood, is looking for a Coordinator and a Treasurer.

Both positions are volunteer opportunities.

The Coordinator will order, stock and distribute food and supplies and oversee the work of volunteers. The Treasurer will keep an accurate account of the agency's finances. Both positions will work with and be overseen by the Board of Directors.

Please mail applications, postmarked by September 28th, to Mr. Hal Johnson, P.O. Box 199, Northwood, IA 50459. For questions please call 641-390-0247.

If you are interested and want some initial information, feel free to ask me or JC Dawald as we are – for now at least - on the Board of Directors.

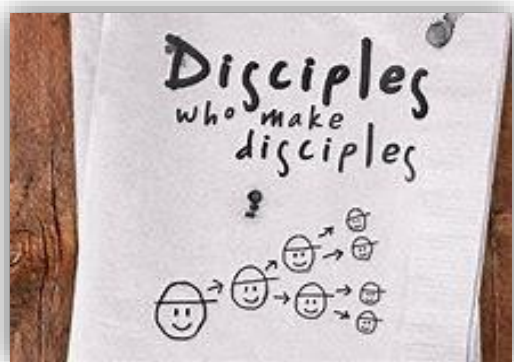
Emmanuel, as we found out, is one of the founding congregations and therefore responsible for the proper operation of the pantry. You are also encouraged to contribute to Manna's mission by bringing non-perishable food items and deposit them in the Manna cart by the front door.



Dear members of Emmanuel: As an update to our announcement from last month, please be advised that we are working on making it possible for you to give your **offering and tithe electronically**. Please check your **October newsletter** for more information on that! This possibility will be for those of us who prefer not having to worry about writing checks or are concerned about 'getting behind' on their offering when it is not possible to attend worship. This does **not mean** that anyone must participate in that possibility. Our envelopes **will not** be eliminated! We will be certain to explain the process extensively to those who are interested!

WHY IS THERE AN ENVELOPE IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

As an encouragement to those who have been away from our worship gatherings or realized that their financial contributions have “fallen behind,” the Church Council decided to add this envelope for your convenience toward making a faithful contribution to Emmanuel. God Bless!



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!!



Emmanuel Lutheran is a member-congregation of the Iowa Mission District of the NALC and we are comprised of 37 congregations across Iowa and Southern Minnesota.

The 2018 Iowa Mission District Convocation will take place on Saturday, September 15th at First Lutheran in St. Ansgar. The Rev. Dr. David Wendel, Assistant to Bishop Bradosky, will be our keynote speaker. The theme is “Sola Scriptura” - Scripture Alone. We are encouraged to send two voting delegates and as many visitors as we wish. The day will begin at 8 am with registration and conclude by 3 pm. Pastor Zamzow needs to register us by September 4th. Please let her know IF YOU are able and ready to join in this day of fellowship with your brothers and sisters from our NALC neighboring congregations.

DID YOU KNOW

2018 NALC Convocation

About 600 delegates and visitors gathered August 15-17 in Denver, Colo., for the 2018 Convocation of the North American Lutheran Church around the theme, "The Holy Spirit: Calling, Gathering, Enlightening, Sanctifying."

The Mission Festival began with a focus on discipleship. Featured speakers Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge of the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo., talked about ways congregations can form intentional disciples. The Mission Festival also featured a variety of breakout sessions to equip members for mission.

Pastor Gemechis Buba, Assistant to the Bishop for Missions, offered presentations at the Mission Festival and Convocation sessions. He told inspiring stories of God's work in providing buildings for some NALC mission congregations serving Oromo people.

Bishop John Bradosky will not be seeking reelection as Bishop of the NALC when his term expires in 2019. The Bishop talked about "passing the baton" of the office of Bishop and pointed out the need for all of us to "pass the baton" of faith and discipleship.

To prepare for the nomination and election process for Bishop, a packet of information was provided to congregations including a booklet of prayers encouraging NALC members to engage in a year of prayer and discernment leading up to the election at the NALC Convocation August 7-9, 2019, in Indianapolis, Ind.

Elections: Richard Jansak of Hendersonville, N.C., and Pastor Melinda Jones of Summerville, S.C., were elected to four-year terms on the Executive Council. Pastor John Moffett of Ashland, Ohio, and James Gale of Washington, D.C., were elected to the Court of Adjudication. Ralph Wold of Red Deer, Alberta, and Pastor Rolf Bjornstad of Sherwood Park, Alberta were elected to the NALC Canada Section Governing Board. Pastor Wendy

Berthelsen of Midlothian, Texas; Pastor Dennis Di Mauro of Herndon, Va., and Pastor Phillip Gagnon of St. Albert, Alberta, were elected to six-year terms on the North American Lutheran Seminary Board of Regents.

The North American Lutheran Seminary will be seeking a new president. The Rev. Dr. Amy Schirfin, president of the NALS, has been serving as both president and seminary faculty. She will continue as full-time faculty and transition out of her position as president after the 2018-2019 school year or when someone is called as president.

2019 budgets were approved. The Convocation approved a \$2.1 million Operating Budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for NALC designated funds: \$589,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the seminary); \$175,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$89,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. Most of the budgets anticipate spending some cash reserves.

A resolution regarding ecumenical consultation between the NALC and the Roman Catholic Church was approved. The resolution inviting the Roman

Catholic Church into conversation and cooperation was proposed by the NALC's Commission on Theology and Doctrine.

A new NALC Global Worker, James Puotyal, who will serve in South Sudan, was commissioned at the Convocation.

Stuff the Tonka Truck for NALC Disaster Response received more than \$11,000 worth of gift cards to assist those recovering from disasters. The effort was organized by the Women of the NALC.

Reports of the work of the NALC's staff, teams, task forces, ministries and ministry partners were warmly received.

Events preceding the Convocation were the Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology, Women of the NALC Annual Gathering, Discipleship Coaching workshop and the Ventures in Youth Ministry Symposium. The Convocation and the events preceding it comprise the NALC's annual Lutheran Week.



THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Thank you to those who remembered me on the 6th anniversary of my ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you for your kindness!

-PZ

THANK YOU STEWARDS

... to the **August Hospitality Team**: Clarice Bartz, Virl & Bonnie Deal, Gary & 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 and Kim Kuntz.

... to for **Betty Rosenberg & Carol Koschmeder** for serving on our Altar Guild for the month of August.

... to our **August Counting Team**: Lisa Bartz, Connie Rosenberg, Michael Cole

... to **everyone** who helped with the service and luncheon for Virginia Walk. It was much appreciated.

... to **Christa Larson** who helped Pastor and Michael set up the August Bratstand and to **Tammy Borchardt** who worked all day. Thanks to Jeff at the J-Mart for helping with the clean-up! Speaking of Jeff: A **HUGE THANK YOU to Jeff Jessen** who donated the food for all three Bratstands. His generosity made it possible for us to support four students who attended Riverside Camp this summer --- and we still have a little 'extra' in the account to get a good start for next year. THANK YOU, JEFF! We also want to say a word of gratitude to all those members and friends of Emmanuel (and strangers!) who simply added a large 'tip' to their bill or placed money on the table 'just because'.

... to **JC Dawald** who traveled to Denver to represent us, together with PZ, at the NALC Convocation.

... to **Victoria, William and Lucas Zamzow** for sponsoring a lemonade stand at the parsonage on Monday. They collected \$51.26 for Emmanuel's Campership Fund! Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the lemonade and snacks.

.... to **Linda Koschmeder** who refreshed "Jane's board" in the entry way and to Lisa Bartz for sponsoring the project.

... A big **THANK YOU to everyone** who was involved in our three-evening VBS in early August. 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 **Mike and Nicole Cole, Paul Hackbart, Orland Bartz and Christa Larson** for pruning and pulling weeds around the church. If **you** did the same and we didn't see it: thank you so much!!!

... to **Marena Henkle** who played for the Good Sam service in St. Ansgar.



The **Youth and Education Committees** decided to continue the **Noisy Offering** which we gathered for the first time on the Sunday after VBS. On the third Sunday of every month we invite you to bring your **coins** to worship (and your offering envelope!) and drop them in the bucket when the kids help collect the offering! Parents, we will assign all students to a Sunday and get you that information so you can plan ahead. If your children cannot be present on the Sunday they are to 'usher' for the Noisy Offering, please switch with another family. The Noisy Offering will benefit the Campership Fund of Emmanuel – all the current and future boys and girls who will attend Riverside Camp and receive funds from Emmanuel for their outing.

2018 Vacation Bible School



Rally Day Sunday is September 9th. We will have a service with our Band at the Grafton Park at 9:30. The service will be followed by games for young and old (if it's hard to move: we have activities for which you can remain seated!!). Please plan on bringing a dish to share and a camping chair for your comfort. We will not be able to use the Community Center this year!

Parents, if you are planning on your sons and daughters to attend Sunday School, please be sure to hand in the registrations which were sent to you a number of weeks ago. These registrations are for the safety of the children as much as for our benefit at the church!

On Rally Day you also will be able to sign up and order T-shirts for yourself and your family. Yes, we are creating T-shirts with Emmanuel's logo. Walk around and be proud of your church – come and wear the shirts for special occasions here at Emmanuel. Your Church Council is trying to combine a little fundraiser with lots of fun and fellowship. So, please be part of it. The order forms will remain at the church beyond September 9th.





Congregational Council Minutes July 10th, 2018

Meeting called to order by: JC Dawald- President

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh- VP, Paul Hackbart- Property, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer, Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Merlin Bartz-Evangelism, Julie Schaub-Stewardship

Absent: Nicole Cole- Youth, Amy Edwards- Christ. Ed.

Devotions: Sharon Hulshizer

Education Segment: Suicide amongst Farmers

Agenda review: M/S/C to accept agenda as presented

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: Pastor Zamzow shared information regarding our LP contract for 2019. She thanked Merlin, JC and Darren for helping carry panels from the parsonage to the church for a VBS project. Emmanuel has 16 students signed up for VBS in August. She encouraged a discussion as to raise money for Campership. Discussion was held regarding the progress on the new sidewalks and gutters.

Board Highlights:

Evangelism- Brat stand in June made over \$500 for Campership

Property- Update on sidewalks and gutters

Lay Ministry- None

Stewardship- Mission fest in will be in November; haven't met.

Youth and Education- None

Membership review: None

Unfinished Business:

- a) **PA System Upgrade-** Sent out a questionnaire about cassette tapes or CD's as a preferred media. **M/S/C- to table the discussion on the PA System until August.**

- b) **Protocol for Electronic Meetings-** An electronic meeting should follow the same verbiage that is used in the bylaws and constitution for a majority and quorum vote.

New Business:

- a) **Brain Storming Financials-** A lengthy discussion was held regarding options to meet short and long-term financial goals.
- b) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, August 14 @ 7:00 pm)
- c) Next meeting devotion's preparer: Darren Marsh

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

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson

TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for July 1-31, 2018

Current Fund

Beginning Balance: \$(5,158.22)

Interest: \$2.54

Deposits: \$9,575

Expenses: \$8,573.70

End of month Balance: \$ (4,154.38)

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$1,297.35

Deposits: \$301.00

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$1,598.35

Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$880.84

Deposits: \$410.00

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$ 1,290.84

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$29,726.58

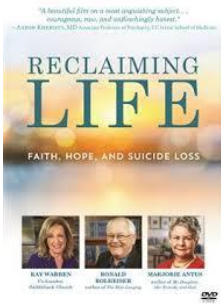
Deposit: \$0

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$29,726.58

Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran Church's Checking Account: \$28,461.39

Reclaiming Life



Please reserve the evening hours of October 15th, 22nd and 29th and join us for the viewing and discussing of the DVD "Reclaiming Life" which addresses the pains of losing a loved one to suicide. The DVD features three people, 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. PZ+



1-2 Volunteers Needed!

Bingo at LRH in Northwood, every Friday in the month of September.
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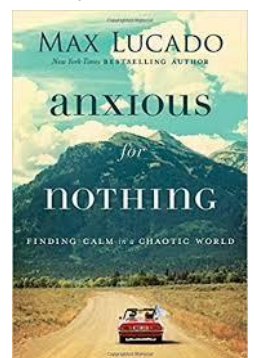
The Monthly Birthday Party on Thursday, September 20th.

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WOMEN OF EMMANUEL **ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING**

Americans especially know about living in perpetual anxiety. According to one research program, anxiety-related issues are the number one mental health problem among women and are second only to alcohol and drug abuse among men. Stress-related ailments cost the nation \$300 billion every year in medical bills and lost productivity. And use of sedative drugs like Xanax and Valium have skyrocketed in the last 15 years. Even students are feeling it. One psychologist reports that the average high school kid today has the same level of anxiety as the average psychiatric patient in the early 1950s. "The news about our anxiety is enough to make us anxious," says **Max Lucado**. But there's a prescription for dealing with it. In **Anxious for Nothing**, Lucado invites readers into a study of Philippians 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Lucado writes: "With His help you will learn to face the calamities of life. You'll learn how to talk yourself off the ledge. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you will learn to view bad news through the lens of sovereignty; to discern the lies of Satan and tell yourself the truth. You will manifest a gentleness that is evident to others. Anxiety comes with life. But it doesn't have to dominate your life."

Come and join us the fourth Tuesday of the month (starting on September 27th) – either at 10 am or at 7 pm to watch and discuss the DVD study. We also ordered books that accompany the DVD. Let us know if you wish to have a book to study along and we will set one aside for you!



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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Holy Communion</i> 2 15th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship	3 Labor Day	4	5 <u>6:30pm</u> Sunday School Teacher Training <u>7pm</u> Choir	6 <u>9am & 7pm</u> Discipleship Bible Study	7	8
<i>Grandparents Day</i> 9 16th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship <i><u>Rally Day!</u></i>	10	11 <u>7pm</u> Council Meeting	12 <u>7pm</u> Choir	13 <u>9am & 7pm</u> Discipleship Bible Study	14	15 Iowa Mission District Convocation in St. Ansgar
16 17th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	17	18	19 <u>7pm</u> Choir	20	21	22 Autumn Begins
	PZ on Vacation					
23 18th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	24	25 <u>10am & 7pm</u> ENALCW Bible Study	26 <u>7pm</u> Choir	27 <u>9am & 7pm</u> Discipleship Bible Study	28	29
<i>Holy Communion - Intinction</i> 30 19th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School						



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September	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
Sunday, 2 nd	Dave & Candi Feldt	Charlotte Cole	Zach Badker
Sunday, 9 th	Raechel & Luke Fossey	Marena Henkle	NA
Sunday, 16 th	Ken Fredrickson	Marena Henkle	TBA
Sunday, 23 rd	Mark Fredrickson	Marena Henkle	TBA
Sunday, 30 th	Rufus Glassel	Donna Schilling	TBA

Share Shoppe –September 22nd
Charlotte Cole

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Judy & Earl Trenhaile

Kyle and Amy Edwards

Steve McCready

Duaine & Myra Dierks

Pat Clark

Rachel Rosenberg

Michael & Liz Schaub

Coleen Trettin

Todd Trettin

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