

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### **BREAKING NEWS...**

#### **Corporate Worship resumes with proper Restrictions**

Based on the Declaration of Governor Reynolds from Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, religious communities are able to resume corporate worship while still adhering to certain restrictions. **Here are the guidelines we ask everyone to follow for the sake of our entire community:**

1. Please enter and move through our church building **without touching** any surface that is not needed for your safety. Example: do not touch railings if you are physically able to maneuver stairs without the help of a railing. Don't move too close to others – six feet between you!

2. Please use the **hand sanitizer** in the upper narthex before you enter the sanctuary.

3. Please **do not touch, hug or shake hands** with anyone who is not in your circle of social contact. We will share the "Peace" only verbally between the Pastor and the congregation. The offering will be taken at the door as you enter or leave. Thank you for your generosity!

4. If at all possible, please **wear a face mask**.

5. Please be aware that you may not be able to sit where you normally would sit! We will seat people from the front to the back **with two pews in between families and the seating staggered**. Example: if your family sits in the first pew on the north side of the pew, the next household will sit in the fourth pew on the south side of their pew.

Depending on how many people per pew, such will allow for a distance of 5 to 7 feet. Please do not lean over pews. There will be sheets of paper to help you navigate. If a family is in social contact with a single person (grandparent?), please sit together so we can 'save a pew'. Thank you for strictly adhering to this plan!!!

6. We will serve Holy Communion by Intinction with each household being ushered up at one time and the next household (individual, couple or family) waiting in the pew until the previous one has left the chancel area. Not coming up to the Communion rail allows us to dispense with the cleaning of the rail between 'tables'. I will sanitize my hands between each group.

7. At least until a new declaration lifts additional restrictions, there will be **NO Coffee hour** as 'socializing' per se is still limited to 10 people.

8. There will be **NO Sunday School** for the month of May. Parents, please use the lessons we sent to you in our UPDATES.

9. For now, our worship **service will be recorded** and be available on Facebook and our website on **Sunday evening** for those who should remain highly cautious due to health issues that may cause complications if exposed to communicable diseases. If you have any sign of illness in your household, please remain safely at home. If you are healthy, we hope to see you on Sunday ☺

# Resting Restfully

Newborn babies crave and need rest in order to do the hard work of growing! But, as parents know: that does not last very long. Soon most children will do everything to resist rest. Our granddaughter was a champion at avoiding needed naps. By the time she finally allowed her little body to fall asleep, after screaming and thrashing back and forth, whoever held her was exhausted and ready to fall asleep with her. When our sons were pre-school aged, it was amazing how many trips to the bathroom and the kitchen became pressing matters each night after already long periods of conversations, prayers and songs at their bedside. You know the drill! And, of course, most of us remember our own dislike of having a “time out” when our parents thought we could have behaved better than we did. Kids come to equate “quiet time” with “forced-to-do-something-against-my-wishes-time.”

My favorite picture of my grandson, Lucas, sleeping and resting peacefully; growing into a true gift!



Suffering from severe insomnia, I seldom get a good night's rest. Neither am I a 'napper'. Of course, we all realize clearly how important rest is. Our bodies are made to slow down and rev-up again; our brains literally need recovery time so they do not go into such overload as to create chaos in our lives. We know that deprivation of rest/sleep is the perfect torture tool.

So, agreed: rest is good and needed --- godly in fact. Following Creation, including human life, God rested. *“And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”* In other words, one of the first images we get of God is that He rests. You might find that notion a bit troubling or perplexing especially when you

He who keeps you,  
will neither slumber  
nor sleep. (Psalm 121:4)



consider passages such as Psalm 121 which says, *“He who watches over you will not slumber; He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.”* We won't discover the answer to that paradox until the life to come.

Jesus, who lived in perfect obedience to his Father, called his disciples after they had returned from surrounding villages performing many wonderful works, to “come away and rest” (Mark, 6:31). It wasn't just sleep Jesus had in mind - that wouldn't have required a command - but rest from activity, from fretting and wondering.

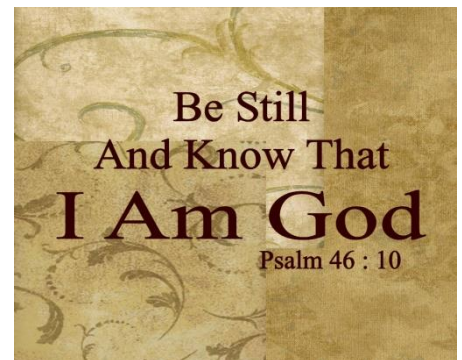
Right now, the COVID-19 pandemic is forcing some of our citizens - first responders, medical professionals, civil servants and others - to work at an almost frenzied pace. We cannot help but think of them as constantly mentally, physically and spiritually exhausted. We pray for them! They need rest or, at the very least, a good night of uninterrupted sleep followed by a nutritious meal without anyone asking for their attention. We pray for them!

On the other side of that scenario, however, some of us are finding the imposed rest from our labors anything but “restful.” Idle minds and hands are not our friend. We are not used to “sitting around”. Students have by now long figured out that they actually prefer getting up and studying in class rather than having to fight with mom over when and how homework gets completed.

Parents are ready to climb walls because they are running out of ideas for keeping little Joey occupied - while many are also ‘working from home’ - what a juggling act! Board games and Netflix have long lost their attractiveness and taking walks, no matter how healthy the exercise surely is, can actually become one of those ‘not again’ burdens. And, while we are “resting”, we watch socio-economic problems arise, causing fears among some segments of our community that COVID-19 might end up being the least of our problems. In other words: this time of “rest” is becoming a time of extreme stress and restlessness.

I am reminded of Psalm 46 which was most likely the impetus for one of our greatest and most beloved hymns, A Mighty Fortress is our God. The

Psalmist says: *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling...”* Surely, for today's world: this seems to be composed with us in mind! Yet, finally, in verse 10, at the close of the Psalm, we hear this: *“Be still and know that I am God.”*



When God says “be still” in Psalm 46, or when Jesus flat out commands his disciples to get some rest, we are called to a time without doing, worrying, wondering, fearing or controlling. We know that times of rest can challenge our illusions of control and safety.

So, let’s be still...and know that He is God. In some sense our struggle with this current “time-out time” has little to do with not liking naps or the discovery that we really don’t like our hobbies as much as we thought we did, but rather with wanting control and a safety net outside of God. That is at least true for me.

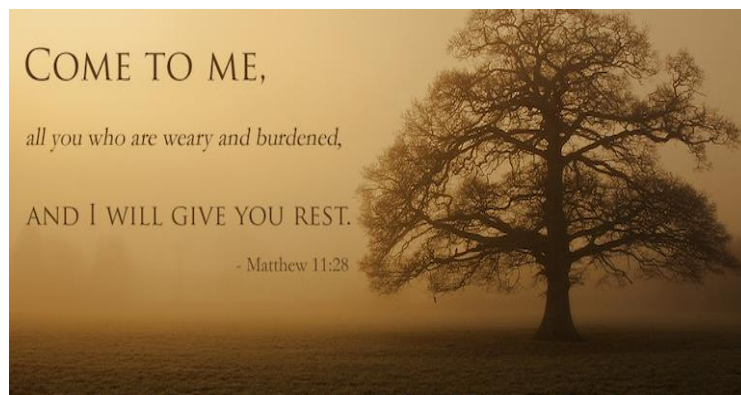
Perhaps the first step to recognizing that we need rest – real rest, total rest in God, rest that truly refreshes us, rest that cannot be found or purchased or borrowed – is the acknowledgment that we are simply not good at resting – in any form! So, let’s start with my confession: I am entirely restless every Sunday morning, wanting to get back into corporate worship NOW. I am entirely restless watching my meager retirement fund slip down, down, down. I am entirely restless and can’t wait to jump in my car to make pastoral visits in person rather than calling you on the phone. I am entirely restless waiting for dates to be cleared so our family can engage in some of the activities we had planned only to postpone them again and again. I am entirely restless each morning when I look in the mirror and realize that I need a haircut. I am entirely restless when I see the Coronavirus Tracker tick up rather than level off. I am restless because I fear the words of Psalm 46 are playing out...if not literally, of course, at least figuratively. I am restless, because I fear that I miss out on the part that calls us to be still and listen to the voice and the company of God. Because, you see, I will not find rest if I do that.

Right now, some of you may have too much work. Some have not nearly enough. I pray that you will have both rest and safety in your labors in these perilous times and a swift resumption of normal activity – as much as I pray for a cessation of this pandemic. Join me in that prayer, please.



crazy, scary, unusual, chaotic, mind-boggling cessation of all things “normal” to restore us to himself, find fullness and abundance in him, or as Jesus says, “find rest for your souls.”

Whether you are too busy or too unoccupied, too fearful or too confident – we all need some rest, true rest, rest for all of our lives and living. May God use this



*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30.*

With my prayers, blessings and best wishes

– Pastor Z+

**If you know of anyone who needs help with child care, grocery shopping, household chores, rides to the doctor, etc., feel free to contact Pastor Zamzow. If we at Emmanuel can help at all, we will do our best. We often miss out on information – so, please feel free to share any need of which you are aware.**



### Joys and Sorrows

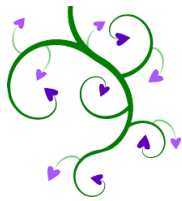
Our condolences to Julie Fredrickson and Mark Fredrickson on the death of their father, **Kenneth Fred Fredrickson**, who passed away on Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Ken’s burial took place with a Memorial Service at Emmanuel to follow when CDC restrictions and State regulations are lifted.



We remember in prayer the family of **Lenore Ellen Glassel** who was called to her eternal rest on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Ellen was buried in the Grafton cemetery with a Memorial Service at Emmanuel to follow at a later date.



Emmanuel has lost several faithful saints in a short period of time: Luella, Rufus, Lowell, Ellen and Ken. We pray for all who mourn and feel their losses most dearly. What a difference their lives made here at Emmanuel, in this wider community and in our individual lives as we knew, worshipped and worked with those now sitting at the foot stool of God. May God dry all tears and comfort our troubled hearts.



We express our condolences to *Neil and Donna Hackbart* at the sudden death of Donna's brother, James Duponchee.

**Thank you to all who gave Easter lilies, which added beauty and tradition to the virtual services..If you have not picked up your Easter lilies, please do so this week...**



Viril and Bonnie Deal...*To the Glory of God*  
Michael and Solveig Zamzow

...*In Memory of Neil and Audrey Zamzow*

...*In Memory of Alfred and Gertraud Draeger*

Brad Ames & Chris Paulson

...*In Memory of Robert Ames and Scott Paulson*

Troy and Yvonne Tourtellott & Family

...*In Memory of Tyler Tourtellott*

Darren and Lori Marsh & Family

...*In Memory of Joanne Marsh*

Patti, Duane, and Megan Rustad

...*In Memory of Rufus and Doris Glassel*

Phil and Gloria Hackbart

...*In Memory of Loved ones*

Nancy Walk

...*In Memory of Lowell and Virginia Walk*

...*In Memory of Loved ones*

Ardis Hanson & Family

...*In Memory of Allan Hanson*

Sharon and Randy Hulshizer & Family

...*In Memory of Teri (Hulshizer) Bishop*

...*In Memory of Kenneth Borchardt*

Charlotte Cole & Family

...*In Memory of Loved ones*

Laurie Nack-Bublitz

...*In Memory of Loved ones and*

*Kuper Dean Malmim. We Love You!*

Albert and Doris Ralph

...*In Memory of Our Loved ones*

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**If you have not already picked up your free copy of the new church pictorial directory and had your**



**UPDATE**

**picture taken, you may come to the church office and receive it. If you have questions as to whether you get one, please call the office.**



**He has Risen...He has Risen, indeed!**

## Thank You Stewards

... to all those ready and willing to serve during the month of April and unable to due to the Covid 19 restrictions, we extend our thanks. We look forward to the time of being together once again.

### Thank you, Emmanuel

A special thank you to Pastor Z for her prayers, visits, and concerns following Earl's hip replacement surgery. Also, to all our friends for the special cards, calls, and words of encouragement. He is the "bionic" man. He is recovering and doing well. Thanks be to God!

- Earl and Judy Trenhaile

Perhaps the only solace in a time of loss is family, close friends, and our church. We will always miss our Dad, but part of the memories we will cherish are everyone's expressions of caring and kindness during Dad's illness and death. We will always remember how our church supported all of our families. Dad was so fortunate to have been blessed with such a caring church. Rufus was generous by nature and had often helped people in need, especially when no one was looking. He simply saw a need and tended to it quickly.

The church service, songs, and music, food and helpers with food, with others helping at Dad's funeral-thank you all so much. We are encouraged and blessed to know that Dad (Rufus) will be in the company of our Lord.

-Sharon Trousdale, Pattie Rustad, Teri Sorenson

## Women's Ministry

No Meeting was held for TWC (The Women's Council) during the month of April. Due to COVID19 restrictions/regulations, we have postponed our new Bible Study, Pew Sisters, until further notice. We hope will be able to begin yet this year, keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement. God bless you and yours.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

## Stewardship Musings:

The Church Council would like you to know that Emmanuel Lutheran was the recipient of a Paycheck Protection Program Loan through the CARES Act 2020. We were first alerted to that possibility by the Treasurer of the North American Lutheran Church when national church headquarters learned that the program included churches and other charitable organizations.



After carefully checking into the program, we applied, were approved and received funds to cover basic staff

expenses and utilities for an eight-week period. All 'left-over' funds will have to be paid back at a 1% interest rate. Properly applied funds turn into a grant and are not subject to repayment or interest. We have, at this point, no intention of keeping any funds that are not distributed during this two-month period.

While these funds will surely help us (us, as well as all other churches and small businesses!)



during this unusual time, we nevertheless want to be mindful of our own Stewardship. A big THANK-YOU to all of you who have dropped off, mailed in, or electronically submitted offerings – no matter the amount – THANK-YOU! Your faithfulness has not gone unnoticed.

Like all other congregations in the land we realize that a prolonged discontinuation of corporate worship services will have a negative impact at some point. When "the world opens up" many of us will be looking at summer plans and summers, as we surely know, are always problematic for charitable organizations.

Here again are the various options you may use now or in the future, to contribute:

1. Mail your check to the church = 2. Bring your check to the office = 3. Go to our website at [www.emmanuelgraffton.org](http://www.emmanuelgraffton.org) and find the link to make a contribution on the first page as you open the website. = 4. Call the Client Service of Vanco, the company with whom we work for our electronic offerings, at 800-675-7430, and ask them for assistance to transfer funds into our account. = 5. Contribute through *Give Plus Church* via your smartphone. Download the app. Search for Emmanuel by zip code (50440) and follow the on-screen instructions to log in or donate as a guest to make a one-time or recurrent donation using a credit card or bank account.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

**Financial Balance Information for March 1-31, 2020**

**General Fund:**

**Beginning Balance: \$ -4,463.06**

Interest: \$4.19

Offering Revenues: \$ 14,201.54

Land Rent: \$4,275.00

E-giving Revenues: \$ 413.75

Thrivent Funds: \$95.00

**Total Revenues: \$18,989.48**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$14,526.42**

**Expenses: \$11,563.57**

**End of month Balance: \$2,962.85**

*Thank you for continuing your faithful giving during this unusual time for Emmanuel. Stay safe and healthy-Sharon*



**Our baptismal font and candle, surrounded by the beautiful Easter lilies...**

## DID YOU KNOW

...that the decision whether or not to hold the ecumenical VBS in Bolan (June 22-26) will be made in mid-May? As soon as she gets the information, Pastor Z will inform families with children. Keep your eyes on our famous UPDATES FROM EMMANUEL ☺



...that our VBS at Emmanuel is still planned for the end of July? We hope by then all restrictions will be lifted and we are planning to 'go into the community' this year and invite all kids who are interested. The

dates (as of now!) are Sunday through Tuesday, July 26-28, 2020. Based on various factors, these days may be moved slightly up or down. Again, keep watching for UPDATES. Please start thinking whether YOU might be able to help.

...that Riverside Bible Camp had to cancel all camp activities for the summer? Yes, we have many disappointed kids! Please check their website if you are interested in finding out when or what they might be able to offer in late summer or early fall. Their plans are not yet finalized as of this writing.

[www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org)

...that everything you see on the calendar is subject to CDC recommendations and State of Iowa guidelines and restrictions? Please call the office if you are not sure about something you see scheduled on the calendar. We are always most happy to keep confusion to a minimum!



...that one year after the Cathedral of Notre Dame was nearly destroyed by a fire, its future remains



uncertain? Prominent voices in France continue to argue about what should happen to the

medieval gothic structure once its complex reconstruction is completed.



In the aftermath of the blaze, French President Emmanuel Macron promised his people that “The Old Dame” of Paris would be rebuilt in time for the 2024 Summer Olympics.



Yet, architects and restorers in France cannot agree on the style of the renovations, while historians and prelates debate its soul. Once the debris is removed, the roof rebuilt and the stained glass is cleaned, what will be the purpose of this symbol of France and the Catholic faith? “What cathedral should be built for the XXI century?” asked Bishop Michel Aupetit of Paris. “What it is has always been due to the meaning behind its construction: to praise God and the salvation of humanity. If it doesn’t remain faithful to itself, it will lose its soul.” The French architect Jean-Marie Duthilleul has suggested that visitors coming to Notre Dame should have an opportunity to enjoy it without the wooden pews blocking their passage. He has argued that without the seating, visitors could move around more easily and be immersed in the majestic and transcendent art and architecture. Historian and writer Michel Pastoureau also took a jab at trying to imagine a new role for the historic cathedral. In an essay he stated that Notre Dame has now fallen prey to tourists, who, unlike the pilgrims of the past, only visit to take pictures and selfies. The struggle continues to find a solution for this majestic edifice.

...that exactly 50% of all Americans polled believe that the Bible should not have any influence on US laws?

...that Pastor Z resigned after serving for over six years, from the Discipline Inquiry Panel of the North American Lutheran Church? She decided after all that time she had shaken her fingers at enough people! However, she, together with two colleagues, continues to do the vetting of all pastors who wish to enter our church body. Instead of shaking her fingers she still can shake her head 😊

## LUTHERAN LEVITY

The idea for but not the words of the following essay are based on an article by Molly Ziegler Hemingway. Molly is a Lutheran Christian, wife, mother, daughter of a Lutheran pastor, and Senior Editor at The Federalist. She teaches Journalism and is a TV news contributor. However, the article she wrote under the title “Which of these eight types of virtual churchgoers are you” has nothing to do with politics but with virtual worship. While I am not a follower or promoter of Ms. Hemingway’s work (or anyone in the field of journalism!), her most delightful article gave me a launching pad for the following. I trust under the circumstances she would be flattered to know this.

When we started our virtual services at Emmanuel, I was nervous to the hilt. Nervous to prepare, nervous to record, nervously anticipating Sunday morning. Well, Sunday morning came and I got up, did what I had to do, and got dressed casually. When I got back into the bedroom my husband was just putting on his good jacket. He looked like he was off to an important meeting or perhaps a funeral. “What are you doing? Where are you going?” I asked curiously. After all, I thought we had agreed to watch “my service” and “his service” in our TV room. I didn’t know he had plans. Which was fine, but... “Well, we are going to worship. So I am getting ready for that,” was his surprised answer while he gave me that look that says: “And you are going to sit there like THAT?” I had to laugh a bit because my great-grandmother would dress up to watch TV, always convinced that the news anchor could see her. She was 97 when she died in 1964.



How are you sitting and watching our

services? Dressed to the ninth? In your oldest PJs? At our house, after several more of these virtual services, we now settled on a dress code that is good enough for public view but probably not exactly stylish 😊😊

One thing I can say, though: we are on time for worship! Nervous Nelly that I am on Sunday morning at 9:30, always fearing that some little techno-devil is messing with our “production”, I am on time --- although I know it makes no sense to try to ‘click in’ ahead of time because Marena knows what she is

doing. 9:30 am it is!

How about you?

Are you walking in after the confession?

I hope by the time the sermon starts you have figured out where and how you are going to watch. I wonder if folks who walk into corporate worship at the last minute or even a bit thereafter (as long as you get here!!) are late for virtual church? What do you think? Well, never mind – what happens in front of your computer stays in front of your computer!

Because I am one of the persons who usually sings the hymns for your limited enjoyment ☹ I do not sing along when I see the text on the screen. Rather, I flinch at every note that is not perfect – which, of course, means, I flinch at most of the notes I sing. If you are a singer: I hope you joyfully belt out the hymns from your seat. The Lord loves it! If you are not a singer: now is the best time for you to sing anyway! The Lord loves it! Who is to complain? Your family has to tolerate you and nobody will turn around in their pew and roll their eyes at you.

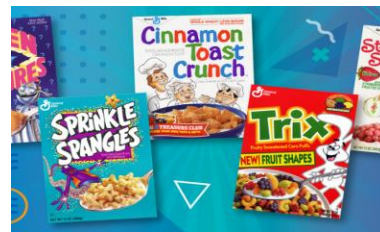


Our eldest son “produces” two worship services for the Lutheran Church where he has been Director for Missional Living for the last few years. We watch at least large portions of both services every week now. Unfortunately, there is no way for us to shut out the constant scrolling of comments - “Good morning from Gordon and Johanna” or “Hey, we are in Galveston, great to see you. Fantastic music. Miss everyone”. I noticed the same in other congregations where I lurk for a few moments to see what to do and what not to do with virtual worship. Can’t people please, please wait until the last hymn? Sure, we all want positive comments! Bring them on! After Pastor says “Amen”. Amen!

Are you keeping all your other devices on

(phone, iPad) while worshipping virtually? Are you worshipping with all the attention you can muster? I wonder if we are ‘competing’ with whatever else is going on in your life on Sunday mornings? Or perhaps Sunday morning is not at all the time you are watching? From Facebook info I glean that many of you are watching at other times of the day or week. That’s great, too.

I have had some comments from younger parents who told me they love sitting at home while worshipping – easier to keep the kids in check! Yes, at church you find yourself getting up and going out (no problem!). Are you still corralling kids at home as



well? Do you still need little plastic bags with cereal and coloring books? I should take a survey!

Finally, I wonder if you stand for the reading of the Gospel and the closing hymn? Lutherans are experts at getting up and down and down and up again during worship. There are actually ‘real’ theological and/or biblical reasons for that. At home, aha!, nobody will know if we follow those leads. Perhaps you noticed that I do not say or motion for you to stand or sit during virtual services. Many pastors do – good for them. Hope springs eternal. Perhaps I am too pessimistic about the human race to think you are getting up when you can snuggle in the corner of the sofa with your favorite blanket. You have permission. But, if you do get up and down at the right moment: bless your heart. After all, I am standing the entire time ☺

So, how do you worship virtually? Here is my final thought: however it is you are worshipping right now, I am so glad you are doing it!!! Still, I can’t wait to see you in person, hearing the sound of our voices mingled and strong, praising God together. God love you! As he does!!



*I had fun writing this and I hope you will have fun reading it. Perhaps you see yourself and your family in some of these comments. Remember: I will never know!!*  
Pastor Z+



**P.S. A huge THANK YOU to Marena Henkle and Will Bartz who have done a tremendous amount of work getting our virtual services into cyberspace for you to access. We also thank Michael Cole and Gregg Urbatsch who have been in charge of our PA system. Please thank these good people in person (or virtually ☺) when you see them. Without them this would not be possible. Thank you as well to Renae Kroneman for keeping up with our website and to Sharon Hulshizer who is making sure we have as much info as possible on our Facebook page. Thank you one and all. The Lord bless you.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is tradition to do an activity the last week of Sunday School. Although many of our plans have been changed this year, we still want to do



something fun for our Sunday School kids to wrap up the year.

The week of May 17th, since that was supposed to be our last day of Sunday School for the year, we will be having a God Centered scavenger hunt around the city of Grafton. Each family is invited to play, and follow the clues to landmarks around town. Directions and the first clue will be available starting on May 17th at the Church. Stop by and pick up the materials any time throughout the week. The families that get all the answers correct will be entered for a chance to win a prize.

*-Brittany Bartz, Chair, Education Committee*

**All photos of our altar and front of the church decorated for Easter in the Epistle were taken by our own photographer, Pastor Z...**



**...Please take notice of our new Easter banners.**

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Normally, this is the time of year, I put in the advertising about the Memorial Day service at the Grafton Cemetery, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. There is usually a speaker, local talent sharing music, and youth reading Memorial tributes. The St Ansgar Middle School Band usually plays our familiar songs for us to sing along, and the local Legion members participate as well.



But, as you know, this is not a “usual” year, and things will most likely not be done as normal, I do not know what to print...Our cemetery will most likely be open for visiting the graves of loved ones or honoring those who served. Please watch for announcements in local papers and in our bulletins, if we gather for worship, or on our church website, Facebook page, or Pastor Z’s updates. Even in the most abnormal of circumstances, we can still honor those who gave it all...  
*-Sharon Hulshizer*



**Congregational Council Minutes  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, Mark Fredrickson-V  
President, Sandy Thompson-Evangelism, Marena  
Henkle-Stewardship, Michael Cole-Property, Emi  
Kuntz-Lay Ministry, Brittany Bartz-Christian  
Education, Will Bartz-Youth, Sharon Hulshizer,  
Secretary/Treasurer.

**Devotions:** Mark Fredrickson

**Education Segment:** Cultivating uncertainty

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to accept agenda as  
amended: under New Business add a.

**Signatures at bank.**

**Review Printed Minutes:** M/S/C to accept  
minutes as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports accepted as  
presented. Discussion of Vanco-our e-giving  
company.

**Pastor's Report:** 1) Thank you for received time  
off and for the plant for mother-in-law's memorial  
service. 2) Hype of coronavirus making it hard to  
find items. 3) First Communion class- there will be  
four students, three sessions of classes, first  
communion on Maundy Thursday. 4) March 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
Youth Sunday-the director of Riverside Lutheran  
Bible Camp will be here, children's choir will sing,  
youth will have a pancake fundraiser for  
camperships. All of the Confirmation students will  
be going to camp this summer. 5) March 29<sup>th</sup>- Bell  
choir will be coming. 6) Auditors will be auditing  
next week. 7) Pollard pest control papers have  
arrived to be signed. 8) Letters to inactive  
members.

**Board Highlights:**

**Stewardship-** Discussing Mission Fest.

**Lay Ministry-** No Report

**Evangelism-** Submitted report. Met in  
February and new members were updated on  
the committee work. Brainstorming for a large  
community event for 2020. Myra will be  
chairperson.

**Y&E:** Submitted report. Met in March,  
discussed many things regarding SS, Youth  
group, Simple Super, VBS. Council action  
needed: Discussion on a possible stipend for a

person to apprentice Pastor Z and then take  
over for Sunday school and VBS. More  
discussion will be done at the next Y&E  
meeting in April.

**Property-** 1) Electrical work- continues to be  
done in bathrooms and kitchen for GFI  
compliance and an emergency sign was fixed.  
2) WCTA is almost finished with the wiring to  
add a phone line to the elevator in compliance  
with updated requirements. 3) Tuckpointing  
-2 bids received from Pajic Tuckpointing: one  
for the west side/SW corner of Ed unit and  
one for the remaining perimeter work. **M/S/C  
to use funds from the Viola Diedrich estate  
monies to pay for the 1<sup>st</sup> bid for  
tuckpointing.** The second bid will be  
deferred to apply for a grant from WCDA,  
along with the cost of repairing and partial  
replacement of Ed unit windows.

**Membership review:** none

**Unfinished business:**

- a) Hardwiring for  
Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall: WCTA  
already here to run phone line to  
elevator, so running wires for  
internet as well. A router has been  
put in above the choir robe closet in  
the basement.
- b) Custodial Position: One person has  
been interviewed and will job  
shadow on Tuesday. Another  
applicant will be contacted for  
possible interview.

**New Business:**




















a) Signatures at bank: Since signatures  
turn over rather frequently, it was suggested that  
possibly not everything be changed each time i.e.  
CDs and other accounts outside of the General and  
Savings, one person could remain on when the  
others change. After discussion, it was  
recommended that Darren, Mark, and Sharon, since  
all have signed, stay on, even after the next changes  
are made. Sharon will check with the bank to make  
sure that these three names are on all accounts.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Will Bartz  
Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, April  
14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

# MAY 2020 (All events subject to COVID19 restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Stay Safe...	27 Healthy...	28 Happy...	29 Pray always...	30 At all times...	1 	2 
<b>3<sup>4</sup>th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	4 	5 	6 4:30 p.m. Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	7  No Bible Study	8 	9 
<b>10<sup>5</sup>th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 Worship (Choir) 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School Mother's Day	11 	12 7:00 p.m. Church Council	13 4:30 p.m. Confirmation	14  No Bible Study	15 	16 
<b>17<sup>6</sup>th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	18 	19 9:00 a.m. TWC (The Women's Council)	20 4:30 p.m. Confirmation	21  No Bible Study	22 	23 
<b>24<sup>7</sup>th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	<b>25 Memorial Day</b>  10 a.m. Grafton Cemetery	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 
<b>31 Day of Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 



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<u>May</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kenzie Sorenson & Camden Trenhaile	Liz Backhaus	Marena Henkle
Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Mother's Day</b>	Madison Edwards	Garry & Angela Backhaus	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sophie Urbatsch	Jon & Kim Badker & family	Marena Henkle
Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Weston Paulson	Clarice Bartz	Donna Schilling
Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Hicken & Ryan Cole	Courtney Bartz	Donna Schilling

### **Hospitality Team IV** *Leader: Debby & David Bublitz*

Teresa Sorenson	Katie VanDeWalker
Katie Bass	Kara & Joe Walk
Kayla Pappas	Larry Diedrich
Marlin Rosenberg	Jon & Kim Badker
Clarice Venechuk	Calvin & Sandy Thompson
Sam/Shelly/Nicole Venechuk	

### **Ushers:**

Mark Borchardt  
Belinda Borchardt  
Ken Kroneman  
Calvin Thompson  
Troy Tourtellott  
Gregg Urbatsch

### **Altar Guild**

Charlotte Cole  
Janice Nelson

### **Counters:**

Connie Rosenberg  
Belinda Borchardt

*(all subject to COVID19 regulations and restrictions)*

**PA Operator:** Darren Marsh

**Lay Ministry:** Lisa Bartz     **Share Shoppe:** Judy Trenhaile

