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FROM THE PASTOR

THE BLUEBERRY BLUES

If you have kept count, I have already told you about the currants and raspberries in our backyard in past months. So, it should not come as a surprise that today our blueberries are up for contemplation. I promise not to start a strawberry patch!! ☺

Here is the saga: On Turkey Day 2013 our son and his family came for the festivities and brought along an ice cream bucket full of huge, ripe, sweet blueberries from the garden of a colleague who had more than she could handle. Shortly thereafter, said colleague was re-organizing her yard and wanted to know if we would be willing to take some of her blueberry bushes off her hands. Willing? We were thrilled. Visions of pies, jams and blueberry pancakes immediately were dancing in front of my eyes.



So, on a Saturday morning our son and his truck arrived and the prepared bed for the berry bushes was graced with three healthy blueberry plants. All we needed was a little luck and we would increase our reputation as grandparents with healthy fruits and vegetables fresh from our own garden. Well, perish the thought. Since that fateful day Michael has built a mini-version of Fort Knox around the

bushes in order to keep out rabbits who are using the confinement as their personal OB-GYN ward and new-born nursery. We have put in peat moss to create well-drained soil and have acidified it according to the all-knowing internet. We laid a soaker hose. But, every blossom that created even a small, tiny blueberry dried up or was picked off by birds. Never mind the scare tape – which was, however, a good deterrent for us humans not to bother busy birds and nesting rabbits. All in all, since the summer of 2014 we have harvested **exactly** 16 blueberries at the approximate cost of \$34.18 per berry. I know, a flight to Portland, Oregon would have been cheaper!

So, this year we did nothing...and I mean nothing other than tying 5 pieces of scare tape on the bushes. No hose, no peat moss, no acid, no nothing.

We barely pulled a few of the worst weeds. We were done! Birds: come on over; rabbits: make yourselves comfortable. I was so disgusted I only sneered at the many blossoms in the spring. Yeah, right, try to fool me. Not anymore!

Fast forward to the middle of June when I rested my weary body against the outer walls of Fort Knox and allowed myself to glance at the bush in the



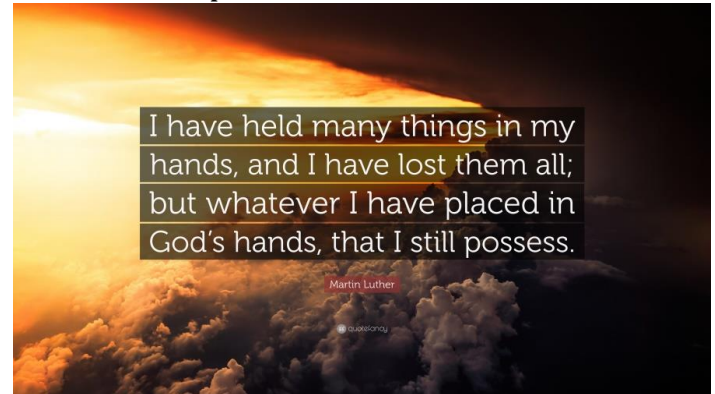
middle- the one which was to be pollinated and bear fruit! And what did my eyes behold? Blueberries! I mean, blueberries that looked not dried up but indeed gave the distinct impression that they could ripen and be picked and melt in someone's mouth. No, we are not talking buckets full but perhaps just enough to put over some ice cream and relish the thought of successful gardening. Yes, the summer isn't over yet – but, at least we are now at a point where hope has re-entered our hearts and minds and we actually keep checking the bushes every few days.



It is easy to focus on everything that is going wrong and miss out on the signs of life and hope around us. I catch myself more often than I care to admit in the “woe-is-me-funk”. As soon as I am in that mood, nothing can make me feel good. Truth be told, I also notice it in others and in some cases folks seem to have given up on anything good. When we think we are not in control of our surroundings or sense that there is more unpredictability than we can handle, we often confuse such times with hopelessness.

Martin Luther, in 1530 wrote a letter to his friend, Justus Jonas in which he said: “I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all;

not one of them remains. But so far, anything that I have been able to cast out of my hands to God, I have been able to keep safe and sound.”



What words of comfort Luther gives us here for a time when life seems so uncertain in the world, our society and even the Church. At those difficult moments we might be tempted to cling ever more tightly to what we have and love and perhaps even grasp for more in order to maintain our level of comfort and our status quo. The last few months have certainly shaken our notion of being in control. As I said in my sermon on July 5th, the burdens of these days often result in anxiety, fear, worry and anger. None of which are good and yet we have a terrible time letting go of it. Caught in it once, we usually slip deeper and deeper. In other words: we display a bad case of the Blueberry Blues and forget that God does indeed hold all things, yes, the whole world, in His hands, as the famous camp song says.



Of course, that does not mean that we humans just get to sit back and “let God be a good Man” as the old Germans used to say. We surely need to care about what is going on around us and do what we can to live and work and strive toward life that is much more in line with the Kingdom of God. Surely, God works in and through all creation, including in and through people like us. Even as we trust that the outcome is in God's hands – and it is! – we realize there is work to be done in our own lives as well as the church and the world.

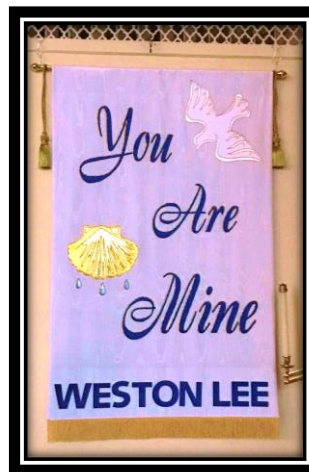
"It is God who works
in you to will
and to act
according to
His good purpose"

(Philippians 2:13)

Therefore, we get going on that work of reconciliation and forgiveness, peace and justice, compassion and comfort, admonishment and calm support. We can do that work, filled with the confident hope that God will provide for everything abundantly from daily bread (and once in a while a few extra blueberries) to the living water of our Lord Jesus – topping it off with new life, true freedom and everlasting salvation. We can be confident indeed. We can be filled with hope. God has us safely in His hands now and has given His Son to conquer death. God's Holy Spirit will provide us with the strength we need to address the matters that must be brought to light and the heavy work that cannot be left undone so all of God's children will live in peace and harmony and prosperity. Yet, ultimately, all of what is needful is always in infinitely better hands than our own. With that confidence we will walk into the next weeks and months.

Pastor Z+

Pastoral Acts



Weston Lee Dalluge, son of Jacob and Jacqueline, was baptized at Emmanuel on Sunday, June 28th. His sponsors were Cierra Dalluge and Marcus Paulus. We welcome Weston into our family at Emmanuel.

A memorial service for **Lenore Ellen Glassel** was held on Saturday, June 27th. We rejoice in her life and uphold her family in our prayers.



Dates to be mindful of...

July 7th- Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.

July 9th -17th -Pastor Z on vacation

August 7th & 8th – NALC Virtual Convocation

August 11th -Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.

August 26th -First Day of Confirmation

August 31st – Pew Sisters Bible Study for Women 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.



*A note
from the pastor*

Dear friends in Christ - I will be on vacation, starting Thursday, July 9th and return to the office on Friday, July 17th. Due to the continued issue with Covid-19 in the South of the country, I changed my travel plans and will not leave the State. You will be able to reach me for emergencies on my cell phone @ 641-903-9416. Pastor Paul Weeg will lead the service on July 12th. Please greet him with enthusiasm – he loves to come to Grafton and always hopes I take lots of Sundays off! Also, a big "Thank you" to all who remembered me with cards and gifts on my birthday. Please know that all was sincerely appreciated! Fondly, Pastor Z+

The Church During, With and After COVID-19

Like all churches in the country, Emmanuel Lutheran had to make many adjustments because of the Corona Virus. All in all, I believe we have done as well as can be expected. After we started corporate (in-person) worship again, I am sure that not everyone has been a fan of some of the restrictive measures we had to put in place. As the 'count' of active cases in our area continues to change, we must keep a careful eye on whether we can continue 'as is' or need to ask for more or perhaps less restrictions of all who attend worship. Only time can and will tell.

Many of my colleagues have heard and seen what I have: people being thrilled they can access worship from the comfort of their homes. Perhaps you recall my tongue-in-cheek piece from our last newsletter. We are most certainly exceedingly grateful that we have this opportunity to offer a worship experience to those who cannot or should not be out and about!!! Let me say it very clearly: as long as there is reasonable danger and you are in a segment of our community that ought to heed the advice given by just about everyone: stay home! Please, protect yourself and your loved ones.

However, I also have to say that I am smart enough to realize that some members (of ANY congregation as well as Emmanuel) use this 'virtual' opportunity as an excuse not to get out of bed in time to go to church. I am afraid too many so-called experts (often pastors and church officials) insist that we are still church no matter how and where and when we gather. I think that is only partially true and lets people like me off the hook, giving me/us/them an excuse not to call parishioners out on it – I am speaking in very general terms, please know that!!!

The church of Jesus Christ is built on community, on togetherness. We will be hard pressed to find any encouragement from Jesus that says that being in the confinement of your chamber without your brothers and sisters to love, forgive, serve and pray with, is "normal". Of course, the church is not a building. But the church is the people who gather around Word and Sacrament, encouraging each other and being lifted up by their neighbor.



Absolutely, peculiar circumstances call for extraordinary measures. I believe we must not have any regret about closing our church to worship and other gatherings and opening with restrictions. As our Lord cared about the physical needs of those whom he met, we must as well. Neither do we reject science.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10: 23-35

Nevertheless, we must actively work together against any attitude that would diminish the need for corporate worship. In the long run the church universal and individual congregations will suffer. Yes, it is true: with our services on Facebook we reach a broad and wide virtual community; our June 28th worship had 308 views so far. Very nice. When is the last time we had 308 people in worship the end of June?! Yet, were we a community of 300 plus people hearing one another's voices, feeling each other's presence, looking across the pew seeing someone who means something special to us, being addressed very directly by the spoken and living Word of God? Maybe not so much!?

Please, allow me to encourage you and your families: unless and until corporate worship creates a clear and present danger to your well-being, think deeply about what you are missing out on by not being here (or anywhere in worship, for that matter!). Contemplate what you want Emmanuel Lutheran to look like when you think of your



children and grandchildren. Do not miss out on what you know, think and profess to be important to you.

Yes, the next generation of pastors and lay leaders around the world will most likely have to make major adjustments because of what we just experienced since March. Perhaps even Emmanuel will and would want to do just that.

Expensive equipment may be purchased and technically gifted persons may 'produce' what we will accept as 'normal' worship where you can skip the liturgy, or hymns or reading by 'forwarding' your stream and choose which parts of the service you deem 'optional and not needed'. Maybe that will indeed be the future.

After all, theological education looks very different today than it did in 1987 when I started Seminary. We sure did not know what an online class even might mean! I remember typing my first paper on my husband's computer when I was in my last year of Seminary education. Today I cannot imagine not having my computer, my phone and my iPad available at my every beckon call. And yet, I actually mourn the fact that many younger pastors and theologians will never really know what it means to sit over coffee and struggle with questions of life and death, having to look each other in the eye and still be able to live next door to one another rather than shutting off a computer and utter a few choice words. Whenever we gain one thing we usually lose another. Some of these losses come at a high cost. Consider the cost of losing corporate worship very carefully.

DID YOU KNOW

...that Pastor Z sends out weekly devotions since the beginning of the pandemic? If you wish to receive the devotions and weekly UPDATES FROM EMMANUEL electronically or the Sunday sermons via mail and Pastor does not yet know of your desire, please call her or email her and she will add your name to the respective grouping. If you are receiving one or the other and do not wish to be included in the sending any longer, let her know as well. Thank you!

...that due to COVID-19 the NALC Convocation will be held virtually on Friday, August 7, 6-9 pm ET and Saturday, August 8, 2-6 pm ET. Donna Schilling and Pastor Z will participate as delegates. There is no fee for visitors. To learn more and to watch the proceedings during or after the actual event, please seek more information at www.thenalc.org



Well, it is true: we are not sure yet how Sunday School will exactly look for the first trimester of the 2020/21 school year. But we know something will happen!! So, it really is important that we know how many children in which age groups will be attending and how many teachers we will need. If you have not yet signed up electronically with Brittany Bartz, please do so as soon as possible. We are getting ready to make plans and we need your input to do that! Thank you, parents. Also, if you can help teach or serve as a sub – see the link below!

Link for Sunday School Student Sign Up 2020-21:

<https://forms.gle/7wJuFZik1Qe4zbGm9>

Link to sign up to teach Sunday School:

<https://forms.gle/6eRjF4PtAmDonjFd9>

Congratulations...

Ed Jordan, formerly of Grafton and Emmanuel Lutheran, turned 90 on July 2nd. If you would like to share a memory or card with him, his address is:

Edwin Jordan
Northwood Pines, 700 10th St North
Northwood, IA 50459



to Carol Koschmeder on July 14th!!!

Carol is in good health, but staying home much of the time, as are most of us... she enjoys audio books, some tv, light cooking, and using the computer.

Please help Carol celebrate with a phone call (anytime!) at 641-748-2732 or send a card to:
PO Box 20
Grafton, Iowa 50440

Blessings on this milestone in Ed and Carol's lives!

Thank You Stewards

... to the hospitality teams willing to serve from June -August and unable to do so due to Covid 19 restrictions, we extend our thanks.

...to Doris Ralph and Haley Tourtellott for serving on Altar Guild for the month of June.

...to our Counting Teams for April & May, for faithfully coming in to count as needed and to our June counters: Gloria Hackbart, Dan Nack, and Orland Bartz.

...to Council members willing to serve as ushers with the reopening of services in May and to our June ushers: Mark Fredrickson, Dick Neeley, Duane Rustad, Steve McCready, and Gary Schotanus.

...to Michael Cole and Gregg Urbatsch for assisting with the PA System for our virtual services and to Dan Nack and Josh Rosenberg for operating the P.A. System in June.

...to Lisa Bartz for serving on Lay Ministry in May and Doris Ralph for the month of June.

Thank you, Emmanuel

A special thank you to Pastor Z for her prayers, visits, and communion.

- Gene and Betty Rosenberg

Thank you for the thoughts, words, and prayers during the time of my knee surgery. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring community.

-Sharon Hulshizer

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church members,

Thank you so much for all you do for Manna of Worth County-food drives, donations, and volunteers. We were able to service 1848 Worth County residents last year. We so appreciate your partnership.

-B Bendickson (previous director)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel! As uncertain as these times are, our faith in Christ is unshaken. Riverside continues to lead Christ-centered retreats and camp experiences year-round for people to know and experience God's extravagant peace, love and life that are found in Christ alone. Your continued partnership is making an eternal impact on the lives of kids of all ages year after year. God Bless you!

-Chris Dahl, Director



Congratulations to Jeremy and Krissy (Poston) Hulshizer, who were united in marriage on June 13th in Council Bluffs. Jeremy is the son of Randy and Sharon Hulshizer. He and Krissy are both teachers at St Albert Catholic Schools in Council Bluffs. Their address is:

523 South Main St, Apt 2
Council Bluffs, IA 51

Headstone Cleaning at the Grafton Cemetery

Submitted by Suzanne Walk

Several years ago, my uncle Orly's gravestone was totally covered with the yellow star lichen. Another cousin cleaned it. I wanted to know what he used, as other family members stones had it on, too. He used a cleaner that needed to be thoroughly washed off with water. I did some checking and found the product, Wet and Forget. It does not require it to be washed off, in fact it works long after you used it to continue to clean the stone. I first used it and cleaned several of my relatives' stones 3 years ago. This year, others said they would like to help clean more of the stones. So far, we have had three work mornings. The entire south side from the main gate has been cleaned. Those who have helped are: Sheila (Schultz) London, Susan (Bartz) Grovert, Dixie (White) Jellum, Emily (Krebsbach) Kuntz and some of her grandchildren, Linda Koschmeder, Jeannie (Huebner) Peterson, and me. Probably one more work morning will be held in the fall to finish the north side.

A big thank you to those people that contributed money to pay for the cleaning solution. Any money not used will be donated to the cemetery.

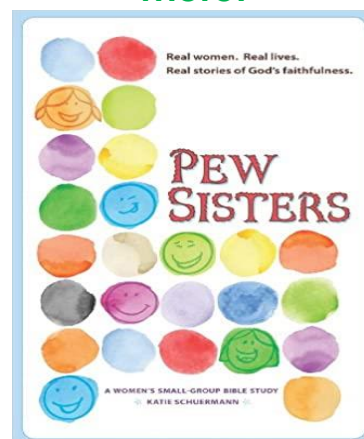


Before...



and After...

Sisters in the Pew - Let's try this once more!



Pew Sisters is a Bible study for women that reports on the real-life stories of real women. If you wish to purchase a book for \$10.00, please see Sharon or Charlotte. We will study several of the twelve sessions and will meet once during the morning hours and again in the evening of the same day (10:00 am and 7:00 pm). We will be able to 'social distance' in our library but recommend that you purchase your own copy of the book rather than one copy among friends. The dates for our gatherings are:

Monday – August 31st
Tuesday – September 15th
Monday – September 28th
Tuesday – October 13th
Monday – October 26th
Tuesday – November 10th
Monday – November 23^r



Electronic Meeting Minutes Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council March/April 2020

The following items have been approved by electronic measure:

- March 23rd, 2020- Council voted unanimously to hire Jeffrey Miller to be the next Custodian.
- April 4th, 2020- Council voted unanimously to apply for the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) through the CARES Act via the SBA (Small Business Administration).
- Council agreed by consensus to suspend with the celebration of Holy Communion until further notice.
- Council agreed by consensus to maintain the wages/salaries of all staff members.
- Council agreed by consensus that Jeff will work several hours each week to get familiarized with our building and do work that is out of the ordinary (washing windows, etc.).
- May 5th, 2020- Council agreed by consensus to have virtual services on May 10th and 17th, two corporate services on May 24th and 31st, and one corporate service on June 7th. All services will be conducted with CDC guidelines in mind, following state and federal regulations.

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Meeting was done electronically due to COVID 19 restrictions/regulations and in the best interest of Council members. All information from the Secretary/Treasurer and Pastor were submitted to council via e-mail.

Those included in electronic meeting: Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh-President, 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.

Agenda review: Agenda submitted electronically to all members.

Review Printed Minutes: Printed minutes from the March meeting were submitted electronically to all members.

Treasurer's Report: Reports presented electronically. E-giving has increased due to not being able to gather in person. Other church members are bringing or sending in their offerings. Sharon is learning the Icon-CMO system and still familiarizing with the Treasurer position. Auditing of financial records was done and all was to be found in order. The church has been approved to receive a PPP (Payment Protection Program) loan, agreeing to use said funds for specific items of payroll and in an 8-week time frame. After those 8 weeks, proof is submitted to the bank and, if requirements have been met, we may apply for loan forgiveness. **M/S/C- I move to authorize Darren Marsh, President of Emmanuel Lutheran, to sign application for the Payroll Protection Program on behalf of our congregation and for Treasurer, Sharon Hulshizer, to be the contact person. M/S/C to pay Pastor Z the annual difference for her pension in the amount of \$2150 during the month of April.**

Pastor's Report: 1) A huge "Thank you" to Marena Henkle, Will Bartz, and Michael Cole for helping with the virtual services-they have been well received. 2) Besides virtual services and e-mail updates, have been sending out weekly devotions, news items, and Sunday sermons to those without

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social media capabilities, and making phone calls to members. 3) Using the virtual services to keep confirmation kids learning, taking notes. 4) When we “open”, will need to find dates for Confirmation, First Communion, and three Memorial Services. 5) Vacation at end of April has been delayed until dates can be rescheduled for granddaughter’s confirmation and grandson’s graduation. 6) No longer serving on the NALC Discipline Panel, but will continue on the Vetting panel. 7) NALC convocation- no updates yet on whether the August date will be changed.

Board Highlights:

Property- 1) Memorial money has been given towards the repair of the kitchen walls. Due to COVID19 outbreak, looking for a contractor had been put on hold. 2) There are still issues with the new floor tiles-some are not staying glued down. 3) Grant has been approved for the parsonage bathroom renovation/repair; kitchen faucet has been replaced. 4) Elevator upgrades are ongoing, but the phone has been installed in the elevator.

Membership review: none

Unfinished business:

- a) Custodial Position: Jeffrey Miller from Nora Spring has been hired to serve as our new custodian. He will begin on April 1st.
- b) Elevator Upgrades: covered under property report.
- c) PPP (Paycheck Protection Program): Covered under Treasurer’s report.

New Business:

a) Coronavirus Concerns: As of this time, it has affected all aspects of life for those in and around the church. We will continue to monitor the situation and assess, as needed, how to proceed with worship and other necessary items of concern as they are presented. Virtual services will continue until restrictions are lifted. We continue in prayer for all those in our congregation, our leaders, and our country, and look forward to being together in communion once again.

Next meeting devotion’s preparer: To be determined

Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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: Pastor Z

Education Segment: Council moved to the sanctuary to discuss what Sunday services will look like when we resume on the 24th. Decision was made to remove hymnals from the pews temporarily. Two council members at each service will assist with keeping the flow and sanitizing between services. Wearing masks will be encouraged and the second service will be videotaped and posted on Emmanuel’s Facebook and webpage at 6 p.m. Sunday night. Council reviewed letter Pastor Z will be sending out and suggested changes.

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

Review Printed Minutes: M/S/C to accept minutes as corrected: add Darren Marsh-President, to those in attendance at the April meeting. M/S/C to accept electronic minutes from March/April as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Reports accepted as presented. There has been a small increase in people giving via Vanco-our e-giving company, since the onset of COVID19 and virtual services. Others are mailing or bringing checks. Sharon is continuing to learn the ICON-CMO system.

Pastor’s Report: 1) Still have First Communion, Confirmation, and Memorial services to schedule. 2) Taking vacation July 10-17th. 3) VBS- Still waiting to hear from Bolan on their decision. 4) Stewardship- Offering down a bit the last week, need to encourage those not giving as we approach summer in which attendance is normally down. 5) Michael Cole will be the Funeral Usher to replace Ken Fredrickson. Looking for a second person to help. 6) June 1st-Medicare Part D reimbursement is due.

Board Highlights:

Stewardship- none

Lay Ministry- none

Evangelism- none

Y& E: Scavenger hunt will be online beginning on May 17th for the end of the year Sunday School activity. Sign up for SS teachers in the fall will be done electronically.

Property- 1) Looking for contractors to do kitchen walls. 2) Will be meeting with Kyle Tabbert regarding the parsonage bathroom repair. 3) Will be contacting Slowinski flooring to repair loose tiles.

Membership review: **M/S/C to remove Lindsay (Momberg) Carper from membership by personal request.**

Unfinished business:

a) Coronavirus regulations/restrictions- already addressed.

New Business:

a) Social Media- Will Bartz shared ideas how to expand our audience and promote the church and virtual services via Facebook. He will put together some ideas to present to the council at the next meeting.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Will Bartz
Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

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

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



Financial Balance Information for April 1-30, 2020

General Fund:

Beginning Balance: \$2,962.85

Interest: \$5.05

Offering Revenues: \$11,245.00

E-giving Revenues: \$ 696.77

Total Revenues: \$11,946.82

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$14,909.67

Expenses: \$14,407.90

End of month Balance: \$501.77

Financial Balance Information for May 1-31, 2020

General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$501.77

Interest: \$5.89

Offering Revenues: \$10,724.12

E-giving Revenues: \$1,364.40

Total Revenues: \$12,094.41

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$12,596.18

Expenses: \$11,106.24

End of month Balance: \$1,489.94

Offerings for the month of June

Offering Revenues: \$10,218.00

E-giving Revenues: \$1,054.42

Total: \$11,272.42

Please give as you are able during this time!

The Lord loves a cheerful giver

ENALCW will be assembling School kits and Personal Care Kits for LWR this fall. If you would like donate any items, these are the items we would be in need of:

- 70-sheet 8"x10 ½" notebooks of college or wide-ruled paper (no loose leaf)
- 30-centimeter ruler, or one with both centimeter and inches
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens, no gel ink
- Box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 2 ½ "eraser
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- Sturdy comb

**Monetary donations are welcome as well-
Thank you!**



**TWC (The Women's Council)
May 19, 2020**

Devotions were given by Clarice and focused on Josiah 10:12 "Our hearts need tending" (like we tend the soil of our gardens) and Matthew 28:19-20-In the midst of life. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from March were reviewed and approved. No meeting was held in April due to COVID19. Treasurer's report shows \$3,457.60 in checking and \$7,773.87 in savings. Reports were given in writing as Sharon was absent from the meeting. Donations to various organizations at this time were tabled until the June meeting after the December distributions are reviewed and discussed. There are no outstanding bills at this time.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Are on hold for now. 2) Yearbooks: are on hold until Sharon figures out how to print them. 3) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Progress was reported by Emi on where we are at with plans. We have met with Arne Luckason for input and have some ideas on what we like and what may work for cabinets, etc. WCDA is not accepting fall applications for grants so we have some time to get our plans and costs together for the spring. 4) Fellowship Chair Replacement: Charlotte shared information received from Wilson Supply with chair types and cost quotes. 5) Hospitality teams: Sharon has updated the teams for 2020 and wanted to review the information sent out in the monthly packets/postcards to leaders and the team members. Review was done and all looks to be in order. 6) Bible Study reschedule: Due to COVID19, we were unable to begin our Women's Bible study for this spring. Most likely it will be done this fall. 7) Ceramic Project Opportunity: will be tabled until fall.

New Business: none at this time.

Upcoming dates: June TWC Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16th at 9 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Acting Secretary, Emi Kuntz

**TWC (The Women's Council)
June 18, 2020**

Emi shared devotions from Ephesians 3 about God's lavish love for us. This love is four dimensional (width, length, height, and depth) and takes an eternity to explore. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from May were read and approved. Treasurer's report shows \$3,692.60 in checking and \$6,506.74 in savings. There are no outstanding bills. A thank you was shared for the donation of quilts to the Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: are on hold for now. 5 quilts were taken to Northern Lights and others will be dispersed to local places. 2) Yearbooks: printing has been put on hold, changes will be kept up, and review will be done in the fall for printing next year. 3) Bible Study: will begin in August and last through November. 4) Ceramic Project Opportunity: is on hold for now. 5) Olive Trettin Memorial: identification plates need to be ordered. Emi will check on the availability and pricing for these to put on the benches, table, and statue purchased in memory of Olive. 5) Kitchen remodeling project: an idea for a corner cupboard has been designed that will hold the carafes in it and a bid has been submitted by Arne Luckason. A second bid will need to be done for a grant application in the spring.

New Business: None.

Upcoming Dates: There will be no TWC in July or August. September meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 15th at 9 a.m. September is our month to volunteer at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, to help with Bingo on Fridays and the monthly birthday party-we will wait to hear from them on any possible changes to that schedule.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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<u>July Acolytes</u>		<u>August Acolytes</u>		<u>July Greeters</u> <u>August</u>		<u>July Organist</u> <u>Aug.</u>	
Sunday July 5 th HC	Brooklyn Hackbart	Sunday, August 2 nd	Camden Trenhaile	Courtney Bartz	Will & Brittany Bartz Family	Donna Schilling	Marena Henkle
Sunday, July 12 th	Gracie Urbatsch	Sunday, August 9 th	Madison Edwards	Curtis & Caren Bartz & Caylee	Katie Bass & Family	Marena Henkle	Marena Henkle
Sunday, July 19 th	Gus Walk	Sunday, August 16 th	Sophie Urbatsch	Merlin & Lisa Bartz	Christy Blake Family	Marena Henkle	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, July 26 th	Kenzie Sorenson	Sunday, August 23 rd	Weston Paulson	Orland Bartz	Andrew Borchardt	Charlotte Cole	Donna Schilling
<i>God Bless the *****USA*****</i>		Sunday, August 30 th HC	Emma Hicken		Bill & Tammy Borchardt		Charlotte Cole

Hospitality Teams VII & VIII: *(Fellowship on hold until later.)*

Altar Guild:

July
Charlotte Cole
Myra Dierks

August

Tammy Borchardt

July Ushers:

Paul Hackbart
Garry Backhaus
Duaine Dierks
Alex Hackbart
Marlin Rosenberg

August Ushers

Mark Borchardt
Belinda Borchardt
Ken Kroneman
Calvin Thompson
Troy Tourtellott

Share Shoppe: July-Donna Schilling August: Gloria Hackbart

PA Operators: July-Michael Cole & Corrie Kuntz

August-Mark Fredrickson & Gregg Urbatsch

Lay Ministry: July-Lisa Bartz

August- Janice Nelson

July Counters:

Myra Dierks
Duaine Dierks
Marlin Rosenberg

August Counters:

Lisa Bartz
Connie Rosenberg
Michael Cole