

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### **...and Easter Continues**

Is it only me or does the yearly cycle seem wonky? Maybe it is because Lent and Easter were so early. Maybe it is because COVID still keeps tripping up the “normal” of High School graduations, spring concerts and plays (we are still watching our grandkids’ school activities ‘online’!). Many of us are still hesitant to lean fully into fellowship activities at church and other public venues. I am not sure if card clubs have resumed their gatherings but I know this coming summer will bring smaller weddings and probably less exotic vacation destinations.

of us step out (carefully please!) to restaurants and visits with children and grandchildren...as we try to grab hold of something as concrete as the preparation of a vegetable garden, the planting of corn or the eradication of those ever-present weeds from our front yards (and, God willing, from around the church premise!), it feels like we are coming out of a long hibernation.



Then again, maybe life seems wonkier than usual because we have been in this ‘social-distance-mask-wearing-hand-sanitizing’ mode for about 15 months now. As more of us get vaccinated... as more



Except, unlike bears, we have been awake in our dens, turning calendar pages but feeling out of touch with

time,

seasons,

holidays and

whatever we

deem “normal”. It is a bit unnerving, this re-entry into a world that still must deal with a pandemic but is gradually allowing us to move toward ... well, what exactly?

Which brings me to the truth and wonder of Easter, the Season of Resurrection, in which we are still fully engaged even if you just threw out your Easter lily! We are still in the process of moving from death to life, from what was to what seems impossible, from fear and grief to a changed life with yet-to-be-seen possibilities. This is what Easter means to us. Not a return to what was but to unwrap the gift of new ways of seeing and living.



And it is these very truths of Easter that we need to lay over the unfolding of our post-COVID-19 lives and world. Christ's Resurrection sets us free, expands our vision and sends us out with energy and strength to be God's Easter people. When Jesus was raised from the dead, the world was changed.

We have also been changed by this pandemic. In a very real way, we are entering a time of Resurrection. Like those first disciples, we are called to sort through what used to be “normal” and what new things we have discovered and then choose what we wish to keep; for what to want to

give thanks but then put aside nevertheless; what we see as still and ever important and helpful as we journey with our Lord in serving God and our neighbor.

I pray we will keep our craving for worship and community. Yes, frankly, I believe it is time for everyone (*with few exceptions*) to return to in-person worship unless we are forced to deal with another significant spike of Covid cases which, of course, would impact our current behavior. But, unless an individual is personally careless, everyone is safe at Emmanuel Lutheran Church right here and now! The danger for all believers everywhere is that we use Covid as an excuse for not making it to worship - don't! Like plenty of my pastoral colleagues, I too fear that the many months of worship via Facebook or a website (and the cruising around to find the best preacher in the Midwest – good luck with that!) will be “enough” for way too many folk. The beauty of our magnificent church

building is not here for its own sake. It is nothing but a shell unless it buzzes with voices and bodies who gather to use it in bringing their sacrifice of thanksgiving to



the God in whose honor it was built in the first place. It is finally only here where we see and taste the goodness of the Lord as we join our voices as the whole Body of Christ for the sake of the world.

I likewise pray families, couples and friends will remember the importance of keeping in touch and the new ways they figured out how to do just that. I pray that families will continue to reserve time for meals, fun and conversations with each other. I pray the countless creative ways in which many of us have used our down-time wisely, will continue. Who knew the multitude of possibilities in which basic household items could be used to create anything from flower vases to patio furniture? And yes, thanks to Facebook, we now have enough recipes for carrot cake to last us until the Day of Judgment.

Easter reminds us that today, now, is indeed a new day. It is a new day with the power of the Resurrection and Holy Spirit coursing through those who shout, “He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!” What new life will we discover with our Risen Lord in these coming months? Be not afraid. “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!” PZ+

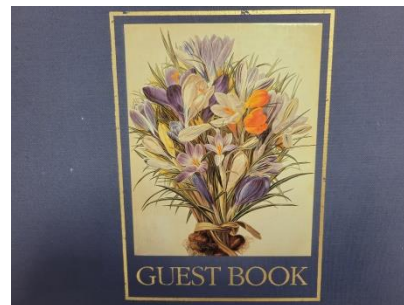
*Two items of Personal Privilege:*

A number of people ask me about my last Sunday at Emmanuel. The date is **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Several of you also have wondered where we will be making our home after June. We have purchased a very small condo in “downtown” Story City, IA. We hope to spend a few weeks each winter with our eldest son’s family in Texas.

I will take some time to sort through pictures, recipes and other personal items that have been neglected and regarding which I always said: “When I retire...!” Well, now I must to put my words into actions. I also will need some time – mentally and physically – to live slower than at “180 miles/hour”.

As a couple, we will have to adjust to seeing each other all day long! Many of you had to do that as well – tips and advice will be gratefully received! While Michael does not engage in ministry tasks any longer, I too will be open to supply preaching and other requests only on an extremely limited basis. Eventually though, I hope to do some volunteer work at a Hospice House – a desire I have had for many years. Certainly, I very much look forward to participate in some activities with our grandchildren. Beyond that, we have no big dreams of extensive travel, new hobbies or social adventures. If those come our way, we certainly will gratefully explore them. So, when I said to some of you that my plan is to be lazy: behold, this is most certainly true ☺

Starting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, you will find a guest book



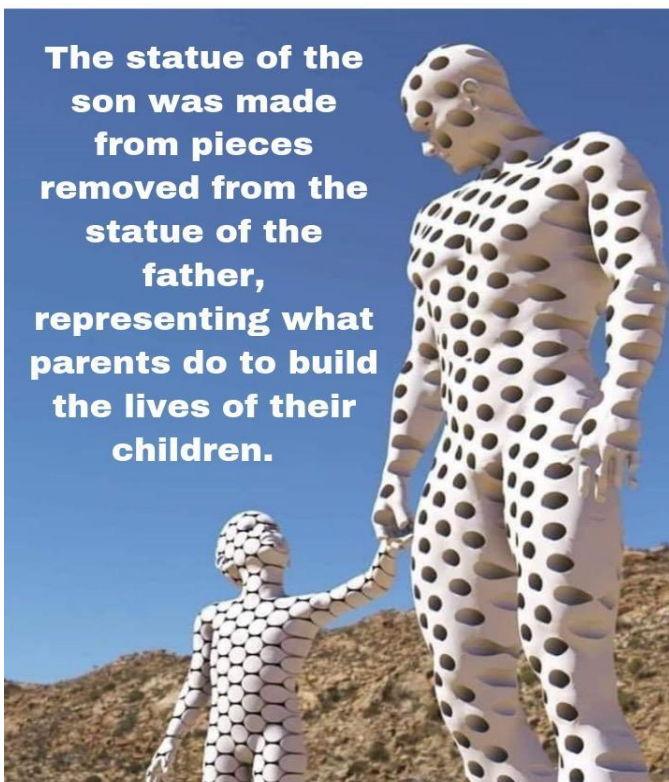
on the table in the entry on the round table. I invite you to sign it for me. Perhaps you can help me remember

you with a quick note (for example: “You baptized all my grandchildren”), or an event we together experienced or worked for, or an important reminder of how I failed you – or simply write your name! The first part of that book was filled with names of those who attended my Ordination. We found the book as we began packing and thought it would be fitting to use it as well at the close of my ministry. Again, this is only an invitation to respond if and as you choose. Thanks! PZ+



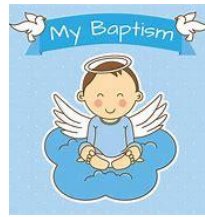
**A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all mothers on May 9<sup>th</sup> and **A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all fathers on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

God has given you a very important place in the lives of your children – no matter what age they are and what their needs might be. You are the first nurturers, the first protectors and the first role models your child sees, hears and experiences. With that, you are an extension of the love and care of God Almighty. As we give thanks to God for you we also ask that God may give you the wisdom, patience, and faithfulness to share your faith with your children, grandchildren and those to whom you show parental care in your lives. Parents, be blessed to be a blessing! God's Peace be with you.



The statue of the son was made from pieces removed from the statue of the father, representing what parents do to build the lives of their children.

## Pastoral Acts



**Tucker Michael Dalluge** was baptized on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Tucker is the son of Damon Dalluge and Krissi Blodgett. He was born on September 11, 2020. His sponsors are Zoey Francis and Aaron Peterson. We welcome Tucker as a fellow member of the body of Christ at Emmanuel! May he be a blessing to all those around him.

## Joys and Sorrows

We extend our **Congratulations** to Cody and Marena Henkle on the birth of a daughter, Beatrix, born on April 7<sup>th</sup>. She joins an older brother, Flint. God's blessings on them all!



We express our **condolences** to Sharon Hulshizer, Bill and Mark Borchardt and their families at the death of their brother, John. **In the same way**, we remember Lisa Bartz as she mourns the unexpected death of her brother, Darryl Davis, of Oklahoma. May all who mourn

be comforted by the words of St. Paul, "...so whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

**A Memorial Service** (Celebration of Life) for Olga Borchardt will be held at Emmanuel on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Inurnment will be afterwards at the Grafton Cemetery, followed by a light lunch and time to visit with the family in the Church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

**The burial service...**for Becky Dalluge will take place at the Grafton Cemetery at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are invited to attend

**We remember...** the loved ones of all Covid-19 victims. May God comfort and strengthen all sad hearts and may the promise of the Resurrection shine brightly into the lives of all mourners near and far.







*Pastor Zamzow baptizing Tucker Michael Dalluge on April 11<sup>th</sup> with his parents, sister and sponsors looking on. God bless you, Tucker!*

## ***Joyful Celebrations at Emmanuel***



*Charlie Jerome Rustad, son of Klay and Nicole, was baptized on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. His family and the members of Emmanuel greeted him joyfully as he entered the family the God.*



*Willa Calvin Stiles brought lots of smiles to all who witnessed her Baptism on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Willa is the daughter of Ryan and Brooke Stiles and the little sister to Nora.*



*Raiden Kuntz, son of Ramon and Sara Kuntz, received his First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Congratulation to Raiden. May the Body and Blood of our Lord always bring peace, comfort and the assurance of forgiveness into Raiden's life and support his faith journey until the Day of the Lord.*





**Congratulations to our seven Confirmands who reaffirmed their baptismal vows on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Madison, Kaelee, Weston, Kenzie, Camden, Sophia, and Gus are Pastor Z's 32<sup>nd</sup> and last Confirmation Class of her ministry. God's blessings to all!**



*From left to right: Madison, Kenzie, Kaelee, Sophia, PZ, Weston, Camden, Gus*

## **Meet our Confirmands:**

### **Madison Marie Edwards,**

daughter of Kyle and Amy Edwards  
Born: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007; Baptized: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007  
Madison's sponsors are Rondele Kraus, Brandon Trenhaile, Brett Trenhaile

*"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor". John 12: 26*

### **Kaelee Adell Hicken,**

daughter of Cory and Kim Hicken  
Born: December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005; Baptized: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Kaelee's sponsors are Jameson Kruger, Eric Shurtz, Scott Scheffel, David Durgin

*"Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 3:3*

### **Weston Roger Paulson,**

son of Chris Paulson and the late Scott Paulson  
Born: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006; Baptized: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Weston's sponsors are Tracy Craig, Greg and Brenda Paulson, Sally Paulson

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

### **Kenzie Michelle Sorenson,**

daughter of Joshua and Katie Bass  
Born: July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007; Baptized: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Kenzie's sponsors are Jamie Herd and Kayla Pappas

*"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Acts 4: 12*

### **Camden Wayne Trenhaile,**

son of Colby and Christa Trenhaile  
Born: October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006; Baptized: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Camden's sponsors are Tyler Trenhaile and Brooke Ehlke

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

**Sophia Marie Urbatsch,**

daughter of Gregg and Mary Jo Urbatsch  
Born: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007; Baptized: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Sophia's sponsors are Bob and Sara Schaudenecker  
and Kristi and Steve Arzberger

*"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with  
boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find  
grace to help in time of need."* Hebrews 4:16

**Gus William Walk,** son of Joe and Kara Walk

Born: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006; Baptized: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Gus' sponsors are Cory and Kim Hicken, Josh and  
Amy Walk

*"We know that all things work together for good for  
those who love God, who are called according to His  
purpose."* Romans 8: 28



**Congratulations to Emmanuel's 2021 High  
School graduates, Gracie, Ryan and Brooklyn.  
May God bless you richly as you share your  
talents, love and care with the world. We all are  
so proud of you! Keep the faith and witness to  
your Savior!**



**All Are Invited...**

to celebrate Brooklyn Hackbart's High School  
Graduation at her home (2288 – 380<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Grafton) on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm



**Congratulations to Brittany  
Bartz who will be graduating  
with a Master of Arts in  
Teaching from Morningside  
College in June. What a great  
accomplishment!!**

*If you know of other milestones like this, please let us  
know and we will most gladly acknowledge them.*

**Thank You Stewards**

...to our organists, Charlotte Cole, Donna Schilling  
and Marena Henkle for their faithful service and  
special music.

...to our Share Shoppe volunteer, Laurie Nack  
Bublitz

...to our April counters: Orland Bartz, Teresa  
Braun, Kim Badker, and Gloria Hackbart.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Lisa Bartz.

... to Doris Ralph, our Altar Guild steward. Doris  
worked many hours to decorate and prepare  
our sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter. Special  
thanks!

...to our PA operators, Orland Bartz and Garry  
Backhaus

...to our Ushers: Mark Fredrickson, Richard Neeley,  
Duane Rustad, Steve McCready, and Gary  
Schotanus.

...to Renae Kroneman who manages our website.  
Be sure to invite friends to take a look at

**[www.emmanuelgraffon.org](http://www.emmanuelgraffon.org)**

**Thank You Emmanuel**

...to all who expressed their sympathy, in any way,  
at the loss of our brother, John. It is difficult to lose  
a loved one, especially when unexpected, but we  
cherish our memories and look forward to our  
reunion one day.

*-Bill and Mark Borchardt, Sharon Hulshizer  
and families.*





***Given in Memory of loved ones, From...***

Clarice Bartz

Sheila Lundon

Rod & Emi Kuntz

Albert & Doris Ralph

Phil & Gloria Hackbart

Neil & Donna Hackbart

Earl and Judy Trenhaile

Charlotte Cole & Family

Michael & Solveig Zamzow

***Given to the Glory of God, From...***

Jerry Navratil

Chris & Teresa Braun Family

***Given in Memory of, From...***

Harriet Kuntz, In Memory of Tom Wagner

Ardis Hanson, In Memory of Allan Hanson

Merlin & Lisa Bartz, In Memory of Jane Buechele

Connie Rosenberg Family, In Memory of Harper Putz

Sharon Walk, In Memory of Clarence and Ethel Walk

Linda Kroneman & Family, In Memory of Mom and Dad

Darren & Lori Marsh Family, In Memory of Joanne Marsh

Dean & Mardine Meyer, In Memory of friends and family

The Family of Laurie Nack Bublitz, In Memory of loved ones and Kuper Dean Malmin-We Love You!

Randy & Sharon Hulshizer Family, In Memory of Kenneth & Olga Borchardt and Teri (Hulshizer) Bishop

***Thank you to all who shared lilies to beautify our Sanctuary.***



A Letter from our Sponsored Child:

2-20-2021

Shalom my great friend, I hope all is well at your place. Thanks for coming to my life. You are so special to me. My mum, my siblings, and my in-law greet you. The eldest brother has already a family-they got a child called Blessing. I love playing with her. She is now practicing walking. While I am at home, she makes my day.

Thank you for the letter you sent for me. I was really happy to hear from you. I am still doing my drum set because it's my talent. I know through it I might become a musician, as you said, although my passion is to become a police officer. Apart from other activities, I like playing football, especially while at school with my friends.

Otherwise, the new thing I can tell you is that we opened school and now everything is well. I met my long- lost friends and we do play together. My mum worked hard to make sure she bought me a bicycle. I was very happy. At least I can now ride while going to school and project. I love you!!!

Yours,

Lawrence



Plans are under way for our 2021

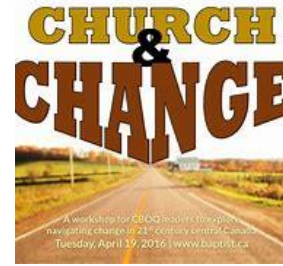
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** the **first week in August (3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>).**

Brittany Bartz will prepare and lead the preparations this year. Thank you, Brittany. If YOU can help out with teaching or as a 'gopher' or with preparing the suppers that will precede each class: please speak with Brittany. The planning for VBS is very, very involved and the quicker we can find helpers the easier the task will be. Also: the **BOLAN ECUMENICAL VBS** will take place the week of **June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 – noon**. If you can help or wish to enroll your children, please contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472. Because of Pastor Zamzow's vacation days at that time, we will not be able to offer rides to and from Bolan. These are two great opportunities to share the faith with your children and to be engaged in the faith formation of our youngest charges. Don't miss it ☺

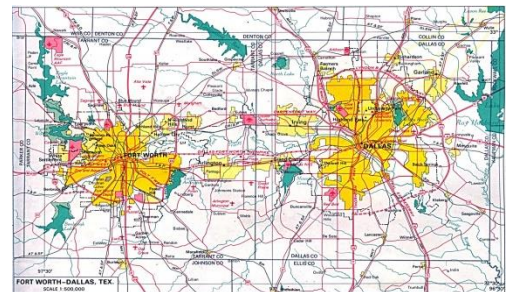


## Did You Know...

Here is an update on some of the most recent changes in our national church body, the NALC.



1. In order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our mission the Executive Council decided to move forward with a restructuring effort designed to assist the Bishop and Mission District deans now that we have more than 470 congregations – a big difference from the few dozen we had ten years ago. The proposal organizes the NALC into four geographical areas, each with a part-time Assistant to the Bishop, responsible and accountable to the Bishop and the Executive Council. To avoid confusion, the current Assistants to Bishop Selbo will be given new titles yet to be determined. The Council also decided to establish a centralized NALC office in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area to begin operations the very beginning of 2022. The Bishop, the General Secretary



and the support staff will be located there. All who serve now will have to decide whether or not they wish to relocate or not.

These decisions and changes will help the future plans of the NALC as determined at the last Convocation in August of last year. There also will be some minor changes on how the Mission Districts will be put together – most likely decreasing the number of congregations each Mission District dean will be responsible for.

Editorial comment: *With the exception of the overall reduction in the size of Mission Districts, I believe these are good and needed changes that will benefit pastors and congregations and allow for smarter and wiser decisions on a national level. PZ+*

## Memorial Day Services

**Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Grafton Cemetery**

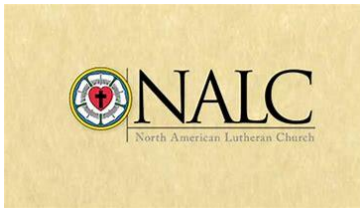


Opening prayer and devotions will be given by Pastor Solveig A.H. Zamzow;  
Guest Speaker will be Natalie (Braun) Gregerson;  
Special music will be provided by Jake Gregerson.  
Memorial tributes will be read by local youth.  
The St Ansgar Middle School Band and the local Legion will participate.

**Please join us in honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice!**

*In case of inclement weather, services will be held inside the Community Center*

2. In other NALC news, congregations ratified the amendments to the Constitution which were approved by the 2020 Convocation. As a result, in-person Convocations are scheduled for 2021 and 2023. Online Convocations are planned for 2022 and 2024, which will include elections and the adoptions of budgets.



3. General Secretary, Mark Chavez, who served in this position since its inception, has re-entered parish ministry as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is hoped that his successor will be in place within a few weeks.



Editorial Comment: *I worked with Pastor Chavez for most of my time at Emmanuel due to my volunteer positions in the NALC. For a period of several months in 2018/19 he was the second-most contacted person my phone registered. I know first-hand how effective he was in his work and how faithful to the Lord he is. We shall wish him well as he remains in Pennsylvania, close to his large family. PZ+*

## **NALC Call Process during Covid-19**

Pastor David Wendel, who works with our NALC Call Committees, had a very interesting article in the last NALC newsletter. Here are some excerpts. To read the entire article, please find it under the April newsletter link by going to [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org).

A. The calling of a pastor in our Lutheran tradition is an intentional, spiritual and relational process. We are seeking God's will and God may not always follow our impatient timeline. Just before Covid-19, we had assessed that the average NALC Call Process was eight months and three weeks from the time a Call Committee submitted their congregational vacancy profile until the completion of the Call documents. *(Note: that congregational profile Pastor Wendel refers to does not get established until AFTER the Dean of a Mission District meets with the entire congregation – usually a number of weeks after the current pastor leaves for a new Call or retires! Also, with the average wait*

*as listed, that, of course, means that some Calls get filled much quicker and other congregations wait significantly longer.)*

B. November and December of last year were the slowest in the NALC Call Process. In 2019, 24 vacancies were filled and 32 new ones were added. In 2020, 47 vacancies were filled and 42 new ones were added. So far, in 2021, 14 vacancies have been filled and 22 new ones have been added. In the entire time of the pandemic until April 12<sup>th</sup> of this year, 61 vacancies have been filled and 64 new ones have been added. *(Note: as of April 12<sup>th</sup>, according to Pastor Wendel's Vacancy list, there were a total of 54 full and/or part-time vacancies in the NALC. Sometimes it is difficult to follow these numbers as multiple congregations, due to their size, leave it open as to whether they want a full-time or part-time clergy and agree to consider either one.)*

C. In spite of Covid, there were a large number of vacancies and more vacancies were filled than were added in 2020.

D. As the pandemic slows down, more pastors than before are retiring. Many had planned so before the pandemic started but delayed their plans. Now pastors are moving ahead and in April of 2021 we had nine vacancies of which five were due to retirement.

E. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as during the Lent/Easter period of the church year the interview process usually slows down significantly and then speeds up thereafter.

F. With in-person worship and more general flexibility and mobility the interview process should return to a normal pace.

G. The NALC has added more communication opportunities, like monthly online conversations with Deans and chairs of Call Committees. In May something similar will be offered to pastors who are looking for Calls.

H. Call Committees are encouraged to prepare a short video to add to their profile so they can introduce themselves better to potential pastoral candidates.

I. It appears, all in all, that the Call Process in the NALC has survived the pandemic.

*(The notes in italics are my comments – PZ+)*







**Congregational Council Minutes  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Meeting called to order by:** Mark Fredrickson - President

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, JC Dawald- Vice President, Marena Henkle-Stewardship, Belinda Borchardt-Evangelism, Abbie Steinberg-Christian Education, Will Bartz-Youth, Michael Cole-Property, Emi Kuntz-Lay Ministry, and Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Absent:** none

**Devotions:** Will Bartz

**Education Segment:** Pastoral transition, continued. Lay Ministry has already lined up a combination of lay ministers/clergy to cover Sundays from June to the end of July. **M/S/C to assign the Lay Ministry Committee to find Supply Pastors through Labor Day Sunday.** Discussion of names for the Call Committee, which need to contain 6 members and to be established by May 15<sup>th</sup>. **M/S/C to extend an offer to six members and four alternates, if necessary, to be on the Call Committee.** Discussion of housing for an Interim/Supply Pastor, if needed. **M/S/C to accept any items Pastor Z leaves in the parsonage to accommodate any Supply/Interim Pastor.**

**Agenda review:** **M/S/C to accept agenda, with the addition of 10 b) Sharon's computer.**

**Review Printed Minutes:** **M/S/C to approve minutes from February as presented.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report received.

**Pastor's Report:** 1) It continues to be a busy time, much to do before retirement. All of our organists, as well as Jeremias Zamzow, will participate in PZ's last Sunday service on June 13<sup>th</sup>. 2) Request to have vacation days in April, rather than the end of May: April 8-10 and 19-20, making official remaining vacation days taken in June.

3) Need to discuss June 13<sup>th</sup> service and plans afterwards for the congregation/ family. 4) Parsonage lawn needs attention due to squirrel destruction. 5) PZ would like to purchase the refurbished computer that she uses in her office when she leaves, we have a newer laptop that would be available for use here. **M/S/C to allow the sale of the PC in Pastor's office to PZ for \$200.**

**Board Highlights:**

**Stewardship-** none

**Lay Ministry-** Has reviewed Usher and PA lists for updates, been working on lining up lay ministers for summer, approved the use of the "Service of the Word" service during the summer months, and setup a schedule for opening and closing the church.

**Evangelism-** Written report submitted. Met on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed the replacement of the sign on Highway 9, letters being sent to inactive members, and postcards being sent to 50440 zipcode to invite people to our church.

**Y&E-** Written reports submitted.

**Youth:** 1) Logos Legos will help with Easter breakfast. Discussion of how that may look for this year: a "to go" option vs a more traditional option with social distancing in mind was discussed. **M/S/C to allow for Easter breakfast and evaluate Sunday fellowship at the following Council meeting.** 2) Connection Groups: an idea for Bible Study amongst smaller groups of people/families, gathering in homes for a time of food, fellowship, and discussion; with the intention of eventually having multiple groups participating.

**Education:** 1) Will be setting up a concession stand during Grafton's craft fair on April 24<sup>th</sup>, money earned will go into the Campership Funds. 2) VBS will be August 3-5<sup>th</sup> in the evenings, with a program at the end.

**Property-** 1) Elevator issues: 2 electrical issues were taken care of. 2) Kitchen wall: Kennison Construction will be coming this week to start on the kitchen walls. Darren Marsh will do the painting.

**Membership review:** **M/S/C to receive Josh Steinberg as a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**

## Unfinished business:

a) Coronavirus/Worship decisions: Discussion of wearing masks in church/during worship. **M/S/C to allow removal of masks, while in a socially distanced pew.** (in the pew during service) Masks will continue to be required as before in all other circumstances until further notice.

b) Annual audit: Was completed on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and all books were found to be in good order.

## New Business:

a) Check signers for FSB Accounts: There has been a frequent turnover of signers for checks over the years, which created a lot of paperwork for the bank. **M/S/C to retain Mark Fredrickson, Sharon Hulshizer, and Darren Marsh as signatories at Farmers State Bank.**

b) Sharon's Computer: Needs upgrading/updating. Discussion on what to use as program for Word documents as what is on the computer will not transfer to an upgraded one. Recommendation to use Microsoft 2019, a one-time purchase option. **M/S/C to approve the purchase of Microsoft Office for Sharon's computer.**

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Abbie Steinberg  
Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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## Treasurer's Report

### Financial Balance Information for March 1-31, 2021

## General Fund

**Beginning Balance: \$28,083.43**

Interest: \$6.76

Offering Revenues: (includes 2-28 Offering) \$13,354.00

E-giving Revenues: \$370.00

**Total Revenues: \$13,730.76**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$41,814.19**

**Expenses: \$12,750.51**

**End of month Balance: \$29,063.68 -30.84**

(adjustments from Jan/Feb) =

**Final Balance for March 31st: \$29,032.84**

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**Encouraged:**  
**Sponsors for future Epistle newsletters.**  
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*Women's  
Ministry*

TWC

(The Women's Council)

April 13, 2021

Emi shared devotions entitled, "A Lavish Feast" based on Isaiah 25, comparing Heaven to a bountiful banquet. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from March were read and approved. Treasurer's report states there is \$2,459.72 in checking. Correspondence was Thank You's from the Northern Light's Homeless Shelters and Marsha & Crystal Wilde.

Old business: 1) LWR Projects: 67 quilts and 17 Personal Care Kits were loaded into two vehicles and taken to Mason City to add to the other churches donations. Volunteers helping both at Emmanuel to load items and in Mason City to load the LWR truck were all much appreciated for their help! Clarice delivered quilts to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Mason City that were taken to Bremwood in Waverly. Quilting days will be held from Monday, April 26 to Wednesday, April 28th from 12:30 p.m.-?

2) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Kitchen walls are being repainted; No word yet on the Grant. 3) Confirmation/Graduation Recognition Sunday: will be on April 18th. Discussion of what needs to be done yet for setting up and serving the young people and their families.









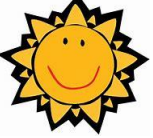


New business: 1) Birthday Party at Good Sam in St. Ansgar: have not heard whether there will be one or not, will wait to hear.

Upcoming dates: Conf/Grad reception April 18th; May TWC on May 18th at 9 a.m.  
Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



# May 2021 (All Events subject to COVID 19 Restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 
<b>2</b> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>  <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>w/Holy Communion</b> <b>10:40 Sunday School</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b>  <b>Memorial Service for Olga Borchardt</b> 10:30 a.m.
<b>9</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>  <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>10:40 Sunday School</b>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>  <b>Church Council</b> 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>  <b>9:30 Worship</b> <i>(Call Committee installation)</i> <b>10:40 Sunday School</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Council/Call Committee meeting with Dean Staley</b> 7 p.m.	<b>18</b>  <b>TWC (The Women's Council)</b> 9 a.m.	<b>19</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal</b> 7 p.m.	<b>20</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>  <b>Becky Dalluge burial</b> 4 p.m. Grafton Cemetery
<b>23</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>  <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>10:40 Last Day of Sunday School</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal</b> 7 p.m.	<b>27</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 
<b>30</b> <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>  <b>9:30 Worship</b> <b>w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Services at the Grafton Cemetery</b>	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal</b> 7 p.m.	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>PZ's Last Sunday and Farewell Reception will be <u>June 13</u></i>

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<u>April</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<b>Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	Ryan Hackbart	Ken & Linda Kroneman	Charlotte Cole
<b>Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Kaelee Hicken	Renae Kroneman	Charlotte Cole
<b>Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	Zach Badker	Corrie Kuntz	Donna Schilling
<b>Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b><i>Pentecost Sunday</i></b>	Jaxon Edwards	Ramon & Sara Kuntz	Donna Schilling
<b>Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	Aundraya Paulson	Rodney and Emi Kuntz	Donna Schilling

**No Fellowship after worship until further notice!**

**Ushers:** Mark Borchardt, Belinda Borchardt, Ken Kroneman, Calvin Thompson, Troy Tourtellott, and Gregg Urbatsch

**PA Operators:** Darren Marsh

**Lay Ministry:** Janice Nelson

**Counters:** Connie Rosenberg & Belinda Borchardt

**Altar Guild:** Charlotte Cole & Janice Nelson

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** Judy Trenhaile

