

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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What does the future hold for Emmanuel ?

The Call Committee met on September 1st to interview two candidates that had submitted themselves for consideration. One candidate removed their submission due to family considerations and the committee interviewed the other. After a positive interview, the Call Committee



decided to invite Pastor Ben Unseth for a weekend visit. He was able to meet with the Call Committee

and Council on September 11th and joined us all for worship on our Rally Sunday on September 12th.

After this visit, the Call Committee voted to recommend extending a call to Pastor Unseth, and at the Council meeting following, the Council also voted to accept this recommendation. The next step will be a Congregational vote on October 3rd.

If the Congregation approves this recommendation, a formal offer will be extended to Pastor Unseth, and he will have the choice to accept the offer put forth by the Council or not. If all parties agree, then completion of the call will be submitted through the NALC and Pastor Unseth will be installed as our Pastor. If the process doesn't make it through to the completion of the call, we will go back to the first step of interviewing any interested pastors that submit their name to us. As always please be prayerful and patient in this process.

-Brittany Bartz, Call Committee Secretary

There will be a special Congregational meeting held after Worship on Sunday, October 3rd, for the purpose of deciding whether to extend the call to Pastor Unseth. Please mark your calendar and plan to come to vote on this important step for Emmanuel!



- Secretary, Sharon Hushizer

(The following is taken from Our Daily Bread
July-Sept devotional)

NO MISUNDERSTANDING

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. Romans 8:28

Alexa, Siri, and other voice assistants embedded in smart devices in our homes occasionally misunderstand what we're saying. A six-year-old talked to her family's new device about cookies and a dollhouse. Later her mom received an email saying that an order of seven pounds of cookies and a \$170 dollhouse were on their way to her home. Even a talking parrot in London, whose owner had never bought anything online, somehow ordered a package of golden gift boxes without her knowledge. One person asked their device to "turn on the living room lights," and it replied, "There is no pudding room."

There's no such misunderstanding on God's part when we talk with Him. He's never confused, because He knows our hearts better than we do. The Spirit both searches our hearts and understands God's will. The apostle Paul told the churches in Rome that God promises He'll accomplish His good purpose of maturing us and making us more like His Son (Romans 8:28). Even when because of "our weakness" we don't know what we need in order to grow, the Spirit prays according to God's will for us (vv. 26-27).

Troubled about how to express yourself to God? Not understanding what or how to pray? Say what you can from the heart. The Spirit will understand and accomplish God's purpose.

ANNE CETAS

What's on your mind right now that you should share with God? How are you encouraged by the truth that He knows and understands what you are facing?



Thank You, God,
that You know my heart. I love
You for that and many other
reasons. Help me to express my
thoughts to You and to trust You to
understand. Amen.

Joys and Sorrows



Our condolences... to Jane Dalluge and family, on the death of her sister, Barbara Medlin on September 3rd.

May God comfort all who mourn.

Thank You Stewards

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

...to our Share Shoppe volunteer, Ardis Hanson.

...to our September counters: Teresa Braun, Phil & Gloria Hackbart.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Duane Rustad.

...to those on Lay Ministry for unlocking and locking the church on Sundays. And to Lisa Bartz, for calling on people to fill our need for Pulpit Supply.

...to Mavis Stevens, our Altar Guild steward. And those willing to step in as needed.

...to our PA operators: Garry Backhaus & Will Bartz.

...to our September Ushers: Keven Bruesewitz, John & Val Bork, Jason Hackbart, and Phil Hackbart.

...to Renae Kroneman who manages our website.

...to the September Hospitality Team III: Yvonne & Troy Tourtellott, Kyle & Amy Edwards, Steve McCready, Rachel Rosenberg, Connie Rosenberg, Duaine & Myra Dierks, Pat Clark, Liz & Michael Schaub, Coleen Trettin, Todd Trettin, Kayleigh Trettin, Jamie & Brandon Trenhaile, Cory & Kim Hicken, Suzanne Seleski, Crystal Wilde, Nicole & Haley Tourtellott, and Judy & Earl Trenhaile.

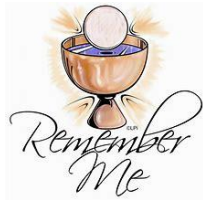
...to the members of our Call Committee, who continue to serve faithfully in the journey to call our new pastor.

...to Pastor Jack Miller and Pastor Paul Weeg for serving as Pulpit Supply for Emmanuel during the month of September.

...to the awesome Praise Band for playing for our Rally Sunday to kick off our Sunday School year. The band members were Will Bartz, Merlin Bartz, Travis Charlson, Marena Henkle, and Mary Jo Urbatsch. We are fortunate to have such talent among us.

...to our Sunday School teachers for their willingness to lead our youth in learning about Jesus.

REMINDER: We will ONLY record Holy Communion services. The next one will be **Sunday, October 3rd**. **Pastor Robert Porisch of St. Ansgar will be our Supply Pastor that day.**



THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Dear Emmanuel,

You are truly a blessing! Thank you for your prayers and support for NALC Disaster Response. The Convocation was great and we filled the truck.

God Bless, Mary (Bates)

Clarice Bartz took 5 quilts, 10 school kits, 10 personal kits, and a gallon of bleach along from Emmanuel. Thank You, Clarice!

Did You Know...

...that the 2021 annual Convocation of the Iowa Mission District, that took place at Emmons Lutheran Church in Emmons, MN on Saturday, September 11th, was issued a challenge by the NALC Disaster Response Team to "stuff the truck" with items needed for their work? And that Pastor Christopher Staley from St Ansgar and Dean of the Iowa Mission District, had issued a challenge as well, to fill 100 flood buckets for the Convocation to stock the warehouse in the Rochester area? As of this writing, I do not know the number of flood buckets donated, but do know the truck was filled with needed items. The following is the initial plea and an update we received from the NALC Disaster Response Team:

Greetings all,

I am looking forward to collecting the 100 flood buckets at the Iowa Mission District

Convocation. They are really needed as we are serving many, many families impacted by Hurricane Ida.

If you have other items, such as health kits, school kits, quilts, Bibles, please bring them also, as I really want to "Stuff the Truck".

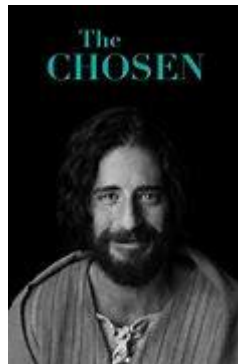
If you have any questions, please let me know at 740-509-1132 or disasterresponse@thenalc.org

Thank you & God Bless!

*Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response
16500 Noble Ave.
Caldwell, Ohio 43724*

Our Connection Groups have begun and are studying and watching "The Chosen" Season 1. It is not too late to join any of the three groups. Please reach out to the leaders to check on the times and places for the meetings. Group I is with Will & Brittany Bartz, Group II is with Abbie and Josh Steinberg, and Group III is with Charlotte Cole and Sharon Hulshizer. We are excited to get to know one another better and to understand who Jesus is and how "the chosen" relates to us.

During the month of October, the **Watts Theatre in Osage** will be showing "The Chosen" Season 1 for free! Showings will be at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 episodes/night; each week different episodes. The first week will be Episodes 1 & 2, the second week, Episodes 3 & 4, the third week, Episodes 5 & 6 and the last week, Episodes 7 & 8. If you'd like to see the most popular recent series about Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him, make sure to attend. (and yes, this is the one we are using in our Connection groups, and no matter how many times you have watched, you can always learn something new.)



"Noisy Offering" will be collected on the third Sunday of each month. Please bring your coins/special

offering to church for the children to collect during the normal offertory time. This month it will be on **October 17th**.

UPDATE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

September 2021

Since the writing of the Annual Report, NALC Disaster Response has responded to the following disasters.

August 14, 2021: Gibson City Illinois flooded, over 200 homes were destroyed. NALC Disaster Response responded, using the disaster warehouse at American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, IL.

August 21, 2021: Waverly Tennessee flooded, killing 10 people with flash flooding. NALC Disaster Response responded and Reformation Lutheran Church Hendersonville is the point of contact. In the same severe thunderstorm, Maggie Valley North Carolina flooded and NALC Disaster Response responded through New Covenant Lutheran Church Morgantown and the disaster warehouse at Advent Lutheran King's Mountain NC.

August 29, 2021: Hurricane Ida struck the southern coast in Louisiana and continued northeast to the state of New York. NALC Disaster Response is responding to Covington, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and Metairie Louisiana. Additionally, tornadoes were spawned when Ida hit eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey and we are responding through our congregations in the Atlantic Mission Region, primarily Emmanuel Lutheran Elmer NJ, using the disaster warehouse at St. Matthew Lutheran Middle River Maryland.

See the following for more information on Hurricane Ida.

First posting of Hurricane Ida on 8-30-21

Hundreds of Louisianaans trapped by Hurricane Ida floodwaters were brought to safety on Monday as boats, helicopters, and high-water trucks worked as part of rescue efforts after the furious storm ravaged the coast and left more than one million homes without power.

NALC Disaster Response is responding with emergency relief supplies: flood buckets, health kits, Bibles, quilts, school supplies and baby care items for the thousands of families who have been devastated by this hurricane. Through our partners in the Anglican churches, we are deploying to serve in the Baton Rouge area. More information will be posted as we are able to enter the impacted areas.

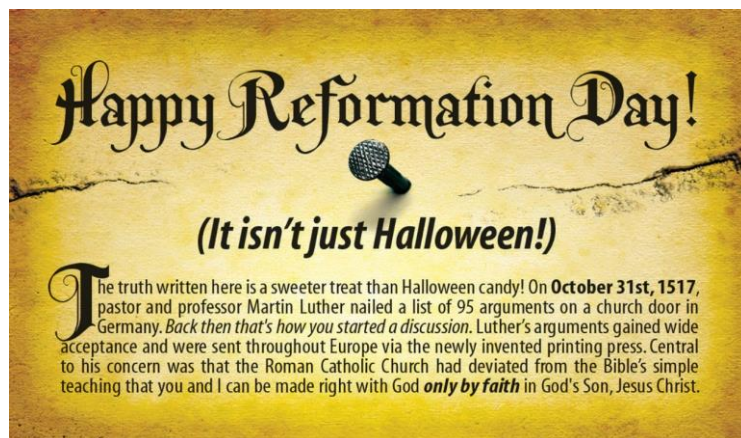
Update posted 8-31-2021

As Hurricane Ida makes her way through the southern states, heading north, NALC Disaster Response has made the first deliveries of emergency relief supplies to Covington LA and Lafayette LA. The devastation that Ida has already wrought is unbelievable. Our hearts go out to all who have felt her impact and we know that recovery will take many years. Please keep the families and our volunteers in prayer. 7 deliveries have now been made to Covington, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and Metairie LA from our NALC warehouses. Thousands of families are being served. The Good Shepherd Anglican Church is the distribution center and the volunteer housing for our NALC volunteers. Our 4-stall shower trailer has been delivered to the Good Shepherd.

Editor's note: it is good to read how our ability to help "stuff the truck" locally has the capability to help reach those who need such items through the work of our NALC Disaster Response Team.



Sunday, October 31st is Reformation Day...





Rally Day

*September
12th, 2021*



NOAH'S ARK



*Pictures submitted by
Brittany Bartz and Abbie Steinberg*



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**Congregational Council Minutes
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
August 10th, 2021**

Meeting called to order by: Mark Fredrickson - President

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

Devotions: JC Dawald

Agenda review: M/S/C to approve agenda as amended: Under New Business: add c) Reimbursement for PZ farewell musicians, d) Baptism, e) Protect My Ministry.

Review Printed Minutes: M/S/C to approve both sets of minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted.

Board Highlights:

Stewardship- Will be meeting soon- discussion of a hunger banquet during Mission Fest.

Lay Ministry- Schedules for unlocking/locking church on Sundays are working well.

Evangelism- met with Pastor Weeg regarding nursing home/home bound persons receiving communion, Evangelism committee has been encouraged to do the visiting.

Y&E: Education: Written highlights were submitted. Met on the 9th- 24 students are signed up for VBS, budget may need to be increased for the next year; SS Rally Sunday will be September 12th-a contemporary service in the park is being planned.

Property- The elevator is due for upgrade on the doors and is almost 100% compliant. LP has been booked for the year.

Membership review: none.

Unfinished business:

- a) Call Committee: waiting for potential candidates.
- b) Interim Pastor/Emergency Pastoral Care: Mark will check with local pastors about covering from September 1-22nd as Emergency Pastoral Contacts while Pastor Weeg is on vacation.
- c) PA system: Task force has not met.
- d) Administrative decisions
 - 1. Treasurer substitute: Belinda Borchardt has agreed to work with Sharon to learn the treasurer position and fill in, if needed.
- e) Parsonage walk-through: was done on July 27th, some electrical updates are needed- lighting in the living room area, more lights and outlets in the hallway; fresh paint throughout, and possibly some tree trimming in the yard. Property board will contact electrical contractor and volunteers will be asked for, as needed, to complete the remainder of the upgrades.
- f) Employee annual reviews: will be completed this month.
- g) Kitchen Remodeling funding: discussion to order plumbing supplies from Nick Bublitz in the amount of \$5200 and use property funds to pay for them and of applying for a grant to cover remaining expenses.
M/S/C to purchase supplies for kitchen renovation from property funds.
M/S/C to apply for Worth County Community Foundation grant for the remainder of the kitchen remodeling.

New Business:

- a) Becky Dalluge Memorial: discussion on memorial given; Stewardship will take charge of making the decision on how to best use the money, in keeping with the family's wishes.
- b) COVID19 discussion: With positive cases beginning to rise, council discussed actions to take. At this time, council will monitor numbers in our area, making decisions based on that information. Hand sanitizer

and masks are available for those who desire to use them.

- c) Reimbursement for PZ farewell musicians: suggestion to pay musicians for their time and participation in Pastor Z's farewell service.

M/S/C to compensate three non-member musicians for PZ's Farewell service.

- d) Baptism: A request for a baptism has led Pastor Weeg to consider offering a new member class for the parents and others who may wish to become members of Emmanuel.

M/S/C to invite Pastor Weeg to facilitate a new member class.

- e) Protect My Ministry: is a company we use to do background checks, as needed at Emmanuel. With the absence of a Pastor, the account has been set up in Sharon's name until such time as we get a new Pastor.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Will Bartz
Next meeting date and time is Tuesday,
September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Treasurer's Report

Financial Balance Information for August 1-31, 2021

General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$31,034.57

Interest: \$8.14

Offering Revenues: \$13,625

+ \$50 basement rental

+ \$7.50 reimbursement for copies

E-giving Revenues: \$270.00

Total Revenues: \$13,960.64

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$44,995.21

Expenses: \$6,230.99

End of month Balance: \$38,764.22

Encouraged:
Sponsors for future Epistle newsletters.
(We are needing sponsors for November
and forward.)
\$90/month-Thank you!



Kitchen Remodeling

Update

A few changes have been made since our last update. We learned that we would not qualify for the Worth County Community Foundation Grant. And, after we experienced the nine + inches of rain and had flooding in the church basement, it made the ladies do some reconsidering on the replacement flooring options. So in order to keep things progressing, the women have chosen to take the flooring decision off the table for now and concentrate on moving forward with the cabinetry and plumbing needs. We have monies to use towards the labor for plumbing and electrical and will keep things progressing so that we should be able to get the cabinetry, a new island and countertop, sinks, exhaust fan, and a garbage disposal all finished. Arne has brought some of the base cabinets into the kitchen already and will continue to work on those, coordinating the countertop installation as well. The new appliances can be brought in after some of the plumbing and electrical is completed.

After that work is done, we can take a look at possibly applying for a grant to replace flooring and maybe purchase some new folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall. We thank all those that have contributed so far in this investment in our future.

-TWC (The Women's Council)



TWC (The Women's Council)
September 14, 2021

Charlotte shared devotions based on Proverbs 16:1-9, entitled, "Whatever We Do." It reminds us that whatever we do, we are to commit it to the Lord and He will establish our plans. TWC opened with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes were read and approved from June. Treasurer's report shows \$2,409.96 in Checking and \$7,017.17 in Savings. There are a few outstanding bills to be paid. Several Thank You's were shared: Riverside Bible Camp, Veterans Affairs (VA), Ryan Cole, Brooklyn Hackbart, The Stiles family, and Pastor Z.

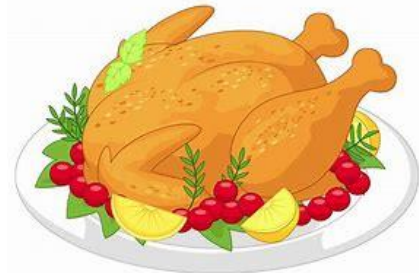
Old Business: 1) LWR projects: There will be a truck gathering items for LWR in October in Mason City. Clarice took 5 quilts, 10 school kits, 10 personal kits, and a gallon of bleach to the Iowa Mission District convocation in Emmons, Mn on the 11th as part of the "stuff the truck" initiative extended by the NALC Disaster Response coordinator. We thank Clarice for doing this. Sharon will apply for Thrivent Funds to use for school bags and items for school/personal care kits. Sewing days are to be determined. 2) Global Health Ministries is in need of items such as quilts and rolled bandages and will be gathering items in September at St James in Mason City. **M/S/C to send 10 quilts and ace bandages for Global Health Ministry collection to St James Lutheran Church in Mason City.** 3) Kitchen Remodeling Project: We will be dropping the flooring plans for now, as we do not qualify for the new grant and will continue on to finish with all else in the kitchen remodeling project. In the spring, we can revisit the cost of flooring and possibly some new chairs for the Fellowship Hall and apply for a grant at that time. Arne will be coming sometime this week to bring lower cabinet doors and drawers. 4) Lutheran Retirement Home - September activities: Since there will not be outside visitors allowed to help with Bingo or the birthday party this month, we had asked for donations of Beanie babies to honor residents'

requests for them as prizes. We thank those who donated. **M/S/C to send \$30 to the LRH for birthday party expenses and send 6 Beanie babies for Bingo prizes.**

New Business: 1) Items from Fellowship Hall to be dispersed: The ladies have been weeding out items no longer needed and gathering them into one place and once all is sorted, the items will be available to anyone who wishes to take them. 2) New carafes: many of the old coffee carafes are wearing out, seals are breaking, etc. We will be looking into purchasing new ones in the near future.

Upcoming Dates: LWR Ingathering at Southport in Mason City on October 18th from 8:30-10:30 a.m.; October TWC Meeting will be Tuesday, October 19th at 9 a.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



Sacred Heart Oratory **Meyer, Iowa**

Invite you to their
Drive-Thru Turkey & Pork Supper














Sunday, October 24th, 2021

Serving from 3:-30-6:30 p.m.

**Menu includes turkey, pork, dressing,
mashed potatoes & gravy, corn,
sauerkraut, and cookies.**

FREE WILL OFFERING

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 Worship w/HC Pastor Porisch 10:30 Cong. meeting and vote /Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	4	5	6 <u>Connection Group III</u> 1 p.m. Church Library <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>Choir</u> 7 p.m.	7	8 Wedding rehearsal 6 p.m.	9 Dalluge/Peterson wedding 4 p.m.
10 9:30 Worship Pastor Weeg <i>Choir sings</i> 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	11 <u>Columbus Day</u>	12 	13 <u>Connection Group III</u> 1 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>Choir</u> 7 p.m.	14 	15	16 
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31 Reformation Day 9:30 Worship Pastor Weeg <i>Community Choir sings</i> 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School						



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<u>October</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, October 3 rd	Aundraya Paulson	Zach Rosenberg family	Marena Henkle
Sunday, October 10 th	Gus Walk	Duane & Patti Rustad	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, October 17 th	Jaxon Edwards	Klay & Nicole Rustad	Donna Schilling
Sunday, October 24 th	Kenzie Sorenson	Megan Rustad	Donna Schilling
Sunday, October 31 st	Camden Trenhaile	Curt & Julie Schaub	Marena Henkle

Hospitality Team IV: Doris & Albert Ralph

Ushers: Curt Schaub, Jon and Zach Badker, Neil Hackbart, Cody and Darren Marsh

Lay Ministry: Lori Marsh

Counters: Kim Badker, Laurie Nack Bublitz, Darren & Lori Marsh

Altar Guild: Lisa Bartz

Share Shoppe Volunteer: Myra Dierks

PA Operators: Randy Hulshizer and Gary Schotanus

