# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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# NOVEMBER 2021

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# Dear Emmanuel...

On Sunday, October 3rd, a Special



Congregational
Meeting was
held, following
worship. The
purpose of the

meeting was to vote on whether to extend a call to Pastor Ben Unseth, who was recommended by the Call Committee and approved by the Council. The vote was in favor of doing so. As per instructions from the NALC, our next step was to notify Pastor Unseth, Iowa Mission District Dean, Pastor Christopher Staley, and NALC Assistant Bishop of Ministry and Ecumenism, Pastor Wendel, of the vote results; and then a letter of call and a copy of the agreed-upon compensation package were e-mailed to Pastor Unseth. He was given two weeks to respond. Pastor Unseth sent an email reply on Saturday, October 16th, declining our offer.

As disappointing as it may seem, the following is a copy of the letter he sent to us, highlighting not only his reasoning, but to share the good that Emmanuel has to offer to the right candidate:

October 15th, 2021

Resurrection Lutheran Church Mankato, Minnesota

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Grafton, Iowa

Dear brothers and sisters,

My heart wants to come to Emmanuel, but I think that God is pointing me in another direction. I would love to come back to my home community and reconnect with people who know me and my family. Emmanuel is a very attractive congregation for any pastor to come to. Your pastors stay a long time, which means you are good to work with. You keep the church buildings and the five-bedroom parsonage in flawless condition, and that is not typical. Your kindness, clarity, progress, and decisiveness through the call process has been exemplary. The music ensemble on our Sunday together was what I would hope for in a congregation of 1,000 worshipers.

I loved being led on a tour of the building by a child, who plainly loves Jesus and deeply feels part of Emmanuel. The new small group ministry shows that God is active among the members of Emmanuel and developing a new generation of servant-leaders. A call to a church like Emmanuel is what a pastor

My heart wants to come to Emmanuel, but I think that God is pointing me in another direction. With a feeling of loss, I decline your beautiful call.

In Christ, Pastor Ben Unseth



hopes for.

Do not lose heart. Continue to pray for our Call Committee as they reenter the process of

looking for new candidates and be patient. God's timing is not ours and the church is not just a building, but the people that make up the body of Christ within. We will continue to be what God calls us to be, and in his time, the right person will be led to us. God's peace and comfort as we continue together on our path. *-Sharon* 

The following is selected portions of an article written by Rev Dr David Wendel from the September newsletter of the NALC in his "Ministry Matters" section. For the full article, please see the bulletin board outside the church offices.

#### "SMALL AND RURAL CHURCHES MATTER"

There is always a danger in focusing on particular vacant congregations in the Ministry Matters articles. When calling out one or two congregations in need of pastoral candidates, other congregations email asking, "What about us?"

Every NALC congregation with a vacancy is important and worthy of prayerful consideration. The NALC vacancy list is regularly updated and may be found on the NALC website at <a href="mailto:thenalc.org/call">thenalc.org/call</a>. We encourage all pastors to prayerfully seek the Holy Spirit's guidance with regard to our vacant congregations. It takes all working together, congregations, call committees, pastors and deans to provide pastoral support for every NALC congregation.

While often dismissed as "fly-over states," the North American Lutheran Church recognizes and celebrates our many small-town and rural congregations as the heart and soul of mission and ministry. In fact, we offer an online course titled, "The Small and Rural Church; A Future of Hope!"

The introduction on the NALC website states: It's not about the size, but the relationships.

And the small,



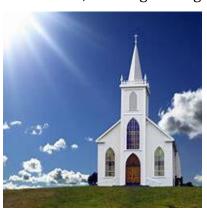
rural church is truly vital today because of these relationships. Come and experience how these congregations can grow and witness even more by deepening their relationships with Jesus, one another and the community. We invite you to use this resource, written by Pastor Brad Hales.

The course will help you learn more about the special ministry of small and rural church mission, revitalization and renewal - leading to hope for the future! This hope is discussed by Thom Rainer of churchanswers.com in his article, "Five Reasons Rural and Small-Town Churches are Making a Comeback." He points out:

- 1. The migration trend from these less populated areas has reversed.
- 2. There are a lot of people in rural and small-town areas.
- 3. More church leaders are expressing a calling to rural churches and small-town churches.
- 4. More church leaders are serious about rooting themselves and their families in these communities and churches.
- 5. The simpler life of rural or small-town areas is becoming increasingly attractive to many people, including church leaders.

Please spend a few minutes reviewing the profiles of these Great Rivers Mission District congregations in Illinois which are vacant and offer a prayer for each, that God will lead them to a new pastor.

And, in neighboring Iowa, keep in mind



Samuel Lutheran Church, Eagle Grove; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Vilmar, in Greene, Iowa.

Pastor David Wendel is the assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism. You may contact him at dwendel@thenalc.org

#### **Pastoral Acts**

Cierra Dalluge and Aaron Peterson were united in marriage at Emmanuel on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Christopher Staley was the officiant.



May God bless their union!

## **Joys and Sorrows**

Our condolences... to Neoma Smidt and family, on the death of her husband,
Raymond Smidt , Sr. who died on September 27th .

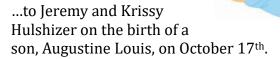
...to Randy Hulshizer and family, at the death his uncle, Russell

Hulshizer on October  $5^{\rm th}$ . Russ was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an incurable, aggressive brain cancer, after a tumor was discovered in August.

May God comfort all who mourn.

#### ${\color{red} \textbf{Congratulations...}} to$

Caylee Bartz and Hayden Hubbard on the birth of a son, Ellis Cecil Dee Hubbard on October 8<sup>th</sup> .



May God bless the happy families!



"We would like to wish our loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ardis Hanson, a very happy 88th birthday on November 24th!

- the Family of Ardis Hanson

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#### The next recorded service will be Sunday, November 7<sup>th.</sup> Pastor Paul Weeg will lead our worship that day.



### **Thank You Stewards**

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

...to our Share Shoppe volunteer, Myra Dierks.

...to our October counters: Kim Badker, Laurie Nack Bublitz, and Lori & Darren Marsh.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Lori Marsh.

...to Lisa Bartz, our Altar Guild steward.

...to our PA operators: Randy Hulshizer and Gary Schotanus

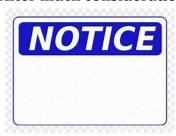
...to our October Ushers: Curt Schaub, Jon and Zach Badker, Cody and Darren Marsh, and Neil Hackbart.

...to Renae Kroneman who manages our website and her flexibility in making additions and corrections as needed or suggested.

...to the October Hospitality Team IV: Doris & Albert Ralph, Suzanne Walk, Caren & Curt Bartz, Paul Hackbart, Carol & Linda Koschmeder, Sheila Lundon, Josh & Anna Rosenberg, Sharon Walk, Jay & Jeannie White, Opal Diedrich, and Marena Henkle.

...to Pastor Robert Porisch, Pastor Paul Weeg, and Merlin Bartz for serving as Pulpit Supply for Emmanuel during the month of October

#### After much consideration...



I have chosen to no longer be head of Altar Guild, beginning January 1st. I wish to thank all those that have served and I have worked with over the years.

- Doris Ralph

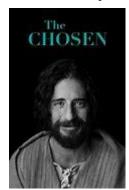
We thank Doris for her years of serving as Altar Guild chairperson and are looking for a person or persons that might be willing to fill that position. If you are able to help, please contact Doris or the church office.



Our Connection Groups continue to study and watch "The Chosen" Season 1. It is never 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 expand our minds and knowledge in our understanding of Christ and to grow in our relationships with one another.





Please bring your coins/special offering to church for the children to collect during the normal offertory time. The money goes towards camperships for our young people. This month it will be on **November 21**st.

#### **THANK YOU EMMANUEL**

Thank you for your generous gift to us in August.
We really appreciate it.\_Thanks again,
-Manna (of Worth County)

(There is a cart in our entrance for the collection of items for the food bank. The bulletin board across from the office has a list of items suggested for donation. Please remember those who are in need this season and all year round!)



# From our sponsor child, Lawrence

| A message to my sponsor  |         |
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#### Being a good person is like being a pumpkin...



God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and

scoops out all of the yucky stuff—including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then he carves you a bright new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

-Author Unkown

#### October 31st, Reformation Day

One of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses simply declares, "The Church's true treasure is the gospel of Jesus Christ." That alone is the meaning of Reformation Day. The



church had lost sight of the gospel because it had long ago papered over the pages of God's Word with layer upon layer of tradition. Mere tradition often brings about systems of works, of earning your way back to God. It was true of the Pharisees, and it was true of medieval Roman Catholicism. Didn't Christ Himself say, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light"? Reformation Day celebrates the joyful beauty of the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is Reformation Day? It is the day the light of the gospel broke forth out of darkness. It was the day that began the Protestant Reformation. It was a day that led to Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and many other Reformers helping the church find its way back to God's Word as the only supreme authority for faith and life and leading the church back to the glorious doctrines of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. It kindled the fires of missionary endeavors, it led to hymn writing and congregational singing, and it led to the centrality of the sermon and preaching for the people of God. It is the celebration of a theological, ecclesiastical, and cultural transformation.

So we celebrate Reformation Day. This day reminds us to be thankful for our past and to the monk turned Reformer. What's more, this day reminds us of our duty, our obligation, to keep the light of the gospel at the center of all we do. (ligionier.org)



Please join us on Sunday, November 7th for All Saints' Sunday, to remember those who have gone before us to join the Church Triumphant since November 1st of last year. We thank God for their memory and commend their families and friends to the loving care of our Lord. Rest in peace, Olga Borchardt, Bernice Foell, Chrystal Braun, Glenn Evans, Connie Bruesewitz, and Orland Bartz.



#### MISSION FEST HUNGER BANQUET

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021

11 AM- Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall Suggested Donation \$5. All are welcome!

Please join the Logos Legos and the Stewardship committee for our Hunger Banquet. A hunger banquet is an interactive learning experience that highlights the foodbased struggles and inequalities felt by people around the world. A meal is provided during which everyone eats in proportion to the way food is distributed throughout the world. A suggested donation of \$5 is requested to attend. All monies will be donated to Food for the Hungry and Local Foodbanks. For advanced tickets please contact a Logos Legos member or email

<u>brittany.jolani.bartz@gmail.com</u>.

Tickets will also be available at the door.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 7<sup>th</sup>

Annual Collection for the Grafton Cemetery:



Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a special collection box in the narthex for your convenience. Please make checks to "Grafton Cemetery", not Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

#### **Operation Christmas**

Child...is beginning once again. In the coming weeks, people across our nation will be packing gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box represents an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus



Christ. As they are handed out, the church partners present the Gospel and offer booklets that tell the story of Jesus Christ in the local language. If you would like to pack a shoebox for a needy child, the boxes, labels, and instructions are on the round table in the entrance. If you would like to donate money to allow our Logos Legos group to shop for items, make your check to Emmanuel and in the memo line, put Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are due by November 14<sup>th</sup>

Dear Friends,

Thank you for sharing your blessings with your gift to provide lifesaving services to the people of Haiti. The earthquake that hit Haiti on August 16, 2021 had even higher magnitude than the devastating one that hit in 2010. And your compassionate support is allowing us to get emergency food, medical care, and access to clean water to children, women, and men trying to survive in towns cut off by landslides and other obstacles caused by the earthquake.

You're also distributing urgently needed medical supplies, hygiene kits, tarps for emergency shelters and more. Thank you for being God's hands and feet on earth in Haiti, where our most vulnerable neighbors urgently need us now. (Read the full letter on the bulletin board)

Yours always in Christ,



Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard President and CEO Lutheran World Relief

#### **STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS**

I am always amazed at the response of our congregation to whatever is asked of them. In the September Epistle, there were two organizations that sent pleas asking for assistance in sending monetary support to Haiti, in light of the tragic earthquake that had affected the area in August. While there are many good organizations to give to, the two we chose to focus on were Food to the Poor and Lutheran World Relief.

When I reached out to our Stewardship Board chair, Marena Henkle, to ask what she thought about sharing the pleas with the members of Emmanuel, she spoke with her board and quickly got back to me with the proposal that all loose offering for the month of September would be split between the two organizations. At the end of the month, the totals were tallied, and \$648 had been raised, just in loose offering! Checks were written to both organizations in the amount of \$324. Maybe it doesn't seem like a monumental amount, in the scheme of things, but here in the small town of Grafton, we are able to reach into our pockets and give a little extra to help those in need. Thank you to all who donated and will continue to rise up and meet not just our general needs here at our church, but to give above and beyond to help to spread the Gospel of Christ to those who have so little.

**Attention:** Vanco Mobile App users...



Vanco, our e-Giving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called <u>Vanco Mobile</u> to replace GivePlus Mobile.

You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Members will not be able to make gifts using the GivePlus Mobile app after January 31, 2022.

Vanco Mobile is free and includes many significant upgrades for users.

Members' log-in credentials in Vanco Mobile are the same as they are in GivePlus Mobile.

If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call 641-748-2736.

#### Did You Know...

...The seminary of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) in Addis Ababa was severely damaged by a flash flood that left death and destruction in its wake? The Aug. 17 flood killed three children and five adults at the seminary and displaced more than 98 people. Church officials reported that a large part of the institution was badly damaged, including staff residences for both international and national missionaries. Those impacted lost all their personal belongings. The construction of a new building for the seminary was not affected by the flooding because it is on higher ground.

... The 2021 NALC Mission Convocation unanimously approved a resolution inviting NALC pastors, congregations and members to unite in "intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia."?

NALC is in a full-communion relationship with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), the largest Lutheran church in the world.

... The 2021 NALC Mission Convocation heard updates on the 10 points of the NALC's 2020 Vision and overwhelmingly approved two resolutions supporting decisions by the Executive Council to establish a central NALC office in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area and to add four part-time assistants to the bishop?



...that it has been two years since Dan Selbo was elected Bishop of the NALC?

(The following are excerpts from the Sept. NALC News from the Convocation in Corpus Christi, TX.)

Looking back, it has now been two full years since I was elected to serve in this role. As I consider all that has happened with the pandemic and all the necessary changes that came as a result, these first two years were, in some ways, more challenging than I had expected. There is quite a lengthy list of things I and we never saw coming. At the same time, much of what I have been doing, and will do in the years ahead, is not too far from what I had imagined coming in.

As I look back on the events of this past year, the way in which our world was caught by surprise and offguard by the global pandemic, I find assurance and comfort in the fact that God is never surprised or caught off-guard by anything.

As I travel around our denomination and talk with pastors, I hear differing reports of what's happening in various parts. What is the same is the fact that our pastors and lay leaders and congregations have made the most of the situations they have faced, and they have adjusted their ministries to ensure that the witness and proclamation of the Gospel remain central.

For those reasons, and more, I am proud of our pastors. I am humbled by the work taking place in our congregations. In spite of the challenges of this past year, God is working in and through us. Whatever you do, don't forget the lessons you learned this past year, as painful and as undesired as they might have been. Learn from them and use them and, in using them, trust that God will use you.

(You may read the rest of his address at thenalc.org in the newsletter)



...that we have added five more banners to our collection, using funds from Jane Buechele?



We have added two green banners, two red banners, and one neutral banner for use in the entrance year-round.



We thank Pastor Z for helping us choose the designs before she retired.







#### Congregational Council Minutes Emmanuel Lutheran Church September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Will Bartz

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

presented.

Review Printed Minutes: M/S/C to accept

minutes as written.

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

#### **Board Highlights:**

Stewardship- Written report submitted.

Thanksgiving Eve service: special offering envelopes will be designated to Benevolence. Christmas Eve/Day offerings: first \$1500 given to Benevolence, remaining to General fund. Mission Fest will be Nov 7th, hoping to have a hunger banquet, coordinating with Logos Legos to be involved with this. Discussion on fund allocations for Becky Dalluge Memorial.

Lav Ministry- will be meeting.

**Evangelism-** Discussion on church sign on Highway 9; Reaching out to shut ins to determine needs.

**Y& E:** Rally Sunday went well, Sunday school is ready to go. Connection Groups have started.

**Property-** Slowinski flooring has fixed loose tiles using a new adhesive; flooring rep is coming back to look it over.

Membership review: M/S/C to accept Pastor Z's transfer by personal request to Eagle Grove Lutheran Church in Eagle Grove, Iowa. Unfinished business:

- a) Call Committee: M/S/C to accept the recommendation of the Call Committee to extend a call to Pastor Ben Unseth. A congregational meeting will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A compensation package will be put together and presented to Pastor Unseth for approval prior to the meeting.
- b) PA system: Task force has not met.
- c) Administrative report/decisions
   1) Funeral Charges: Discussion of upcoming funeral for First Lutheran Church in St Ansgar being held at Emmanuel and appropriate charges for those assisting.
- d) Kitchen Remodeling funding/grant application update: we do not qualify for the grant. The Women of the church will pay for the labor and electrical costs for the remodeling and the flooring will be reconsidered at a later time, possibly applying for a grant to cover that.
- e) COVID discussion- Council will continue to monitor the situation.

#### **New Business:**

- a) Worship assistant: discussion of payments if only videotaping once a month. Payments will continue as previously agreed upon.
- b) NALC ratification vote: The NALC is asking for a ratification vote at a specially called meeting, to vote on the convocation's actions to amend portions of Article 11. Council will address this at a later time.
- c) Church sign: discussion on the church outdoor message sign that Orland Bartz updated for many years and a possible interested party to take over.
- d) Nativity set: The church nativity set is old and in need of replacement. Abbie Steinberg will put together a committee to look into an upgraded set and cost.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Belinda Borchardt

Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, October  $12^{th}$  at 7:00 p.m.

 $\underline{M/S/C}$ - Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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# **Treasurer's Report**

Financial Balance Information for September 1-30, 2021

**General Fund** 

Beginning Balance: \$38,764.22

Interest: \$9.16

Offering Revenues: \$8,730.00 E-giving Revenues: \$270.00 **Total Revenues: \$9,009.16** 

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$47,773.38

**Expenses: \$5,174.54** 

End of month Balance: \$42,598.84 +709.90 (adjustment to match ICON) = \$43,308.74

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Encouraged:
Sponsors for future Epistle newsletters.
\$90/month
Thank you!

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TWC (The Women's Council) October 19th, 2021

Emi shared devotions entitled, "Bathrobe Bliss", based on Isaiah 61. It reminds us of how we are covered by God's grace. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes from September were approved as read. Treasurer reports \$2,592.47 in checking and \$7,039.77 in savings. There will be some Thrivent choice dollars coming to the ENALCW. A thank you was shared from NALC disaster relief.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Sewing days were held October 4-6th. Material was received from the Bruesewitz family and 17 tops have already been made. Sheets used for the backs of quilts will be purchased with the Thrivent choice dollars received. Thrivent funds were applied for and received to purchase supplies needed to pack school kits and personal care kits. On October 18th, 37 guilts and 18 school kits were delivered to Southport in Mason City for LWR pickup. 2) Kitchen remodeling project: the women met with Arne last week, he is hoping to finalize plans for the SE corner of the kitchen by December 1st. Countertop was ordered and will be installed by Arne. The sinks that were ordered have come in. Electric and plumbing need to be coordinated to be done so the appliances can be picked up and the island can be proceeded with.

3) Connection Group: is going very well. The group meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and enjoys watching and discussing "The Chosen".

New Business: 1) New offer of Beanie Babies: another family has offered to donate Beanie Babies to give to local nursing homes. 2) Thankoffering: will be collected in November and given to charities, to be determined by TWC. 3) New carafes: A generous gift was given to the women for the purchase of more coffee carafes. Discussion was held on how many and where to purchase them.

Upcoming dates: November TWC will be Tuesday, November 16th at 9 a.m. Meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



LADIES: November is our Thank offering month. We did not collect a Love offering this year and will be combining both again this fall. The money collected will be given to charities, to be determined by TWC. Please give your money to any of the TWC officers or bring it to the church office any time during the month. Thank you for your donations to help others in need.

# **November 2021** (Subject to COVID restrictions)

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday                             | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday   |
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|  | 1      | 2                                   | 3 Connection Group III  1 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.  | 4  | 5      | Fall Back!  Remember to move your clocks back one hour |
| 7 All Saints' Sunday 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:40 Sunday School 11:00 Hunger Fest Banquet (No fellowship) | 8      | Church Council 7:00 p.m.            | 10 Connection Group III  1 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.   | 11  Veterans Day                                     | 12     | 13   |
| 25th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School                       | 15     | TWC (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m. | 17 Connection Group III  1 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.   | 18   | 19     | 20   |
| 9:30 Worship<br>Choir sings/<br>Noisy offering<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>10:40 Sunday School            | 22     | 23 Se Canteful                      | 24 Connection Group III  1 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m. Choir after service | Thanksgiving Day Be thankful for family and friends! | 26     | 27   |
| 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School  | 29     | 30                                  |   |  |        |  |



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| <u>November</u>   | <u>Acolytes</u>  | <u>Greeters</u>               | <u>Organist</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, November 7 <sup>th</sup> All Saints Sunday  Mission Fest Hunger banquet | Madison Edwards  | Donna Schilling               | Marena Henkle   |
| Sunday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Aundraya Paulson | Michael & Elizabeth<br>Schaub | Marena Henkle   |
| Sunday, November 21st   | Sophie Urbatsch  | Jay Schaub                    | Donna Schilling |
| Wednesday, Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Thanksgiving Eve 6:30                       | Jaxon Edwards    | ****                          | Charlotte Cole  |
| Sunday, November 28 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent              | Weston Paulson   | Gary & Linda<br>Schotanus     | Marena Henkle   |

Hospitality Team V: Teresa Sorenson

**Ushers:** Paul Hackbart, Garry Backhaus, Duaine Dierks, Alex Hackbart, and Marlin Rosenberg

**Lay Ministry:** Emi Kuntz

**Counters:** Dan Nack, Jason Hackbart, and Marlin Rosenberg

Altar Guild: Val Bork and Emi Kuntz

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** none needed (Thanksgiving Day)

**PA Operators:** Dan Nack and Josh Rosenberg

