

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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**JUNE/JULY 2022**

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## *A Word from Interim Pastor David E Schafer ...*

### ***Pentecost Sunday/Season of Pentecost***

As we move from May into the months of June, July, August, September, October, and November, we move into the season of Pentecost. As you can tell, the Pentecost season is the longest season of the church year. During this time, the Scripture readings focus on the mission and the ministry of the Christian church.

Pentecost Sunday always follows the season of Easter. During the seven weeks of Easter, we explored how the resurrection of Jesus Christ gave the early disciples the hope and the encouragement that the resurrection offers.

The word "***Pentecost***" means, in part, fifty. Pentecost Sunday comes fifty days after Easter. On the Day of Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit (the spirit of the resurrection) descended on the disciples. The Book of Acts, chapter 2, tells us that on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came to

the disciples like the rush of a mighty wind. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came with divided tongues of fire. And lastly, the Book of Acts records that the disciples who were gathered from many nations, were able to understand each other in their own native language.



This year, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 5, 2022 with the proclamation of God's Word and the reception of Holy

Communion. You are encouraged to wear something **red** on this festival Sunday.

### ***Trinity Sunday***

Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday. This tradition dates back to the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. Trinity Sunday recognizes that God is one, and yet, God expresses himself through God the Father,

God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit.

How is it possible that

God can be 3 in 1? The

explanation is that the

existence of the Trinity is

a mystery that we will

not fully understand until our home is in heaven.



Also, by tradition, the Athanasian Creed is read by the pastor and the congregation. This confession of faith dates back to the late fifth or early sixth century. This Creed is also the longest and most detailed statement of the Christian faith.



### ***Special Music***

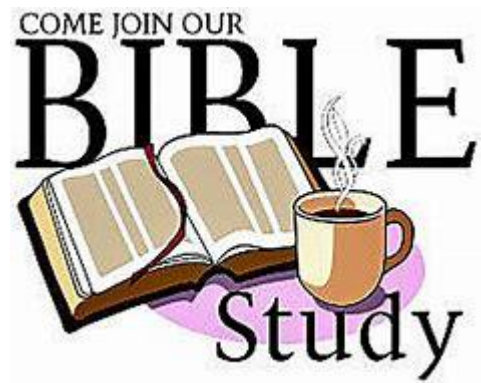
Emmanuel can and should be proud of the Sunday School Choir and the Adult Choir. Both choirs add inspiration and beauty to our worship services. Martin Luther once said that *"He who sings prays twice!"*



While both of our choirs enjoy their summer break, you are encouraged to share God's gift of music during the summer. If you would like to sing or offer an instrumental selection, please contact Sharon at the church office.

### ***Flowers***

Throughout the summer, our flower gardens are in full bloom. If you would like to share flowers for the altar, please contact Sharon.



Pr. Schafer has written a six-part Bible study on our liturgy. You are welcome to attend to learn about the Biblical and the historical origins of our worship services. We will gather in the library at **7:00 PM on Thursday evenings, beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### ***Patriotic Worship Service***

On **Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, you are invited to a special patriotic Sunday morning worship service. As both Christians and Americans, we have so much to be thankful for. Please wear something **red**, white, and **blue**!



### **Joys and Sorrows**

**Congratulations...** to Albert and Doris Ralph, who will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 9<sup>th</sup>. May God bless them with many more years together!



**Our condolences...** to the family of Pastor David Steffenson, and to the members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rochester, a NALC congregation we helped to support when it was first established. Our choir has performed there and always been most warmly received by Pastor and members. His funeral was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. He was 64 years old and suffered from inoperable pancreatic cancer. Initially, he was given 6 months to live, but lived two years. May God comfort all who mourn. \* [see his final words on page 7.]

*(Emmanuel sent a check as a memorial to ELC Rochester building fund, as suggested by the family, in lieu of flowers. It will be used for a new church of their own, as they currently use another church for services.)*

# VBS 2022!

July 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:30 p.m.



We invite you all to get on a roll with God and "Cook Up Some Fun!" while at the same time learning that everything we have comes from God. By turning to God in prayer, all of our daily needs are met.

Our VBS is open to all children 3 years-6th Grade. Dinner will be provided each night and t-shirts are available to purchase for \$10. Please join us for 3 nights of music, skits, games, bible storytelling, science, and crafts.

Please sign up by **July 10th**. After that date you will not be guaranteed a shirt.

Please Register online for both students and volunteers by scanning the code or visiting the following URL:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/ELCGrafton/24738>

Questions?: Please contact

Brittany Bartz @ [brittany.jolani.bartz@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.jolani.bartz@gmail.com)



## Bolan VBS



will be June 20-24<sup>th</sup> from  
9:00 a.m.- Noon  
for those in PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Their theme will be  
***Zoomerang: Returning to the  
Value of life.***

Watch for more information in the bulletins.

## Thank You Stewards

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

...to our Share Shoppe volunteer, Gloria Hackbart.

...to our May counters: Belinda Borchardt and Connie Rosenberg.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Janice Nelson.

... to Charlotte Cole and Janice Nelson, our May Altar Guild stewards.

...to our PA operator, Darren Marsh

...to our Ushers: Mark & Belinda Borchardt, Ken Kroneman, Calvin Thompson, Troy Tourtellott, and Gregg Urbatsch.

...to Renae Kroneman our website manager, and for her help with the lettering for the Highway 9 sign that is being revamped by our Evangelism committee.

...to our Hospitality Team II, under the leadership of Clarice Bartz: Viri & Bonnie Deal, Garry & Angela Backhaus, Val & John Bork, Greg & Shal Zillgitt, Sara Buechele, JC & Sandy Dawald, Candi & Dave Feldt, Sharon Hulshizer, Corrie Kuntz, Ramon & Sara Kuntz, John & Sandy Duvall, and Will & Brittany Bartz.

## Thank You

...to Rusty Rustad and Lisa Bartz, for filling in on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, when Pastor Schafer was unable to serve. We are grateful to have faithful servants.

...to Emi Kuntz, for pulling weeds around the church. It's very much a labor of love.

...to our Sunday School teachers and substitutes: Kristy Arzberger, Brittany Bartz, Katie Bass, Tammy Borchardt, Vanessa Hanson, Emma Hicken, Marena Henkle, Liz Schaub, Abbie Steinberg, Christa Larson-Trenhaile, Camden Trenhaile, Jamie Trenhaile, and Mary Jo Urbatsch. This was a great year for adding to our attendance, increasing our need for more teachers next year. Please consider helping with our young people in the fall.

...to Brittany Bartz for ordering SS and VBS materials and coordinating SS events and activities.

...to Marena Henkle and Abbie Steinberg for leading our children's choir. It's fun to see their enthusiasm!

... to Amy Edwards, for leading our Logos Legos youth group.

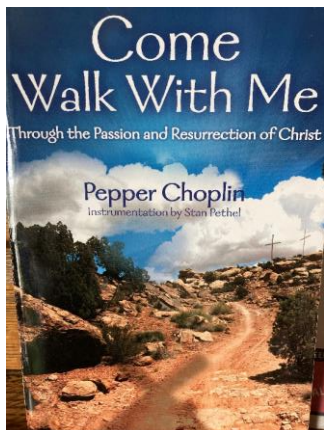
...to Tammy Borchardt for 32 years of teaching Sunday School. A great milestone indeed!

...to Linda Koschmeyer, for maintaining Jane Buechele's bulletin board.

...to the hymn committee for the time and commitment in selecting our weekly hymns.



**The Easter Cantata: Come Walk with Me,** was presented at Emmanuel on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a moving presentation of the final week of Christ's life and a reminder for us to continue to walk with him into the world, to spread his word...



**Thank you to all who participated and all who attended !**



**"Stump the Pastor" bucket time during the children's message.**

## Confirmation Day

**May 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2022**



**Pastor Paul Weeg,  
giving the message**



*Laying on of hands by  
Pastor David E. Schafer and  
Pastor Paul Weeg*

**Aundraya  
Christine  
Paulson**



**Jaxon  
Wyatt Ray  
Edwards**



## **Statements of Faith**

The following were written by our confirmands and read by them on Confirmation Sunday:

### *Hebrews 4:15*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

I selected this verse because it connects with every single one of us. It tells us that Jesus was once just like us. He was tempted but resisted temptation. There has been plenty of temptation in my life just like everyone else's. I am not going to lie and say I have never given into temptation. Temptation is a tough thing to resist, especially as a teenager. Jesus experienced temptation every day, just like we do, yet he was stronger and was able to resist. Sin was all around him, yet he resisted. In my mind, this verse means that people may think Jesus has had it super easy and did not experience a rough life. Jesus had it worse than every single one of us.

This verse speaks to my past because of past temptations I have had. In the past I have had many experiences with food type temptations. During wrestling season when I had districts coming up, I had to stay below 140. On the day of weigh ins, I was right at 140. I knew I could not eat anything but everyone around me was eating food. It tempted me to want to eat so bad, but I resisted the temptation. Good came out of my resistance of temptation as I qualified for state that day.

This verse speaks to my current temptations because it compares Jesus's resistance to temptations with my resistance to daily temptations. Everyday there are a number of stupid things my friends try to get me to do and do themselves. I must resist the temptation of going along with their plans and doing it. The more things they do the more tempted I become to do it too. By resisting these temptations, I stay out of trouble and can participate in all the sports I love.

This verse speaks to my future temptations because I will be faced with temptations every day of my life. Some temptations will be easier than others to overcome and some will prove to be exceedingly difficult. There will be days where I find myself weak and give in to temptation. I hope that on those days I speak to

Jesus, and he can guide me back to the right path. We go through temptation at all hours of the day, Jesus has been through it himself and has never given in. He knows the feeling of temptation and he can help us through it. We just need to pray to him and talk through it with him. Jesus will always help us no matter what. He will help us to resist temptation but does not let us make excuses. Every time we give into temptation, we make up excuses for it and it affects us even more.

The grace of Jesus Christ offers me forgiveness of my sins, when I give in to the temptations that come my way by letting me continue to make my own choices and trusting that I can make better choices in the future. The more temptation we give into the more we sin, but Jesus will always forgive our sins no matter what. As Christians we are tempted by a number of different things in life, no matter how many times we sin or what the sin is, Jesus will always forgive us as long as we believe in him and have faith in him. Our responsibility is to try our best everyday to not give in to sin and temptations, but as long as we believe, Jesus will always forgive us our sins.

Temptation will always be a part of everyone's life no matter what. We all go through some sort of temptation and most of the time we just give in. Jesus never gave into temptation, he never sinned. Sin is a part of us. We have sinned all throughout our lives, past, present, and future. I may not remember it but in the past, I know I gave into temptation plenty of times. The more temptation I gave into the worse things became. I find myself giving into temptation all the time. The only thing I can do is try to learn from my mistakes. Our whole lives are full of temptation. Even our future will be tempted at points in our lives. The more temptation we give into the worse things are. Jesus has taught us that temptation is all around us. But when we do not give into temptation good things happen to us.

-Jaxon Edwards





*Philippians 4:13*

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

I chose the verse Philippians 4:13 because of a few reasons. One reason is that anything you do in life takes effort and strength. In everyday life, God is healing and strengthening us. One way he strengthens us is by leading us towards family and friends to guide us through life. With the strength of God, you never have to face any hard times alone, imagine walking on a beach with God throughout your life.

In the poem ***Footprints in the sand*** (Joyce Carty, 1) a man was walking with God and saw 2 sets of footprints but when he was going through his hardest times he only saw one set, the man thought God left him but God had Whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and tests. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you." (Joyce Carty, 2) This shows how much God helps us through our hard times and even when we think he has left us he hasn't, he has always been right there with us. The words "all things" in this verse means that any and every circumstance. Then the words "I can do" means to be content. This verse says that the lord gives me strength to be content. I think this verse tells me that in my past I didn't necessarily do everything with Christ in thought. Just like St. Paul who had been in a wide range of hard and gruesome situations was able to conquer all things through the strength of Jesus Christ. Looking into this verse God is giving you strength so that you may have peace and happiness.

In the future, I hope to remember this verse and always pray that in everything that I do God always is right next to me. Unlike in the past, I will do everything with Christ in thought. In the upcoming years God is going to throw so many more curveballs and hard times but I just always have to remember that God is walking right with me. As long as we believe in the Holy Spirit God won't ever leave our side. God won't only be strengthening me in my hard times but also in my faith.

Philippians 4:13 means so much more than Christ strengthening us, but it means also that God wants to give us peace and happiness in

anything we do. So what if you lose any sports event, God is right there with you planning your life and making the next part of your life giving you happiness. As the poem ***Footprints in the sand*** says " My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testings." Just proves that God won't leave us so never doubt him. I've learned that the secret to being content is that no matter what happens be in a state of happiness and peace. Because there is always hope as we learn from St. Paul he has found it, so can all of us. As we all have struggled in life whether it be as big as losing a loved one, to as small as not having Wifi these days. Having and finding that content in Jesus Christ can change your life in such a positive way.



-Aundraya Paulson

**Children's choir singing  
for Mother's day!**



## After Easter Thoughts

Taken from Our Daily Bread, April 16<sup>th</sup>

*All those who knew him...stood at a distance,  
watching these things. [Luke 23:49]*

### NOT SO

"I wanted somehow to make it not so," lamented the man, eulogizing a friend who died young. His words gave poignancy to humanity's ageless heart-cry. Death stuns and scars us all. We ache to undo what can't be undone.

The longing to "Make it not so" might well describe how Jesus' followers felt after His death. The Gospels say little about those awful hours, but they do record the actions of a few faithful friends.

Joseph, a religious leader who secretly believed in Jesus (see John 19:38), suddenly found the courage to ask Pilate for Jesus' body (Luke 23:52). Ponder for a moment what it would take to remove a body from a grisly crucifixion and tenderly prepare it for burial (v.53). Consider too the devotion and bravery of the women who stayed with Jesus every step of the way, even to the tomb (v. 55).

These followers weren't anticipating a resurrection; they were coming to terms with grief. The chapter ends without hope, merely a somber, "Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes [to embalm Jesus' body]. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment" (v. 56).

Little did they know the Sabbath intermission was setting the stage for history's most dramatic scene. Jesus was about to do the unimaginable. He would make death itself "not so."

-TIM GUSTAFSON

Where do you turn for comfort when the worst happens? How do you live as though the resurrection is real?

*Today, Father, I pause to remember how it must have been that day between Your Son's crucifixion and His resurrection. I'm so grateful that He's reversed sin's curse for me.*

*The following was sent out as an e-mail after Pastor David Steffenson's death, by his wife at his request, and is shared with you as a testimony to his life...*

### **A final message from Pastor Dave Steffenson: 4:31 - Prayer Time (April 29, 2022)**

**First Word: II Timothy 4:1-8** - *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, & I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."*

**Today:** This will be **my final 4:31**. As the LORD allows, you will be in my heavenly prayers. The time of my departure has arrived. **I lived for this day.** The LORD has called me home. The LORD is my eternal home (Psalm 90). Julie is sending this out to you. Jesus promised to prepare a place for me. The place is ready. *Bios* (the temporal) has been swallowed up by the eternal (*Zoe*). St. Paul passed the baton on to his beloved Timothy. I pass the baton on to you. The world has lots of people with itching ears. Some people only want preachers who tell them only what they want to hear. I have tried to listen to God's Word and to proclaim it faithfully and confidently. I trust the promises of God and I know that you do too. Jesus would not have said, "I'm preparing an abiding place for you," if it were not so. Jesus would not have said, "I know my own and my own know me and no one can snatch one of my lambs out of my hands," unless it were true. He who began a good work in us will surely bring it to completion at the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus! I am sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. "O love that will not let me go!" Death has been swallowed up in victory. "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The promising Word of God—the forever love of Jesus—holds us tight! "As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." As for me...the time of my departure has come. Departure means arrival. Throughout my journey with cancer, God gave me the grace to cling to Christ like a burr on a velvet dress. I have shed plenty of tears (liquid prayers), but I never lost my confidence in Christ and His promising love for me. Julie and I didn't focus on what was being taken away, but instead we celebrated what has been given. God is so good. "Grateful" became our word for each day. When I think of Paul's words to Timothy, I am mindful that the fight is really a fought. The victory was won when Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The race is finished only when Jesus carries us across the finish line. And the saving faith we have is the work of God, not the effort or decision making of a fallen sinner. It's all grace; abundant and overflowing; 100%. The Righteous Judge has a crown of righteousness which He chooses to mercifully place on our heads. "My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that ROCK I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing! I'm spending eternity with Jesus. "The Lord was there to hear my Borne Cry. He rejoiced the day I was baptized. When the evening gently closes in, and we shut our weary eyes, the LORD is present with just one more surprise. Not really a surprise, because Jesus is the guarantee of the promised THIRD DAY! If you're spending eternity with Jesus, then guess what? I'll see you again.

**Final Word:** "But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand"—Psalm 31:14-15a. "Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God." – Psalm 31:5

*I Am Prayerfully Yours, Pastor Dave*

*Children's message on 5-22-22*



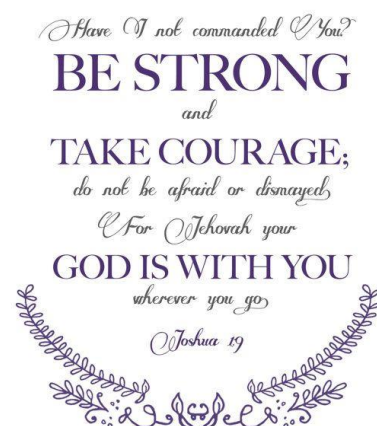
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Graduation Recognition Sunday**



The Reverend Dr. David E. Schafer, Pastor Pro Tem  
**Emma Hicken (Graduate of St. Ansgar High School)**

**Zach Badker (Graduate of Central Springs High School )**







**Congregational Council Minutes  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

**Attended:** Mark Borchardt- V President, Patti Rustad - Stewardship, Belinda Borchardt-Evangelism, Abbie Steinberg-Christian Education, Will Bartz-Youth, Emi Kuntz-Lay Ministry, and Jason Hackbart- Property.

**Absent:** Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Devotions:** Mark Borchardt

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to accept agenda as amended: under 9-New Business: a) On-line services, b) New WCDA Grant idea, c) Daycare.

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

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

**Administrative Report:** written report submitted: Pastor Schafer has been doing home visits weekly, attendance is holding steady. There are 2 Confirmands this year, Confirmation will be May 1<sup>st</sup>; Pastor Weeg has been invited to participate. A Confirmand/Graduate recognition reception will be hosted by the ENALCW on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The two students presented for the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism this year are Jaxon Edwards and Aundraya Paulson. M/S/C to approve the Confirmands presented. The Easter Cantata will be held at Emmanuel on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Jeff has sprayed for squirrels in the back shed and seems to have taken care of the problem. There was some rain in the parsonage basement after the last heavy rain. Harley Rongved has been cleaning at the parsonage and will be attending the Iowa Youth NALC Mission trip in July, she has made her down payment and may need help with the remainder of expenses. JC Dawald has looked over the life insurance policy that was purchased and given to Emmanuel. He recommends paying some into the premium on an annual basis over several years, possible using an undesignated CD to

do so. Council suggests that CD options be looked into for next month's meeting.

**Board Highlights:**

Stewardship- no report.

Lay Ministry- no report.

Evangelism- the Highway 9 Church sign has been picked out. It will be sky blue with black lettering. A Lutheran Rose will be done by D & D. The sign will be pulled up and decisions on how to paint the background will be made.

Y & E: Easter breakfast was attended by 80 people, there were 2 shifts of workers. Vacation Bible School will be held late summer on a Tues, Wed, Thursday schedule.

Property- 1) Moisture in parsonage, few puddles, north sump pump failed, adjusted float, got it running and will monitor. A second hand railing will be installed on the north set of basement steps, to be used only for emergency purposes. 2) Flooring: will go ahead with the gravity tile, free floating flooring. The color has been chosen by the board. It will cost \$1900 to upgrade. **M/S/C to proceed with the board's recommendation and funds for payment to be determined.** 3) Additional funds will be needed for lawn mowing at the parsonage that will exceed the current budget. Additional amount needed is \$1260 (28 weeks at \$45/week). Council authorized the increased amount. 4) Discussion of chairs needing replacement in the library. Most chairs are not repairable. May need to order new ones.

**Membership review:** none

**Unfinished business:**

- a) Call Committee: has received one application yesterday, will be interviewing.
- b) PA system: no report, still looking into replacement of carillon.
- c) Nativity set: has been chosen. **M/S/C to order the six piece set recommended by the committee.**
- d) Ed Unit flooring: already discussed.
- e) Small and Rural Church Ministry Course (NALC): first one was not watched, some

issues with getting connected. Video is available for viewing, let Sharon know if interested. The second zoom meeting is on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### New Business:

- a) On-line services: discussion with Will/Marena on continuing to tape church services once a month. Will can check online to see how many views there are and how long they are. Possibility of taping devotionals instead.
- b) New WCDA Grant idea: suggestion to apply for a grant to replace the landscaping.
- c) Daycare: discussion on using the church to provide daycare. Can use Merrilland preschool as a resource. **M/S/C for 5 people to form a task force to explore the possibility of daycare at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Sharon Hulshizer

Next meeting date and time is Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.** -Acting Secretary, Belinda Borchardt

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### Treasurer's Report

#### Financial Balance Information for April 1-30, 2022

#### General Fund

**Beginning Balance: \$56,453.85**

Interest: \$11.46

Offering Revenues: \$ 8,241.00

Maundy Thursday: \$10.00

Easter Service Offering: \$1,175.00

E-giving Revenues: \$357.07

**Total Revenues: \$ 9,794.53**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$66,248.38**

**Expenses: \$13,377.94**

**End of month Balance: \$52,870.44**

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**Reminder...** with summer activities, church attendance usually drops. Don't forget our e-giving options through VANCO: You may sign up to give a weekly offering by going to the church website and locating the offering link or download the VANCO mobile app on your phone. Of course, you may also mail or bring in a check to the office. Enjoy your summer!



Women's  
Ministry

#### TWC (The Women's Council) May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Devotions were given by Sharon entitled, "No Such Thing as Ordinary", based on Hebrews 11:39. We are to be reminded that though we may feel our lives are simply ordinary, a life lived by faith in God has an impact throughout eternity. And one day, we will be fully restored to the identity God intended for us.

TWC began with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from April were approved as read. Treasurer reports we have \$1,150.81 in checking, savings remains the same as last month. We still have outstanding bills from kitchen remodeling. Correspondence included thank yous from the VA, Northern Lights Homeless Shelter, CIS, and LSI for the gift of quilts. Lea Norlinger, coordinator of the LWR Spring and Fall pickup in Mason City sent the statistics of items collected.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Sewing days are being planned for summer as there are many quilts that can be worked on.

2) Kitchen Remodeling Project: a) Property board will connect with electrical contractor to complete the electrical work. b) New flooring has been installed, still need to figure out how to finish the edging along the existing baseboard- flooring rep will come on Thursday to discuss options.

3) "The Chosen" Bible study: is going great, we will finish Season 2 in mid June. There is good attendance and discussion.

4) Confirmand/Graduate recognition reception: held in April, went very well. 5) Good Samaritan Birthday Party for May 2022: was canceled due to a COVID outbreak.

New Business: 1) Hospitality Teams: need to be reviewed and revamped. We will ask Team Leaders for their input.

2) Loretta Schafer, wife of Pastor Schafer, plans to do a program involving her doll collection on June 18th. We will advertise in the bulletin and newsletter and send invitations to other church women.

Upcoming dates: Bethel United Methodist Spring Luncheon: June 8th at Noon in Manly.

June TWC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



**New flooring** was installed on  
May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

These are a  
few before and  
after pictures  
of the new  
flooring  
installed in the

serving room/kitchen area,  
men and women's bathrooms,  
back hallway, and the room connected to the  
women's restroom.



### Attention Ladies...

... On *Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>* at 1:00 p.m., **Loretta Schafer** will be the featured speaker at the June gathering of area women of faith hosted by the Emmanuel Lutheran women's group. Loretta has been interested in dolls from a very young age. She began officially collecting dolls when she began her first teaching job in Red Cloud,



Nebraska. Loretta's collection has grown to several hundred dolls. Her presentation will focus on the different materials that dolls have been made with throughout history. She will share a few stories about several of the dolls in her collection, and she promises to bring as many dolls and doll collectibles as her Jeep will hold (Pastor will have to drive his own car because she knows he won't fit.) She will also be available to look at and answer questions about any dolls that you might bring to the event.

Please bring a favorite childhood doll, if you would like. We will have a light dessert and fellowship time afterwards.

## Stewardship Musings

Taken from the June 1<sup>st</sup> devotion in  
Our Daily Bread

*Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will  
reward you. Matthew 6:4*

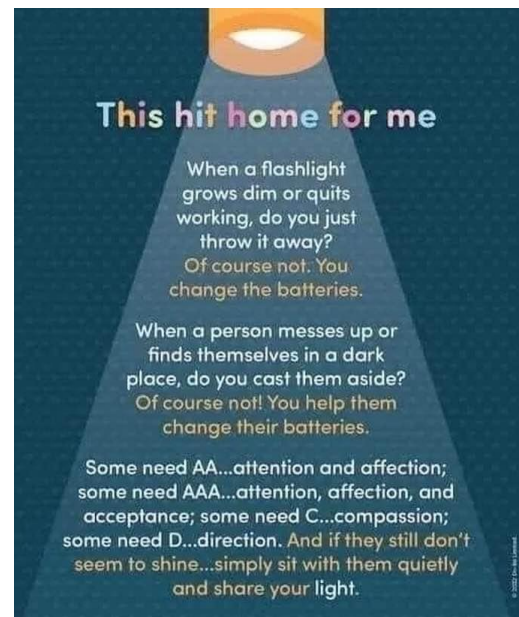
Every day, Glen purchases his morning coffee at a nearby drive-through. And every day he also pays for the order of the person in the car behind him, asking the cashier to wish that person a good day. Glen has no connection to them. He's not aware of their reactions; he simply believes this small gesture is "the least he can do." On one occasion, however, he learned of the impact of his actions when he read an anonymous letter to the editor of his local newspaper. He discovered that the kindness of his gift on July 18, 2017, caused the person in the car behind him to reconsider their plans to take their own life later that day.

Glen gives daily to the people in the car behind him without receiving credit for it. Only on this single occasion did he get a glimpse of the impact of his small gift. When Jesus says we should "not let [our] left hand know what [our] right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3), He's urging us to give--as Glen does--without need for recognition.

When we give out of love for God, without concern for receiving the praise of others, we can trust that our gifts—large or small—will be used by Him to help meet the needs of those receiving them.

—KIRSTEN HOLMBERG

*Father, thank You for using me to meet the needs of  
others and for meeting my needs through them. Help me  
now to seek credit when I give, but to do so in a way that  
gives You the glory.*



Taken from *do-bemindful.com*



## Did You Know...

...in May 2009, the following information was published in the Grafton SCOOP, the town newsletter produced by Carol Koschmeder? I hope that you might enjoy the information as well.



### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Grafton, Iowa**

A history of the structures from 1883 to today

*by Bill Borchardt*

#### WHERE TO BEGIN?

A few years back, a lifetime ago  
Think that was when I wanted to know  
Papers, books, and so much more  
Stuffed in cabinets, boxes, on floor  
Lots of other places, too  
What a mess, what should we do?  
Put it together, in ONE place  
Helped to make more office space.

Time went by, busy elsewhere  
Other matters needed care  
Have to go where one is hired  
Long days, came home tired.  
Another day, not long ago  
Had a question, where to go?  
Just what is Kasota stone?  
Just could not leave it alone.  
Found it is another rock  
Seemed to me a roadblock  
BUT...

Time to go where I should.  
Made commitment that I would.

Eighteen seventy-eight, with lots laid out  
People in Grafton took a look about  
Sell lot number 1 for religious folk  
A dollar consideration was all it took  
Along comes eighteen eighty-three  
And a man of divinity.  
That preacher came, he said, "Unite!"  
"If you don't there'll be a fight!"  
"Instead of four, make it two"  
"You go here, You go there!"  
"If you like neither, go elsewhere!"  
Grafton said, "We like this man.  
We'll try to keep him, if we can"  
Build him a house on Lot 1  
And thus, the Lord's work was begun. (1)

The local school, for a while  
Was a place not much for style.  
But it served in the lurch  
Until funds were raised to build a church  
We'll buy lot 2 for 50 dollars  
A business lot price, so who can holler?  
And thus it came, in eighty-eight  
With rail fence, is sure looked great (2)

A carriage step, just the style  
For folks who travel many a mile.  
Sat between the church and parsonage  
To accommodate those traveling by stage

As time goes by, a greater yearning  
Crops up to promote better learning.  
Take a year, or two from public school  
Time to learn "The Golden Rule" (3)  
Five days a week, maybe less  
Really don't know, can only guess  
Perhaps you know or were there.  
If you know or were, *Please Share!*

Some pictures show some little "huts" .  
Am sure they were for, well just what?  
Really does not matter,  
Saw it on a picture, so decided to add 'er  
Time goes by, parsonage too small  
Add some rooms two stories tall (4)  
Congregation seems to grow and grow  
"Should we build? YES or NO?" (5)

In 1905, there comes a change  
Buildings they must rearrange (6)

But, in 1916, when Pastor John Landdeck's  
health began to fail, his son Pastor Carl  
Landdeck was called to assist. (7)

And then, again, in thirty-five  
The urge to build came alive  
With 40 for brick, 54 for stone  
We see today which side won. (9)  
Prism glass windows, concrete for step,  
With stone-faced sides, folks must have leapt  
In joy to see something so fine  
Wrought iron rails added in '39  
With a stone and glass sign  
To welcome all,  
A "Sermon in Stone " oh so tall!

Let's move on, to the thirty-eight  
 Time again, to update  
 New preacher needs a small space  
 To keep his car, a little place (10)  
 "We like this guy. We hope he stays.  
 We are going thru some dismal days."  
 The church just built leaks like a sieve  
 Something really has to give  
 Re-flash it twice, re-caulk it too  
 Re-seal it twice! Windows , too!  
 At last the structure does not leak!  
 Of the added cost, let's not speak!

Skip ahead, to fifty-eight  
 Educational needs cannot wait!  
 "Tear down the house, it is not fit,  
 And that old barn, GET RID OF IT!"  
 "Keep the back lot, or sell?  
 The future we cannot foretell."  
 Use the old parsonage for Ed.,  
 Build anew for pastor's bed (11)  
 Much controversy did abound,  
 More information might be found.  
 But it still stands across the street today,  
 At this time, what more to say?

Then comes a gap of twenty years,  
 The present day really nears.  
 The steps outside are a fright,  
 Things are just not quite right.  
 Cover the steps, add an elevator, (12)  
 Change the looks, but this is greater  
 Through a gift made years before,  
 One last expansion was in store  
 A large extension, with more rooms  
 For education, offices, even mops & brooms!  
 Dedicated back in ninety-seven (13)  
 The donor now resides in heaven.  
 Amen

(1) **1883 – First Parsonage-** a 16'x24'x16'  
 building, with 16'x12'x16' addition for Parochial  
 students. Cost - \$806.50.

(2) **1888 – First Church-** the 32'x60'x16'  
 structure was built for \$2,799.57.

(3) **1891 – Parochial School-** better known as the  
 German School, a 12'x34'x10' structure was built  
 for less than \$500.

(4) **1893 – Addition to Parsonage-** 16'x24'x12'  
 added for less than \$400!

(5) **1900 – Church basement, steps, and  
 addition-** a basement was dug to the south  
 (roughly where the church stands today) and the  
 1888 church was set atop it with steps added. A  
 16'x40' addition and another addition for the choir  
 and classrooms were appended east of the  
 re-structured church: \$3,791.91 cost.

(6) **1904 – Parsonage-** the first parsonage and  
 additions were sold off and a 32'x34'x18'  
 parsonage was constructed at approximately the  
 same location for \$3,058 with \$691.41 spent for  
 furnishings. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book records  
 that, "There was the usual bickering and trouble as  
 has always been the case in any building project in  
 this congregation."

(7) **1918 – Pastor's retirement home-** a "Small  
 house" was built for Pastor John Landdeck east of  
 the Parochial School.

(8) **1919 – Pump House**

(9) **1935 – Church-** the 1888 church and 1900  
 additions were moved off the site and replaced by  
 the 40'x120' structure of today for roughly  
 \$36,965, not \$60,000 as is commonly misquoted.  
 The error stems from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book.  
 Roughly \$8,000 was used for furnishings inside the  
 new structure and \$20,000 for later repairs.

(10) **1938 – Garage-** currently a storage shed.

(11) **1959 – Parsonage**

(12) **1980 – Enclosed entrance-** the new entrance  
 with elevator was dedicated in 1980, the cost listed  
 as \$327,927.16.

(13) **1997- New Educational Unit**

### **Did You Know(Cont.)...**

... on the back of the page the former article was  
 written on, under College Graduates, are listed:  
**Renaë Kroneman-** from Iowa State with a BFA in  
 graphic design and a minor in business. And  
**Travis Kroneman** from Iowa State with a BS in  
 agricultural business and a minor in agronomy!

...that Emmanuel's **Church Building hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily; 9:00-5:00 on Thursdays?** If you need to get in earlier or have a meeting scheduled in the evening, please contact Sharon at the church office or on her cell phone.

...and, *subject to change*, the **Office hours are Mon-Wed, 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. ; Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Fridays Closed.** You can always reach Sharon on her cell phone if she is out of the office.

...there is information you may find interesting on the bulletin board between the church and pastor's office, regarding **NALC** news and news from the **Iowa Mission District**. You can also visit the websites at [www.iowamissiondistrict.com](http://www.iowamissiondistrict.com) or [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org).

...we will not collect Noisy Offering until SS resumes in the fall. However, you can always make a donation to the Campership Fund by writing a check or putting cash in your offering envelope and designating it as such.

...beginning with the August issue of the Epistle, instead of sponsorships for the next year, we will be looking for dedications of the newsletter. If you would like to dedicate an issue in honor of, in memory of, or to the Glory of God, contact the office.

## THANK YOU, EMMANUEL

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous **\$979.49** emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers. Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive the horrifying fighting...or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings. Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God bless you!

*Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard,  
President and CEO, Lutheran World Relief*

In a special edition publication "God's Love in Action", LWR writes about the ways in which congregations are reaching out to our neighbors in Ukraine. The publication is on the bulletin board between offices for you to look at.



*One excerpt from the publication is called:*

*Here's what your help looks like:*

- Emergency Funds for Ukrainian Refugee Families in Poland, distributed through a combined program with Lutheran World Federation.
- Food, Shelter and Emergency supplies.
- Ongoing support for St. Martin Lutheran Church in Krakow, Poland.
- Shipping and distribution of Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits.\*
- Support of Critical Health needs through the provision of Medical Supplies and support for Emergency Medical Services.
- Support for Protection Services for Refugee Women and Children who are facing sexual exploitation.

*\*The number one requested kit by those served by LWR is the Personal Care Kits*

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Excerpts from the Easter Reflections devotional,  
The sixth Sunday of Easter May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022:



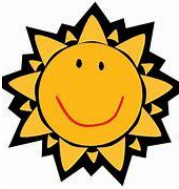





*"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

Sin was not meant to be part of God's creation...Sin leads us away from God, eternally separating us from God.... (but), We have something or rather, someone, working in our favor: Jesus. He has conquered sin, and with it, He has conquered tribulation.



For the Christian, the joys of Easter cannot be confined to a single day, or even to a single season of the Church year. Instead, every day is a little Easter, a day of rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, once and for all. *In the name of Jesus. Amen.*



# June 2022 (All events subject to Covid restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group	<b>2</b> <u>Bible study</u> with Pr Schafer 7:00 p.m.	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 
<b>5 Pentecost Sunday</b>  9:30 a.m. worship w/HC 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group 	<b>9</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 p.m. <i>Albert &amp; Doris</i> <i>Ralph's</i> <i>65<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Anniversary</i>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 
<b>12 Holy Trinity Sunday</b>  9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>13</b> Church Council 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> 	<b>15 Worth County Fair-19<sup>th</sup></b> 1 p.m. Connection Group 	<b>16</b>  <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Loretta Schafer Doll Show presentation 1:00 p.m.
<b>19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> <u>Father's Day</u> 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>20</b>   Bolan VBS 9-noon	<b>21</b> TWC 9:00 a.m.  Bolan VBS 9-noon	<b>22</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group?  Bolan VBS 9-noon 	<b>23</b>  <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 p.m.  Bolan VBS 9-noon	<b>24</b>   Bolan VBS 9-noon	<b>25</b> 
<b>26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b>  9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>  <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 p.m.		

# July 2022 (All events subject to COVID restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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<b>3</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>4</b> Church closed <a href="#">Independence Day</a> 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>11</b> Church Council 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> Sharon out of the office until 25 <sup>th</sup> (Linda Koschmeder substitute )	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Grafton Turkey Day 
<b>17</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 
<b>24</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>25</b> Sharon back in office	<b>26</b> VBS 5:00-7:30 p.m. Food Truck Party!!	<b>27</b> VBS 5:00-7:30 p.m. Food Truck Party!!	<b>28</b> VBS 5:00-7:30 p.m. Food Truck Party!!	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 
<b>31</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship						



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<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>		<u>Greeters</u>		<u>Organist</u>	
<b>Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Landon Hillman</b>	<b>Landon Hillman</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Kristy Arzberger</b>	<b>Garry &amp; Angela Backhaus</b>	<b>Donna Schilling</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b>
<b>Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jaxon Edwards</b>	<b>Ryan Hackbart</b>	<b>Zane Arzberger</b>	<b>Jon &amp; Kim Badker</b>	<b>Marena Henkle</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Aundraya Paulson</b>	<b>Madison Edwards</b>	<b>Callie Athey family</b>	<b>Clarice Bartz</b>	<b>Donna Schilling</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Camden Trenhaile</b>	<b>Aundraya Paulson</b>	<b>Liz Backhaus</b>	<b>Courtney Bartz</b>	<b>Marena Henkle</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Sophie Urbatsch</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Merlin &amp; Lisa Bartz</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>TBD</b>

**FELLOWSHIP** **June- Team III: Yvonne & Troy Tourtellott**

**July- Team IV: Doris & Albert Ralph**

**Ushers (June):** Mark Fredrickson, Richard Neeley, Duane Rustad, Steve McCready, & Gary Schotanus

**Ushers (July):** Paul Hackbart, Garry Backhaus, Duaine Dierks, Alex Hackbart, & Marlin Rosenberg

**PA Operators:** **June:** Dan Nack & Josh Rosenberg **July:** Michael Cole & Corrie Kuntz

**Lay Ministry:** **June:** Duane Rustad **July:** Lisa Bartz

**Counters:** **June:** Phil & Gloria Hackbart and Dan Nack, **July:** Duaine & Myra Dierks and Marlin Rosenberg

**Altar Guild:** **June:** Haley Tourtellott **July:** Charlotte Cole & Myra Dierks

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** **June:** Katie Bass & Teri Sorenson **July:** Laurie Nack Bublitz

