

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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Dedicated by:

**Sharon & Randy Hulshizer to the
continued work of Emmanuel as
His chosen people.**

A Word from Pastor David E. Schafer ...

***An Open Letter To
The Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church
In Grafton, Iowa
From
Pr. David E. Schafer
July 25, 2022***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On August 7th, I will be celebrating my 39th year of my ordination of the Office of Word and Sacraments in the Lutheran Church. Every day, I thank God for my calling and for the privilege of serving our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Indeed, I thank our Redeemer for the honor of serving you as well as your interim pastor.

Thirty-nine years ago, at my ordination, I made a number of promises to God and the Church. Among these promises, I vowed, with God's help, to "...give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that I do".

This means, in part, I need to be honest and responsible for my words and actions. As you may know, a few weeks ago, I was unable to fulfill my duties to you because I was under the influence of alcohol. Let me assure you that I am more than disappointed and filled with my deepest regrets for my actions. Moreover, I want to let you know that I

have taken a number of steps to ensure that I will not repeat my poor decisions.

These steps include:

- I have completely stopped my consumption of alcohol.
- I have been attending meetings of the group like Alcohol Anonymous known as "*Celebration Recovery*". This organization uses a 12-step program based on the Bible. The first step of this organization reads, "*We admitted we were powerless over our addiction and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable.*" The Scripture for this step comes from Romans 7:18 "*I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out (without God's grace).*"
- Ongoing outpatient treatments for my addictive behavior. As a part of my recovery, I am exploring the reason(s) for my actions.
- I am in conversations with fellow trusted colleagues for the sake of prayer, support, and accountability.

- I am open to having conversations with you. Please call me at 563-568-6199.
- Trusting in Jesus Christ, I pray that He will use my situation to His glory and be a witness of hope to others who find themselves to be in my situation.
- I would welcome an unannounced visit from any member of the council to visit with me and to check out the parsonage and my personal belongings.
- I have set up an appointment with my doctor for a complete physical and an evaluation.
- I am willing and wanting to be open to any other suggestions that you may have regarding the situation at hand.
- I am willing and wanting to be 100% accountable to you.
- I welcome your prayers and kindest thoughts.
- Each and every day, I am trusting myself to the mercy, grace, and love of God to help me to move forward with my life and the ministry that Jesus and you have entrusted to me.

The 12th step of Celebrating Recovery states *"Having had a spiritual experience (sobriety) as the result of these steps; we try to carry this message to others and practice these principles in all of our affairs."* The Biblical foundation for this step comes from Galatians 6:1 *"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."*

Over the past three weeks, I have shared with you a sermon series entitled *"Seeing Jesus As He Really Is"*. I believe that the best way for us to see Jesus is to look upon the cross. There are two forms of the cross in our sanctuary. One of the crosses is the crucifix that reminds us of our Lord's suffering, agony, and death for our sakes and for our salvation. The second cross is the Easter cross that rests in the middle of our altar. This cross is empty of the body to remind us of the empty tomb. The cross is empty because of Jesus' victorious resurrection over sin, death, and the devil.

Allow me to close this letter to you with a quote from a contemporary Christian song sung by *"We the Kingdom"* entitled *"God So Loved"*:

*"Bring all your failures; Bring all your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms."*

*"For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever!"*

All throughout my life, I have come to the foot of the cross to receive forgiveness, mercy, and life. During this chapter of the ministry and the mission of Emmanuel, I believe that Jesus both invites and welcomes us all to the foot of His cross.

It is only at the foot of the cross that we can receive all that we need for life here and now. It is also at the foot of the cross, and there alone, we are able to receive all that we can ever hope for with regards to our eternal salvation.

I want to thank you for your times and consideration in this matter.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep us throughout all of our lives and bring us to life eternal.

-Respectfully, Pr. David E. Schafer

A note from the Church Council:

At the July Council meeting, council members discussed the events leading up to and including the Sunday of Pastor's inability to lead worship service on July 10th. At that time, the council chose to give Pastor Schafer a three week leave of absence to deal with his substance abuse and other health issues. Council also voted to not extend Pastor Schafer's contract past the original August 21st agreement. It is the Council's opinion that Pastor Shafer get the help that he needs to deal with his substance abuse and other health issues before continuing as an Interim Pastor either here or at another church. A special meeting will be held on August 1st to make decisions moving forward at Emmanuel.

We wish Pastor Schafer only the best and appreciate the time that he has spent at Emmanuel with our congregation. He has shown a loving ability to connect with members and has helped us along our journey to find our new pastor and we are grateful for those moments. Please continue to pray for Pastor and Loretta in their forward journey, as well as our own Call Committee and our journey here at Emmanuel. -Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Joys & Sorrows



...to Judy
Trenhaile on
August 2nd. May
God continue to
bless you with
every happiness!

Please “shower” Judy with cards, if you are able.
Her address is 2123 367th St. Manly, IA 50456



Congratulations...to Christa
Larson and Colby Trenhaile,
who were married on June 18th.

...and to Carrissa Trenhaile and
Jesse Riggs, who were married
on June 24th. Carrissa is the
daughter of Steve & Brenda
Trenhaile and granddaughter of Earl & Judy.

***God's blessings on the newly married
couples!***

Our condolences... to June
Haxton and family on the
death of her husband,
Terry, on July 12th.

...and to Jeff Miller, our
custodian, whose sister
passed away on July 22nd.



***May God wrap you in his grace and comfort all
who mourn!***

Thank you, Emmanuel

People of Emmanuel Lutheran,

Thank you for sharing your love and generosity
with our neighbors in Ukraine. You are bringing
hope in the form of food, shelter, cash assistance,
medical supplies, and quilts & kits. Please let me
know if you have any questions and I hope we can
continue our partnership into God's promised
future.

Grace & Peace, Rev. Tim Krick
(Manager for congregational engagement-
Lutheran World Relief)

*Have you ever had those moments when you feel
you're moving, "Two steps forwards and three steps
back"? You question where you're going and how
you will find just what it is that you want or need?*

The following comes from Our Daily Bread,
the July 17th devotion:

Traveling Mercies

*He has watched over your journey...and you have not
lacked anything. Deuteronomy 2:7*

You might start your journey in the southwest
United States in a dusty town called Why, Arizona.
Heading cross-country would take you through
Uncertain, Texas. Bearing northeast, you'd make a
rest stop in Dismal, Tennessee. Ultimately, you'd
reach your destination—Panic, Pennsylvania.
These are real places across the landscape of
America, though not likely a trip you'd ever choose
to take.

Sometimes this is exactly what the journey of
life feels like. We easily identify with the Israelites'
tough life in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 2:7)—life
can be hard. But do we see the other parallels? We
create our own itinerary, turning from God's way
(1:42-43). Like the Israelites, we often grumble
about getting our needs met (Numbers 14:2). In our
daily fretting, we likewise doubt God's purposes
(v.11). The story of the Israelites is repeated over
and over in our own.

God assures us that if we follow His path, He'll
deliver us into a far better place than Dismal. He'll
provide and we'll lack nothing we really need
(Deuteronomy 2:7; Philippians 4:19) Yet as much as
we already know this, we often fail to do it. We
need to follow God's roadmap. It's a bit more of a
drive, but another six hours by car would take you
from the town of Panic to the place known as
Assurance, West Virginia. If we let God direct our
paths (Psalm 119:35), we'll journey in joy with Him
at the wheel—blessed assurance indeed!

-----KENNETH PETERSEN -----

**What are some of the ways you've followed your
own roadmap instead of God's? What have you been
fretting about?**

*Faithful God, help me rest in the assurance of
Your direction. Amen.*

VBS 2022! July 26-28th



Kids were invited 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 took place the last week in July and had over 40 kids enrolled. Look for pictures and a summary of how this year's week went in the September Epistle. Thank you to all parents for bringing their children and to the teachers and volunteers that helped to make it possible. We are so blessed to have all those involved for our children's future at Emmanuel!

Thank You Stewards

...to our organists, Charlotte Cole, Marena Henkle, and Donna Schilling for their continued flexibility, preparation time, service, and music.
...to our June and July counters: Phil & Gloria Hackbart and Dan Nack; Myra & Duaine Dierks and Marlin Rosenberg.
...to our Lay Ministry stewards, Duane Rustad and Lisa Bartz.
...to Haley Tourtellott and Charlotte Cole & Myra Dierks, our Altar Guild stewards for June and July.
...to our PA operators: Dan Nack & Josh Rosenberg in June and Michael Cole & Corrie Kuntz in July.
...to our June Ushers: Mark Fredrickson, Steve McCready, Dick Neeley, Duane Rustad, and Gary Schotanus and our July ushers: Paul Hackbart, Garry Backhaus, Duaine Dierks, Alex Hackbart, and Marlin Rosenberg.
...to Renae Kroneman, our website manager.
...to the June Hospitality Team III: Yvonne & Troy Tourtellott, Kyle & Amy Edwards, Steve McCready, Rachel Rosenberg, Connie Rosenberg, Duaine & Myra Dierks, Pat Clark, Liz & Michael Schaub, Todd Trettin, Jamie & Brandon Trenhaile, Cory & Kim

Hicken, Suzanne Seleskie, Crystal Wilde, Nicole & Haley Tourtellott, and Judy & Earl Trenhaile.
...to the July Hospitality Team IV: Doris & Albert Ralph, Caren & Curt Bartz, Paul Hackbart, Carol & Linda Koschmeder, Sheila Lundon, Josh & Anna Rosenberg, Sharon Walk, Jeanie White, Opal Diedrich, and Marena Henkle.

...to our Share Shoppe volunteers: Katie Bass & Teresa Sorenson in June and Diane Green in July.

...to Lisa Bartz for lining up Pulpit Supply for August and the Lay Ministry board for opening and closing the church on Sundays.

Thank You

...to Loretta Schafer for her Doll Show presentation in June-it was enjoyed by all who attended.

...to the Cole Family (Kevin & Mary Cole, Candi & Dave Feldt, and Renae & Scott Weghorst), for the generous donation given in memory of Gene, which will be used towards kitchen remodeling expenses.

...to Lisa Bartz and Linda Koschmeder for their assistance while Sharon was out of town on July 10th and to Linda for filling in as Secretary while Sharon was on vacation.

...to Mark Borchardt and Lisa Bartz for leading the service on July 10th.

...to Merlin & Lisa Bartz for leading worship on July 17th.

...to Rusty & Patti Rustad for leading worship on July 24th.

...to Will and Lisa Bartz for leading worship on July 31st.

...to all those "on call" when Sharon was unavailable.

...and a huge shout out to Brittany Bartz, for her organization of the VBS program for this year.

Good Morning, God



You are ushering in another day
untouched and freshly new,
so here I come to ask You, God,
if You'll renew me too?

Forgive the many errors that
I made yesterday, and let me try again, Dear God,
to walk closer in Thy way.

But Father, I am well aware
I can't make it on my own,
So take my hand and hold me tight
for I can't walk alone.

-Helen Steiner Rice

RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Happenings:

Some of our youth have been attending Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp in Story City this summer. I have asked them to submit pictures and a short summary of their experiences to share with Emmanuel. This is what our campership money goes towards, as it pays for half of the regular camp fee.



I had the opportunity to go to Riverside Bible camp this year. This is my 4th year going to camp. I really enjoy all of the activities we get to do and learning about God in different ways. Thanks for helping me to attend.

-Jaxon Edwards



(Jaxon in yellow)



1st time camper, Brody Trenhaile, attended a half week at Riverside. He “had a blast and wants to go for the whole week next year.” He got to do the zipline, which was “awesome”, and, according to his mother Jamie, his favorite part was the free time where they got to explore all of the different areas that the camp has to offer and got to try new things and new games with others at camp. The cabins were nicer than he expected. *(Brody in red Nike shirt)*



Look for more camp experiences and pictures in the September Epistle.

Take Time

Take time to work –
It is the price of success.
Take time to think –
It is the source of power.
Take time to play –
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read –
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly –
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream –
It is hitching your wagon to a star.
Take time to love and be loved –
It is a God-given privilege.
Take time to look around –
The day is too short to be selfish.
Take time to laugh –
It is the music of the soul.

-Unknown



(Brody on the right)

PLEASE NOTE: as we are arranging for pulpit supply, Holy Communion will not be served until the last Sunday in August, when Pastor Weeg will officiate.

Did You Know

...that Emmanuel is allowed two delegates to the NALC Convocation on August 5th from 6-9 p.m.? The Convocation will be held online. However, if you are interested in being a delegate, you will need to register and pay a \$25 registration fee (which Emmanuel will reimburse). To register, go to lutheranweek.com. You may also register as a guest and there is no cost. Registration deadline is August 4th at 5 p.m. Please contact the church office if you have an interest or any questions.

...that one of our youth is on a NALC Youth Mission trip to Southern Louisiana from July 25th -August 1st? The primary focus of the trip is Hurricane recovery work. They will be based out of Grand Isle, LA. This is a trip for Iowa Mission District youth and there were around 80 participants anticipated. Some fun activities were also being planned. Transportation costs were underwritten by the Mission District. Harley Rongved will share her experience with us in the September Epistle.

... that our "Noisy Offering" collection will resume in September, when Sunday School begins? Keep saving up your coins to bring to church on the third Sunday of the month. It helps to fund Camperships for our youth.

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Taken from Our Daily Bread; April 1st devotional

*Each of us should please our neighbors
for their good, to build them up.
Romans 15:2*

Witness Marks

"See that?" The clock repairman pointed his flashlight beam on a small, fine mark roughly engraved inside the old grandfather clock he was working on in our home. "Another repairman could have put that there almost a century ago," he said. "It's called a 'witness mark,' and it helps me know how to set the mechanism."

Before the age of technical bulletins and repair manuals, "Witness marks" were used to help the person making a future repair align moving parts with precision. They were more than just time-saving reminders; they were often left as a simple kindness to the next person doing the work.

The Bible encourages us to leave our own "witness marks" as we work for God by serving others in our broken world. The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome: "Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up" (Romans 15:2). This is the example of our God, "Who gives endurance and encouragement" (v.5). It's about being a good citizen of both earth and heaven.

Our "witness marks" may seem like small things, but they can make a vital difference in someone's life. An uplifting word, a financial gift to someone in need, and a listening ear—all are kindnesses that can have a lasting impact. May God help you make a mark for Him in someone's life today!

-JAMES BANKS

What "witness marks" have others left in your life to encourage you? What simple kindness can you do for another believer today?

*Almighty Father, thank you for the loving-kindness
You've shown me through your Son, Jesus. Please
help me to reflect Your love in even the smallest
things I do today. Amen.*



NALC

North American Lutheran Church

*The following is an article written by Pastor David
Wendel of the NALC and was printed in the
April/May Newsletter. While it may not be
something for Emmanuel, it is indicative of the
changing times and food for thought:*

Thinking outside the box for your congregation

How are we going to fill all the pastoral vacancies in the NALC? For the last few years, vacancies, both full and parttime, were usually no more than 35 at any given time. That was less than 10 percent of the total

number of congregations and less than the 40 or so seminarians we had preparing for ministry year by year. Now? The latest count was 70 congregational vacancies. Double the previous number! The reasons for this are not difficult to understand: we have had a large number of pastoral retirements, and we have new congregations affiliating with the NALC that come to us without a pastor. We have the same number of seminarians but more vacancies. How will we fill the pulpits of these congregations? Hopefully you are aware of our newly approved alternative path called "Ordination Under Special Circumstances." This is an innovative process for those who may serve our smaller, more isolated congregations in special circumstances — meaning they are not able to call (and afford) a full-time pastor. While this will not be the normal path to ordination, it will help many of our congregations. At the same time, we are supporting the NEXUS Institute at Grand View University, which is aimed at strengthening and deepening the faith of high school students, especially those who may be open to God's call to full-time pastoral ministry in the Church. While this will bear fruit in the long term, these students will not be ready for ordination for eight years, in some cases. This is a worthy strategic move, but it does not address the needs of today's congregations. A major emphasis, as well, is the raising up of potential seminarians in every congregation of the NALC. Many pastors and congregational members know of persons who may have the gifts and abilities to serve as ordained ministers but need to be encouraged and supported. There is a plan for a seminarian recruitment staff person for the NALS, but a better strategy is for every pastor and member of the NALC to understand ourselves as "seminarian recruiters." Most pastors today were once told, "You might consider being a pastor." That kind of encouragement is invaluable in the hearts and lives of young persons discerning a call. Let me suggest another important strategy — which could help fill our vacancies now! We are encouraging pastors and congregations to "think outside the box." Usually, a congregation which calls a full-time pastor considers that pastor to be "their" pastor. Given the challenges we face, it would be helpful for congregations to consider: How might our congregation encourage our pastor to help neighboring vacant congregations? How might our congregation partner with other vacant congregations in our area? It would be helpful for

pastors to be asking: "How can I help neighboring vacant congregations to be served, pastorally?" We are moving toward a time when again, it may not be the norm for one pastor to serve one congregation. Two or three congregations may need to be served by one pastor — not because of financial shortfalls but because there is a shortage of pastors to fill the current need. This will require "out of the box" thinking by pastors, but even more by congregational leaders! What are some real-life examples of this "out of the box" thinking? In Washington, North Carolina, the NALC congregation had a building but no pastor, whereas the local Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) congregation had a pastor but no building. They covenanted together to form Grace Church — an Anglican-Lutheran Shared Ministry. There have been some challenges and hurdles, but with those have come great opportunities for growth, mission and ministry. They are finding some visitors come because they are interested in this kind of congregation which more fully embodies the unity for which our Lord prayed at the Lord's Supper. The NALC and ACNA are working to develop processes and procedures which will encourage and enable even more cooperation on the local level in the future. Two congregations in Illinois are also thinking "outside the box" to ensure both churches have pastoral support. St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon, Illinois, is an NALC congregation and St. John's Lutheran Church in Creston, Illinois, is affiliated with the NALC and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Realizing the challenges presented by call processes and vacancies today, the congregations recently committed themselves to sharing a pastor. This means they need only one pastor, not two, and should free up funding which will strengthen both congregations in their mission and ministry. Far from being a step backward for either congregation, they are stepping out boldly and courageously for service in the 21st century. To fill our vacancies, it will require a total effort in each of these areas — all of us working together in creative, expansive ways to make pastoral ministry available to every congregation currently affiliated with the NALC — and those yet to come.

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



Congregational Council Minutes
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
May 9th, 2022

Meeting called to order by: Mark Borchardt- Vice President

Attended: Patti Rustad - Stewardship, Belinda Borchardt-Evangelism, Abbie Steinberg-Christian Education, Will Bartz-Youth, Emi Kuntz-Lay Ministry, and Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Mark Fredrickson – President and Jason Hackbart- Property

Devotions: Sharon Hulshizer

Agenda review: M/S/C to accept agenda as amended: under 9-New Business: b) New sign.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted.

Administrative Report: Pastor Weeg was able to participate on Confirmation Sunday- M/S/C to send \$50 to Pastor Weeg as a Thank You. Pastor Schafer, Mark and Belinda Borchardt, attended the funeral of Pastor David Steffenson from Emmanuel Lutheran of Rochester-M/S/C to send \$50 to ELC in Rochester, in Memory of Pastor Steffenson.

Board Highlights:

Stewardship- no report.

Lay Ministry- has met and lined up the schedule for May and June for unlocking and locking up the church on Sundays.

Evangelism- no report.

Y&E: has not met, but has sent out an e-mail to decide when the last day of SS will be. Next year, there is a potential for around 40 kids. SS teachers will be needed. VBS theme this year is "Food Truck Party."

Property- 1) The custodian had noticed a bat in church while cleaning. No activity has been noticed since. 2) A second railing has been added to the North basement entrance in the parsonage, for emergency purposes. 3) Adams plumbing removed the toilets from the men and women's restrooms in the basement and the dishwasher for installation of the new flooring. Council recommends replacing the toilets with new high- rise ones in both bathrooms. 4) Council recommends the Property board address the issue of the sump pumps.

Membership review: M/S/C to accept the transfer request for Asher Leuwerke and removal request of Sally Mayer and family.

Unfinished business:

- a) Call Committee: Looked over the application received and chose not to interview the candidate.
- b) Nativity set: Five pieces have been received, the ox has been shipped separately, will arrive later.
- c) Ed Unit flooring: no update
- d) Small and Rural Church Ministry Course (NALC): next session will be on Thursday, May 19th
- e) Mass Mutual Policy: M/S/C to pay \$2000 premium from Savings account. Will add policy review to agenda in November.
- f) On-line Services: M/S/C to postpone filming services.
- g) New WCDA Grant update: no report.
- h) Day Care at Emmanuel: tabled until later.

New Business:

- a) Bible Study in June: Approval by Council for Pastor Schafer to lead a Bible Study on Thursday evenings, beginning on June 2nd.
- b) New Sign: suggestion for a parking sign by Pastor Schafer to put at the south end of the church building. D & D will make the sign and Darren Marsh will install it. Permission granted by council. Cost to be covered by Pastor Schafer.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Abbie Steinberg.

Next meeting date and time is Monday, June 13th 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 May 1-31st, 2022

General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$52,870.44

Interest: \$12.37

Offering Revenues: \$18,130.00

E-giving Revenues: \$357.07

Petznick Estate: \$708.99

WCTA capital credit: \$283.19

For printing of Memorial Day bulletins: \$75.00

Total Revenues: \$ 19,566.62

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$72,437.06

Expenses: \$8,877.79

End of month Balance: \$63,559.27



TWC
(The Women's Council)
May 17th, 2022

Emi shared devotions entitled, "Stored Goodness," based on Psalm 31. Like "hope chests" of the past, it reminds us that God has been storing up his goodness for us and that it is much more valuable than those things we store up for ourselves. His ultimate blessing is his nearness to his people, as He holds us close to his heart. TWC began with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from March stand approved as read. Treasurer's written report was submitted. There is \$8,122.41 in Savings and \$1,102.81 in Checking. Outstanding bills include one for napkins. Waiting on bills from Nick's plumbing and Johnny Duvall for wiring. Correspondence includes: 1) an invite to a

Spring Luncheon from the Women of St James Church in Mason City on April 30th, 2) a flyer from Bethlehem Lutheran in Manly for their WELCA Guest Night on May 4th, and 3) a current Newsletter from the WNALC.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: all are completed and delivered. Several quilts will be delivered to Waverly. Thrivent Funds were applied for and received, used for batting for the quilts. There should be enough batting to make 75 quilts. A sewing day for this summer may be set up. 2) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Ovens are installed and wired in, have been cleaned out and turned on to test. Plumbing has been completed, electrical needs to be finished. Arne will install remaining lazy susans at the end of this week. Still need to determine where the ceiling vent exhaust fan was ordered from and who installs that. 3) "The Chosen" Bible Study: there has been a great attendance, discussion of table placement to accommodate more women attending. 4) Graduation/Confirmation Reception: will be this coming Sunday. Cards have been made;/gifts gathered. Set up will take place on Friday morning at 9 a.m. Meet on Sunday at 8 a.m. to cut cakes and help set up food with the Fellowship servers. 5) Good Samaritan Birthday Party: is on May 12th. Judy Trenhaile and Belinda Borchardt will provide music, Charlotte will fill in if needed.

New Business: 1) Invitation to WELCA Guest Night at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly, May 4th at 7 p.m.: information will be put into church bulletin and flyer hung on the bulletin board. 2) Summer schedule for TWC: Meetings will continue through June, no meetings in July and August. "The Chosen" Bible study should wrap up in mid-June, no study in July or August. 3) Possible presentation by Loretta Schafer on her doll collection in May: more information needed. 4) Updated Hospitality teams lists: will be tabled until next month.

Next TWC Meeting will be Tuesday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Acting Secretary, Belinda Borchardt



**Congregational Council Minutes
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
June 14th, 2022**

Meeting called to order by: Mark Fredrickson – President

Attended: Mark Borchardt- Vice President, Jason Hackbart- Property, Patti Rustad - Stewardship, Belinda Borchardt-Evangelism, Emi Kuntz-Lay Ministry, and Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Abbie Steinberg-Christian Education and Will Bartz-Youth

Devotions: Patti Rustad

Agenda review: M/S/C to accept agenda as amended: under 9-New Business: c) Adams Plumbing and Heating.

Review Printed Minutes: M/S/C to accept minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted.

Administrative Report: 1) Pastor Schafer has asked council to submit his name in nomination for a seat on the Court of Adjudication for the NALC. Papers will be filled out and sent via e-mail nominating him on behalf of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 2) Harley Rongved will be attending the NALC Youth Mission trip in July. **M/S/C to pay \$250 towards Harley's mission trip, taking the money from the Campership Fund.**

Board Highlights:

Stewardship- no report.

Lay Ministry- no report

Evangelism- The Highway 9 sign has been removed, but the back of it is not in good shape. A new sign will most likely need to be purchased.

Y& E: no report

Property- 1) Ed unit flooring will not be installed for a while yet. 2) Kitchen remodeling: Nick's plumbing bill has been received. Building Fund will pay for part of it and the Women will cover the remainder. Demaris Electric has been contacted to finish the electrical work; an estimate on replacing the lighting with LED lights has been requested. 3) Adams Plumbing will be asked to give an estimate on running hot water to the basement bathrooms. 4) Sump pumps will need to be looked at in the fall.

Membership review: none

Unfinished business:

- a) Call Committee update: Potential candidate has withdrawn their application.
- b) Ed Unit flooring: already discussed
- c) Small and Rural Church Ministry Course (NALC): Last session is on June 16th
- d) WCDA Grant update: Two grants- one for landscaping and one for new chairs are being considered for submission for the Fall grant application.

New Business:

- a) New Chairs: there is a need for new chairs to replace ones in the library. A WCDA grant may be applied for in the fall for 24-30 new chairs. Discussion on styles, colors, and place of purchase.
- b) Prairie Ridge Programs: A representative from Prairie Ridge has shared several programs they offer for churches, free of charge. This fall may be a good time to look into offering one or two for our congregation.
- c) Adams Plumbing and Heating: has submitted an estimate for replacing toilets and sinks in the men and women's bathrooms in the basement. Discussion on running hot water to the bathrooms as well. Thrivent money was received from congregation members to use where the need is most. As there are several projects needing completion in the church, **M/S/C to put the Thrivent Funds into the Building Fund.**

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Abbie Steinberg
Next meeting date and time to be determined.

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

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Treasurer's Report

Financial Balance Information

for June 1-30, 2022

General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$63,559.27

Interest: \$12.26

Offering Revenues: \$8,051.00

E-giving Revenues: \$382.07

Total Revenues: \$ 8,445.33

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$72,004.60

Expenses: \$ 10,191.53

End of month Balance: \$61,813.07



TWC
(The Women's Council)
June 21st, 2022

Belinda shared the poem "Chosen", written by Olga Borchardt, as the opening devotion. TWC began with the sharing of the purpose. Secretary minutes were read and approved from May. Treasurer's report was given: There is \$1,008 in Checking and \$4,598.64 in Savings (after paying part of the plumbing bill for kitchen remodeling). Sharon will pay the outstanding balance at the Jmart. Correspondence was a Thank You from Jaxon Edwards. Sharon shared part of a report from the First Lutheran Women in St Ansgar about their trip to Global Health Ministries. Several Thank you's need to be sent out this month. M/S/C to send \$100 to Loretta Schafer for her Doll Show presentation.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Discussion of existing storage cabinets in the basement. One may remain in the furnace room, others need to have some type of supports underneath to keep the metal from further deteriorating. 2) Quilting days

will be June 29th, 30th, and July 1st from 9-noon. A day in July will be used to look at the layette sets to see how many have been made and how many more can be put together. 2) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Arne is coming this week to work on the toe kicks and lazy susans. There is still one old stove for sale. Demaris Electric will be finishing the electrical work and has suggested new lighting in the kitchen. There is an extra refrigerator that may need to be stored elsewhere. Cleaning and painting of the baseboards throughout the area that new flooring was installed, has been completed. 3) The Chosen: Bible study and discussion will finish up on the 22nd. Plans for the fall are yet to be determined.

New Business: 1) New Chairs for Fellowship Hall: Discussion of possibly applying for a grant to help purchase new folding chairs in the future. 2) NALC Youth Mission Trip: Harley Rongved will be going with the youth to Louisiana from July 25th -August 1st. M/S/C to give Harley \$50 for meals for her upcoming Mission Trip.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer
-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Kitchen Remodeling Update:













Although the new flooring was installed in May, there is still a matter of finishing the edges and the best way to do that. Cleaning of the surfaces between the existing baseboards and painting the area brown was the first step. Colored caulk was suggested as a sealer for the edges, but has proven to be a mess to work with, so other options are being explored.

The new exhaust fan was installed by Nick's plumbing. Demaris Electric has finished the electrical work and upgraded the lights to LED lighting in the kitchen.

Adams Plumbing has installed new toilets and sinks in the basement bathrooms. Hot water will hopefully be an option to run to both areas and we are awaiting a bid for that work. Since the toilets have been upgraded, the women's stall doors will need to be addressed, so that they will close.

Arne Luckason is finishing the lazy susans and the toe kicks in the kitchen. Another big project is just about wrapped up and the ENALCW wish to thank all those for their support, whether financial, painting, or any other way in which help was offered! It truly takes a village...

August 2022 (All events subject to COVID restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Special Council Meeting 7 p.m.	2  Happy 85 th to Judy Trenhaile!	3	4 Deadline for NALC Convocation registration 5 p.m.	5 NALC Convocation (online 6-9 p.m.)	6 
7 9 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship with Mark Borchardt 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Pr Shafer's 39 th Ordination Anniversary	8 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	9 	10	11	12 	13
14 10 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	15	16	17 	18	19 Deadline for September Newsletter	20 
21 11 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Jack Miller 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	22 	23 	24	25 	26	27
28 12 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship w/HC Pastor Paul Weeg 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	29 Sharon out of the office- September (Linda Koschmeder substitute)	30	31 			



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<u>August</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, August 7th <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Jaxon Edwards	Curt & Caren Bartz	Donna Schilling
Sunday, August 14th <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Landon Hillman	Will & Brittany Bartz	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, August 21st <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Weston Paulson	Katie Bass Family	Marena Henkle
Sunday, August 28th <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Kaelee Hicken	Bill & Tammy Borchardt	Marena Henkle

Hospitality Team V: Teresa Sorenson

Ushers: Mark & Belinda Borchardt, Ken Kroneman, Calvin Thompson, and Troy Tourtellott

Lay Ministry: Janice Nelson

Counters: Lisa Bartz, Michael Cole, and Connie Rosenberg

Altar Guild: Tammy Borchardt

Share Shoppe Volunteer: Donna Schilling

PA Operators: Mark Fredrickson and Gregg Urbatsch

