

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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SEPTEMBER 2022

Dedicated by:

Sheila Lunden,

***in honor of Viri Deal's 98th Birthday on
September 27th and Bonnie Deal's 90th
Birthday on October 2nd!***

Remembering our Name...

It seems as if only yesterday, I was asking about your New Year's resolutions and here it is, September already! I'm wondering how you are doing with them? Did you make any? Break any? Start and give up, like most people? I remember challenging us as a congregation to give a little more, whether an increase in monetary donations or by reaching out to our neighbors within our church and community. I believe I also challenged us to spend more time in our Bible reading and prayer.

I must admit that I don't make resolutions because it seems I have never been able to stick to them. (Except the year that I jokingly said I was going to gain weight instead of lose weight, since it never worked anyway, and then got pregnant!) It's hard to change, isn't it? We become creatures of habit, content in our own lives and worlds, and it seems to be so hard for us to think about a

different way of doing things. If any of you have ever seen the *Red Green Show*, I always chuckle when the men meet at the lodge to give their pledge that goes something like, "I can change, if I have to, I guess." I think as Lutherans, we sometimes feel that way. We need someone to help us, to encourage us to "think outside the box." A close friend, neighbor, family member, all can be a source of help, to create a safe environment in which we can feel comfortable making those changes. And, we need Jesus...

The following comes from Our Daily Bread,
August 5th, 2022:

We Need Jesus' Help

Apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5
The day finally came—the day I realized my father wasn't indestructible. As a boy, I knew his strength and determination. But in my early adult years, he injured his back and I realized that my father was mortal after all. I stayed with my parents to help my dad to the bathroom, assisting him in dressing, even guiding a glass of water to his mouth—it was humbling to him. He made some initial attempts to

accomplish small tasks, but admitted, “I can’t do anything without your help.” He eventually recovered to his strong self, but that experience taught both of us an important lesson. We need each other.

And while we need each other, we need Jesus even more. In John 15, the imagery of the vine and the branches continues to be one we cling to. Yet one of the other phrases, while comforting, can also strike at our self-reliance. The thought that can easily creep into our minds is, ***I don’t need help.*** Jesus is clear--“apart from me you can do nothing” (v.5). Christ is talking about bearing fruit, like “love, joy, peace” (Galatians 5:22), those core features of a disciple. To bear fruit is the life Jesus calls us to, and our total reliance on him yields a fruitful life, a life lived to the Father’s glory. (John 15:8) - JOHN BLASÉ

The prayer “I can do nothing apart from You” is simple and powerful. What situations are you facing today that need prayer? How can you rest assured that God is with you and loves you?

Father, I can do nothing apart from You.

And so, Emmanuel, we need each other and we need Jesus, to help us navigate the waters ahead. As we continue to pray and ask for guidance in finding a new pastor, we reach out to one another and our surrounding community, to witness, to share God’s word, to support our ministry financially, and to hear God’s word through our Lay ministers and Pulpit Supply. We thank Him for his loving faithfulness to us, knowing that his timing is perfect. And we remember our name:



Update from the Council:

The Rev. Dr. David E. Schafer
P.O. Box 48
Waukon, Iowa 52172

Emmanuel Lutheran Church/NALC
Grafton, Iowa

Dear friends in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Please know by this letter, I want to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and you – the members of Emmanuel – for the honor and the privilege – of serving you as your interim pastor for the past six months.

I want to thank you for your kindness, support, and prayers.

With the agreement of the church council, I hereby submit my resignation immediately due to health concerns.

I pray God’s blessings to you as we both move forward in our common mission and ministry. May God bless you soon with a new and faithful pastor to be your shepherd.

Respectively,
Pr. David E. Schafer

Upon the resignation of Pastor Schafer, council approved reaching out to Pastor Paul Weeg and seeking a Part-time Interim position with him as we entered last fall. Pastor Weeg has some commitments to honor and vacations planned, but has agreed to be our Pastoral Care contact, when he is in the area; to begin confirmation classes in the fall, and lead worship as his schedule allows. This will allow the Call Committee to continue to focus on any incoming applications. There have been none as of lately. We are thankful for all those who are willing to serve as lay ministers and Pulpit Supply. Please continue to pray for the Council and Call Committee and for those ready and willing to receive the call to come to Emmanuel.

- Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Pastoral Acts

Regina "Gina" Nack, died August 2nd. Her funeral was held at Emmanuel on August 9th, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Paul Weeg conducted the service and burial.
May God comfort all who mourn.

Joys & Sorrows

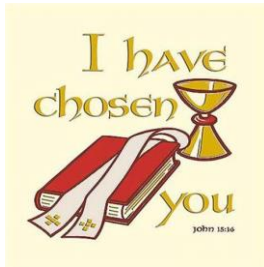


Congratulations

...to Caylee (Bartz) and Hayden Hubbard, who were married on July 30th.

God's blessings on their marriage.

...to **Pastor Schafer**, on the **39th** Anniversary of his ordination, on **August 7th**. If you would like to send a card or call, his address is PO Box 48 Waukon, IA 52172, phone number 563-568-6199.



...and to **Pastor Z** on her **30th** ordination anniversary. She was ordained **September 27th**, 1992 at St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Donatus, IA after a year as Supply Pastor at Calamus Lutheran Parish, Calamus, IA. She served at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, IA; Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI; St. John's Lutheran Church, Little Suamico, WI, and here at Emmanuel from September 2012 through June 2021. If you would like to remember her with a note, a call, or a visit, here is her information: Solveig Zamzow 619 Elm Avenue # 309 Story City, IA 50248. Phone: 641-903-9416

(Thank you, Linda, for the reminder!)

Needed: For Lutheran World Relief school/activity kits: Rulers (30-cm or one with both cm and in.), pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens), crayons (16-24 count), and erasers (2 ½"). You may bring donations of items or monetary donations to the office or Clarice Bartz. Thank You!

Thank you, Emmanuel



...to all who sent cards and well wishes for my 85th birthday, it was a wonderful day! -Judy Trenhaile

...for all the well wishes, thoughts, and the card from the Evangelism committee at the time of my sister's death. -Jeff Miller, custodian.

Mark Your Calendars:



Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary 35th Annual Fall Festival Fair

Saturday, September 24th

9:00-11:00 a.m.

1st Lutheran Church

309 9th St. N.

Northwood, IA 50459

Baked Goods- Produce-Crafts
Drawing for a Quilt and other prizes!!!

Tickets for the drawing are available from Auxiliary members and LRH Activities Staff. Tickets may also be purchased the day of.
Join us for coffee & cookies, too!



Drive Through Pork Loin Sandwich Supper:

Sunday, September 18th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Visitation Catholic Church

604 N Broad Street Stacyville, IA

Menu: Pork Loin sandwich, bbq baked beans, chips, cookie and water or milk.



Free Will Offering.



Choir will resume on September 7th at 7 p.m. Please join us if you enjoy

singing. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. There will be a *Community Choir* practice time set up as well and is open to members from other congregations as well, who do not have a choir and enjoy singing with others from the area. This choir travels to other local churches to share their message through music. See Mark Borchardt if you'd like to learn more.

Thank You, Stewards

...to our organists, Charlotte Cole, Marena Henkle, and Donna Schilling for their service to Emmanuel through their musical talents each week.

...to our August counters: Lisa Bartz, Michael Cole, and Connie Rosenberg.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Janice Nelson

...to our Altar Guild Steward, Tammy Borchardt, assisted by Lisa Bartz, Charlotte Cole, and Janice Nelson.

...to our PA operators: Mark Fredrickson and Gregg Urbatsch.

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

...to our website manager, Renae Kroneman.

...to the August Hospitality Team IV: Teresa Sorenson, Katie Bass, Kayla Pappas, Debby & David Bublitz, Marlin Rosenberg, Sam/Shelly/Nicole Venechuk, Katie Vandewalker, Kara & Joe Walk, Larry Diedrich, Jon & Kim Badker, Calvin & Sandy Thompson.

...to our Share Shoppe volunteer: Donna Schilling.

...to the Lay Ministry board for opening and closing the church on Sundays.

...to those who have brought flowers from their gardens or purchased flowers to grace our altar during worship. They so much add to the beauty of our sanctuary!

...to Mark Borchardt and Lisa Bartz for leading the worship on August 7th and 14th.

...to Pastor Jack Miller for coming from the Rochester area for Pulpit Supply on August 21st.

...to Pastor Paul Weeg for leading Holy Communion Service on the 28th and for agreeing to be our Part-time Interim, as able.

...to Jeff Jessen from the Grafton Jmart, who continues to supply the coffee used for fellowship and funerals. We appreciate your support!

From our Sponsor Child in Kenya through Compassion International:

5-30-22

Dear Emmanuel,

How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine in the Lord. Receive Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am doing fine here in Kenya and my family is doing good too. They send their regards to you too.

Thank you so much for the letter you sent. This gives me motivation and encouragement. I read that in your place its very cold and wet, same here. In Kenya it is rainy and floods are everywhere. It rains day and nights. But this is so positive to the farmers as their crops are growing healthy and at faster rates.

Thank you for being in my life, I am so grateful for you and I really thank the Almighty God for such a gift in my life. Be blessed by the verse below:

Psalm 37:4

"Seek your happiness in the Lord and he will give you your heart desires."

Your loving friend,
Lawrence Emojong



Our Daily Bread

devotionals are available on the small table inside the wooden entrance door and in the kiosk by the coat racks, both in regular and large print.

Please note that the Large Print editions differ in what month they begin. Please enjoy and share!

VBS 2022!



This year for VBS our theme was Food Truck Party. Each day we learned a new lesson centering around a part of the prayer: *God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food, by God's hands we are fed, give us lord our daily bread.* We learned about God providing Manna and Quail to the Israelites, about Daniel and his friends eating the food that God chose for them, and about Jesus feeding the 5,000. We had a terrific week telling stories, playing games, doing science experiments, music, and crafts. We had 42 kids join us throughout the week, with 14 friends joining us from outside of Emmanuel. We were so glad to share God's love with all the children and look forward to continuing to grow this ministry within Emmanuel.

-Brittany Bartz, VBS coordinator



Thank you, Brittany, for organizing this year's VBS!



Emmanuel's Epistle



Pictures submitted by Brittany Bartz and Christa Trenhaile.



Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who made this year's VBS a great success! And to parents for bringing their children!





ZOOMERANG “Returning to the Value of Life” was held in Bolan June 20 - 24, 9:00 am – noon, with a free-will hot dog supper and program on Friday evening. Pastors and members

of the Methodist churches of Bolan, Manly, Northwood and Shell Rock Valley, along with Lutherans from Manly, Kensett, and Hanlontown hosted.

There were 47 registered participants and 42 volunteers that came to town; made new friends, and learned new things. Opening and closing with songs, skits, and educational videos about Australia were held in the wood quonset and children rotated to different stations around town when the Barton No. 2 school bell rang.

Each day a Bible verse would be learned to remind us that: God created man in his own image; I am wonderfully made; Do unto others as you would have done to you; Jesus is the resurrection and the life; We are his workmanship. Any time the verse was said, all would respond with, “I AM WONDERFULLY MADE!”

\$400 in mission offering was collected throughout the week in a picnic basket to be split between a local and international food organization. Friday night at the program, Mary Wendt presented Fred Girouard of Worth County Community of Promise with a check for \$200, the other half will go to Children’s Hunger Fund which reaches children from around the world. *-Submitted by Lori Willert*



We have participated with Bolan in the past, when we did not have enough children to have our own VBS. We are thankful for the opportunities for our young ones to grow in Jesus in this way and although

we may not have had any in attendance this year, it is good to be able to share in that community of God’s children. And we are thankful that we are growing at Emmanuel and have the opportunity to invite others to ours as well.



Hannah Hill
Charlotte Cole’s granddaughters
were helpers for this year’s Bolan VBS,

Cece Hill





RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP Happenings:



Logan (left) and Tegan (right) Trenhaile, sons of Christa and Colby, both had fun at camp, playing games and exploring the areas on the campus. They both agree their favorite part was the connections they made with other campers and the talking and bonding with fellow cabinmates.

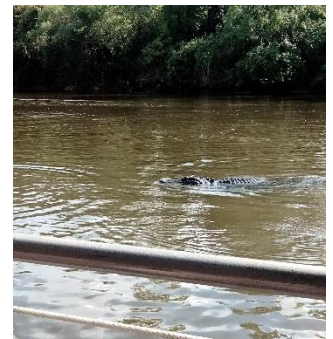
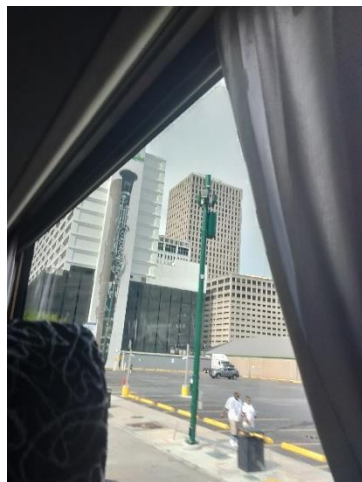
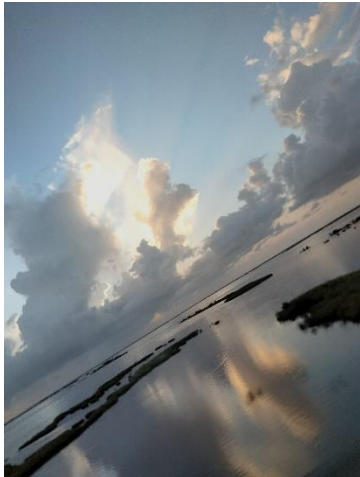


Our Campership money was also used to send Harley Rongved to Louisiana this year on a Mission Trip. Here is her report from the experience:

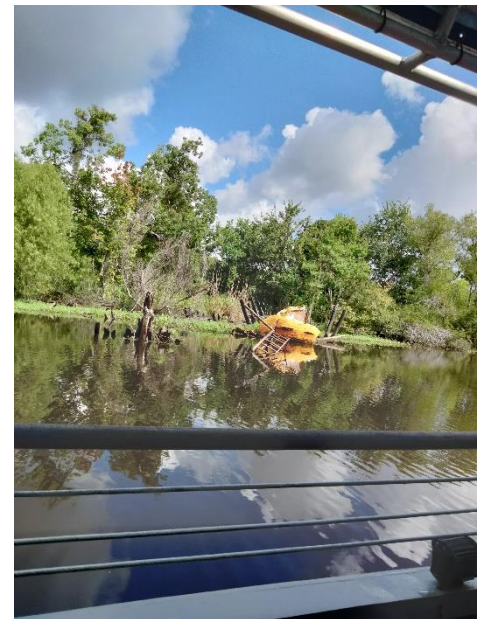
Hey everyone, my name is Harley Rongved, I am 17 years old and I'm a senior this year and I went on a mission trip this year for the first time. While I was waiting to be able to go on this trip, I was expecting I would help people and change their lives, but what I wasn't expecting was that this experience would change me as well. You know, you never know how bad things are until you actually go and see the damage that has been done. On the internet, you may see some of the damage that has been done right after the hurricanes, but you never actually get to see what happens after or how it affects the cities or towns. During my stay, I had fun and got to help. I may not know everything they had to do within the time it took for us to be able to go there. Every time we passed a street, there were always at least 3 or 4 houses completely flattened out still. The damage was so bad that they had decided they couldn't stay there anymore. When all of us that signed up to help arrived, everyone hoped we became the help they needed, but there's still so much more that needs to be done and I myself can't say that the work there is done, there is still much more to do. But I'm glad I had gotten to do what I did to help. Now I'm sure you're all wondering how you could have fun on a trip that helps people restore their homes? Well, I had fun doing that, but I had also had fun doing the activities that they had planned for us. After our work hours each day, they planned something fun for us to do, like a few times we got to go swimming in the ocean, another day we had gotten to go to a rodeo the island puts on every year, but it's different. When you think of rodeo you probably think of bulls and cattle, well they think of fishing. Now on the last full day in Louisiana, we had a fun day where we had gone on a swamp tour. We got to see so many alligators (they were so cool by the way), then after that, we went on a tour of New Orleans, and did you know New Orleans has a French part of the city? We went and got some coffee on that side, then when we got back to where we were staying, we had a bonfire at the beach. Normally those are illegal, but we had gotten special permission.



The next day though, it was time to say goodbye to the island and head back home. I had lots of fun, met lots of new people, and got to help people. I'd say that it was a triple win in my books! Thank you to the church for the scholarship that helped to pay my way and to the women of the church for the cash to help pay for meals along the way. -Harley



Pictures submitted by Harley



Did You Know

... that our "Noisy Offering" will resume on September 18th? Bring your coins and loose offering to church on the third Sunday of the month. It helps to fund Camperships for our youth.

...that we have new members at Emmanuel? Martha Crail and her twin daughters, Amelia and Reagan. We welcome them into our midst and hope to have a new member reception for them soon! Martha is the granddaughter of Jack and Patsy Schotanus and lives on their farm place.

...that Merlin and Lisa Bartz are our delegates at the Iowa Mission District Convocation at Zion Lutheran Church in Ruthven, IA on August 27th? We will ask them to share about their experience in the October Newsletter.

...that on Saturday, July 2nd, members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rochester, gathered for their second service on the land on which they will eventually have their own church building? Pastor David Steffenson was the pastor at Emmanuel these past few years before his recent death from cancer, and his wife, Julie, sent a picture and a note in which she mentioned that their first service there was this past Easter, Pastor Dave's last service for Emmanuel. She went on to write, "We met in our large storage building that is almost complete. We had beautiful weather, great music and Pastor Tim Duesenberg was our guest preacher. It was truly an amazing day. God is so good." *(Information taken from the Iowa Mission District August Newsletter.)*

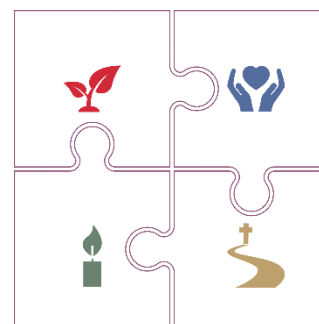
...that, as you may have heard for some time now, there has been concern for the workload of the Deans in the NALC? Our Deans are pastors—either retired or pastoring one or more congregations—unsalaried, and often responsible for a large number of congregations. In the Iowa Mission District we have 37 congregations scattered over the entire state of Iowa and parts of southern Minnesota. The workload can be quite heavy at times, and some mission districts have split into smaller districts. In an effort to help keep the deans from burning out, and to offer support so the ministry of the mission districts can be accomplished, we now have Area Assistants to the Bishop (AABs) The AAB for our area—the Midwestern Area—is the **Reverend Jess Abbott**. Pastor Abbott supports the Bishop's pastoral connection to Mission District Deans, and assists the Deans in their ministry to Mission District pastors and congregations. The current list of responsibilities for the AAB include serving as a liaison to Bishop Selbo, providing pastoral care to the deans, helping with developing internship sites, assisting deans with finding pastoral coverage for congregations without a pastor, and a variety of other duties that may arise, including installations. Pastor Abbot lives in Loveland, Ohio, with his wife, Cindy. They have been married for over 39 years and are the parents of three sons, and grandparents of two granddaughters. During his 33 years of pastoral ministry, he also served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring from the Army in 2020. *(for more information, go online to www.iowamissiondistrict.com)*

...that sixteen churches have joined the NALC so far this year, according to the June/July NALC newsletter?



...that the NALC held its annual Convocation online on August 5th, 2022. If you wish to learn more about it, you can visit **www.thenalc.org** online.

...that the NALC has a 20/20 vision for the future of the church? Its purpose is to *ensure a legacy of faith, today, tomorrow, and forever*. It is made up of four components: **GROW**: To ensure long-term vitality and fruitfulness for our congregations, we must constantly adapt and expand the reach of Jesus Christ by carrying out Christ's Great Commission. GROW places importance on our ability to expand and mature as congregations of the NALC. **SERVE**: We recognize the fundamental role that strong theological formation plays in the capacity of our congregations to carry out faithful mission work as we thrive and live out God's word. SERVE — one of the four main components of this vision — lays out the pathway for empowering all NALC congregations to form healthy, authentic Christian communities that serve our world. **RENEW**: Even with the best congregational strategies, our community needs the periodic opportunity to reaffirm its roots while looking ahead to the future. RENEW — one of the four main components of this vision — provides opportunities for all NALC congregations to be renewed by the Holy Spirit. And **FULFILL**: Our calling as Christians and congregations in the North American Lutheran Church is much larger than ourselves. We belong to a legacy of faith. Through the 2020 Vision, our congregations devote themselves to join God in His work to FULFILL His promises, taking with them our call to discipleship and our core values as we continue the legacy of faith.



Disaster Response updates:

[Updated August 5, 2022]

August 1 — Kentucky Flooding

NALC Disaster Response was deployed to Hazard KY on Monday Aug.1. The 26' box has been sent with flood buckets, health kits, Bibles, clean up tools and supplies. The volunteers in Hazard were so very thankful for the church's support and prayers. The death toll continues to rise, now at 28 fatalities. More than 10 inches of rain fell in eastern Kentucky last week. The area is expected to see additional rainfall this week. Keep those prayers coming!

Gift cards are needed for the NALC Disaster Response – we are completely out of gift cards after serving in western Kentucky and tornado recovery. If you would like to help, please send your support as soon as possible to **NALC Disaster Response, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724.**

****UPDATE:** NALC Disaster Response volunteers delivered the 26' box truck of flood buckets into Hazard KY this week. Folks, it is really bad there – your prayers are needed for this very poverty stricken area that has lost so much. Please send your donations as soon as possible, your help is needed!

NALC Disaster Response volunteers will be delivering flood buckets and emergency relief supplies to Hindman, KY, where four children were swept away in the flood waters. We will be providing spiritual Christian care for as many of the community there as possible. Again, your prayers are needed!

For more information, contact Mary Bates at 740-509-1132 or disasterresponse@thenalc.org



STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Taken from Our Daily Bread; July 9th devotional

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5

THE DREAM TEAM

Together, friends Melanie and Trevor have hiked miles of mountain trails. Yet neither would be able to do so without the other. Melanie, born with spina bifida, uses a wheelchair. Trevor lost his sight to glaucoma. The duo realized they were one another's perfect complement for enjoying the Colorado wilderness. As he walks the trails, Trevor carries Melanie on his back; meanwhile, she gives him verbal directions. They describe themselves as a "dream team."

Paul describes believers in Jesus—the body of Christ—as a similar kind of "dream team." He urged the Romans to recognize how their individual giftings benefited the larger group. Just as our physical bodies are made up of many parts, each with different functions, together we "form one [spiritual] body" and our gifts are meant to be given in service of the collective benefit of the church [Romans 12:5]. Whether in the form of giving, encouraging, or teaching, or any of the other spiritual gifts, Paul instructs us to view ourselves and our gifts as belonging to all the others (vv.5-8).

Melanie and Trevor aren't focused on what they lack, nor are they prideful of what they do have in comparison to the other. Rather, they cheerfully give of their "gifts" in service to the other, recognizing how much they're both bettered by their collaboration. May we too freely combine the gifts God has given us with those of our fellow members—for the sake of Christ.

-KIRSTEN HOLMBERG

**What gifts and abilities has God given you?
How can you share them with those around you?**

Father, please show me how I can use my resources and abilities to benefit the body of Christ. Amen.



**Congregational Council Minutes
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
July 11th, 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, Will Bartz-Youth, and Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Abbie Steinberg-Christian Education

Devotions: Will Bartz

Agenda review: **M/S/C to accept agenda, with the addition of 9a) Closed meeting executive session**

Review Printed Minutes: **M/S/C to accept minutes from last council meeting.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted.

Administrative Report: 1) Sharon will be on vacation from July 12-24th. 2) The ox has arrived, completing the new nativity set. 3) Papers have been submitted for Pastor Schafer to be a nominee for the NALC Court of Adjudication. 4) E-mail from General Secretary, Amy Little, regarding the NALC Convocation in August. Emmanuel may have two delegates, registration is done online and due by August 4th, the Convocation is online on August 5th from 6-9 p.m. 5) JC Dawald has been given the quarterly statement for our Mass Mutual policy to review.

Board Highlights:

Stewardship- No report.

Lay Ministry- Schedule set up to open and close church on Sundays for next three months.

Evangelism- The Highway 9 sign has been removed, but the back of it has rotted. A new sign will most likely need to be purchased.

Y& E: VBS will be July 26-28. 20 kids are signed up so far.

Property- 1) Bids need to be solidified for landscaping and chairs in order to apply for grants, 2) Kitchen remodeling updates: a) flooring: the painting has been finished, needs to be caulked. b) the exhaust fan has been installed.

Membership review: M/S/C to accept Martha Crail and daughters as members.

Unfinished business:

- a) Call Committee update: committee had looked at a profile and reached out to the applicant, no response back.
- b) WCDA Grant update: already covered.

New Business:

- a) **M/S/C to go into executive closed session.**

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Abbie Steinberg
Next meeting date and time: August 8th 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 July 1-31, 2022**

General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$61,813.07

Interest: \$12.38

Offering Revenues: \$8,001.00

E-giving Revenues: \$3,354.35

Copies: \$20.00

Total Revenues: \$11,387.73

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$73,200.80

Expenses: \$ 9055.96

End of month Balance: \$64,144.84

**Special Congregational Council Meeting
Minutes- Emmanuel Lutheran Church
August 1st, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Fredrickson. Present were Mark Borchardt, Emi Kuntz, Patti Rustad, Will Bartz, Belinda Borchardt and Sharon Hulshizer. Absent were Jason Hackbart and Abbie Steinberg.

Discussion on moving forward at Emmanuel and the role that Pastor Schafer will play. A call was placed to Pastor Schafer to ask or answer any questions from both parties. Pastor Schafer will submit his resignation for the remainder of August. Lay Ministry has lined up Pulpit Supply for August-September, with Pastor Paul Weeg agreeing to fill in the Sundays he is able and to be the Part time Interim as he had served before. Pastor Schafer will contact Sharon and set up a time to pick up his belongings that remain at the parsonage. Sharon will cancel the internet and cable through WCTA. Harley Rongved will be contacted to clean the parsonage after items are removed.

August 7th will be the 39th Ordination Anniversary of Pastor Schafer and that will be noted in the bulletin, along with contact information for those who wish to send cards or call.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.
-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



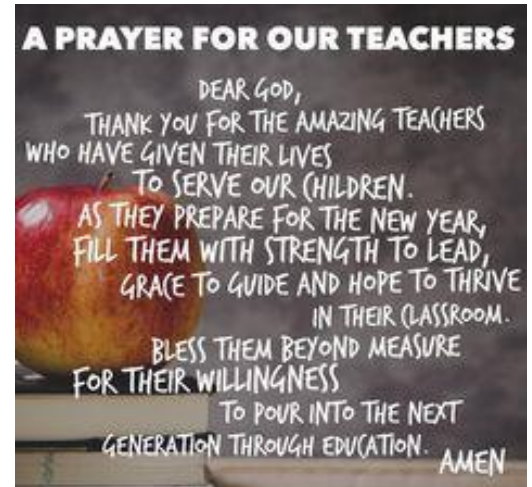
No TWC was held in July or August

September is our month to assist at the LRH in Northwood. We are purchasing a birthday cake for the residents for the 22nd. We will not be assisting with Bingo weekly, but will be making a monetary contribution toward Bingo prizes or chocolates. We will also be taking some Beanie babies to use as gifts. If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact one of the TWC members.

Thank You!

Kitchen Remodeling Update:

The Grant from WCDA was received for the new flooring. The bill was paid, holding a bit back until the caulking has been finished. At some time, we will have a dedication service for the new kitchen. There is still one old stove available for purchase and there will be kitchen items available that are no longer needed, once everything is sorted through.



A Back to School Prayer

As you head off to school today, this is what I'm praying for you:

I'm praying that your day will go smoothly -- that your locker will open, that you'll get to class on time, that you won't forget anything, that you'll find friends in your classes

I'm praying that your teachers will know just how to teach you in a way that you will love to learn

I'm praying that you will make friends who will have your back, make you laugh and will make you better

I'm praying that you'll have the opportunity to be the light of Jesus to someone

I'm praying that you will always be kind, even in the face of conflict or disagreement

I'm praying that you will seek out the new person or the lonely person and help them find their place

I'm praying that you'll learn to be a leader

I'm praying that you will do everything to the best of your ability -- even when you don't want to

I'm praying that you will be focused on the things your teachers are trying to teach you

I'm praying that you'll have confidence from knowing you are a child of God

I'm praying that if things go wrong, you'll always remember that God loves you and so do we


















I'm praying that you'll laugh a lot during your day

I'm praying that you will follow in Jesus' footsteps and grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man

Most of all, I'm praying that this year will be filled with learning, growth, joy and fun

Have a great year!

September 2022 (All events subject to COVID restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pastor Weeg gone until 12 th 	2 	3
4 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Lisa Bartz 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	5 	6 	7 <u>Choir</u> 7:00 p.m.	8 	9	10 
11 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship at the Park -- SS Rally Day Pastor Weeg's birthday	12 	13 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	14 <u>Confirmation</u> Parent/Student meeting w/Pastor Weeg 4:30 p.m. <u>Choir</u> 7:00 p.m.	15 	16 	17
18 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship w/HC Pastor Paul Weeg (Noisy Offering) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	19 	20 TWC (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m.	21 <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>Choir</u> 7:00 p.m.	22 	23	24 LRH Auxiliary Fall Festival 9-11 a.m.
25 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Pastor Paul Weeg (Choir sings) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship		27  Happy Birthday, Viril Deal!	28 <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>Choir</u> 7:00 p.m.	29 	30 	



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<u>September</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, Sept 4th <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Jaxon Edwards	Mark & Belinda Borchardt	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, Sept 11th <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>SS Rally at the Park</i>	*****	Marena Henkle
Sunday, Sept 18th <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Aundraya Paulson	John & Val Bork	Donna Schilling
Sunday, Sept 25th <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Landon Hillman	Chris & Teresa Braun	Marena Henkle

Hospitality Team VI: Jane Dalluge and Julie Schulz

Ushers: Keven Bruesewitz, John & Val Bork, Jason Hackbart, and Phil Hackbart

Lay Ministry: Duane Rustad

Counters: Teresa Braun, Gloria & Phil Hackbart

Altar Guild: Haley Tourtellott

Share Shoppe Volunteer: Ardis Hanson

PA Operator: Garry Backhaus

