

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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*Pastor Weeg will be taking a well-deserved  
vacation most of the month!*

## Hymn of Heaven

Anyone who knows me, probably knows that I like music. It's an important part of my life. My mother and grandmother both played records of a variety of music and I grew up adding other genres to that. Lyrics have also been important to the songs that mean the most to me. I pay attention to not only the instrumental beauty, but what is being conveyed in the song - that which sticks in my head and heart. I am sure many of you can relate to that as well.

I have been listening to contemporary Christian music the last few years. I love the old hymns that we sing in church and have learned to embrace the newer songs as well. One of the many contemporary songs that has caught my attention lately is "Hymn of Heaven" by Phil Wickham. I wrote down the title so I could look up the lyrics. (For those of you who enjoy new things, look it up on You tube and use the official lyrics video.)

This song spoke to me at this time because death is something we all think about or know it is something that one day we will experience. I've lost loved ones and most recently, my mother-in-law as she battled stage 4 lung cancer. It is interesting to me to observe how people or families deal with death. Some will speak openly about it and others will not even talk of such a thing. I believe that as Christians, we need to be prepared. We have heard it said that we should live each day as if it were our last. I think it is fair to say, for the most part, that none of us wish to die or to face our mortality. There is fear of the unknown- the what if, the how, the pain, the unanswered questions we have. However, even Jesus, who was sent in human form, faced death.

On the first Sunday in November, we will honor those who have died in the past year-the Saints who have gone before us. Their families will remember their loved ones and the memories they hold dear.

My favorite Bible verse in Revelation 21, talks about how one day God will wipe away our tears and that there will be no more death or pain or suffering, for the former things will have passed away. What an amazing thought to embrace. That all the suffering it seems the world endures, the pain, the death, the hurt, will all go away! I first heard the verse 21:4 as a child, helping my mother prepare for a women's Bible study and it touched me so profoundly, that I have never forgotten it. I maybe can't recite it word for word, as I should, but it was my Confirmation verse and the one I cling to when I become fearful or question things that happen.

God also promises us that we will never be alone, that he will always be with us. Sometimes it is hard to picture that and other times, we feel his presence. People that have experienced profound tragedies, like 9-11, school or mass shootings, or even the COVID pandemic, may question where God is in the midst of it all? People have lost faith because they just cannot understand why a loving God would allow such tragedy and heartache. We, as humans, will never be able to explain or possibly understand, but we need to remember that God has promised to be with us, in the good **and** the bad, even when our faith dwindles. We have only to reach out. The author of "Hymn of Heaven", shares that he wrote the song during the COVID pandemic, a difficult time for he and many others. But he remembered the promise of Jesus in that the "kingdom of heaven is at hand" and wrote the song as a way to express a way to bring heaven to us today. I share them with you:



"How I long to breathe the air of heaven, Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets. To look upon the one

who bled to save me and walk with him for all eternity. *(Refrain)*

*Refrain:* There will be a day when all will bow before Him, There will be a day when death will be no more. Standing face to face with he who died and rose again. Holy – Holy is the Lord!


Every prayer we prayed in desperation, The songs of faith, we sang through doubt and fear. In the end, we'll see that it was worth it. When he returns to wipe away our tears. *(Refrain)*

And on that day, we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith. With one voice a thousand generations sing worthy is the lamb who was slain. *(repeat verse)*

Forever He Shall Reign!

So let it be today we shout the hymn of heaven, with angels and the saints we raise a mighty roar. Glory to our God who gave his life beyond the grave. Holy, holy is the Lord! *(repeat verse)*

Holy, Holy is the Lord! -- Holy, Holy is the Lord!"  
- In hope and peace, knowing our destiny. Sharon



On November 5<sup>th</sup>,  
We remember those who have gone before us  
this past year:

**CAREN KAY BARTZ,  
STEVEN LEEROY KALVIG,  
CLARICE E. VENECHUK  
AND  
ELAINE HUEBNER**

## Joys and Sorrows



**Congratulations...** to Taylor (Rustad) and Brian Huinker, on the birth of a daughter, Piper Mae, on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Piper joins a brother, Wyatt and sister, Lucy. Proud grandparents are Rusty & Pattie Rustad. *God's blessings on the family!*

### **A very Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

...to Ardis Hanson on November 24<sup>th</sup> -  
*God bless you!*



### **Our deepest sympathy**



...to **Jeff Schultz** and family on the death of his brother, Randall Schultz, on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Randall was 69 and the family will have a private service at a later date.

... to **Randy Hulshizer** and family on the death of his mother, Marcia, on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held at Deer Creek Lutheran Church on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Marcia was 79 years old and will be missed by her husband, Ron, 5 children, 30 grandchildren, and 32 great grandchildren, with 4 more coming in 2024.

...to **Elaine Huebner** and family on the death of her daughter, Debbie, on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Debbie was 70 and her reception was held at in Princeton, Minnesota on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

...and to the **family of Elaine Huebner**, who died on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Elaine was 91.

*(funeral arrangements were pending upon publication of the newsletter)*

***May God comfort all who mourn!***

### **Thank You, Emmanuel**

...to Pastor Weeg and others who came to visit me in the hospital. I appreciate your prayers, words of kindness, and other expressions of support. It makes me proud to be a member of this congregation. My recovery will be lengthy and hopefully, complete.  
*-Mark Borchardt*

## Thank You, Stewards

...to our unwavering organists: Charlotte Cole, Marena Henkle, and Donna Schilling.  
...to our October counters: Kim Badker and Lori & Darren Marsh.  
...to our Lay Ministry steward, Lori Marsh.  
...to Lisa Bartz, our Altar Guild steward for October.  
...to our PA operators: Randy Hulshizer and Gary Schotanus.  
...to our October Ushers: Curt Schaub, Darren Marsh, Jon Badker, Zach Badker, and Neil Hackbart.  
...to Renae Kroneman, our website manager.  
...to the October Hospitality Team I: Lori & Darren Marsh, Steve, Kristy, and Zane Arzberger, Vanessa & Levi Hanson, Liz Backhaus, Chris & Teresa Hanson, Joy & Jerry Buechele, Mark Fredrickson, Lonnie & Jennifer Hillman, Tammy Schuttler, Callie & Jason Athey, and Abbie & Josh Steinberg.  
...to our October Share Shoppe volunteer: Myra Dierks.  
...to Lay Ministry members who open and close the church building on Sundays.

### Special Thanks

...to Randy Hulshizer, for replacing ballasts in several lights throughout the church and rehanging the parsonage kitchen light.  
...to Kim Mogk, for continuing to weed around the parsonage and church, as needed.  
...to Lisa Bartz for leading worship on October 15<sup>th</sup>  
...to Lisa Bartz for leading worship and Bryan Schmidt for sharing his mission and personal testimony with The Navigators on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
...to Marena Henkle for labeling and organizing the SS supply room.  
...to Tammy Borchardt for mailing out packets to our nurse roll children.  
...to Greg Zillgitt for reinstalling and hooking up the dishwasher in the kitchen.  
...to all those for the "little jobs" they do that are not always recognized.

**Noisy Offering...** will be collected on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. We are designating the money towards the sponsorship of our child, *Lawrence*, through *Compassion International*.



**Connection Group Bible Study...** Continues on Wednesdays at 1p.m. We plan to finish watching Season 3 of *The Chosen* by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please feel free to join our discussion and bring a friend! *If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Cole or Sharon Hulshizer.*

**The annual collection** for the **Grafton Cemetery** will be on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our special collection box will be in the narthex. Please make checks payable to "Grafton Cemetery", not Emmanuel.



**Sunday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>:** Sacred Heart Annual Fall Harvest Soup /Salad Luncheon. **Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly. 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Free will Offering.** Homemade soups,

salads, pies, bake sale and door prizes. Take out available 641-454-2586.

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: Inspirational Music Program** featuring harp, organ, piano, and vocal music. *Singing Saints: Christian Music through Life's Seasons* presented by Rev. Bill Reiser and wife, Susan at **Immanuel Lutheran Church in St Ansgar at 7 p.m. Free will offering.** Refreshments afterwards.

*(See bulletin board across from church office for more announcements and information)*

#### **Deadline: Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**



**The Logos Legos youth** will be accepting donations for **Operation Christmas Child** until **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. All items must be new and fit in a shoebox. More information can be found on the Samaritan's Purse website or in

the information on the round table in our entrance. We will pack the boxes **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, and will do a blessing in Church **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, so they are ready for collection week on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, talk to Brittany Bartz for more info.



Our AWANA club is going strong at Emmanuel. We have 29 children currently enrolled and they have been encouraged to bring friends! What a wonderful way for Emmanuel to reach out to the wider community. We thank all those involved, from organization, teaching, helpers, and parents who bring their children. If you would like to help, whether in person or financially, reach out to Brittany Bartz to see what might be helpful to the group. (volunteers are always needed: to help listen to the children recite their Bible verses or other small jobs.)

Each session, there is a family follow-up paper that the children are encouraged to take home with them to reinforce what they have learned. I made a copy of one of those papers that was left on the Fellowship Hall table to share with the congregation. The picture and words are small and a bit fuzzy, so I will translate for you: *"To further explain the Trinity to your child, try a science experiment that is a well-used way to explain the Trinity - using an apple. The apple has three parts: the skin, the meat, and the seeds. Cut the apple in half so that you can see all three parts at once. Even though the apple has three distinct and specific parts, it is still one apple."*

It is a good way for us to envision or describe the Trinity as well, even as adults.

Next time you see one of the kids involved in the AWANA Club,

ask them to recite a Bible verse they've learned! Prayers are always encouraged for these programs and for one another at Emmanuel.

#### **FAMILY FOLLOW-UP**

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## Did You Know

...that November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be remembering the Saints that have gone on before us this past year? We will read their names and light a candle in their memory, inviting families to be with us at worship that day. Please join us in worship and Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

....that November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Women of the Church (ENALCW) will be holding a Fall Fundraiser, inviting our congregation to a dinner after the Fellowship hour? They will be serving Mac and Cheese, tortilla wraps, assorted salads, bars, and beverages. Money raised will be added to the Kitchen remodeling fund for future needs, such as new carpet in the Fellowship Hall and new folding chairs. This will be for our entire congregation, including SS kids and families. It will replace our Soup Supper.

...that there is a Chair Fund established already that one can make donations to, now or in the future? Checks can be made out to ELC, with *Chair fund* in the memo.

...that Mission Fest Sunday will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> ? Our guest speaker will be Shal Zillgitt, member of the 1133<sup>rd</sup> National Guard Transportation Unit. The Stewardship Board and Shal will determine where our special Mission Fest offerings will be designated.

...that Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday in November and also marks the end of our liturgical year? We will end Year A and begin Year B in December. ***Pastor Weeg will incorporate Thanksgiving worship on this Sunday, in place of having a separate Thanksgiving service.***

...that Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Holy Communion and the First Sunday of Advent?

...that our own Charlotte Cole and Donna Schilling would have been joining a group headed by the Rev Douglas Hedman and his wife Faith, on a trip to the Holy Land at the end of November/beginning of December? Reverend Hedman is from the St Charles, IA area and was to host the group. They were very much looking forward to traveling through the area that the Bible speaks of and where Jesus lived, traveled, and taught. *(Due to the unrest in the area, we presume that the trip will not go on as it is, of course, not deemed safe to travel there. We must now focus on prayer for the people of Israel and for*

*peace for the country, knowing that there has always been conflict between the Israelites and Palestinians.)*

...that a special collection was taken for The Navigators organization on October 22<sup>nd</sup>? Our guest speaker, Bryan Schmidt is a member of the organization and shared his experience as a part of this group and what they are doing for the Lord. We were able to send \$ 602 to Bryan to use for The Navigator mission. Thank you to all who generously gave to support this mission work. Bryan was a student of Pastor Weeg's when he was at First Lutheran Church in St Ansgar and he was able to arrange for Bryan to come and speak with us. *(Thank you, Pastor Weeg!)* Bryan's message was videotaped and is posted on our church Facebook page, if you were unable to be there in person and wish to view it.

### **A word about the Navigator organization:**



The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through [Life-to-Life discipleship](#), creating spiritual generations of believers. Since its founding in 1933, The Navigators has upheld the mission "to know Christ, make Him known, and help others do the same."

The Navigators is focused on developing disciples person-by-person-by-person and encouraging spiritual growth across life stages.

To share the gospel and disciple all people in all places, The Navigators includes a wide variety of ministries and a broad family of missionaries, supporters, and volunteers. The Navigators reaches and discipless people in need of the gospel where they work, live, worship, and play: on college campuses and military bases, in inner cities, workplaces, churches, and local communities, and in hard-to-reach places.

Through Life-to-Life relationships, The Navigators discipleship fulfills the message of 2 Timothy 2:2: *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others (NIV)."*

You can learn more online at [www.navigators.org](http://www.navigators.org)

## Did You Know (Cont.)



**NALC**  
North American Lutheran Church

...that the NALC is planning a Youth trip next year?

The following information was sent out from Pastor Ryan Henkel from Emmons Lutheran Church (who was recently elected to the NALC Court of Adjudication):

The IA Mission District of the NALC's Youth Ministry Team met over Zoom last week and discussed our involvement with the Continental Youth Gathering (CYG) this coming summer instead of doing our usual mission trip to a disaster response area through the NALC Disaster Response. It was decided to pursue the CYG. There has been limited information that has been disseminated to the churches but here is what we have so far:

- Dates: July 1st - 4th, 2023
- Location: Boerne, TX
- We will take either a bus or passenger vans (cost TBD)
- Hotel blocks have been set aside but rooms are limited (cost TBD)
- The cost of registration is \$250. Travel and hotel accommodations will be figured out in the near future.
- The IA Mission District Council has agreed to pay \$100 per participant to offset the cost of attendance.
- Registration will open on October 13th, 2023 via the NALC's website.
- There are only 500 spots available to register across the continent.
- We are offering pre-registration options to get our IA Mission District group coordinated as much as possible.

### **And in other IOWA MISSION DISTRICT news:**

...we have an updated Iowa Mission District directory on the bulletin board between the offices? Please feel free to look through it as it lists the NALC Iowa congregations and Pastors, Lay ministers, Global workers, spouses of deceased clergy, and current Iowa Mission District leadership.

... the following letter was in the October IMD newsletter? It is from re-elected Iowa Mission District Dean, Pastor Christopher Staley of First Lutheran Church in St Ansgar,

*These past three years have elapsed very quickly. As of a couple weeks ago, my term as Dean was to expire, but I was asked to consider serving a second three-year term. Serving as Dean can be very rigorous at times, and I lament the sacrifices that this work sometimes requires. Most immediately, my wife has had to make countless sacrifices so that I can spend extra time away from home, not to mention all the extra phone calls, emails, and text messages that have interrupted many days, and which have forced some things to be postponed. And I must confess that there have been times when I have had to shift my focus away from my primary call at First Lutheran to address issues within the Mission District and across the NALC. I have tried always to limit the times when I have to say 'no' to things going on here, mostly meetings that can function without my physical involvement, and I have even joined a few meetings over the phone when I've had to be out of town. Although I've asked the Deacons on several occasions whether my role as Dean has stirred up any discord, I've been assured that they have heard nothing. Even so, I regret those things I've had to miss, or those things I've forgotten because my attention is pulled in many different directions.*

*I accepted the request to be nominated for Dean, and was elected to that second term at the Mission District Convocation on September 16th. Although it isn't something to which I aspire, it seems an office to which I have been called, and I am honored to hold this office in our denomination. Having been ordained as a pastor of the Church of Christ long before the days of the NALC, I can't express how good it is to be part of a denomination that is completely committed to the proclamation of the whole counsel of God, and to the work of making disciples of nations. This is in stark contrast to my and our previous affiliation, where entirely too much time was spent on efforts to effect political change with a lobbying office in Washington, D.C., and where the focus was on social justice and racial justice and economic justice. And in the years since, the church from which we came has continued to become more and more concerned with anything and everything rather than the core principles of the NALC:*

*Christ Centered, Congregationally Focused, Traditionally Grounded, and Mission Driven.*

*The role of Dean is a critical part of ministry within the NALC. Years ago, it was Pastor Ken Kimball, who served as the first Dean, who worked with First Lutheran in its process of discernment. He and Pastor Marshall Hahn worked with dozens of congregations during the first nine years of our fledgling denomination with the result that the NALC is a growing and thriving denomination even as other denominations are declining. And so, as First Lutheran has benefitted from the work of previous Deans, so now First Lutheran is able to allow me to help yet more congregations find a place where they truly belong, where we embrace our Core Principles, and with congregations who are in times of transitions after their pastor has taken a new call or has retired.*

*And on a related topic, many of you know of my working with a group of parishioners in Osage who are concerned about the goings on within their denomination. For five months they have been meeting for a separate worship service so that the members there have an alternative for worship and fellowship. Although I have had some help from Pastors Bill and Diane Odermann and Pastor John Saethre for a few of those services, I have been the primary pastor for them. This is another 'duty' that has taken me away each of those Sundays so that I am not able to linger for the Fellowship hour to visit with people. I miss this time very much and the conversations that haven't happened as a result.*

*The Osage congregation is scheduled to have their first official vote on October 15th. We do well to keep them in our prayers as we wait to see what will come of that. As Bishop Dan reminded us, as a Mission District, we need to be creative in finding ways to help one another in times of transition, which may often mean 'sharing' a pastor for a time. In all this, I ask for your prayers for me: that I might continue to serve my flock to the best of my abilities, as Dean to our Mission District, and as a neighbor to our fellow believers in Osage.*

**Pastor Christopher Staley, Dean,  
Iowa Mission District, NALC**

...that Merlin and Lisa Bartz attended this year's Iowa Mission District Convocation on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Monona, Iowa, as Emmanuel's delegates/representatives? The following is their report from the Convocation:

### **2023 NALC Iowa Mission District Convocation**

The NALC Iowa Mission District Convocation was held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Faith Lutheran Church in Monona, Iowa, beginning at 9:00 AM. Eighty-three participants were in attendance, including Lisa and myself as lay delegates representing Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The convocation opened with the greeting by Pastor Mel Harris, followed by a worship service including Holy Communion, the Call to Order by Dean Christopher Staley and the usual business meeting formalities. Included in the morning session is a time period for congregations to introduce their delegation and briefly state some things of interest going on in their church. This has always been one of the more enjoyable parts of the convocation for me, as different congregations have many ideas on how to achieve their mission of outreach in their communities.

Following lunch, the keynote presentation was given by Pastor Amy Little, NALC General Secretary. Her presentation was entitled "Discipleship and the Small Catechism." Four breakout sessions followed, of which Lisa and I were able to attend two.

Lisa and I also were able during the break times and lunch to connect in conversation with NALC friends and pastors, including Pastor Zamzow, Pastor Wills, and Pastor Schafer. We would encourage other members of our congregation to consider serving in this capacity in 2024, as it is an enjoyable and informative one day commitment and experience gathering together with other NALC family congregations and members.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Merlin Bartz*

( If anyone is interested, please prayerfully consider being a delegate for Emmanuel for the 2024 Iowa Mission District Convocation- it is good to get to know the other communities of believers who share our beliefs and connect with them, as well as learning about what the NALC is doing in our area. )

## Stewardship Musings

November is generally the month that the Church Council begins to look ahead and put together the budget for the next year. We take a close look at our income and expenditures from the last year and make decisions, based on that, as to how we should best plan for the next. Budgeting is not always the easiest to do. There are many things that can come up that we do not foresee. But if we remember that all things are given to us by God, then we understand that how we spend should be mindful of that.

Any gift, great or small, can be used for the Lord. We have shown that through our extra collections that we have done over the past year. That we can give that little extra to a greater need and not short ourselves. I am always impressed with the extra that is given, in addition to the monies given for our regular expenses.

As we plan ahead as a council, may we also plan ahead as individuals and families, for the future of Emmanuel and hopefully, a new shepherd to lead Emmanuel forward as well. Be prayerful and give thanks in all situations. The Lord knows what we have and what we need and will provide!

*-Sharon Hulshizer, Treasurer*

## VANCO UPDATE

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that our electronic giving has gone down in regards to the number of people using the VANCO app or online giving tools. I have recommended that we discontinue using the program and the Church Council will discuss the matter at the November council meeting. If anyone feels that we should not discontinue with the program, please reach out to any council member or contact the office. I have ordered the 2024 offering envelopes and have them in my office to distribute, most likely, at our regular December distribution time (by Christmas Eve). I will plan to add families back into the system that have opted to not have envelopes in the past, after checking with them, and should have enough boxes for this year.

There is also the option of being able to contact your local bank and set up your own method of electronic giving through them, as I know the local Farmers State Bank has helped people do. This is a way to set up a consistent method of giving to Emmanuel that takes funds directly from your account and transfers it into the church account.

I am happy to assist with any questions or information needed to do that.

This does not replace cash or writing checks as many will continue to do. This is just another option to give to Emmanuel for those who may be interested. Again, I thank you all for your giving and encourage all of us to continue or increase our giving, as we are able, to the Lord's work. - Sharon  
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## **Six Gifts that Don't Cost a Cent to Give**

### **The Gift:**

**Of Listening...**but you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

**Of Affection...**Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

**Of Laughter...**Funny pictures. Share articles, funny stories, and funny greetings. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

**Of a Written Note...**It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

**Of a compliment...**A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

**Of a Favor...**Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

*(Thank you, Clarice Bartz, for these little poems/  
bookmark sayings I can use throughout the year)*

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## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Financial Balance Information for September 1-30, 2023**

#### **General Fund**

**Beginning Balance: \$81,102.23**

Interest: \$13.60

Offering Revenues: \$14,174.12

E-giving Revenues: \$250.00

**Total Revenues: \$14,437.72**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$95,539.95**

**Expenses: \$6,700.54**

**End of month Balance: \$88,839.41**

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**Congregational Council Minutes  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by:** Greg Zillgitt – Vice President

**Attended:** Belinda Borchardt - Evangelism, Emi Kuntz - Lay Ministry, Patti Rustad – Stewardship, and Sharon Hulshizer - Secretary/Treasurer

**Absent:** Mark Borchardt – President, Lonnie Hillman – Property, and Will Bartz – Youth & Education.

**Devotions: saved for next month.**

**Agenda Review:** M/S/C to approve agenda as presented. (Mark Borchardt joined us via phone to make a quorum to conduct the business portion of the meeting)

**Review Printed Minutes:** M/S/C to approve minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** accepted

**Administrative Report:** 1) Pastor Weeg will have a double baptism this coming Sunday. 2). There is only one student for confirmation class this year, but materials have been ordered. 3) Pastor Weeg is still making vacation decisions and hoping to be gone several weeks in November to be with family.

**Board highlights:**

**Stewardship:** Will be meeting to discuss Mission Fest.

**Lay Ministry:** Will meet to set up schedule.

**Evangelism:** has not met, a new member reception to be planned at some time. Discussion of possible new members.

**Y & E:** Awana Club is going well.

**Property:** No report.

**Membership review:** M/S/C/ to accept the transfer of Zach and Leighton Rosenberg to First Lutheran in St. Ansgar.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) Landscaping project: Greg Zillgitt and family has been watering once a week, filling in for Corrie Kuntz while on vacation.
- b) Endowment Fund: a draft has been typed up, given out to look over by another member, and will be brought to the meeting next month.
- c) Mass Mutual Review: need to think about how best to invest and keep the policy maintained.
- d) Thrivent Funds: tabled until later.

**New Business: none**

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Belinda Borchardt

Next meeting date and time: Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

M/S/C – meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



**Thanksgiving Eve or Day service:**

We will not be having a separate Thanksgiving

service this year. Enjoy the time with your families. Pastor Weeg will be incorporating Thanksgiving into the Sunday service on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Thanksgiving Offering has been designated to Benevolence and can be put into your special envelopes or written in your check memo and put into the collection plate or brought to the office.

**Sponsorships Encouraged:  
\$90/month**

Thank you to those past and present,  
for your support



## TWC

(The Women's Council)

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Emi shared devotions based on Job and 1 Thessalonians, entitled, "Preserving." It spoke of what life will be like after death, how our spirits will be uniquely "us", and how we will finally be free from sin. We will be at peace and healthy and wholly be able to love God. God keeps us close to him and preserves us in his grace. TWC began with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes from September were approved as read. Treasurer reports show \$1,765.22 in checking and \$4,007.35 in savings. There was no correspondence.

Old Business: 1) LWR projects: a) Thrivent Funds have been completely spent. b) Belinda, Mark, and Charlotte took the LWR items to Albert Lea on the 14th. c) Quilting days are being planned for Monday, October 30-Wednesday, November 1st from 9 a.m. -12 noon. 2) Kitchen Report: a) Fundraiser: will be on Sunday, November 12th after worship, serving planned from 11a.m.-noon to make sure all SS kids and families can also attend. The menu will be Mac and cheese, tortilla wraps, assorted salads, bars, and beverages. b) Dishwasher re-installment: has been done by Greg Zillgitt on the 13th and we thank him for his time in doing that. 3) Fellowship Teams: no changes at this time, one family needs to be added to a team yet. 4) Bible Study: is going well. Season 4 of the Chosen is coming in February 2024. 5) Evaluate LRH September Events: all went well with Bingo- it seems to work best to have two volunteers each week. Thank you to Clarice and Belinda for going with Charlotte. And many thanks to Judy Trenhaile for providing musical entertainment for the birthday party for the month.

New Business: 1) Thank Offering: will be during the month of November. Money given will be

added to the treasury to be used for end of the year disbursements. 2) Christmas gifts for LRH residents: will be purchased/organized by Mavis Stevens. We thank Mavis for doing this. 3) Yearbooks: need to be updated for the next year.

Upcoming events: Kitchen Fundraiser: November 12th. Next TWC meeting will be November 21st at 9 a.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

## Calling all members of Emmanuel:

### YOU ARE INVITED...

To the ENALCW Fall Fundraiser, from 11a.m.-12 p.m. on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**.



The ladies will be serving Mac and Cheese, tortilla wraps, assorted salads, bars, and beverages. **Free Will Offering.** Funds raised will be used for future Kitchen and Fellowship Hall needs. This will take the place of our annual Soup Supper.





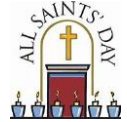















### LADIES:



Will be all month long... you may write a check to the ENALCW

(The Emmanuel North American Lutheran Church Women ) or give cash to any TWC (The Women's Council) member. All monies given will be deposited into the women's checking account and disbursed at the end of the year to charities as determined by TWC. Thank you!

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1:00 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship w/ HC 10:40 Fellowship & Sunday School	<b>6</b> <u>Church Council</u> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>7</b> Pr. Weeg gone until 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1:00 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship & Sunday School 11a.m. - 12 p.m. <i>Women's Fall Fundraiser</i>	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1:00 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> Mission Fest Sunday Shal Zillgitt, speaker 9:30 Worship ( <i>N.O. collected</i> ) 10:40 Fellowship & Sunday School	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> <u>TWC</u> (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m.	<b>22</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1:00 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. No AWANA Club <i>No Thanksgiving service</i>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> Church building closed 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Ardis Hanson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!</b>	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> (Thanksgiving incorporated into service) 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship & Sunday School	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> No Connection Group  <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30 - 7 p.m.	<b>30</b> 	 <i>...will begin on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	





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<u>November</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<b>Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	Kenzie Sorenson	Marlin Rosenberg	Charlotte Cole
<b>Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup></b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Jaxon Edwards	Duane & Patti Rustad	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Raiden Kuntz	Klay & Nicole Rustad	Donna Schilling
<b>Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	Sophie Urbatsch	Megan Rustad	Marena Henkle

**Hospitality Team II:** Clarice Bartz, unit leader

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

**Lay Ministry:** Emi Kuntz

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

**Altar Guild:** Val Bork and Emi Kuntz

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** none needed this month

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

