

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## *What difference can I make?!*

Welcome Fall, and October...the change of the temperatures and the harvest already begun, we know it is finally here. There is a scramble to enjoy the weather before it changes and for the farmers to bring in the harvest as well. In the church, we know that October leads us to Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of the month, that day in which we are reminded of what Martin Luther has contributed to our Lutheran beliefs. We will remember that he was a Catholic monk, who felt a strong conviction opposed to what the Catholic church was doing at the time. So strong, that he posted his famous "95 Theses" on the door of the church in Germany, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, "All Hallows Eve."

Luther was a learned man with a heavy heart full of questions. His intent was not to overthrow the church or to start his own, but to stand true to his convictions, what he believed to be right and true. One man began a revolution of sorts in an effort to support his understanding of what God was calling him to be and do. He caused the reformation of the church, in which he claimed we cannot buy our way to heaven, but by grace alone are we saved.

Can we compare ourselves to Luther? Most of us would shy away and claim that we could never do such a thing. We often compare ourselves to others. We feel "lacking" in

importance to someone else who seems to always have it together or unafraid to voice their opinion. We question what difference we can make or what we can do in our small part of the world. The following devotion gives an example of this:

### **The Greatest Maestro**

By Pastor Ken  
( Daily Inspirations App)

Philippians 4:12-13

*I know how to be humbled, and I also know how to abound. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

In 1921, Myra Brooks Welch's poem "The Old Violin," sometimes called "The Touch of the Master's Hand," was first published – anonymously- in her church's bulletin.

The poem presents a powerful parable: an auctioneer lifts up a broken violin and tries to get the bidding started. Most of the people in the crowd laugh. The violin is old and obviously in poor condition. They see no value in it.

One person in the crowd finally calls out, saying they will give the auctioneer a dollar for the old violin. Lackluster bidding follows.



Then an old man walks forward. He takes the violin in his hands and begins to play. Beautiful music pours forth. The crowd listens, awed. Some even have tears in their eyes when the old man stops playing and the auctioneer once again holds the violin up for everyone to see.

The bidding then starts at a thousand dollars...and rapidly goes up from there!

So what made the difference? "The touch of the Master's hand."

Our lives are a lot like that old violin. On our own, we are nothing. But when the maestro of our lives, who is God, is allowed to display our true worth, we become beautiful and valuable. We become instruments of His work and can do all things through Him who gives us strength.

**Reflection:** *Am I willing to give myself completely to Christ, the One who can and will make my life beautiful? I will ask God today to come in and make me beautiful from the inside out.*

**Prayer:**

*Dear Jesus,*

*I give myself to You completely. Work through me to make beautiful music for You and for Your kingdom. In Your sweet name I pray, Amen.*

We don't all need to be the same, we each have what God grants us to use, in his name. We only have to ask. And he does not expect us to do it all alone. The following devotion addresses this:

**Send the Light**

by Darla Noble

(Daily Inspirations app)

Ephesians 6:18-19

*With all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints: on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Good News.*

Charles Gabriel, born in 1856, was a prolific composer who wrote at least 7,000 songs under several different aliases. Many of his compositions continue to be popular today, including "His Eye is on the Sparrow," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," and "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

Gabriel's first work to gain a wide audience was "Send the Light," a song that has special relevance to today's Bible verse.

Part of the song says:

*Let us not grow weary in the work of love. Send the light. Send the light. Let us gather jewels for a crown above. Send the light. Send the light. Send the light, the blessed Gospel light, let it shine from shore to shore...let it shine forevermore.*

We are all called to be bold for the cause of Christ-to share the message of the Gospel. Being bold doesn't mean you have to stand before a crowd of people or memorize large sections of scripture. Being bold doesn't mean you have to teach a room full of preschoolers or teenagers.

Being bold for the cause of Christ means sharing the news and love of Jesus with anyone and everyone in your circle by being yourself and doing what you do best in a way that honors God.

**Reflection:** *How can I send the Light of God to someone today? I will pray for the chance to share the light today.*

**Prayer:**

*Dear God,*

*Please give me the courage and desire to share Your love and Your Word with everyone in my life. Use me to send Your light into a dark world. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

We can make a difference, each and every one of us. It may not be in Martin Luther's "reformation" manner or as boldly as others are able to, but we can do whatever it is that God puts in our hearts, minds, and living our lives for Him, that can make that difference. Remember the saying, "to the world, you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world!"

*- to making a difference for Him, Sharon*

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**Thank you to those past and present, for  
your support!**

The following comes from a book, Then Sings My Soul  
(150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories),  
loaned by Charlotte Cole and appropriate to our  
reflection of Martin Luther this month.

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in  
trouble Psalm 46:1*

We think of Martin Luther as a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. But he was also a musician, having been born in an area of Germany known for its music. There in his little Thuringian village, young Martin grew up listening to his mother sing. He joined a boys' choir that sang at weddings and funerals. He became proficient with the flute (recorder), and his volcanic emotions often erupted in song.

When the Protestant Reformation began, Luther determined to restore worship to the German Church. He worked with skilled musicians to create new music for Christians, to be sung in the vernacular. He helped revive congregational singing and wrote a number of hymns.

Often he "borrowed" popular secular melodies for his hymns, though occasionally a tune brought criticism and he was "compelled to let the devil have it back again" because it was too closely associated with bars and taverns.

In the forward of a book, Luther once wrote: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits....A person who...does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God...does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs."

Luther's most famous hymn is "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott," -- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Based on Psalm 46, it reflects Luther's awareness of our intense struggle with Satan. In difficulty and danger, Luther would often resort to this song, saying to his associate, "Come, Philipp, let us sing the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm."

This is a difficult hymn to translate because the original German is so vivid. At least 80 English versions are available. The most popular in America was done by Frederic Henry Hodge. But an older version appeared in the Pennsylvania Lutheran Church Book of 1868:

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from every need,  
That hath us now o'ertaken.*

The British version of "A Mighty Fortress" is  
Thoman Carlyle's translation:

*A safe stronghold our God is still,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He'll help us clear from all the ill  
That hath us now o'ertaken.*

Author, Robert J. Morgan

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **Martin Luther**

*A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills  
prevailing.*

*For still our ancient foe. Doth seek to work us woe -  
His craft and power are great And, armed with cruel  
hate, On earth is not His equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving  
would be losing,*

*Were not the right man on our side, The man of  
God's own choosing.*

*Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He -  
Lord Sab-a-oth His name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.*

*And though this world with devils filled, Should  
threaten to undo us,*

*We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to  
triumph through us.*

*The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him  
- His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to  
them, abideth;*

*The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who  
with us sideth.*

*Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also - The  
body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His  
kingdom is forever.*



## Pastoral Acts

**Elleanor Mae Arzberger**, daughter of Zane Arzberger and Nichole Halbach, was baptized on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> by the Rev. W. Paul Weeg.



Elleanor was born on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Her sponsors are Levi & Vanessa Hanson and Josh & Bridget Chatfield.

**Adaline Rose Hanson**, daughter of

Vanessa (Arzberger) & Levi Hanson, was baptized on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> by the Rev. W. Paul Weeg. Adaline was born on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Her sponsors are Zane Arzberger and Nichole Halbach.

*We welcome Elleanor and Adaline into our family at Emmanuel and ask that God bless them as they grow in their faith and calling.*



*(pictures submitted by Vanessa Hanson)*



## Thank You, Stewards

...to our dedicated organists: Charlotte Cole, Marena Henkle, and Donna Schilling.  
...to our September counters: Teresa Braun, Phil & Gloria Hackbart.  
...to our Lay Ministry steward, Sheila Lundon.  
...to Haley Tourtellott-Gerdes, our Altar Guild steward for September.  
...to our PA operator: Garry Backhaus.  
...to our September Ushers: Keven Bruesewitz, John & Val Bork, Phil Hackbart, Jason Hackbart, and Chris Kruger.  
...to Renae Kroneman, our website manager.  
...to the September Hospitality Team IX: Charlotte Cole, Neil & Donna Hackbart, Keven & Sandy Bruesewitz, Mark & Belinda Borchardt, Nicole & Michael Cole, Neoma Smidt, Chris Paulson, Phil & Gloria Hackbart, and Steve & Brenda Trenhaile.  
...to our September Share Shoppe volunteer: Linda Koschmeder.  
...to Lay Ministry members who open and close the church building on Sundays.

## Special Thanks

...to Greg Zillgitt and family, for continuing to water our new plants while Corrie was on vacation.  
...to Kim Mogk, for weeding around the parsonage and behind it in the garden area!  
...to Will Bartz for his special music for our SS Rally Day at the park, September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
...to Charlotte Cole and Belinda Borchardt for cutting up the cheese and meat, making coffee and lemonade to serve at our Rally Day fellowship.  
...to Merlin & Lisa Bartz and Jamie Trenhaile for transporting items to the park and those who helped serve afterwards.  
...to all who brought items to share after the Rally service for our time of fellowship. We had a nice variety of items.  
...to Marena Henkle for her time cleaning and organizing the Sunday School rooms.  
...to Jeff Miller, former custodian, for his willingness to help clean at the church, as needed.  
...to all those who are leading our SS kids this year: teachers and helpers alike.  
...to those working with our AWANA students and to parents for bringing them to attend the club.

## Thank You, Emmanuel

...so much for allowing me the privilege to speak at church. Your prayers and generous support are such a blessing to us. May God continue to draw each of you deeper into His love, grace, and Presence.

- Love, Kim Katuta and Dayspring family

...for the baptism service for *Elleanor Mae Arzberger* and *Adaline Rose Hanson* and for the beautiful quilts. We are grateful for our daughters to be part of such a supportive congregation.

-Vanessa & Levi Hanson,  
*Nichole Halbach and Zane Arzberger*

**Noisy Offering...** will be collected on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

We are designating the money towards the sponsorship of our child, *Lawrence*, through *Compassion International*.



The yearly fee for one child sponsorship is \$456.00 + an additional \$84 once they enter their teen years, as they are added to the Youth Development Program.

We also send a \$25 gift for Lawrence's birthday, which is August 19<sup>th</sup>, and a \$30 Christmas gift. We have been sponsoring him since 2014, when he was 7. He is now age 16. Lawrence lives in Kenya and writes letters to our Sunday School, who are his sponsors, and they respond with a letter back to him as well. Since the annual SS weekly offering does not cover the full cost of Lawrence's sponsorship, the money from our Noisy Offering will be designated to help offset the cost. Thank you for your donations!

## A Letter from our Sponsored Child

5-08-2023

Dear Friend,

I want to take this opportunity to greet you and your family. I hope you are fine. Me and my family we are fine and we are doing good in the Lord. We are always thanking our Lord for his protection to us.

I would like to inform you that I am doing good with my studies and that this term I did three exams in which I did well in all of them. In our home we have plant some crops and also we have two animals.

I am also happy to inform you that I really enjoy being in school. I participate in traditional African Dance, in which our school is proceeding to National level which will be held on twelveth of August this year.

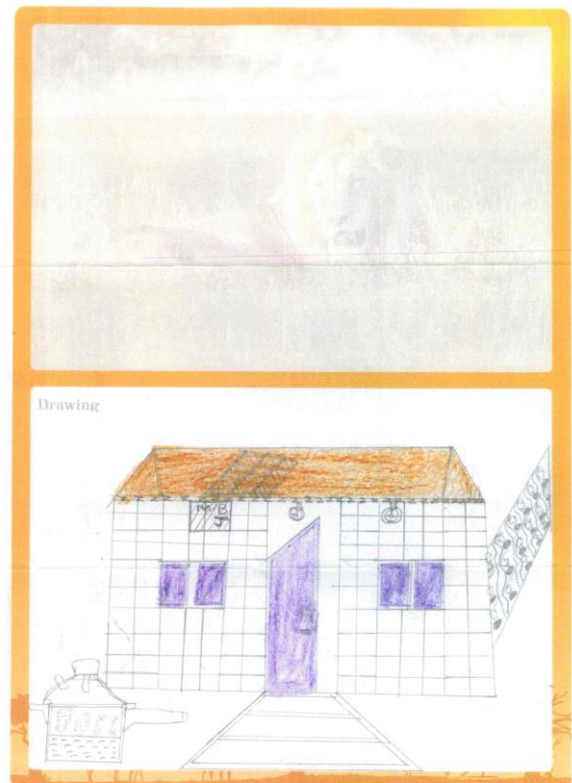
This term, we also participated in ball games. I participated in hand ball and represented my school up to subcounty level.

I do not have much, but only to thank God for his protection.

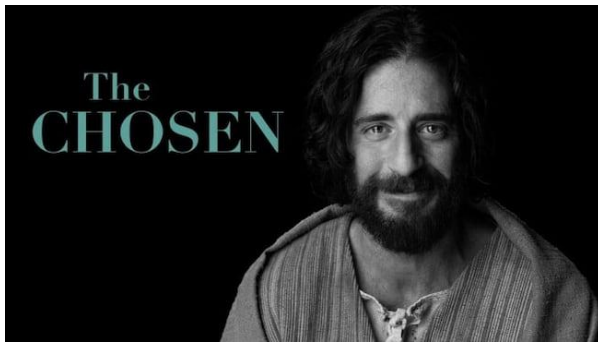
Thank you very much and may God bless you.

Your loving friend,  
*Lawrence Emojong*

(Picture drawn by Lawrence)







### Connection Group Bible Study...

will be resuming. We will rewatch the eight episodes of Season 3 of The Chosen and have weekly discussion.

Our study will begin on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m.**, meeting in the library. If you have not seen The Chosen or wish to watch it again, please feel free to join our group. Come and bring a friend!

*If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Cole or Sharon Hulshizer*



**November 5<sup>th</sup>** will be **All Saints' Sunday** – when we remember all those who have gone before us this past year **and** we will set out the donation box for **the annual collection** for the **Grafton Cemetery**

### **November 12<sup>th</sup>: ENALCW Fall Fundraiser:**

Macaroni and Cheese, assorted salads, and bars/cookies served after fellowship time so SS kids and families can join us. Free will Offering. Proceeds will be used for future Kitchen/Fellowship Hall needs.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>: Mission Fest Sunday.** Our Stewardship board has asked Shal Zillgitt to be our speaker. A year ago, Shal left her family to go overseas, serving with the 1133<sup>rd</sup> National Guard unit. She is now home with her family and we thank Shal for her service. More details in the November Epistle.

**November:** will be Thank offering month for the Women of the church. All offering will be used for end of the year disbursements to charities as designated by TWC.

## Reflections of Bible Camp



(Brody- Bottom row, far left)

Brody Trenhaile, age 11, attended Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp for his second time, this summer. Brody loves camp and meeting new friends. He enjoys all of the activities that camp has to offer.

This year, his group got to be in the tree house cabins, which he thought was pretty cool! They had two camp counselors from Mexico that were cousins.

He was also able to do the zipline and a few other activities that he didn't get to do last year during the "short" week trip. (he attended a full week this summer as compared to a partial week they offer to first-timers which he attended last summer).

Brody is in fifth grade and looking forward to going again next year! His family is appreciative of the campership that Emmanuel offers to help with the cost of camp.



This year's theme:  
**Foundation:**

*Truly he is my rock  
and my salvation; he  
is my fortress, I will  
never be shaken."*

*Psalm 62:2*

(We are glad to be able to help our youth attend Bible camp! And we thank Brody for sharing his experience with us!)



## Did You Know



... that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Make sure to let our Pastor, both present or past, know how much they mean to us at Emmanuel!

...Roger Paulson has donated a wooden cross to Emmanuel in memory of son, Scott, and in honor of he and wife, Rosalie's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15<sup>th</sup> ?  
*(Chris tells me he is 90 and going strong with his wood projects!)*



We thank Roger for sharing his craftsmanship with us.

...that the journey of our devotionals, Our Daily Bread, begins a year in advance? Approximately 12 months before it's delivered to you, our carefully selected team of writers from all over the world prayerfully begin writing a devotion. Over the course of 5 weeks, a team of editors carefully ensures that every devotion is technically correct and theologically accurate. Once the devotions are written, edited, and designed, our production team tests and prints each one to deliver a high-quality



final booklet to you. From print, to packaging, to postage, it can take up to 6 weeks for your devotional to arrive in your mailbox. We care deeply about stewarding God's resources and your generosity. So, we continuously communicate with industry experts so we are aware of new policies, procedures, and opportunities to help make sure God's Word can go out to as many people as possible. And we regularly pray over the teams who produce the devotionals and the readers who will receive them.

## IOWA MISSION DISTRICT

...that the Iowa Mission District Convocation was held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church in Monona? Merlin and Lisa Bartz were Emmanuel's delegates. *(look for a report on this in next month's epistle.)*



... After dedicating over a decade to the North American Lutheran Church as Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry & Ecumenism, the Rev. Dr. David Wendel has announced his resignation effective at the end of September?

Pastor Wendel now feels called to serve more closely within a local congregation, addressing the pressing needs of vacancies and empty pulpits. He has been instrumental in our church's growth from its inception and has tirelessly worked to uplift the broader church community. He will continue to be involved in the NALC's ongoing ecumenical consultations.

*"Having served with Pastor Wendel for the past four years, I have witnessed firsthand his passion for the Gospel, his commitment to the Church, and his love for the Lord Jesus," said Bishop Dan Selbo. "He has been a blessing to me and to many and his presence on our staff will be missed. We do, nonetheless, know that God will continue to use his gifts as he is now transitioning to full-time parish ministry, and thankful for his continued service with us in our ecumenical relationships."*

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Wendel for his unwavering commitment and service to the NALC. His contributions have undeniably enriched our community, and we pray for his continued success and blessings in his future endeavors. *(from thenalc.org)*



## Stewardship Musings

When I first started working out of high school, I had decided that I would set aside 10% of each paycheck for church or charity. I didn't make a lot of money, but I had what I needed, and felt this was a good way to give back. When I was able to do that, I never felt that I was lacking for anything. When my children were smaller and I wanted to teach them about money, I did a little research into going rates for allowance. I made the decision that the recommended amounts were more than I felt they really needed and came up with my own plan. They each received a set amount weekly, with half of it for spending, a fourth of it going into their piggy banks, for savings, and a fourth of it set aside for church and charity. I wanted them to begin to recognize that giving to those in need or supporting our church is something they should feel was important.

We have heard about tithing and some choose to practice it. What is tithing and how does it apply to us as Christians? According to Christianity.com, in the Old Testament, tithing was the gifts, or tax, that the Israelites were to pay. The first portion of their income- usually their harvest or animals. Nowadays the term is generally used as a way of saying give 10% to your church.

The Daily Inspirations app describes it as such: Tithes and offerings are how God's people have practiced financial stewardship throughout Scripture. Through tithing, God takes care of His people. And through the act of generous giving, God continues to bless His people.

Stewardship recognizes that God created everything. Everything is ultimately owned by God. We are the managers of those resources.

God gives us the ability to prosper. He asks that we first return tithe to Him, then faithfully use what He has blessed us with to do His work, furthering His kingdom and taking care of others.

### ***The first tithe. Genesis 14:18-20***

*Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. He blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth. Blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Abram gave him a tenth of all.*

***Jesus warns: Don't expect tithing to bribe God to overlook your sins. Matthew 23:23***

*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have left undone*

*the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith. But you ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone.*

***Tithing opens the door for God's abundant blessings. Malachi 3:10***

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this," says the LORD of Hosts, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough for."*

The New Testament does not refer to the tithing of 10% , but rather focuses on how we can use what we have to support those in need and to pay tax to those to whom we owe tax.

This is not meant to preach that each of us should practice tithing, but to encourage each of us to think about what we do desire to give to help with our church expenses or to give to those in need. Even our youngest members can learn to bring offering for Sunday School or special collections, like our "Noisy Offerings". To be good stewards of our money and to remember that God has blessed us and that we, in turn, can be blessings to others. What we give today, is an investment in our future. A way to build up for future generations and teach them to continue in our ways.

Thank you to all those who faithfully give to our church and to the missions that we support. You are very faithful!

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## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Financial Balance Information for August 1-31, 2023**

#### **General Fund**

**Beginning Balance: \$78,147.96**

Interest: \$13.68

Offering Revenues: \$8,780.02

Basement Rental: \$50.00

E-giving Revenues: \$346.71

**Total Revenues: \$9,190.41**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$87,338.37**

**Expenses: \$6,236.14**

**End of month Balance: \$81,102.23**

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**Congregational Council Minutes  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by:** Mark Borchardt – President

**Attended:** Greg Zillgitt – Vice President, Belinda Borchardt - Evangelism, Emi Kuntz - Lay Ministry, Will Bartz – Youth & Education, Patti Rustad – Stewardship, and Sharon Hulshizer - Secretary/Treasurer

**Absent:** Lonnie Hillman – Property

**Devotions:** Will Bartz

**Agenda Review:** M/S/C to approve agenda as presented.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** accepted

**Administrative Report:** 1) Pastor Weeg's wife is home and recovering from surgery, he will have a baptism on the 20<sup>th</sup> and be gone the 27<sup>th</sup>. M/S/C to pay Pastor Weeg \$175 for Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. 2) WCTA has replaced our access point in the Fellowship Hall with a mesh unit and two extender units were replaced, one by the organ and one in ed unit. All are more update and should keep our internet operating efficiently.

**Board highlights:**

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Lay Ministry:** No report.

**Evangelism:** No report.

**Y & E:** 1) VBS went well, 42 kids participated. 2) AWANA club: 10 families (22 kids) signed up so far. The club will start on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7 p.m. There will be a meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> with leaders. Some helpers needed yet. An Open House will be held prior to the club beginning. 3) SS Rally: on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at the city park. 4) Logos Legos: leaders will try to continue the schedule of meeting every other Sunday. 5) Discussion of Noisy Offering and whether to continue using for Camperships. M/S/C to designate Noisy Offering funds for financial sponsorship of our child through Compassion International.

**Property:** 1) LP contract signed with Johnson Oil 2) Bill for fixing outside spigot to be paid. 3) Ed unit panel loose on East side, needs to be addressed.

**Membership review:** none

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) Landscaping project: still waiting for a list of plants and care. The bill has been received, discussion on next step to pick up the grant money from WCDA.
- b) Endowment Fund: in process of being updated.
- c) Mass Mutual Review: tabled until September meeting.
- d) Thrivent Funds: tabled until September meeting.

**New Business:** none

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Belinda Borchardt

Next meeting date and time: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



## TWC

(The Women's Council)

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Clarice shared devotions based on Psalm 100, "Make a Joyful Noise", which reminds us that we have joy because God is good and always will be good. We are to be joyful wherever and whenever we can in praise to Him. TWC opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from June were accepted as read. Treasurer's report shows \$2,319.47 in checking and \$4,005.85 in savings. Clarice and Charlotte both have outstanding bills to be paid, along with money to be sent with our shipment of LWR items in October. Correspondence was a thank you from the American Cancer Society for our donation to the Worth County Relay for Life.

Old Business: 1) LWR projects: a) Shipping in October and in the future, will be in Albert Lea, Mn instead of Mason City. The next gathering date will be Saturday, October 14th. Ladies will gather ahead of time to pack and load items to be sent, date to be determined. b) Thrivent Funds: were applied for by Sharon and have been received for items used for quilting and school kits. Clarice has purchased batting, school bags, and needed supplies with the funds. 2) Kitchen Report: a) A new smaller waste basket which could attach to the counter/carts has been donated. b) Fall fund-raiser: was discussed. Instead of a soup supper, having a meal after church for our members, SS kids/families to attend. A free will offering would be collected. Any funds raised would be used towards future Kitchen/Fellowship Hall needs such as new carpeting or chairs. Sunday, November 12th has been chosen as the date. 3) Fellowship Teams: will remain as is, some need new unit leaders, but we will "fill in" as needed. 4: Bible Study: will resume on Wednesday, October 4th at 1 p.m. We will rewatch one episode of Season 3 of The Chosen each week, with discussion, from October through November and then decide how to proceed from there. Season 4 is to be released sometime in 2024. 5) LRH Bingo/Birthday Party for September: Charlotte

has been going on Friday mornings to help with Bingo and provide prizes. Clarice will go along on the 22nd and Belinda will go along the 29th. The birthday party will be on Thursday, Sept. 21st. We provide the cake and entertainment. Charlotte will check with Judy Trenhaile on helping with that.

New Business: none.

Upcoming Dates: Next TWC will be Tuesday, October 17th at 9 a.m.;

LWR shipping October 14th 7-11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer
























To all who donated items for our school kits this year. We are able to send many this fall to LWR and will assemble more to send in the spring.

### *Thank God for Little Things*

Thank you, God, for little things  
That often come our way,  
The things we take for granted  
But don't mention when we pray,  
The unexpected courtesy,  
The thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to touch us  
In the time of sudden need.  
Oh make us more aware, dear God,  
Of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"  
From never dreamed of places.

-Helen Steiner Rice

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:40 a.m. Fellowship; Sunday School	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Peg Weeg's 	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Fellowship; Sunday School	<b>9</b> <u>Columbus Day</u> 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>12</b> <u>Church Council</u> 7 p.m.	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> <i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>(Noisy Offering)</i> 10:40 a.m. Fellowship; Sunday School	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> <u>TWC</u> (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m.	<b>18</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Fellowship; Sunday School	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> <u>Connection Group</u> 1 p.m. <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Fellowship; Sunday School	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> <u>Halloween</u> 				





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<u>October</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<b>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Weston Paulson	Cierra Peterson family	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Madison Edwards	Albert & Doris Ralph	Charlotte Cole
<b>Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Gus Walk	Josh & Anna Rosenberg	Donna Schilling
<b>Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Raiden Kuntz	Connie Rosenberg	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	Landon Hillman	Harley ( <i>Rongved</i> ) Nyman	Donna Schilling

**Hospitality Team I :** Lori & Darren Marsh, unit leaders

**Ushers:** Curt Schaub, Darren Marsh, Jon Badker, Zach Badker, and Neil Hackbart

**Lay Ministry:** Lori Marsh

**Counters:** Kim Badker, Lori & Darren Marsh

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Bartz

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** Myra Dierks

**PA Operators:** Randy Hulshizer and Gary Schotanus

