

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE HERALD

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be a place filled with the Holy Spirit where people are coming in to be sent out: Focused on changing hearts and changing lives for a better world.

December 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The second law of thermodynamics states that for irreversible processes, the disorder, or entropy, always increases over time. So, for instance, a room will become dirtier and messier over time. Ice will melt over time. Relationships will break down over time. All these things will happen unless you work at keeping the entropy constant. By cleaning the room you don't STOP it from becoming messy again, you just put it back to its starting point. You can refreeze ice. You can nurture a relationship. But left to their own devices, EVERYTHING falls apart in time.

In January, we tend to make new resolutions about what we would like to have happen in the New Year. But we still have a month until that happens, so December would be a good time to consider what has experienced Entropy in the past year. Are there things that have fallen apart in your life? Unhealthy habits that have been formed? Relationships that have broken down? One of the blessings about God is that He is *always* working to restore us to health, happiness and into a right relationship with one another and with Himself again.

"And we know that in all things God works for the

good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28

Everyone experiences the increasing disorder that the Law of Entropy is describing. Even if you don't walk into a room in your house for a month, when you do finally do walk in, you will notice that it still needs to be cleaned. There may be dusty shelves or cobwebs in the corners. Dead bugs on the floor or musty clothes in the closet. You don't have to intentionally ruin things or break things apart in order for them to become broken down. Things fade away or melt or dissolve or when there is no other force working to maintain them. How does this apply to our faith lives?

You may have had a wonderful relationship with God as a child and hold onto that precious faith with great fondness. But if haven't read the Bible since Confirmation, I promise you that your faith isn't as strong as it used to be. It doesn't simply stay maintained without your conscious effort. The same goes for parents as their children grow older. You may have always enjoyed going to church with your kids and felt a strong connection between your family and God, but if

you no longer attend worship services together, it doesn't matter how great your memories are, those connections aren't the same anymore. Disorder increases over time.

If you are married and you never spend time together, you will find yourself fighting more (or perhaps giving each other the silent treatment more often). Why? Did one of your hurt the other? Not necessarily. It's just that every relationship needs maintenance or else things start turning south in a hurry. This is true of your relationship with God as well. If you haven't prayed for awhile, it's time to begin again. Don't be surprised if it feels kinda awkward because you haven't done it for a long time. Start worshipping God again. Start reading His word again. Start serving others in your community again. Start asking questions again about the faith that you hold dear and seek out the answers!

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—10/13/2019

The regular council meeting was held in the parish hall. President George Feazell called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Those present were George Feazell, Judi Raasch, Raedeen Bigelow, Lynn Christensen, Leo Weinheimer, Roland Purdy, and Pastor Steven Broers. Absent were Iris Westphal, Amy Perkey, and Bart Boehm.

Pastor Broers lead us in devotions from Philippians chapter 4.

Motion by Judi R. to approve the secretary's report. 2nded by Raedeen B. Carried.

George F. presented the treasurer's reports.

Motion by Judi R. to approve. 2nded by Leo W. Carried.

Motion by Judi R. to make an \$8,000 loan payment on the sewer repair bill for the church. 2nded by Raedeen B. Carried.

Pastor Broers gave his monthly mileage and activity report. Motion by Raedeen B. to approve. 2nded by Roland P. Carried.

Emergency Benevolence—None.

Ministry Reports

Property—Jerry Holan plans to begin work on repairing cracks in the ceiling of the sanctuary the last week in October.

Children's Ministry—

Children's Ministry Report
October 2019

GROW

-As of the end of September, 51 sheep have been sponsored this year.

-Our numbers at G.R.O.W. are back up again this year. We've had between 41-51 kids each week. We have many new faces and many returning faces.

-The G.R.O.W. shirts have been ordered and will be delivered to the kids soon.

-Confirmation

-The confirmation students will be having their fundraising breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 9:30 AM. The money raised will be used to help pay for their trip to Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible camp for their Recharge event Nov. 8-10.

-High School

-High School Bible Study has been meeting weekly with a good turn-out.

-Children's Ministry

-Kristy will be working on choosing a Christmas program this month so that rehearsals can begin in November.

-Operation Christmas Child packing night will be held on Wed., Nov. 13th. We're working to gather donations and look forward to one of our favorite events of the year!

Old Business:

Insurance & Church Security—Motion by Roland P. to keep our Property/Liability insurance coverage with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. No requirement to lock the church. 2nded by Raedeen B. Carried.

Vision Planning Update:

Pastor Broers talked about possible goals for us here at Emmanuel. One area that we could improve would be to reach out to members of our church through social media like podcasts, videos, Twitter, and Facebook, in addition to the newsletter. Another goal could be to help support the "planting" or starting of a new church. Pastor will have more information in the near future.

Long Term Goals:

Weekly attendance of 150 (or more) at the two worship services added together.

Maintaining our church buildings.

Monthly dinners at the church for all members.

New Business:

Memorandum from Emergency Management—Emergency Management wants our permission to use our church building in case of emergency. George F. will bring more information to the next meeting.

Pastor's Cell Phone--Motion by Raedeen B. to pay for a new cell phone and the monthly charges for Pastor Broers' church business. 2nded by Roland P. Carried. (The old phone had quit working.)

George F. will contact the Nominating Committee to start working on candidates for church council for the Annual Meeting in January.

Motion by Roland P. to adjourn. 2nded by Leo W. Carried. We adjourned at 7:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on November 10, 2019.
Roland Purdy, Secretary



Christmas cards are now available in the card cabinet in the parish hall entrance. You may purchase individual cards for 50 cents each. Check out the different types of cards that are available.

Merry **Christmas!**

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Altar Guild met on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm with 6 members present. Iris called the meeting to order and gave devotions.

Sandy read the secretary's report. It was approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was read by Iris as follows:

Beginning balance 5-8-19	\$ 919.73
Income (cards)	+147.51
Expenses (flowers & cards)	- 91.07
Ending Balance	\$ 976.17
Savings Balance	\$ 881.28

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Altar Linens/Confirmation Gowns/Baptisms: Iris washed the white cloth that is on the altar. Delores Havens has some white cloths that Iris is going to use for baptisms to see if they absorb as well as wash cloths. They are a nicer material than the terry cloth. If they work ok we will purchase the cloths from Delores and she will sew on those for baptisms.

Banners: Baptisms – Ryan Eldonn Huff Siedelmann on May 19, 2019, Bryland Emmanuel Erb on June 8, 2019, Adaline Marie Johnson on June 16, 2019, Mary Josephine Hall on June 23, 2019 and Clara Ann Berg and Adalynn Anne Warrior on July 14, 2019. Funerals – Larry Freeman on May 13, 2019, Evelyn Rater on June 14, 2019, Bryland Emmanuel Erb on June 17, 2019 and Kevin Funke on July 25, 2019. Marriages – none. Iris will pick up white felt for letters for banners.

Cards: Nancy is going to order cards and will talk about a Christmas card idea at our next meeting.

Communion Preparation: There will be communion on Reformation Sunday, October 27th making communion 3 Sundays in a row.

Flowers: There will be red flowers on the altar for Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Candles & Candle Snuffers: The altar candles have been changed out and Diane will change out the candelabra candles today after the meeting. More candles may need to be ordered.

Paraments: Iris thanked Diane for sewing on the paraments to make them fit better on the lectern. Paraments will be 'red' on Reformation Sunday, October 27th and 'white' on All Saints Sunday, November 3rd. They will be 'green' on November 10th and 17th. They will be changed to 'white' on Christ the King Sunday, November 24th. They will then go back to 'green' on November 28th. Iris will check with Heidi to see about getting the white paraments dry cleaned.

Old Business

Iris showed us the beautiful angel tree topper she purchased with the Janice Thompson memorial money. We thank the Thompson family

New Business

Heidi, Carmen, Iris and Wanda have all agreed to serve on the Altar Gild an additional year.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 am to decorate for Thanksgiving and place the food pantry items in the windows. Iris will have articles in the November Newsletter and the October 20th and 27th church bulletins concerning the food pantry donations. We will meet Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 am to take down the Thanksgiving decorations and to gather the food pantry donations to be taken to the food pantry. Discussed helping to put up Christmas tree. Iris will check with Pastor to see if help will be needed.

Sandy and Frank will work out a schedule to help Pastor with communion at the Good Samaritan Center.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stewart

Secretary



Thank you for the food pantry donations. We did not decorate the church for fall this year because of the plaster work that is being done. Altar Guild

PRAYER REQUESTS



HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Bill Raasch, Patrick Erb (Bernard & Myrna's grandson), Cindy Baldago, Rachel & Jesse Grove's unborn baby, John Carns, Brooke Grangard (Earlene Purdy's cousin), Evelyn Purdy, Harrison Baumgartner (grandson of Daisy & Richard Antisdell)

HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON

Harold Nelson

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

June Eshelman, Gus Gross, Shirley Jorgensen, Ruth Rohner, Lyle Miller, Donna Grothen, Joyce Herr, Marilyn Ehram, Della Marckmann

GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

Pat Lane, Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Barbara Nelson

Assisted Living Residents – Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson, Eileen Sorensen, LaVerne Estell

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Lucas Queck, Clint Eshelman, John Sidey and Trent Jameson (grandson of Rex & Karen Hight), Zac Scar, Austin Brown (Grandson of Stan Brown), Tucker Wambold, Jesse Johnson

Pastor's message cont'd from pg 1

I often talk about "growing" in your faith. But perhaps that's simply incorrect. You need a level of activity as a Christian to simply "maintain" the connection to God that you already have let alone get stronger or go deeper. Of course, God knows about this law of Entropy. He calls it sin and is very familiar with all its disguises. It's why He sent Jesus to be born that Christmas Eve, to defeat sin once and for all. God is always working to love you, to provide for you, to redeem you. He is always calling out to you so that you can work on your relationship with Him together.

Jesus was born to save. What did He come to save *you* from? What sins have worked their way into your life and have caused disorder in your world? It's a perfect time to repent and to work again on rebuilding whatever has been broken or lost. Jesus is always ready with open arms to welcome you back, to restore your life and to strengthen your faith once again. Amen.



The church council nominating committee has met. We will continue to meet during November and December. The council is looking for up to four candidates for the annual meeting in January. You may be approached by the committee to serve on our church council. We have been able to accomplish many exciting projects over the past few years and look forward to continuing this work. If you believe you have a spiritual gift for service to our congregation, please consider praying about serving on our church council. Our nominating committee includes: Craig Plymessenger, Becky Denton, Sherol Brown, Myrna Gundel, and Vicki Brown. –George Feazell, Council President



Let Us Tell You About Jesus...

You are invited to a Christmas Concert
by the Emmanuel Handbells
On December 8, 2019
at the 10:30 Worship Service.

We would like to tell everyone about Jesus, who
He is and what He has done for us.

Some of the songs you will hear are:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
He Is Born
Love Came Down at Christmas
Little Drummer Boy
Go Tell it on the Mountain

Invite Family, Friends and neighbors to come and
share this special time of worship.

Prepare Your Hearts For Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ELC Women assembled and delivered to G & H Freight to transport to Minneapolis: 12 Health Kits, 5 Sewing Kits, 22 School Kits. These kits go to LWR. Thank you to everyone who donated items for these kits.



All information needs to be in the office by 8:00am on Thursday mornings for the bulletins.

Candlelight Service



We have set aside time in the middle of the Holiday celebrations to remember the special people in our lives who have passed from this life. We invite families to attend our Ecumenical Memorial Candle Lighting Service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 6:30 Sunday, December 1st. Families will come forward to light a candle for their loved one. The candle may be taken home to light at family gatherings to insure the presence of their loved one. We will have refreshments following the service for fellowship and reminiscing. If you have questions, please contact Ed Christensen (515-491-7108), Jane Langguth (641-745-2212) or Becky Stuva (641-745-5022)



We wanted to let everyone know that our new YouTube Channel is up and running at Emmanuel Lutheran. You can click on the following link to see the devotions by Pastor Broers:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwgjUsOyVuiwGEsrVltB3Qg>

If you enjoyed the content, please like it and subscribe to our channel for notifications about when new videos are posted. If you have suggestions, please contact us! Thanks so much!



Thank you to everyone who attended the men's group pre-Thanksgiving dinner. We had a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated food. Donations of \$1,500.00 was raised.



**ELC WOMEN
December 4, 2019
1:00PM-Meeting**

- Hostesses:** Circle Chairmen
- Decorations:** Executive Committee
- Hymn/Devotions/Meditation:** Executive Committee
- Bible Study:** Pastor
- Business Meeting:** Mardell Martin
- Birthdays**
- Lord's Prayer**
- Table Prayer**
- Kitchen Committee:** Hannah Circle





Though November was a short month for us at G.R.O.W. with Thanksgiving break, so many wonderful things happened and the love of God was shared! God is so good! We have continued our work through the New Testament. We learned about Jesus healing the paralytic after his 4 friends lowered him through the roof. We also learned that Jesus will always come after those of us that are lost and rejoice over us once we're found. Lastly, we were so blessed to be able to spend time packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child and working on cards for Holiday Mail for the Heroes. We packed 148 boxes and raised \$815 in donations to pay to ship the boxes. It's been a great month!

Along with our ongoing theme of "Respect", this year's theme is "Grace". September's month memory verse was from Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." It is our prayer that

through working as a family to memorize these verses for a whole month, the kids might have these verses to rely on when facing day-to-day problems and to refer to in how to treat one another.

G.R.O.W. is on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please invite your children, grandchildren and neighbors to come learn, sing, eat and have lots of fun while growing in their faith lives! Please continue to keep the G.R.O.W. children and volunteers in your prayers as our year continues. We want to see seeds planted, lives changed, and God shining through all of us. Thanks!

Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Thanks to the generosity of the G.R.O.W. kids and the people of our congregation, we were able to pack **148** shoe boxes to be sent for Operation Christmas Child this year (we'll have a final number for you once the rest of the shoe boxes come in)! We were also able to donate to help ship the boxes! It is such a gift to be a part of a congregation that lives out the call to love our neighbors! It's also a gift to witness the G.R.O.W. kids discover the joy in giving and the importance of mission work! Thanks for shining with Jesus and making sure the word of God gets sent far and wide!



It's the most wonderful time of the year! That means it's time for our youth to start working on preparing for the Christmas Program on Dec. 24th. If you'd like your child to be in the program, please contact Kristy Broers (745-0637) as soon as possible. Also, please make sure your child is at each program practice. Practices are being held Sunday mornings from

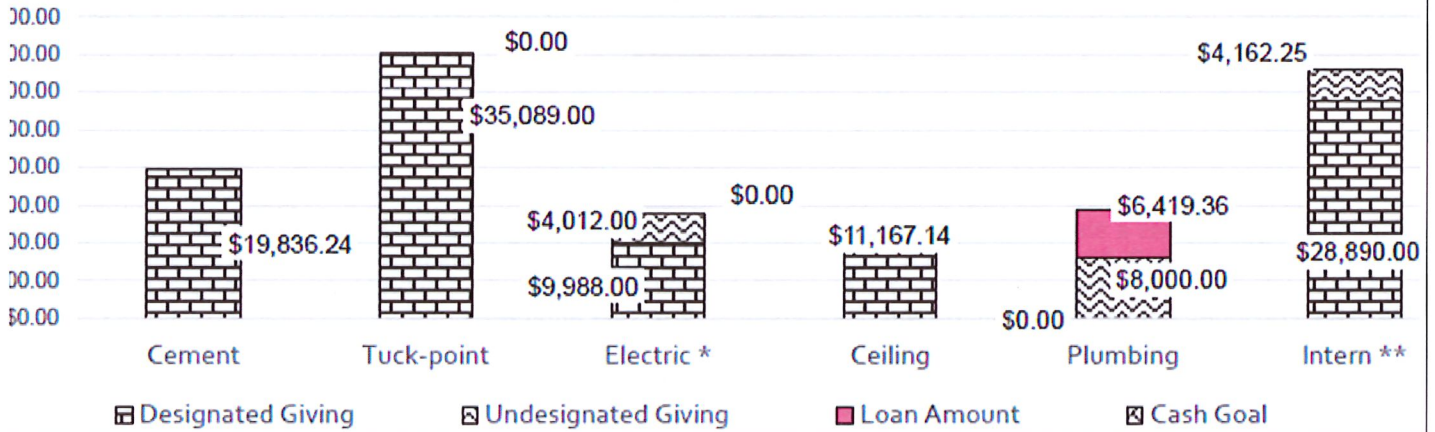
9:40-10:20 and started Sunday, Nov. 10th upstairs by the G.R.O.W. rooms. **The Dress Rehearsal will be scheduled once we start and can agree on a time that works for everyone.** See you there!



God at the Movies

This advent season, you have the opportunity to take a moment as a family and prepare for Christ's coming. On Saturday, Dec. 13th, Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting "God at the Movies". Join the Broers family in their annual tradition – watching The Nativity Story at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us! We will serve popcorn, hot cocoa, and Christmas goodies. There will be a time for fellowship after the show. Invite your friends and family to come prepare for what the Christmas season is all about.

Vision Giving Projects
Emmanuel Lutheran
11-10-2019



Project	Building					Mission	Total
	Cement	Tuck-point	Electric *	Ceiling	Plumbing	Intern **	
Designated Giving	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$9,988.00	\$11,167.14	\$0.00	\$28,890.00	\$104,970.38
Indesignated Giving			\$4,012.00		\$8,000.00	\$4,162.25	\$16,174.25
Loan Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$6,419.36		\$6,419.36
Cash Goal							\$0.00
Total Project Cost	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$14,000.00	\$11,167.14	\$14,419.36	\$33,052.25	\$127,563.99

* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits

** Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving, not debt.

Fund Balance Report
As of October 31, 2019

General Fund	\$32,740.80
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$156.96
Sponsor A Sheep	\$2,750.00
Other	(\$4,081.15)
Total	(\$1,174.19)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$1,143.38
Designated Building	\$13,847.14
Designated Mission	\$1,100.00
Total	\$16,090.52
TOTAL	\$47,657.13

Third Quarter Benevolence
2019

Local	
Emergency (Families-in-need)	\$100.00
Adair County Food Pantry	\$500.00
Presbyterian Church - Hygiene	\$500.00
Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp	\$500.00
Teen Challenge	\$500.00
Hope Ministries	\$500.00
Total	\$2,600.00

World	
Vision Mission	\$1,100.00
St. Jude	\$420.00
Salvation Army	\$420.00
Lutheran World Relief (Ag)	\$420.00
Operation Blessing (wells)	\$420.00
Iowa City Children's Hospital	\$420.00
Total	\$3,200.00

LCMC	
Third Quarter	\$360.00

G.R.O.W. Schedule

	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15
PreK Teach:	Terri Raasch	Wendy Feazell	Wendy Feazell			Terri Raasch	Wendy Feazell
PreK Help:	Terrin G. & Sophia B.	Kennedy & Sophia B.	Terrin G. & Sophia B.			Terrin G. & Sophia B.	Kennedy & Sophia B.
K Teach:	Vicki Brown	Vicki Brown	Vicki Brown	NO	NO	Vicki Brown	Vicki Brown
K Help:	Jordan K.	Jordan K.	Lynn Christensen	GROW	GROW	Jordan K.	Jordan K.
1-2 Teach:	Tracy Jacobson	Amy Perkey	Tracy Jacobson			Amy Perkey	Tracy Jacobson
1-2 Help:	Madison Fry	Emma Perkey	Madison Fry	*****	*****	Emma Perkey	Madison Fry
3-4 Teach:	Kendalyn Huff	Kendalyn Huff	Kendalyn Huff			Kendalyn Huff	Kendalyn Huff
3-4 Help:	Raedeem Bigelow	Iris Westphal	Raedeem Bigelow	Merry	Happy	Iris Westphal	Raedeem Bigelow
5 Teach:	Brian Fox	Brian Fox	Brian Fox	Christmas!	New	Brian Fox	Brian Fox
5 Help:	Iris Westphal	Raedeem Bigelow	Iris Westphal		Year!	Raedeem Bigelow	Iris Westphal
6 Teach:	Rhonda Boehm	Rhonda Boehm	Rhonda Boehm			Rhonda Boehm	Rhonda Boehm
6 Help:	Kim Nelson	Mike Mangels	Sam Gettler			Kennedy Perkey	Mike Mangels
6 Teach:	Brenda Plymesser	Sam Gettler	Brenda Plymesser			Brenda Plymesser	Brenda Plymesser
6 Help:	Mike Mangels	Tammy Jensen	Lisa Anderson			Mike Mangels	Tammy Jensen
Technology:	George Feazell	Matt Mangels	George Feazell			Matt Mangels	George Feazell
PreK Activity:	Judy Nelson	Judy Nelson	Judy Nelson			Judy Nelson	Judy Nelson
K-5 Activity:	Rhonda Boehm	Alyse Dreher	Sam Gettler			Vicki Brown	Wanda Johnson
6 Activity:	Kristy Broers	Kristy Broers	Kristy Broers			Brenda Plymesser	Brenda Plymesser
Food:	Ruth Circle	Jane L., Wanda J., & Jeff/Tiffany	Dorcas Circle & Denise G.			Esther Circle & Lisa McClintick	Hannah Circle & Melissa Mason
Bible Lesson:	Luke 15:11-32	Matt. 17:1-13	Luke 2:1-20			Luke 16:19-31	Luke 17:11-19
Lesson Theme:	The Prodigal Son	The Transfiguration	Jesus is Born			The Parable of the Rich Man	Ten Men Healed

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22,	December 24 11:00 Service	December 29
Worship Leader	Kathi	Bob	Rhonda	Pastor		Wanda
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kim
Drums	Malachi	Matt	Dan	Malachi	Matt	Dan
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Bass Guitar	Bob	Bob	Bob	Bob	Bob	Bob
Male Vocalists	Brian, Dave, Matt J	Brian, Dave, Malachi	Dave, Matt J, Malachi	Brian, Matt J, Dave	All	Dave, Brian, Matt J
Female Vocalists	Tracy, Kathi, Kendalyn	Tracy, Kathi, Louise	Sophia, Louise, Kendalyn	Tracy, Louise, Kendalyn	All	Louise, Tracy, Kendalyn
Acolytes	Marie, Ashlyn	Charles, Tristan	Addie, Aiden	Levi, Jacob		Marie, Ashlyn
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Friends in Faith	Kurt & Rhonda	Craig & Brenda	Wanda, Sophia		Nancy, Jorand
Greeters/Treats	Gettler Family, Nancy S, Maxine H, Marie, Ashlyn	Friends in Faith, Tristan, Charles	George/Wendy, Carmen, Wanda Addie, Aiden	Kurt & Rhonda, Bart & Sarah, Levi, Malachi	Pat & Iris	Lisa, Lynn, Jane, Kathy, Marie, Ashlyn
Advent Candle	Nelson Family	Steele Family	Stringer Family	Mangels Family		
1st Reading	Ashlyn	Tristan	Aiden	Jacob		Ashlyn
2nd Reading	Marie	Charles	Addie	Jayden		Marie
Gospel Reading	Dave H	Joanne	Brenda	Wanda		Bob J
Confession & Forgiveness	George	Rhonda	Kristy	Brian		Vicki
Prayers	Kathi	Bob	Rhonda	Pastor		Wanda
Count Offering (*Council Member)	George	Lynn	Bart	George	George	George
Communion	Ed, Kurt, Rhonda		Wanda, Joe, Denise			
Sound	Rollie	Ed	John	George	George	John
Cameras	Earlene	John	George	Roger	John	George
Pro Presenter	Clella	Tammy	Clella	Tammy	Clella	Tammy
					7:00 Service	
Worship Coordinator	Ruth	Sandy	Arlene	Peggy		Sherol
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen		Jane
Greeters/Ushers	Eric & Sarah Gross	Paul & Raedeon Bigelow	Pat & Iris	Leo & Leone		Arlene, Sandy
Acolytes	Malachi	Tucker	Sophia	Malachi		Tucker
1st Reading	Malachi	Tucker	Sophia	Malachi		Tucker
Psalms Reading	Malachi	Tucker	Sophia	Malachi		Tucker
2nd Reading	Sandy	Eric	Iris	Arlene		Heidi
Offering	Rollie, Iris	Raedeon, Judi	Rollie, Iris	Raedeon, Judi	George	Leo
Communion	Peggy, Leo, Iris		Arlene, Sherol, Nancy			
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	Matt G	John	George	Rollie	Matt G
Pro-Presenter					Clella	
Children's Worship Bags						

Joanne, Leone

CHURCH CALENDAR

December 2019



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Sunday	Mon- day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7:30 Praise team Warm-Up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Traditional Worship 6:30 Candlelight Service	Council Agenda Deadline	10:00 Pastor to GSC 6:30 Alpha Course	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary Worship Planning 1:00 ELC Women 6:00 GROW & Confirmation 8:00 High School Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Traditional Worship Planning 7:00 Bell Choir Practice		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
7:30 Praise team warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Traditional Worship 6:30 Praise team practice		7:00 Children's Program  11:00 Candlelight Service	9:30 Christmas Day Service 	9:00 Prayer Group		
29	30	31				
7:30 Praise team warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Traditional Worship 5:30 Summerset Citizens 4H		10:00 Pastor to GSC				

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 12/1 Ronald Nelson, Tisha Davis
- 12/2 Dorothy Herr, Michelle Sproul, Jordan Christensen, Piper Manning
- 12/3 Renea Livingston, Irma Jacobson, Mark Nelson
- 12/4 Stacey VanLaar, Patrick Held, Olivia Laughery
- 12/5 Roland Purdy
- 12/6 Terrin Gettler, Marilyn Sychra
- 12/7 Sherol Brown, Carmen Grandgenett, Taylor Laughery
- 12/8 Raedeen Bigelow, Robert Hansen, Katie Huff
- 12/11 Mardelle Bohling, Noel Herr, Dylan Sassatelli, Anne Nelson
- 12/12 Mardell Martin, Jayden Rohner, Macy Kuhns
- 12/14 Kenneth Huff, Natalee Nieman
- 12/16 Jessie Graney, Darla Baudler, Dennis Parkis, Elizabeth Lundy, Shane Subbert
- 12/17 Cris Queck, Hunter Ernst
- 12/18 Marti Christensen
- 12/20 Amber Gross
- 12/21 Maxine Herr
- 12/23 Zola Westphal, Bridgette Ahrens
- 12/24 Lyle Miller, Duane Ortgies
- 12/26 Jenna Burmeister, Matthew Marckmann, Terri Queck-Matzie, Myrna Erb-Gundel, Aiden Stringer
- 12/27 Mindee Held
- 12/29 Bernie Gundel, Ashlee Christensen
- 12/30 Denise Grandganett
- 12/31 Audra Rectenbaugh

BAPTISMS



- 12/2 Galen Herr
- 12/4 Janet Paxton
- 12/5 Kyle Thompson
- 12/7 Kathleen Johnston, Janice Blanchard, Vicki Brown
- 12/8 Evelyn Gross
- 12/10 Peggy Lewis
- 12/11 Independence Sorensen, Aubrianna Jonas
- 12/12 Wade Boehm
- 12/13 Barbara Swanson, Nicholas Held
- 12/14 Matz Jungmann
- 12/16 Tyler Denton, Lance Queck
- 12/18 Robert Hansen, Vickie Weinheimer, Walter Herr, Annika Nelson
- 12/19 Olivia Christensen
- 12/25 Shane Paxton
- 12/26 Mikel Feick, Reece Johnson, Raedeen Bigelow
- 12/29 Grant Nelson, Wesley Davis

CONFIRMATIONS



- 12/26 Raedeen Bigelow
- 12/29 Sue Rohner

ANNIVERSARIES



- 12/1 Raymond & Sandra Stewart
- 12/18 Steve & Barb McKibban
- 12/21 Larry & Kathryn Gross
- 12/24 Josh & Flossie Nelson
- 12/30 Eric & Sara Gross
- 12/31 Steven & Heather Scar





The Poinsettia

The poinsettia is known as the “flower of the Holy Night”. The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought of as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ, while the white leaves represent his purity. Poinsettias will be put around the altar and the Christmas tree again this year, starting the Sunday before Christmas. Would you consider providing one for us...

The Altar Guild will be purchasing all poinsettias this year. This year you will have the option to chose from 5 colors and 2 sizes---regular or large. If you would like to provide one for Christmas, please fill out the form below, put it in an envelope with your payment made out to Emmanuel Lutheran Altar Guild for each plant you would like, label it “Christmas Poinsettia” and give it to Iris Westphal or put in her church mailbox. In order to have your memorial listed in the church bulletin, please have orders and information to us by Sunday, December 15th. (If you have any questions, please contact Iris Westphal @ 641-743-2245.) Thank you!

Name _____

I would like the Altar Guild to purchase _____ poinsettia(s) for me.

Colors available:	Regular Size (\$15)	Large Size (\$25)
Red	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____
Burgundy	_____	_____
Red/White (Jingle Bells)	_____	_____

In Memory of: _____

Do you want to take your poinsettia home after Christmas? ____yes____no

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Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Ecumenical Candle Light Service Dec 1—6:30 p.m.

Children's Program Dec 24—7:00 p.m.

Candle Light Service—11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day—9:30 a.m.