

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.

September 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:22-23

You might have noticed recently that the longer you have been stuck at home, the more upset you have become. More angry. More short-tempered. I have read some articles about this being a symptom of depression which is certainly possible and important to look into if you feel that is what you are going through. But I also think it might be connected to simple fatigue at the situations and events of the last six months. You can only take the stress of life and uncertainty for so long until you snap! This reminded me of what the Bible says about being “patient” and how it’s easy to forget what it really means and how to accomplish this important behavior.

The word patience sounds great but is difficult to do in practice. As the old saying goes, “Please, God, grant me patience and GIVE IT TO ME NOW!!!” But the word written in Greek in our Bibles used to be translated differently. Instead of using the word “patience” it was translated “longsuffering”. To be honest, I think that the old translation was better. It describes what “patience” actually feels like and helps explain how to

actually get better at this behavior as well.

Being patient often means dealing with situations, people or events that you do not like. You experience suffering of some type and you want that suffering to end. The fruit of the spirit is about being able to live with that suffering without trying to force it to stop in some way. Trusting that God is in control even when you are not. Believing that things will work out for the good even when you feel upset. Hoping for the best even when things look their worst. People that are impatient lash out at others who make them unhappy. Someone who is longsuffering allows the uncomfortable feelings to pass instead of trying to force them to stop.

Many of us are tired of all the stress and uncertainty in our world today. We want things to go back to normal even if we recognize that they probably won’t. At least not anytime soon. We try to be patient, but it’s hard to know how exactly to accomplish that. The word “longsuffering” gives us a way forward. It seems to imply that when we are suffering from fear we can live with that. We can cope through prayer, reaching out for help and finding other useful resources to calm ourselves down. We don’t have to “escape” the fear. It’s part of life. Patient people aren’t “happy” during suffering

necessarily. They just accept that difficulties are a part of life and find a way to suffer through it without making things worse through anger.

The truth is that wishing or even praying doesn’t always take suffering away. It is wrong for us to believe that Christians always get whatever they pray for or that God will make life easy if only we were faithful. We can be certain that God loves us even when we experience pain in life and no matter how long we experience that pain as well. Jesus, God’s only Son, died on the cross even though He was loved by His Father above all! Can we expect anything different? And yet, because Jesus suffered with restraint, His witness helped others to come to faith. It is our patience, or longsuffering, that can also be a witness to others about the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us even during difficult times.

I know that this time in our lives is hard. It’s easy to become angry. But God calls us to a life of patience, perseverance and longsuffering. And He promises to help us every step of the way. Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—07/12/2020

The regular meeting of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church council was held on July 12, 2020 in the parish hall. Council President, George Feazell called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Those present were George F., Matt Gross, Lynn Christensen, Iris Westphal, Nellie Griffith, Raedeen Bigelow, Dan Dreher, Roland Purdy, and Pastor Steven Broers. Absent: Bill Ernst.

Devotions were read by Pastor Broers.

The Secretary's Report was read by Roland Purdy. Motion by Iris Westphal to approve the minutes as corrected. 2nded by Nellie G. Carried.

Treasurer's Reports were given by George F. Motion by Dan D. to approve the reports. 2nded by Roland Purdy. Carried. Motion by Matt Gross to pay \$1,000 toward the plumbing note. 2nded by Iris W. Carried.

Pastor's Report:

Very little mileage and no home visits, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Worship Services were On-line only for June.

Baptisms—1

Graveside Services—1

Phone Conversations—34

Facebook Live Bible Studies—4

Good Samaritan Devotions (TV Only)—5

YouTube Weekly Devotions—5

Motion to approve Pastor's Report by Roland Purdy.

2nded by Lynn C. Carried.

Emergency Benevolence: None.

Committee Reports (as available):

Altar Guild—we will continue to place flowers on the altar.

Property—Matt G. has fixed the water leak in the upstairs boys bathroom toilet.

Music & Worship—organists for the Traditional Service will go back to a regular schedule.

Outreach—the Monday morning virtual bible studies are going well with lots of participation. The number of people following the YouTube devotions has dropped off. Pastor Broers plans to make it a point to remind members of the devotions during Sunday morning services.

Children's Ministry—there was a lot of discussion about having in-person GROW activities vs on-line. Kristy Broers' original plan was to follow regular school's guidelines regarding the coronavirus. Those guidelines were supposed to be released by July 1, but have not been released yet. Kristy is not comfortable leading GROW in person, but would certainly help with preparations beforehand. She will contact GROW volunteers to see if they are willing to come for in-person activities. The council will talk more about it at our August meeting.

Old Business:

In person church services. Attendance for July's contemporary service was ~33% of normal. Traditional service was ~50%. The council feels like we are doing the right thing—offering the guidelines of social distancing and wearing masks while attending church. We will continue to stream both services on Facebook Live.

New Business:

Benevolence: Motion by Iris W. to send the first two quarters' benevolence to the same charities as before. 2nded by Matt G. Carried.

2020/2021 Budget: The council reviewed a proposed 2021 budget for the church. Motion by Dan D. to recommend the proposed budget at the Semi-Annual Meeting on July 19, 2020. 2nded by Raedeen B. Carried.

Motion by Raedeen B. to accept with regret the resignation of Clella Buckner as church secretary. 2nded by Roland P. Carried.

Motion by Iris W. to adjourn. 2nded by Matt G. Carried. We adjourned at 7:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be August 9, 2020.

Roland Purdy, secretary





Special Congregational Meeting
September 13, 2020
9:50 - 10:10 am
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Approval of the 2021 Budget

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Council is reminded our constitution does not allow a vote by proxy ballot:

- C10.04** Thirty (30) voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- C10.05** Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted.

As you are already aware, we were not able to vote on the budget at the regular semi-annual meeting in July. We did not have enough people present to form a quorum. The church council has set a special meeting on September 13 between services to encourage enough people in attendance to vote on the budget.

Please disregard the proxy ballot previously sent. The proposed budget is included for your review before the meeting.

We continue to pray for guidance in these challenging times. Please keep our church community in your prayers as we move forward in faith. Thank you.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget

	Actual 2020 30-Jun	Budget 2020	Proposed 2021
RECEIPTS:			
Giving:			
General	\$75,054.80	\$189,000.00	\$189,000.00
Designated Giving			
Children's Ministry	\$1,409.62	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Vision Fund	\$8,420.00		
Miscellaneous:			
Rent		\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Other Income	\$78.12		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$84,962.54	\$195,000.00	\$194,500.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Benevolence:			
LCMC Benevolence 1%		\$1,890.00	\$1,890.00
Local Benevolence 7%	\$350.00	\$13,230.00	\$13,230.00
World Benevolence 9%		\$17,010.00	\$17,010.00
Total Benevolence	\$350.00	\$32,130.00	\$32,130.00
Ministry:			
Pastor's Salary	\$25,231.86	\$50,500.00	\$51,500.00
Pension	\$3,135.78	\$7,000.00	\$7,500.00
Insurance	\$9,095.42	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00
Vehicle Mileage & Expenses	\$497.75	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Cell Phone	\$1,094.44	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Ministry	\$39,055.25	\$77,500.00	\$80,000.00
Payroll:			
Custodial	\$930.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Organist	\$2,200.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Secretary	\$3,831.00	\$11,500.00	\$10,000.00
Taxes	\$532.51	\$1,453.50	\$1,338.75
Total Payroll	\$7,493.51	\$20,453.50	\$18,838.75
General Administration:			
Printing & Reproduction	\$3,904.84	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Church Supplies	\$752.57	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$394.79	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$378.02	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Professional Services	\$2,700.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Other	\$644.83	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total General Admin	\$8,775.05	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

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	Actual 2020 30-Jun	Budget 2020	Proposed 2021
Children's Ministry:			
GROW	\$869.50	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	-\$486.59	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Summer Camp	\$457.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Confirmation	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other	\$126.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Children's Ministry	\$966.51	\$8,000.00	\$7,500.00
Worship and Service:			
Altar	\$121.93	\$500.00	\$500.00
Visiting Pastors	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Adult Ministry	\$333.61	\$500.00	\$500.00
Music Ministry	\$36.25	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
Supplies	\$35.21	\$800.00	\$800.00
Other	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$673.80		
Total Worship & Service	\$1,200.80	\$5,300.00	\$3,800.00
Church and Parsonage			
Building, Equip. & Maint.	\$16,976.46	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Utilities	\$5,088.53	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
	\$1,535.13	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Telephone	\$678.40	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	\$757.81	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$3,548.46	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Services	\$1,011.14	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total Church & Parsonage	\$29,595.93	\$31,500.00	\$31,500.00
Loan Payment			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$87,437.05	\$194,883.50	\$193,768.75
NET	(\$2,474.51)	\$116.50	\$731.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



The Property Committee would like to thank the following individuals for their help in removing the trees and brush along the north property line. David Sickles, Pat Westphal, Bill Ernst, Rollie Purdy, Bart Boehm, Roger Jensen, John Baudler, Craig Plymesser, Kelly Hall, Eric Gross, Brian Fox, Pastor Broers, David Huff

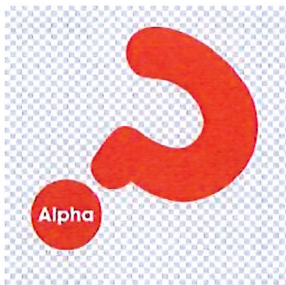


These are the backpacks that Pastor purchased and you as a congregation were so generous in filling. We have two left. We are super appreciative of this donation. Here are two of the three types of backpacks that we received. All the families that received them were very happy.

This project done by the Stewardship committee and the Congregation helped us to serve 28 kids. We do have until August 31st to hand out the rest.

Thank you much for helping us to help others.

MATURA Adair County Neighborhood Center
Raedeen Bigelow



Online Alpha Starting **Tuesday, September 29th** at 7:30!

Connect with others online and explore the Christian faith together! Please sign up with Pastor Broers so that we can get you the information to join in on Zoom for each lesson. We will watch a video together each **Tuesday** night and discuss topics ranging from the basics of faith, prayer, the Bible and our purpose in life. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow your spiritual life during the pandemic.



ELC WOMEN
September 4, 2019
1:00PM-Meeting

Refreshments: None
Hymn/Devotions/Meditation:
Ruth Circle
Bible Study: Pastor
Business Meeting: Ruth Circle
Birthdays
Lord's Prayer
Table Prayer
Kitchen Committee: Rachel Circle





It's that time of year – and we are in the process of gearing up for our TENTH YEAR of G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays). God is so good to have blessed us with so many years of ministering to our community! We continue to hope and pray that the G.R.O.W. program will remain strong as we continue to grow the faith lives of our youth and help them be a strong member on God's team.

In an effort to keep our G.R.O.W. kids and volunteers safe, this year G.R.O.W. will look much different than in the past 9 years as we will begin the year online due to COVID-19. We are currently in the process of getting a YouTube channel set-up specifically for G.R.O.W. and will post the lessons there. Each YouTube post will include a reading of the Bible story, questions to answer together at home, and a song. We will have one post for those in grades K-2 and another for those in grades 3-6. These posts will be shared on our G.R.O.W. Facebook page with a link to a video that applies to the lesson. We will be mailing out activity packets to G.R.O.W. youth each month so that they can still do the activity at home with their families. While this isn't the way we had intended for our 10th year to go, we know that some of the best faith learning is done at home with parents and youth working together and sharing their faith. There will be a G.R.O.W. registration form sent to the school so that we can get kids "registered" to start receiving their monthly activity packets. There will also be a registration form you can download from the G.R.O.W. Facebook page.

G.R.O.W. begins on Wednesday, September 9th. In order to receive your G.R.O.W. activity packet, please return your G.R.O.W. registration (or email the information to Kristy) at your earliest convenience. There is no cost to take part in G.R.O.W.

Please keep the GROW children and volunteers in your prayers as our new year begins. We want to see seeds planted, lives changed, and God shining through all of us. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Cindy Baldago, Emmett Grove (Rachel & Jesse Grove's son), Marilyn Eshelman (June's daughter-in-law), Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Kenneth Gevock, Vicki Brown, Shirley Paugh (Stan Brown's sister), Katie Duran, Chelsea Payne, Bill Raasch, Zola Westphal

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

June Eshelman, Shirley Jorgensen, Ruth Rohner, Lyle Miller, Donna Grothen, Joyce Herr, Della Marckmann, Maxine Baudler, Verlene Meisenheimer, Frances Gross



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, Reba Lonsdale, Clint Powell, Brett Schafroth, Jesse Johnson, Curtis Darr

GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

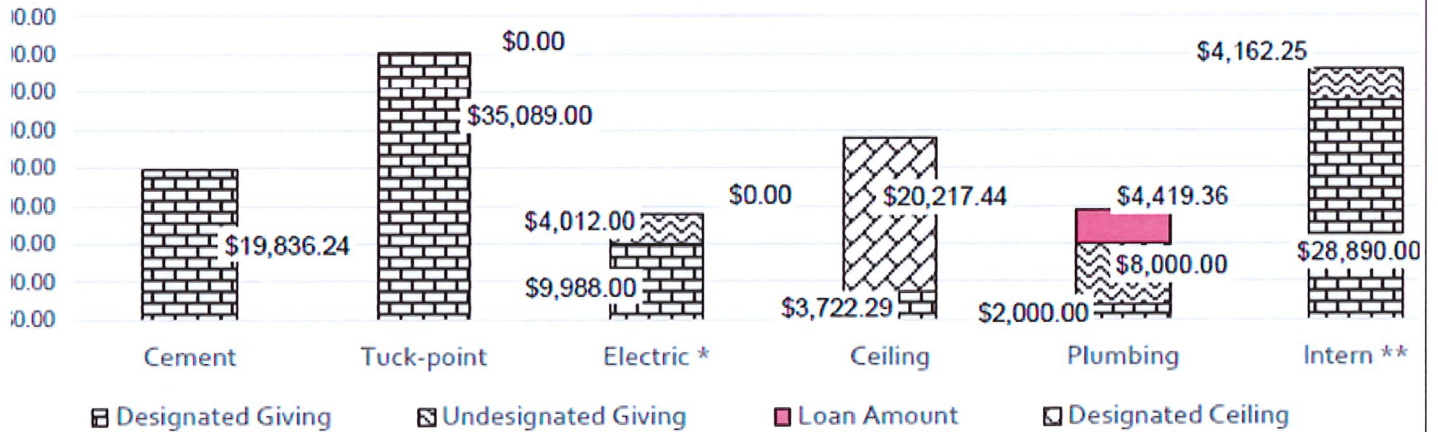
Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Barbara Nelson, Gene Held

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

HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON

Harold Nelson

Vision Giving Projects
Emmanuel Lutheran
7-12-2020



Project	Building					Mission	Total
	Cement	Tuck-point	Electric *	Ceiling	Plumbing	Intern **	
Designated Giving	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$9,988.00	\$3,722.29	\$2,000.00	\$28,890.00	\$99,525.53
Undesignated Giving			\$4,012.00		\$8,000.00	\$4,162.25	\$16,174.25
Loan Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$4,419.36		\$4,419.36
Designated Ceiling				\$20,217.44			\$20,217.44
Total Project Cost	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$14,000.00	\$23,939.73	\$14,419.36	\$33,052.25	\$140,336.58

* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits
** Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving.

Fund Balance Report
As of July 31, 2020

General Fund	\$53,007.00
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$234.62
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$301.85
Total	\$536.47
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$6,483.38
Designated Building	\$3,097.41
Designated Mission	\$5,250.00
Total	\$14,830.79
TOTAL	\$68,374.26

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Dan	Matt	Dan	Matt
Male Vocalists	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor
Female Vocalists	Kathi, Kendalyn	Kathi, Ann	Ann, Kendalyn	Kathi, Kendalyn
Greeters	Brian & Sam	Carmen, Kathy	Nellie, Jeanne	Kurt & Rhonda
1st Reading	Dave	Brian	Ann	Dave
2nd Reading	Kendalyn	Kathi	Kendalyn	Kathi
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Ann	Brian	Kendalyn
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Dave	Pastor
Prayers	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	George	Lynn	Dan	Nellie
Communion				
Sound	Rollie	Ed	Ed	George
Cameras	Earlene	George	John	John
Pro Presenter	Clella	Tammy	Clella	Tammy
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen S
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Raedeem	Sherol	Sandy
1st Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Psalm Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
2nd Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris
Communion				
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	John	Matt G	George
Pro Presenter	Clella	Tammy	Clella	Clella
Children's Worship Bags	Joanne, Brenda			

CHURCH CALENDAR

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September 2020
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00 Pastor to GSC	6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 ELC Women	9:00 Prayer Group		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship		10:00 Pastor to GSC	6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation	9:00 Prayer Group		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 5:30 Council Meeting	10:00 Bible Study on Facebook	10:00 Pastor to GSC	6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation	9:00 Prayer Group		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship	10:00 Bible Study on Facebook	10:00 Pastor to GSC Newsletter DEADLINE	6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation	9:00 Prayer Group		
27	28	29	30	31		
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship	10:00 Bible Study on Facebook	10:00 Pastor to GSC 7:30 Alpha Course Online	6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation	9:00 Prayer Group		

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 9/1 Maxine Baudler, Jim Clayton
 9/2 Verlene Archer, Kristin Robinson,
 Karen Hight, Olivia Christensen
 9/3 Tom Thompson
 9/4 Mick Baudler, Becky Denton
 9/5 Nicholas Fox, Chad Herr, Rachel Hall,
 Jeff Thompson, George Feazell
 9/6 Leon Schwartz, Wyatt Low
 9/7 Megan Buckner-Hickman, Sarah (Buckner)
 Johnson, Amy Kopaska, Gary Marckmann
 9/8 Eileen Sorensen, Garrett Welsch
 9/9 Matthew Herr
 9/10 Kurt Boehm, Linda VanEaton
 9/11 Joan Finck, Janene Hall, Ross Hansen,
 Kaye Queck
 9/12 Jocelyn Lunsford
 9/13 Ryan Baudler, Carson Fenster, Brady Burg,
 Brysen Emerson
 9/14 Todd Thompson
 9/15 Melissa Baudler, Lisa Baudler
 9/16 Persephone Nelson, Lucas Nelson,
 9/17 Jill Mostaert, Lee Lundy, Amy Perkey,
 Rachel Grove
 9/18 Jane Ernst, Nancy Lewellen, Ray Stewart,
 Nicholas Held
 9/19 Brenton Lewellen, Spencer Scar
 9/20 Staci Wissner, Mike Mangels, Gale Helm
 9/21 Steven Bricker, Matt Kuhns
 9/23 Dallas Ford, Jeff Parkis
 9/24 Julie Skellenger, Jim Finck, Troy Kester,
 Roger Queck
 9/25 Keith Herr
 9/26 Jaime Crawford, Shane Paxton, Sidney
 Nelson
 9/27 Caleb Buckner
 9/28 Alexandria Ahrens, Mallory Kuhns
 9/29 Jake Thompson, Megan Feick
 9/30 Christine Blanchard, Grady Brown, Jane
 Langguth, Steven Rater, Jessica Huff

BAPTISMS



- 9/2 Ryan Bakerink
 9/3 Josh Crawford
 9/4 Alyse Dreher, Mike Mensing
 9/5 Taylor Garside, Cody Jacobson
 9/6 Wyatt Low
 9/12 Adelaide Livingston
 9/13 Sandra Stewart
 9/14 Weston Held, Whitney Held,
 Michael Sorensen
 9/15 Mary Nelson
 9/18 Kathi Christensen
 9/20 Matthew Mangels
 9/21 Leland Schwartz,
 David Huff
 9/23 Jacob Mangels
 9/24 Melissa (Jensen) Vorrie, Kara Hohertz
 9/25 Kristin Robinson
 9/27 Jessica Swanson
 9/28 Tom Martin
 9/30 Rachel Hall

ANNIVERSARIES



- 9/4 Richard & Doreen Feick
 9/5 Chad & Robin Wyllie
 Mike & Dixie Sorensen
 9/6 Chip & Teresa Boston
 9/7 Derek & Amy Perkey
 9/8 Pat & Linda Held
 9/13 Larry & Peggy Lewis
 9/17 Dan & Alyse Dreher
 9/18 Tyson & Megan Edwards
 Jake & Jennifer Lake
 9/19 Lucas & Nicole Queck
 9/27 Eugene & Mardell Martin

CONFIRMATIONS



- 9/8 Kathi Christensen
 9/27 Abby Fritz
 9/29 Aaron Bigelow

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Come and Worship with Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Both Services on Facebook Live