

# 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.*

October 2020

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What does it mean to be a Lutheran? During the month of October, I will be focusing my messages on the theology of the Reformation and what distinguishes a Lutheran from any other Christian. Christians obviously share a common belief in the Trinity and salvation through Jesus Christ, but how we share that message and our perspective on faith and life can vary from Christian to Christian. We have much in common with one another, but the differences do matter and I think it will be nice to explain both why and how.

Some of the sermon topics will deal primarily with theological concepts brought forth originally in the Reformation such as the "Priesthood of All Believers" and "Simul Eustis Et Peccator" (Simultaneously a Saint and a Sinner) but other messages will be focused on more modern day issues such as the difference between being an Evangelical Christian (a group often talked about in political conversations) and being a Lutheran who is focused on Evangelical Preaching.

I will talk about how God calls us into our jobs (our Vocations) but also how Martin Luther tried to explain that every role we play in life (mother, friend, son or coach) can also be considered a vo-

cation and deserves as much respect as any other. Of course, by the end of the month when we celebrate Reformation Day, I will be covering the most important of all the Reformation topics: We are justified not by works but by Faith in Jesus Christ alone!

When my dad was growing up, his mom warned him about dating Catholic girls because "they were pretty and they would make you fall in love with them and then turn you Catholic!" Obviously, I am glad that this prejudice is no longer commonplace. In the past, our denominational differences were highlighted so much that Christians often felt like they couldn't marry, work or worship with one another. While some Christian groups still feel this way, I find it wonderful that so many of us can see that the importance of our shared faith in Jesus matters so much more than our different traditions or perspectives. However, there are still differences and we don't want to overlook them to the extent that we forget why they are important. Learning from our history can inspire us now and into our future.

I believe that being a Lutheran is the best way to express God's Word to people so that they can both understand what God expects of them (the Law) and what God does for them (the Gospel).

While I appreciate and respect the many other Christian traditions and denominations, I want to share with you what makes Lutheranism so special and unique. Some of you might be surprised at what you learn while others will feel comforted that we indeed believe and teach exactly what you always thought we believed and taught. This series is certainly NOT meant to be some kind of purity test where you are forced to adhere to a set of particular beliefs. Nobody at the church believes in exactly the same way or has the exact same values. But I hope that these messages give you some perspective on why I preach the way I do and what values this church holds dear compared to other churches you might know.

Martin Luther never intended on leaving the Roman Catholic church. He was excommunicated for primarily political reasons. But the theological underpinnings that led to his questioning the traditional dogmas led many people to choose to follow him and teach and worship in dramatically new ways. Luther always argued that his role to play in the Reformation was small. The Holy Spirit had reformed the church! I hope to show you how that happened and what it means for us today. Amen.

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# E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—08/9/2020

The regular council meeting was held in the church parish hall. Council president, George Feazell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. All council members were present.

Devotions were read by Pastor Steven Broers.

The secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were read by Roland Purdy. Motion by Iris Westphal to approve the minutes. 2nded by Raedeem Bigelow. Carried.

Treasurer's reports were presented by treasurer, Bill Ernst and George Feazell. Motion by Iris W. to approve the treasurer's reports. 2nded by Dan Dreher. Carried. Motion by Bill E. to pay off the bank note for plumbing repairs at the church by Feick Plumbing. 2nded by Matt Gross. Carried.

Pastor Broers gave his monthly activities/mileage report. There was discussion on whether he should be making home visits with respect to the pandemic situation. He will put a note in the newsletter explaining that he is willing to come if members want him to come. He would wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

Emergency Benevolence: None

Ministry Reports:

**Property**—Matt G. reported there are weeds along the north property line of the church that need sprayed. There is money available for new outdoor carpeting on the front steps of the church. Matt will check into finding a contractor.

**Music & Worship**—The worship planning committee(s) will start meeting again since members are attending church services.

**Outreach**—Pastor Broers is encouraging members to record their God stories on the church's website. Alpha classes have been switched to online only.

**Adult Ministry**—Bible studies and YouTube videos are being offered online on the church's Facebook page.

**Children's Ministry**—Kristy Broers sent a letter to GROW volunteers asking for feedback on whether they wanted to have GROW activities in person or online, due to the pandemic. The majority preferred having GROW online only. Kristy and Pastor will plan to provide weekly online activity videos for all GROW students during the school year.

Old Business:

**In person church services**—Some members are attending the two Sunday morning services, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Proper disinfecting of pews, doors, etc. is performed after each service.

**Secretary's position**—Pastor Broers plans to start interviewing applicants this week.

**2021 Church Budget**—George F. discussed offering mail-in ballots for church members who do not want to attend a congregational meeting to approve the budget. Motion by Dan D. to approve the second of two sample ballots presented by George for council members to consider. 2nded by Bill Ernst. Carried. Ballots are to be counted at 5:00 pm on September 13, 2020.

New Business: None

Motion by Iris W. to adjourn. 2nded by Bill E. Carried. We adjourned at 7:21 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be September 13, 2020.

Roland Purdy, Secretary



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Emmett Grove (Rachel & Jesse Grove's son), Marilyn Eshelman (June's daughter-in-law), Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Shirley Paugh (Stan Brown's sister), Katie Duran, Chelsea Payne, Bill Raasch, Sonja LaBarge, Lynn Bohling, Steve and Diane Brown (sister and brother-in-law to David Faux), Darry Chiles

### HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON

Harold Nelson

### GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

June Eshelman, Shirley Jorgensen, Ruth Rohner, Lyle Miller, Donna Grothen, Joyce Herr, Della Marckmann, Maxine Baudler, Bernard Baudler

### GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

**Greenfield Rehab Center Residents** – Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Barbara Nelson, Gene Held

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Please welcome our new secretary Amy Hoover to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Amy began training with Clella this past Monday, September 14th and we are so happy to have her on board! Amy lives in Fontanelle and has a husband, Nathan, and two children: Ben (8th grade) and Sam (1st grade). She will be working with Clella throughout the rest of September as she learns the ins and outs of the job. Amy will be in the office part of the day Mondays-Thursdays. If you have the opportunity, say hello to Amy and help her feel at home here! Thanks!

## Fund Balance Report As of August 31, 2020



**We will not be packaging Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as a GROW group this year, but families are encouraged to package shoeboxes together.** If your family is interested in packing one or more boxes, please contact Pastor Broers and he will get you a shoebox. **Shoeboxes need to be brought to the church by Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Any questions about the changes this year can be found on their website, <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/covid-19/>. With all of the back-to-school sales and sales for end of summer toys and clothes, now is the PERFECT time to start purchasing items to be donated. Please see the suggestions listed below:

- School Supplies (pens, pencils, crayons or markers, pencil case, small notebooks, solar powered calculator, scissors, ruler, glue stick, small adhesive tape, etc.)
- Toys (Small cars, balls, ball air pumps, glove and baseball, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, marbles etc.)
- Hygiene Items (mild bar soap, comb, washcloth, adhesive bandages, reusable plastic cups & bowls, nail clipper, stick deodorant, etc.)
- Other (T-Shirts - especially for older kids, underwear, shoes/flip-flops, hat, sunglasses, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, bandana, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries)

**-DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; candy; **toothpaste**; gum; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

General Fund	\$56,911.34
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$234.62
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$258.85
Total	\$493.47
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$6,475.21
Designated Building	\$240.00
Designated Mission	\$5,250.00
Total	\$11,965.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$69,370.02</b>



**ELC WOMEN  
October 7, 2020  
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:** None





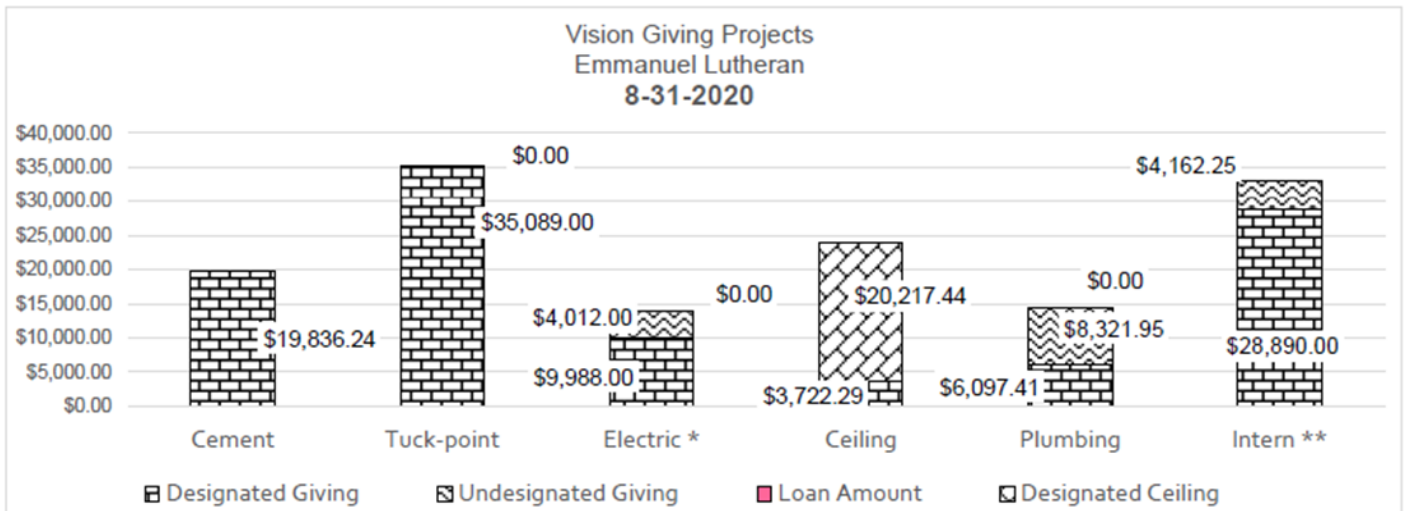
Praise God for all He is doing for G.R.O.W. this year! I find myself so thankful for technology this year. Technology has allowed our church to continue holding weekly services without ever having to stop. Technology has allowed family and friends to stay in touch with one another during this adventure. Technology has allowed for learning and work to take place at home. Also, technology has allowed us to continue G.R.O.W. this year. Though I miss seeing the G.R.O.W. kiddos and the relationships that are built in our church community, I am so thankful that God has allowed us this season to get back to faith being taught at home with family! I really think God will continue to use this time for His good!

We have a few weeks of G.R.O.W. online under our belts and continue to learn ways to improve. We are mailing out the lesson and activity packets each week, so make sure your child is registered so they can receive those. We have the added benefit of being able to have kids join us for G.R.O.W. that are not even from our community since it's all available online, so if you have kids or grandkids living far away, feel free to invite them to register and join us on the G.R.O.W. Facebook page each Wednesday night.

We started out the month of September with the story of Jesus Calming the Storm to begin our year with a story based on trusting God. Following that we began our journey through the Old Testament starting with the story of Creation. Next we learned the story of Adam & Eve and the First Sin as well as the story of Noah's Ark. It's been a great month of lessons!

Our theme for G.R.O.W. this year is TRUST. We feel like there are so many things going on in the world and the lives of our G.R.O.W. kiddos and we want them to know that through it all, God can be trusted. The verse for the whole year is from Psalm 56:3, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You". The memory verse of the month is from Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." It is our prayer that by memorizing these verses as a family, the kids might be able to rely back to these verses when they face problems.

Please keep the G.R.O.W. children and volunteers in your prayers as we continue this year. We want to see seeds planted, lives changed, families brought closer to You, and God shining through all of us. Thanks!



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	\$6,097.41	\$28,890.00	\$103,622.94
Undesignated Giving			\$4,012.00		\$8,321.95	\$4,162.25	\$16,496.20
Loan Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Designated Ceiling				\$20,217.44			\$20,217.44
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$19,836.24</b>	<b>\$35,089.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$23,939.73</b>	<b>\$14,419.36</b>	<b>\$33,052.25</b>	<b>\$140,336.58</b>

\* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits

\*\* Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving.

# WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Matt	Dan	Malachi	Matt
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	Brian,	Dave	Brian	Dave
Female Vocalists	Kendalyn, Kathi	Kendalyn, Ann	Ann, Kathi	Kathi, Kendalyn
Greeters	Brian & Sam	Carmen, Kathy	Nellie, Jeanne	Kurt & Rhonda
1st Reading	Brian	Dave	Brian	Dave
2nd Reading	Kendalyn	Kendalyn	Ann	Kathi
Gospel Reading	Kathi	Ann	Kendalyn	Kendalyn
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	George	Lynn	Dan	Nellie
Sound	Rollie	John	Ed	Ed
Cameras	Earlene	Roger J	George	John
Pro Presenter	Tammy	Tammy	Ciella	Ciella
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Raedeem	Sherol	Sandy
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Arlene	Rollie	Sherol	Sandy
Psalm Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
2nd Reading	Sandy	Iris	Rollie	Arlene
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Offering	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	Matt G	George	John
Pro Presenter	Tammy	Tammy	Ciella	Ciella
Children's Worship Bags	Barb, Leone			

# CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				9:00 Prayer Group		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship	<b><u>Council Agenda Deadline</u></b> 10:00 Bible Study Facebook Live	10:00 Pastor to GSC 7:30 Alpha Online	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 E.L.C. Woman 6:00 Confirmation 8:00 High School Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		
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Reformation Day 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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# OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS



- 10/1 Jesse Gross, Virgil Swanson,  
Independence Sorensen
- 10/2 Jessica Klebba
- 10/3 Arlene Schwartz, Carolyn Edsall
- 10/4 Paul Bigelow, Duane Funke,  
Jana Teachout, Tom Lamborn
- 10/5 Carol Gross, Peggy Jorgensen, Mike Nel-  
son, Rex Hight
- 10/6 Ruth Buenting, Peggy Lewis,  
Leo Weinheimer
- 10/7 Greg Raasch
- 10/8 Lauren (Queck) Ahmann, Skylar McHargue
- 10/9 Tammy Jensen, Scott Remington,  
Maxwell Eisbach
- 10/10 Margo Barcheski, Elizabeth Ernst,  
Michael Ernst, Boe Marckmann
- 10/12 Kendalyn Huff, Dennis Subbert
- 10/13 Kyle Thompson, Matt Richards
- 10/14 Julie Bricker, Stephanie Ennis
- 10/15 Jennifer Armstrong
- 10/16 Sophia Broers
- 10/17 Evan Rayl, Anna Funke
- 10/18 Jordan Burmeister, Frances Gross, Alex  
Queck, Diane Clayton
- 10/20 Scott Buckner, Eric Held,  
Sandra Stough, Kaleb Wissner, Denise  
Kuhns
- 10/21 Melissa (Jacobson) Hodapp
- 10/23 Kirk Bigelow, Vicki Brown, Ashlee  
Richards
- 10/24 Olivia Johnson, Steven Broers
- 10/25 Reggie Johnson
- 10/26 AnnaMarie Swanson, Ryan Ritchie
- 10/27 Wade Boehm, Kaylee Hohertz,  
Steven Scar
- 10/31 Larry Lewis

## CONFIRMATIONS

- 10/14 Ramon Jacobson,



## BAPTISMS



- 10/1 Eileen Sorensen
- 10/3 Jeffery Thompson, Dylan Ford
- 10/7 Drew Jacobson, Garrett Welsh
- 10/13 Nicholas Fox
- 10/16 Macey Dabb, Daniel Jorgensen
- 10/17 Joyce Herr
- 10/18 Lucas Nelson
- 10/19 Jessie (Ernst) Springer, Milini Matzie
- 10/25 Roger Queck, Marie Pickrell, Ace Pickrell,  
Allyson Pickrell, Stephen Broers
- 10/26 Alexandria Ahrens, Bridgette Ahrens,  
Colton Garside
- 10/28 Arlene Schwartz
- 10/29 Gabe Beaman, Ashlyn Beaman
- 10/30 Lauren (Queck) Ahmann, Ryan Ritchie
- 10/31 Paul Bigelow

## ANNIVERSARIES



- 10/1 John & Darla Baudler
- 10/6 Leo & Leone Weinheimer
- 10/8 Clint & Sara Garside  
Rollie & Earlene Purdy  
Roger & Cris Queck
- 10/12 Bruce & Zola Westphal
- 10/13 Matt & Tiffany Herr
- 10/14 Jerid & Lindsey Lund
- 10/15 Curtis & Kaye Queck  
Michael & Jessica Dodson
- 10/17 Evan & Shirley Rayl
- 10/19 Matt & Ashlee Richards
- 10/21 Steven & Ann Feick

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**Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.**

**Services on Facebook Live**