

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.

November 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart." Proverbs 21:2

It's been a challenge to be a pastor these last several months. It's hard to know how to lead a congregation when I am unable to interact with most of its members on a consistent basis. It is especially hard to discern the spiritual pulse of our congregation. It used to be that if someone missed church services for three weeks in a row, our church secretary would print out their name on a list. Then I would call on those names and check in on them. Sometimes people were sick or had been to the hospital and I didn't even know it. Sometimes they had been on vacation. At other times, if there was a problem, this phone call gave us a good time to talk about what was going on.

Unfortunately, during this time of trial our world is experiencing, the reasons people have for not coming to church are very different and hard to discern. Not only for me as a pastor, but I believe it is hard even for us as individuals. We might not even understand why we do the things we do without the help of the Holy Spirit. Attending church is still an extremely important part of our life together. There are many good reasons to stay home of course, but there are many not so good reasons as well. I would ask you to please ask God to reveal to you the best course of action for you and your family in the weeks and months ahead. Maybe nothing will change, but at least we will be sure that God has led us as a Christian family to make the choices we have decided on.

For example, some people are staying home because they have medical issues or vulnerable household members and do not want to risk being exposed to a dangerous and relatively unknown virus. This is exactly why Facebook Live is such a blessing at this time! You aren't staying home because you are "scared" of the virus anymore than you drive with a seatbelt on because you are "scared" of an accident. You are simply being smart and

responsible. Using the brain and the heart God gave you.

On the other hand, be honest: some of you aren't coming to church but are more than willing to eat out at restaurants, go to sports games, visit family members and go to work with no worries at all! Perhaps you've really just gotten out of the habit of going to church and it's not really about your health after all? Only God can make that clear to you. But if that's the case, I would challenge you to recommit yourself to the discipline of church attendance because it might help you to grow in your faith again.

Some of you are scared. You are living your life right now in fear of not only church crowds but of the world. You may still decide to watch church from home, but God doesn't want you to live the rest of your life in fear either! The Devil loves to use our fears, both real and imagined, to keep us from the abundant life God wants for us. However, only the Holy Spirit will ever be able to change your heart. Before Joshua was to enter the Promised Land, God told him, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened or dismayed. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Perhaps these words might encourage you in your own journey back to church one day.

Others might not be coming to church because they refuse to wear a mask. Masks aren't mandatory for our congregation, but some may think it's wrong that they are encouraged at all! "People of faith shouldn't be afraid of getting sick" so the thinking goes. Maybe you personally don't think this virus is any big deal anyway. Well, a mask is worn to protect others not to protect the person wearing them. And since we as Christians are called to "Love our neighbor as ourselves" Emmanuel will keep encouraging them to be worn. But here's the truth: The Devil can use pride to destroy a Christian community just as much as he can use fear. So if you aren't coming to church because you aren't willing to wear a mask for one hour a week, I would ask yourself who is actu-

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—09/13/2020

The regular council meeting was held in the Parish Hall of the church. Council president George Feazell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were George F., Matt Gross, Raedeen Bigelow, Bill Ernst, Iris Westphal, Nellie Griffith, Pastor Steven Broers, and Roland Purdy. Absent were Lynn Christensen and Dan Dreher.

Pastor Broers read devotions.

The secretary's report was read and corrected. Motion by Raedeen to approve the minutes as corrected. 2nded by Matt G. Carried.

The treasurer's reports were presented by Bill E. and George F. Motion by Roland P. to approve the reports. 2nded by Matt G. Carried.

Pastor Broers presented his monthly mileage/activities report. Motion by Bill E. to approve. 2nded by Iris W. Carried.

Emergency Benevolence: None.

Ministry Reports:

Property—Matt G. reported weeds along the north property line of the church have been sprayed.

Outreach—Very few members have submitted God stories for Pastor to share. Alpha classes—not many have signed up. GROW—there have not been very many register.

Confirmation class started this week in the sanctuary to accommodate social distancing. There will be 13 students. High School bible study—there has been good participation.

Old Business:

In-person services—members are adjusting well to the new covid-19 guidelines. Number of members attending church services are down but many are watching at home on Facebook Live.

Secretary Position—Pastor Broers recommended that the council hire Amy Hoover of Fontanelle for the position of church secretary. Roland P. moved to hire Amy Hoover as church secretary, a part-time

position, at the rate of \$12/hr. Hours to be flexible with consideration given in the event of family quarantine due to the corona virus pandemic. 2nded by Nellie G. Carried. Amy will start Monday, September 14, 2020.

Special Congregational Meeting Sept. 13.

Budget for 2021 was passed at a meeting held this morning in the nave of the church at 9:50 am.

New Business:

Mission and Vision Statement—Pastor Broers read the Mission and Vision Statements and encouraged council members to pray and consider whether these need to be updated to be in line with the direction our church is headed. We will devote time and discussion to these statements at future meetings.

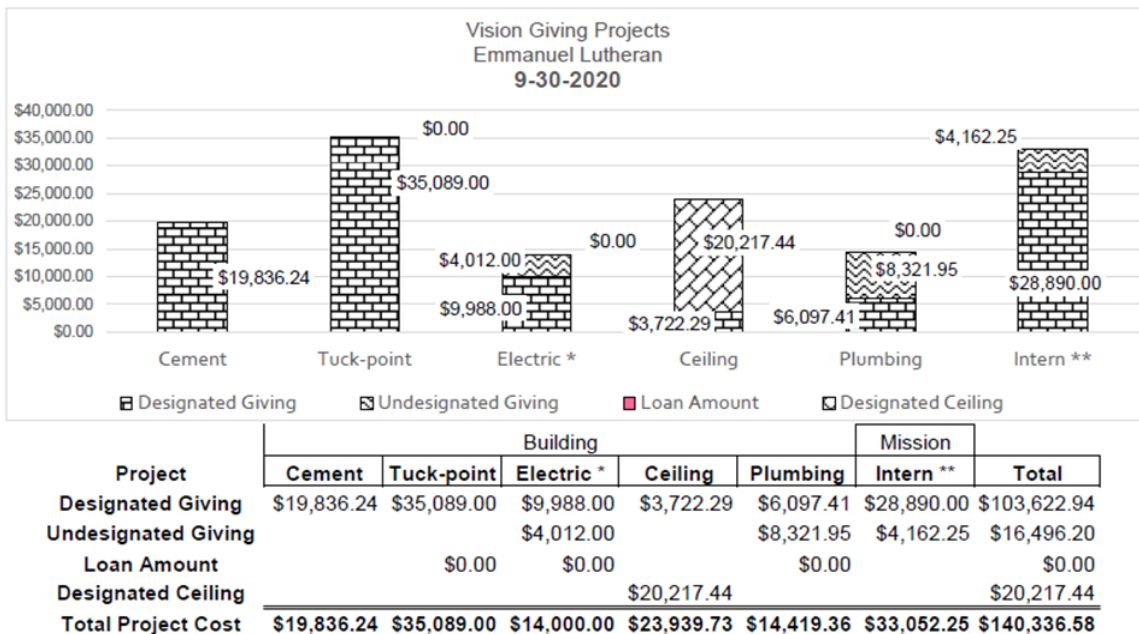
Audio/Visual Equipment for live streaming church services—George F., Pastor Broers, and Roland P. met with James Harle from Iowa Audio Video on September 9th to consider investing in equipment to enhance our on-line broadcast of church services over FacebookLive. A device called a Pearl mini would allow us to better utilize our soundboard and four cameras for a better quality broadcast. The total cost, including equipment and training of the device and the soundboard, would be approximately \$5,000. Raedeen B. offered to contact our Memorial Committee to see if money might be available for this project.

Motion by Iris W. to purchase a new computer tablet for the church. 2nded by Bill E. Carried.

Motion by Matt G. to adjourn. 2nded by Iris W. Carried. We adjourned at 7:07 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2020.

Roland Purdy, Secretary



* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits

** Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 1st so you can get that extra hour of sleep and be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for church.



Altar Guild will be collecting food items again this year. After we use them to decorate the church they will be donated to the Neighborhood Center. Items they can use are boxed meals, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, soups, mac & cheese, stuffing and canned fruit. They have plenty of veggies. There will be a box in the front entry and one in the parish hall. Thanks for all your generosity.

THANK YOU, EMMANUEL

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support while I served as your secretary. It is a very challenging position with a lot more involved than everyone realizes but I absolutely loved it. Thank you also for the beautiful parting gifts. I will still be around and will fill in if needed. I hope everyone will give the same help and support to your new secretary, Amy Hoover. Thank you again for all your help and support. – Clella Buckner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVELYN GROSS!

Evelyn Gross is celebrating her 80th birthday on Nov. 2nd. You can send greetings to her at PO Box 122 in Fontanelle. Thank you!

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance Report
As of September 30, 2020

General Fund	\$59,381.65
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$318.82
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	(\$546.90)
Total	(\$228.08)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$7,025.21
Designated Building	\$440.00
Designated Mission	\$5,250.00
Total	\$12,715.21
TOTAL	\$71,868.78



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

BENEVOLENCE

Local	3rd Qtr
Adair County Food Pantry	\$575
Presbyterian Church - Hygiene	\$575
Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp	\$575
Ronald McDonald House	\$575
Hope Ministries	\$575
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World	
Vision Mission	\$1,200
St. Jude	\$485
Salvation Army	\$485
Operation Blessing - wells	\$485
Lutheran World Relief - agriculture	\$485
Iowa City Children's Hospital	\$485
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LCMC	
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ELC WOMEN
November 4, 2020
1:00PM-Meeting

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





Thank you, God, for G.R.O.W.!

Being thankful is something we all tend to focus on this time of year and this year is no different – at least in that aspect. Even in the midst of all the crazy 2020 has brought, have you noticed all the blessings God is providing around you? I hope so! He loves us all so stinking much! I find myself thankful for technology these days more than usual. Thanks to technology, we are able to be sharing the word of God boldly while we are apart. We are able to continue a modified version of G.R.O.W. that we hope brings Jesus into the homes of our G.R.O.W. kids and builds up the faith life of their family. Thank you, God! I'm also thankful for activity creators, the internet, printers, church secretaries, and the postal service as they all allow the packets to be sent each week to the homes of our youth. God is good!

During the month of October we have been working our way through big stories in Genesis and Exodus. We learned about Abrams Call and how God promised Abraham as many descendants as there were stars in the sky. If you'd like a good laugh, watch the YouTube video Pastor and Kristy made for week 6. We also learned about

Jacob & Esau and how Isaac gave Jacob Esau's blessing. We learned about Joseph and how his brothers were jealous of him and sold him, then lied to their father. Lastly we learned about Moses and the burning bush. These are such great stories that teach us so much about God and how He calls us ordinary people to do big things.

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 Isaiah 12:2, "**I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might.**" 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 families 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!



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 15th.** Any questions about the changes this year can be found on their website, <https://www.samaritanspurse.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.



Christmas Program – Typically each November we begin rehearsals for the children's Christmas Program. This year that is different as well. The church council is currently discussing what we will do for that.

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Dan	Malachi	Matt	Dan	Malachi
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor
Female Vocalists	Kendalyn	Ann	Ann, Kendalyn	Kendalyn	Ann
Greeters/Ushers	Brian & Sam	Kathy	Nellie, Jeanne	George	George
1st Reading	Dave	Brian	Ann	Dave	Brian
2nd Reading	Kendalyn	Ann	Brian	Kendalyn	Ann
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	George	Lynn	Dan	Nellie	George
Sound	Rollie	George	John	George	John
Cameras	Earlene	John	George	John	George
Pro Presenter	Tammy	Tammy		Matt M.	Tammy
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen	Jane
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Raedeem	Sherol	Iris	Sandy
1st Reading	Arlene	Iris	Rollie	Raedeem	Sandy
Psalms Reading	Arlene	Iris	Rollie	Raedeem	Sandy
2nd Reading	Iris	Raedeem	Sherol	Iris	Sherol
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Offering	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris	Matt
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	John	Matt G	George	John
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	Sherol			Tammy
Children's Worship Bags	Samantha Gettler, Kendalyn Huff				

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), Darryl Chiles, Tony Ortgies, Carmen Homan, The Broers Family

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

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

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


HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON

Harold Nelson

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL SAINTS DAY 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship	10:00 Bible Study – Facebook Live <u>Council Agenda Deadline</u>	10:00 Pastor to GSC 7:30 Alpha Online	6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:00 ELC Women 6:00 GROW & Confirmation 8:00 HS Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 5:30 Council Meeting	10:00 Bible Study – Facebook Live	10:00 Pastor to GSC 7:30 Alpha Online	6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 GROW & Confirmation 8:00 HS Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		9:30 Altar Guild Decorating and Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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ally winning in that scenario: God or the Devil?
 We all are making the best choices we can and hoping for the best. But it's important that we as Christians test our thoughts and actions against God's desire for our lives. And change them as needed. That's what it means to live our lives according to the truth of God's Word. So whether I see you weekly or not at all, I will be here to support you in what-

ever way I can. If you need help in discerning God's will, please pray, read scripture and reach out to your Christian friends and leaders for guidance. We want to be the strongest community we can be both when we are together and when we are apart. Because God's Holy Spirit binds us together no matter how far apart we are and how long that distance lasts. Amen.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 11/1 Connie Blanchard, Galen Herr, Clay Hohertz
 11/2 Gale Buckner, Evelyn Gross
 11/3 Mikel Feick, Sara Schwartz, Kathy Thompson, Malachi Broers, Frank Richards
 11/4 Eric Jacobson
 11/5 Flossie Nelson, Barbara Swanson
 11/6 Max Kuhns
 11/8 Michelle Richards, Lloyd Thompson, Genevieve Livingston
 11/10 Wyatt Gross
 11/11 Brian Weinheimer, Elyjah Rohner
 11/12 Diane Schwartz, Ralph Lane, Lance Queck, Kynnady VanEaton
 11/13 Kathy Johnston, Tyler Denton, Walter Herr, Grant Nelson, Vickie Weinheimer, Hayden Denton
 11/15 Richard Antisdell, Virgil Baudler, Shelby Denton, John Herr, Bruce Westphal, Aubrianna Jonas
 11/16 Gary Finck, Adelyne Feazell
 11/17 Brock McKibban, Sarah Mostaert, Patrick Westphal, Rick Johnson, Jim Dickerson
 11/18 Reggie Martin, Annika Nelson
 11/20 Barbara Herr, Lori Herr
 11/21 Amanda Held, Jeanne Jameson
 11/22 Holly Kester Dodge
 11/23 Marlan Herr, Zayley Martin
 11/24 Brian McKibban
 11/26 Jordan Johnson
 11/27 Darrell Burmeister, Sophia Beard
 11/28 Addison Stringer
 11/29 William David Huff, Zachary Scar
 11/30 Treva Rohrig

CONFIRMATIONS

- 11/15 Evan Rayl
 11/20 Barbara Queck



BAPTISMS



- 11/1 Kevin Baudler
 11/2 KateLynn Scar
 11/4 Makinley Edwards
 11/5 Carson Fenster
 11/8 Jessica Nelson
 11/9 Zayden Jonas
 11/13 Eric Nelson
 11/15 Evan Rayl
 11/16 Zayley Martin
 11/17 Kirk Bigelow
 11/18 Anna Funke
 11/20 Julie Bricker
 11/23 Troy Kester
 11/24 Jennifer Baudler Reed, Aubrianna Jonas
 11/25 Malachi Broers
 11/26 Michael Ernst, Elizabeth Ernst, Mike Mangels, AnnaMarie Swanson
 11/28 Austin Lundy
 11/29 Jake Thompson, Jordan Burmeister, Ryan Baudler, Frances Gross, Jeff Parkis
 11/30 Sara Schwartz, Ross Hansen,

ANNIVERSARIES



- 11/3 Kenneth & Ashley Huff
 11/4 Mike & Lori Miller
 11/6 Brian & Lori Fox
 11/14 Sean & Lindsey Fox
 11/18 Al & Margo Barcheski
 11/19 Larry & Linda Hohertz
 11/21 Craig & Brenda Plymesser
 11/23 Brian & Mandi Eisbach
 11/24 John & Jessie Graney
 11/25 Steve & Peggy Jorgensen
 Stan & Vicki Brown
 11/28 Bernie & Myrna Erb Gundel
 11/30 Richard & Carla Leeper

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Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.