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To be inspired and reconnected to God's Word and God's people, to
share the message of the cross, and to bring God's love and healing to
people in need.*

June 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:17,21

When somebody hurts us or betrays us or when something bad happens to somebody that we love, our first instinct is to find the person responsible and get them back! We feel very justified in doing this because it doesn't seem fair to let bad behavior go unpunished. However, at the end of Romans chapter 12, we are told to live at peace with everyone and to NOT take revenge. The passage states, "Leave room for God's wrath for it is written, 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay.'" And so, as Christians, even if we can't personally get someone back for what they have done, we comfort ourselves with the knowledge that God will get justice for us . . . but we are still tempted to at least TELL other people how we have been wronged. This passive-aggressive behavior "feels" more godly, but it can still do much damage to the other person and, unfortunately, it also damages our reputations as well because now it is clear that WE are ALSO hurting someone. "They started it" isn't a great excuse for hurting other people.

We all know what we are NOT supposed to do: Don't be a jerk, don't take revenge, don't gossip et cetera. The Bible is good at telling us "Thou shalt not". But what is really special about this passage at the end of Romans 12 is that it actually tells us what we SHOULD do instead! Not just "Don't repay evil for evil." But also, "Overcome evil with good!" In fact, it gives specific examples, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink." The goal is always to lead the person who hurt us to repentance, but not through making their life miserable. The

hope is that by being kind, loving and forgiving, more good will be accomplished than by seeking revenge.

People are going to hurt you sometimes whether on purpose or on accident or just through being inconsiderate. You can't stop it from happening no matter how wonderful of a person you are. The only thing that you CAN control is how you will respond when the bad thing occurs. Spreading gossip (whether it is true or not) doesn't do anything other than hurt the other person and make you look bad in the process. So why not try another way? Try overcoming evil with good!

Start by praying for the person who has hurt you. Saint Paul tells us that our battle is not with "flesh and blood", not with people, but with "the rulers, the authorities, the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms". Praying for someone helps overcome evil with the powerful good of God! Then speak directly with the person who hurt you just like Jesus tells us to do in Matthew chapter 18, "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." And you don't have to sugarcoat how they hurt you either. Being assertive means to "speak the truth in love" just as Saint Paul writes in Ephesians chapter 4. Finally, even if nothing changes for the better, we can overcome the evil others do to us through the power of forgiveness. When Peter asked Jesus how many times to forgive a person, Jesus told him to forgive not just seven times, by seventy-seven times (meaning indefinitely).

These are positive ways that we can deal with those who hurt us that keeps

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—04/11/2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Matt Gross.

Present were: Matt Gross, Craig Plymesser, Bill Ernst, Dan Dreyer, Samantha Gettler, Iris Westphal, Raedeen Bigelow, Pastor Steve Broers. Guest: George Feazell. Excused absence: Nellie Griffin

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with devotions.

The minutes of the March 14 council meeting were read. Motion to approve as amended by Iris W., seconded by Bill E. and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Bill E. Bill reviewed income and expenses with no irregularities reported. Finance Committee chair George Feazell reviewed progress with the PPP funds and that an extension had been approved with assurance that the funds would be forgiven. Discussion followed. Motion to approve by Craig P, seconded by Iris W. and approved.

George Feazell reported on the installation of the live streaming equipment. There was a glitch in the system for the Maundy Thursday service, but that has been resolved in time for the Good Friday service. There is much better control for the visuals and still working on fine tuning how screen shots are included for those viewing. Instructions on how to operate/incorporate the sound board are pending a mutually agreeable date.

Pastor Steve presented his report, highlighting the fact that he is now able to visit people in the Ad. Co. Memorial Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Good Samaritan Center, and the Greenfield Manor. Raedeen B. motioned to approve, seconded by Samantha G and carried.

Pastor Steve reported no new requests for emergency benevolence.

Committee Reports:

Women of the ELCA: no report

Alter Guild: Iris reported the group had successfully implemented Easter preparations and are now planning for Pentecost.

Property: Dan reported that he and Matt G. plan to work on the dryer vent in the parsonage this month.

Music and Worship: Pastor requested that children be allowed to come forward for the Children's message during worship with social distancing, effective immediately. Council agreed.

The CEO from Ingham Okoboji Camp requested time to present at our April 24th services and promote this summer's camps. Council approved and suggested that he be given time to present the message as well.

Children's Ministry: Samantha G. gave the report as follows.

GROW

We are wrapping up our last few weeks of G.R.O.W. online.

-Confirmation

Fundraising has begun to help send the confirmation kids to Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.

-High School

-High School Bible study is beginning again.

Senior recognition will be on May 9th.

-Children's Ministry

VBS – Riverside, along with many Bible camps, finds themselves short staffed for this summer. Due to this, they have been coming up with ideas as to how to serve the Day Camps with the staff they have. This year they are offering a 1-day intensive Day Camp where they will send counselors that morning, lead an all day Bible School, and then leave that evening. This possibility makes it so that there is no concern about counselors staying with host families and there are less volunteers needed as well. After discussing this possibility with Pastor Broers, Pastor Cathy and Holi Weston, we all decided that this would work for our VBS this summer.

Confirmation: Pastor reported that there are 4 members of the class this year, but it is doubtful that all members will have completed their assignments in time for the scheduled confirmation. The council agreed that confirmation should be held for those completing the work, and another confirmation Sunday could be scheduled for those completing the work at a later date.

Memorial: No report. There appear to be issues with the church bells ringing. The issue will be investigated.

Stewardship: Pastor will include stewardship messages in the monthly newsletter.

Outreach: Plan to offer fellowship of pie outside between services on Mother's Day along with Senior Recognition Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Livestreaming equipment: (Handled earlier on the agenda when George F. was present.)

Church Brochure: council approval to proceed with printing the new brochure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the joint services for the 4th of July celebration with consensus approval by the council to proceed. Services to start at 10:00 AM. Our Praise Team will provide the music.

Bill E. presented Covid safety information that the pew

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Group Breakfast June 6

The Men's Group will be hosting a free will donation cinnamon roll breakfast following the contemporary service on Sunday, June 6. A portion of the funds will go towards new folding chairs in the fellowship hall. Thank you!



New Member Class Sign-Up

If you are interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Broers. We are currently planning two classes on Monday June 14th and 21st at 6:30 pm. The classes take about an hour and a half and cover the core beliefs of the church, a brief history of Emmanuel, ministry opportunities and how to get involved. If you know of anyone who might be interested please let them know as well. We can change the times of the classes based on the needs of those who are interested. We are hoping to have a new member installation the **last Sunday** in June. Thanks! - Pastor Steven Broers



July 4th Service in the Park

As part of Fontanelle's summer celebration, the July 4th church service will be held in conjunction with area churches at Fontanelle City Park. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please bring chairs and blankets. There will be no services at the church that day.



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



New June Secretary Hours

The secretary's posted hours will be changing starting June 1 through July 2. Further updates will be posted in the next newsletter. New hours will be:

Monday through Thursday: 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

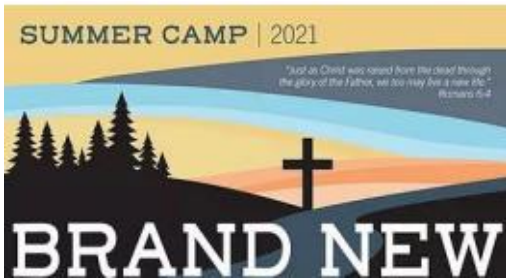
Weekly changes will be posted in the bulletin. Amy will be in the office more than the posted hours, but those times will vary. Thank you for understanding and have a wonderful start to your summer!



**ELC WOMEN
June 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Naomi Circle
Bible Study: Pastor
Business Meeting: Naomi Circle
Refreshments:
Birthdays
Lord's Prayer
Table Prayer
Kitchen Committee:**





**Fund Balance Report
As of April 30, 2021**

General Fund	\$60,034.57
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$150.00
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$662.40
Total	\$812.40
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$10,685.21
Designated Building	\$6,120.00
Designated Mission	\$8,965.00
Total	\$25,770.21
TOTAL	\$86,617.18

Fontanelle Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 23 - Thursday, June 24

3 year olds - entering Kindergarten: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Youth entering 1st grade - 6th grade: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

2021 VBS will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Cost: FREE!!!

Each child (including preschoolers) will need a sack lunch and a snack for mid-morning.

Masks are REQUIRED

For more information, contact Kristy Broers at 641-745-4040

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Chelsea Payne, Bill Raasch, Virgene Martin, Quentin Schultz, Wanda Meisenheimer, Lynn Bohling, Leone Weinheimer, Amelia Novak

Good Samaritan Residents

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

Greenfield Rehab Center Residents

Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Eileen Sorensen, LaVerne Estell, Frances Gross

Assisted Living Residents

Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson

Homestead of Creston

Harold Nelson



Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad

Lucas Queck, Clint Eshelman, John Sidey and Trent Jameson (grandson of Rex and Karen Hight), Zac Scar, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Tucker Wambold, Reba Lonsdale, Clint Powell, Brett Schafroth, Jesse Johnson, Curtis Darr

JUNE WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Matt	Dan	Malachi	Matt
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor
Female Vocalists	Kathi, Kendalyn	Ann, Kathi	Ann, Kendalyn	Kathi, Kendalyn
Acolytes	Slade	Micah	Micah	Slade
Greeters/Ushers	Brian & Sam	Carmen, Kathi	Nellie, Jeanne	Brian & Sam
1st Reading	Dave	Craig P.	Vicki Brown	Kurt Boehm
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Brenda P.	Stan Brown	Rhonda Boehm
Gospel	Kendalyn	Ann	Brian	Pastor
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Dave Huff	Brian Fox	Kristy Broers	Kurt Boehm
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Dan	Craig	Nellie	Sam
Sound	Rollie	Ed	John	Ed
Cameras	Earlene	John	Ed	John
Pro Presenter	George	Tammy	George	Tammy
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Sherol	Sandy	Iris
Acolytes	Micah	Iris	Malachi	Micah
1st Reading	Arlene	Rollie	Sandy	Rae
Psalm Reading	Arlene	Rollie	Sandy	Rae
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Rae	Kristy B.	Iris
Gospel	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Iris
Offering	Bill, Matt	Iris, Rae	Bill, Matt	Iris, Rae
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	Matt G.	Matt G.	John
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	Sherol	Tammy	George

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evil from spreading. It helps us to live at peace with others and blesses our faith community and the larger community that we live in. You might ask if these positive actions will fix the problem? If you mean, "Will it bring justice to every situation?" I would tend to argue that it probably won't. Again, God gets to make the final decision in these matters. However, will it fix the problem of evil? Yes, I believe these positive steps will help put an end to evil. Because instead of responding in kind when someone hurts you,

which multiplies evil, responding kindly eliminates the possibility of making it worse. When somebody hurts you, you aren't helpless; in fact, what you do next can truly help the situation and maybe even change the heart of the person who was once your enemy. You might not remember all the steps, but God provides us the shortened version right there in Romans 12, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Amen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00a Pastor to GSC	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:00 ELC Women	9:00a Prayer Group		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Men's Group Cinnamon Roll Breakfast 10:30a Traditional Worship	10:00a FB Bible Study 5:00p Council Agenda Due	10:00a Pastor to GSC 11:00a Traditional Worship Planning Meeting	7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		2:00p Chad Edwards Funeral
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7:30p Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30p Contemporary Worship 10:30p Traditional Worship 5:30p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study 6:30p New Member Class	10:00a Pastor to GSC	7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
Happy Father's Day! 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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New Member Installation 27	28	29	30			
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study	10:00a Pastor to GSC	7:00a Men's Bible Study			

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cushions can be used again. Cleaning is no longer required after the 2nd service, unless there is a planned event immediately following the 2nd service. There was consensus by the council to proceed with the new guidelines.

Dan D. moved at 6:44 pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill E. Motion approved.

President Matt G. closed the open meeting with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Steve.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymnesser, Secretary

Next Meeting: May 9, 2021 5:30 pm

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 6/1 Dustin Finck, Charlotte Jorgensen,
Cassie Marckmann
- 6/2 Ryan Bakerink, Kody Bigelow, Patti Bricker,
Steve McKibban
- 6/4 Linda Hohertz, Jessica Martin, Matt Rohrig
- 6/5 Eric Nelson
- 6/6 Darrell Chiles, Matthew Mangels
- 6/7 Joe Martin
- 6/8 June (Victoria) Warren, Sara Funke
- 6/9 Jeff Johnson, Tom Martin, Jacob Mangels,
Nolan Powell
- 6/10 Cade Fenster, Scott Steele
- 6/11 Darla Ernst, Judd Martin, Lyle Schwartz,
Linda Thompson, Adelaide Livingston
- 6/12 Robert Jacobson
- 6/14 Susan Herr McDowell, Paul Berg
- 6/15 Tracy Jacobson
- 6/16 William Ernst, Donna Grothen, Kurt Venteicher
- 6/17 Zachary Jacobson, Kevin Wissner
- 6/18 Lynn Bohling, Rainey Cook
- 6/19 Jessi Christensen, Drew Jacobson
- 6/20 Mark Jungmann
- 6/21 Cody Jacobson
- 6/22 June Eshelmann, Jennifer Baudler Reed
- 6/24 Carmen Homan, Steve Marckmann
- 6/26 Chris Baudler, Braydon McKibban
- 6/28 LaVerne Estell, Andy Jacobson, Mary Nelson,
Tucker Sloth Rohrig
- 6/30 Daniel Jorgensen

CONFIRMATIONS



- 6/2 Cris Queck
- 6/4 Courtnee Ford, Greg Raasch
- 6/5 Patty Queck, Larry Lewis,
Anna Richards
- 6/6 Verlene Williamson
- 6/7 Vanessa Martin, Kristy Broers
- 6/8 Jodi Baudler, Max Kuhns, Mia Maxwell, Austin
Lundy
- 6/9 Frances Gross
- 6/20 Ralph Lane

ANNIVERSARIES



- 6/2 Dennis & Diane Subbert
- 6/3 Ron & Judy Nelson
- 6/5 Pat & Iris Westphal
Jesse & Rachel Grove
- 6/7 Clel & Lori Herr
Brian & Samantha Gettler
- 6/8 Gary & Joan Finck
Tedd & Lynn Christensen
- 6/9 Rex & Karen Hight
Andrew & Emily Hansen
- 6/10 Steven & Kristy Broers
- 6/11 Tyler & Carley Denton
- 6/12 Harold & Pat Nelson
Joe & Jill Ellsworth
- 6/17 Dallas & Courtnee Ford
- 6/18 Matt & Tracey Proud
- 6/19 Josh & Jessi Christensen
- 6/20 Mike & Lori Nelson
- 6/21 Larry & AnnaMarie Swanson
Kevin & Staci Wissner
- 6/22 Jeff & Holly Erbes
- 6/23 Glenette & Tony Schumacher
- 6/24 Jeremy & Ann Rohner
- 6/25 Bart & Jill Mostaert
- 6/26 Gale & Margy Helm
- 6/27 David & Carmen Homan
- 6/30 Lyle & Diane Schwartz

BAPTISMS



- 6/1 Brad Ernst, Sidney Hohertz, Sophia Grull
- 6/2 Lori Fox, Janell Hansen, Adelynn Feazell
- 6/3 Molly Dabb, Patty Queck
- 6/4 Barb McKibban
- 6/5 Matt Jensen, Denise Denton, Nancy Queck
- 6/7 Velist Martin, Danielle Steele
- 6/10 Truman Livingston
- 6/11 Brandon Raasch
- 6/14 Doug Berg, Paul Berg, Jack Berg
- 6/16 Adaline Johnson
- 6/17 Laura Schwartz
- 6/18 Roleen Chiles
- 6/20 Ralph Lane
- 6/22 Christina Adams, Kimberly Johnson, James
Johnson, Eric Gross
- 6/23 Garrett Sherley, Vega Ritchie, Mary Hall
- 6/24 Anna Richards
- 6/26 Lyle Schwartz
- 6/27 Jodi Baudler, Ed Christensen
- 6/30 Parker Manning

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Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.
Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.