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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.

August 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." – Hebrews 13:8

I was looking through my old church directory earlier today and thinking about how much has changed. So many people's faces that have died or moved away. Some people that still live in the area but I never see anymore. Many people who have been a part of our church community for years and yet are new enough that they weren't in the directory back when we put it together. Little kids are in college now and many of the kids running around in church weren't even born yet. They say that the only thing constant in life is change and that is a very true statement.

That is why I find great comfort in knowing that the only truly consistent thing in life is God. He was there when you were born and will be the same loving and ever-present God the day you take your last breath. He loves you when you make wonderful choices and loves you through the difficult times when your sin causes problems in your life. And while friends and family move away, die and sometimes, unfortunately, will disappoint and even betray you, Jesus promises that He will never leave or forsake you. Nothing in all creation will separate you from His love.

And even though I miss so many people who used to come to church here, whether they have died or go somewhere else now or don't go anywhere anymore, I find comfort in knowing that the God who never changes binds us all together still. God once told me that I can't be greedy and hope to serve everyone in town all the time. There are lots of great churches in the area and there are times in peoples' lives where they may go elsewhere for a little while. Sometimes I will see them again and sometimes I won't. But our shared faith in Jesus means that we will all one day worship

together around the throne of God again. I also know that sometimes people I know and love fall away from their faith for a season, or get out of the habit of attending worship, but I trust in the never-ending love of God that continues to call out to people day after day and I still hope to see them again in church one day. People change, circumstances change and even churches change, but the message of Jesus and the love of God never changes for even a moment.

I bet that some of you reading this share my sadness in remembering those who have died and feel like the church just isn't the same without them around anymore. You are right. It isn't. But the God we love is the same and continues to call us to serve Him by loving those around us and sharing the message of the cross. I bet that some of you reading this are probably some of the people I miss. Who used to attend regularly but now just don't. Maybe you feel like too much has changed and it just wouldn't be the same. All I know is that you ARE loved by the people here and while this old world changes and things might feel different, things might actually be better now and God's love for you is just as wonderful and powerful as it ever was before!

A lot of things have definitely changed and they will continue to change. But I pray that you know the love of God and that He is always faithful to you. And I pray that Emmanuel Lutheran Church is always a place where you feel welcome to hear and experience that love in the future. I honestly can't wait to see how God works in our lives in the future, no matter what changes that might entail, but I know for certain that His love for you and me will never change. His mercies are new every morning. He is always faithful. Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—06/13/2021

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

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

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with devotions, Galatians 5:14.

The minutes of the May 9 council meeting were read. Motion to approve 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. Income for the 1st quarter is lower than hoped for. Discussion followed and Bill reported there were 25 "on-line" giving transactions. Pastor was instructed to include a thank you in the newsletter for church camp donations. Motion to approve by Dan D., seconded by Iris W. and approved.

George F. and Bill E. presented a draft budget for 2022. Discussion followed and the Outreach budget was questioned. Pastor will call an Outreach Ministry team meeting to review and present at the next council meeting. The budget was tabled for discussion again at the next meeting, and to review income projections based on the 1st 6 months of 2021. There was discussion about the utilities budgets and irregular temperature settings on the thermostats in the church. Craig P. made a motion to replace the thermostats with programmable thermostats, that could hopefully even be adjusted via the internet. Dan D. is to check prices, and check with Bob Jacobson. Seconded by Raedeen B. Approved.

Pastor Steve presented his report, with no new activities. He did report 2 days of vacation, and that he had made 4 more home visits. Iris W. motioned to approve, seconded by Bill E., and carried.

Pastor Steve reported no new requests for emergency benevolence.

Committee Reports:

Women of the ELCA: no report

Alter Guild: They met for planning confirmation activities.

Property: Dan reported he had investigated clearing the South and West property lines of the parsonage. A rough estimate but replacement at between \$12,000 to \$15,000 for a composite fence and removal of the shrubbery. He will check on a firm price for our next meeting, and to present at the semi-annual meeting.

Dan reported that the crew to finish clearing brush/trees from the East property line of the church was cancelled due to rain. He'll try to schedule a date this fall.

Both Dan and Matt are working to obtain estimates for finishing the plaster and paint work in the sanctuary. One estimate was obtained. They are working to obtain another bid.

Dan will call the carpet installers for the front steps of the church.

Music and Worship: The organ was tuned.

Children's Ministry: Pastor gave the report as follows:

GROW

-Confirmation

-7 Confirmation students will be attending Confirmation Camp at Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp starting July 11th. Pastor Broers will be looking for 1-2 more adults to help transport students.

-High School-

-Children's Ministry

-VBS – We are still very much in need of helpers for all grades. The plan for VBS is to have much of it outside this year. We are asking kids to bring their own snacks this year along with their lunches. Hopefully next year can be back to normal.

The council agreed to leave it up to individual parents as to whether their children wear a mask to VBS.

Memorial: There have been funds coming in from several recent funerals.

Stewardship: No report.

Outreach: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The council approved allowing lunches to be served at funerals again. Discussion followed about the difficulty in finding volunteers to serve. Pastor will meet with the circles to discuss options.

Pastor has found a company to perform an update to our photo church directory. The dates scheduled are October 28, 29, and 30. Progress is being made in updating address info.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The church's semiannual meeting will be held on July 18th between services.

A. Agenda items thus far:

- i. elect a 9th member to the council.
- ii. Solicit delegates to the LCMC annual gathering.
- iii. Present a budget for 2022.
- iv. Present a proposal for a privacy fence for the parsonage.
- v. Present a proposal for finishing the plaster work in the sanctuary.
- vi. TBD

2. Council discussed returning to normal operations following the pandemic restrictions as follows:

A. Replace the hymnals

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Confirmation Meeting

Parents of students entering grades 7—8 (and above) who want to enroll their children in Emmanuel's Confirmation are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Begins Sept. 1

Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 1, at 6:00 p.m.

ELC COUNCIL MINUTES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

- B. Masks at each individuals discretion
 - C. Communion to return to normal setting
 - D. Healing services will start at the end of August.
 - E. Sharing of the Peace: the council will revisit at the August meeting.
 - F. Offering Plate: will remain at the back of the church, rather than passing the plate.
 - G. Social time between services to resume following the July 4th service.
3. Council discussed the generous purchase of new chairs for the Parish Hall by Men of the Church, and from a memorial fund. To create space for storing the chairs, a motion was made by Craig P. to offer all the steel folding chairs in the Parish Hall to congregational members for a free will donation, and to be removed by July 18th. Pastor should include in the next bulletin and in the next newsletter. Seconded by Dan D. Approved
4. Pastor will be on vacation following the July 4th service in the park and return for the following Sunday's service. He will then again leave to take kids to camp and again return by the following Sunday.

Dan D. moved at 7:20 pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Iris W. Motion approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymesser, Secretary

Next Meeting: July 11, 2021 5:30 pm



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

**Save-the-Date
G.R.O.W. starts Sept. 1st!!!**

Fund Balance Report	
As of June 30, 2021	
General Fund	\$66,293.67
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$255.00
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$3,099.81
Total	\$3,354.81
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$11,665.21
Designated Building	\$7,120.00
Designated Mission	\$8,965.00
Total	\$27,750.21
TOTAL	\$97,398.69



ELC WOMEN

August 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Hannah Circle

Bible Study: Pastor

Business Meeting: Hannah Circle

Refreshments: Ruth Circle

Birthdays

Lord's Prayer

Table Prayer

Kitchen Committee: Naomi Circle





Praise God! We are going to get to have G.R.O.W. in person this year!!! Oh, how we missed the joyful noise that fills the church on Wednesday nights! We can hardly wait to get things going again and, believe it or not, it's just around the corner! We are in the process of gearing up for our ELEVENTH YEAR of G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays). I can't wait to see what God has planned for us this year!!! We have been so blessed to have served so many children and families both in our congregation and in the community! We continue to hope and pray that the GROW 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.

With G.R.O.W. right around the corner, I am beginning to get the volunteer list together. We are very much in need of any and all help we can get – whether that means helping one night or every night. I have the following **volunteer positions** open:

-**Class Leaders** (grades PreK through 6th grade; both male and female)

-**Class Helpers** (grades PreK through 6th grade; both male and female)

-**Activity Coordinators** (Come up with an activity to reinforce the night's lesson with a craft, big

group game, or any other type of activity. We try to have activities for PreK-K, 1-4, and 5-6)

-**Tech./Sound Booth** (Running the sound booth & technology for opening and closing)

-**Kitchen Help** (Preparing the scheduled meal and setting it out on trays to be picked up by the class. Then washing dishes when the kids finish eating)

If you see a way you are willing or able to volunteer, please let Kristy Broers or Pastor Broers know. Volunteer positions can be scheduled once, monthly, 2-weeks a month, or weekly.

*We will again be having a **training session** for all G.R.O.W. volunteers. For this year's training we will gather as a group, enjoy a meal and some fun together, and go over our current procedures when it comes to behavior expectations at G.R.O.W. We need to make sure all G.R.O.W. volunteers that work with the kids get to the training session, so please make every effort to be there on **Wednesday, August 25th from 6:00-7:30 PM.***

G.R.O.W. begins on Wednesday, September 1st, and goes 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!

Though our G.R.O.W. program is offered free of charge, families that are able are encouraged to pay \$50 per child to cover the cost of supplies/supper over the course of the year. However, not all families are able to cover that fee, so you have the opportunity to help "**Sponsor a Sheep**". Please include your check for \$50 in the offering plate with "GROW" in the memo line. We appreciate your support!

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 !



Families – you won't want to miss church on **Sunday, August 22nd**. Each year we take the opportunity to pray for the students, parents, and school administration for the

upcoming year. Plus, we hand out a little something to help you to remember that Jesus goes with you everywhere you go – especially to school – and it gives you a cool way to witness your faith to others. You won't want to miss it!

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Chelsea Payne, Virgene Martin, Irma Jacobson, Brad Johnson

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



AUGUST WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Worship Leader	Rick Johnson	Pastor	Brian	Dave	Pastor
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Dan	Malachi	Matt	Malachi	Dan
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor
Female Vocalists	Kathi, Kendalyn	Kathi, Ann	Ann, Kendalyn	Kathi, Kendalyn	Kathi, Ann
Acolyte	Malachi	Micah	Malachi	Levi	Slade
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Nancy S.	Bob and Barb	Wanda	Boehms	Feazells
Greeters/Treats	Jane, Carmen, Kathy	Nellie, Jeanne	Judy and Al	Gettlers	Ed and Kathi
1st Reading	Dave	Brenda P.	Kristy B.	Kurt B.	Vicki B.
2nd Reading	Kathi	Craig P.	Brian	Rhonda B.	Stan B.
Gospel Reading	Kendalyn	Kathi	Ann	Kristy B.	Brian
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Rick Johnson	Pastor	Kristy	Vicki B.	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Dan	Craig	Nellie	Sam	Sam
Communion	Brenda, Carmen, Louise		Denise, Wanda, Kurt		
Sound	Ed	Rollie	Ed	John	Ed
Cameras	George	Earlene	John	Ed	John
Pro Presenter	Tammy	George	George	Tammy	George
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen	Jane
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Rae	Arlene	Iris	Rae
Acolyte	Malachi	Micah	Ben	Micah	Ben
1st Reading	Arlene	Kristy B.	Sandy	Rollie	Amy
Psalm Reading	Arlene	Kristy B.	Sandy	Rollie	Amy
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Paul	Arlene	Iris	Iris
Offering	Bill, Matt	Iris, Rae	Bill, Matt	Iris, Rae	Iris, Rae
Communion	Pat, Iris		Arlene, Sherol		
Sound/Cameras	George	Rollie	Matt G.	Matt G.	John
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	Sherol	Nate	Tammy	Nate

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study Council Agenda Deadline	10:00a Pastor to GSC 6:30p Outreach & Stewardship Meeting	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:00p ELC Women	9:00a Prayer Group 11:00a Traditional Worship Planning		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Back-to-School Blessings 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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				

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



8/2 Allie Herr, Kristy Broers
8/3 Brian Eisbach
8/4 Alison Mostaert
8/5 Scott Brown, Nancy Estell,
Madeline Chiles
8/7 Ramon Jacobson
8/8 John Baudler, Bart Boehm, Aaron Wilson
8/9 Sarah Paris, Earlene Purdy, Leland Schwartz,
Austin Lundy, Ty Christensen, Zayden Jonas
8/10 Mike Mensing
8/11 Kevin Baudler, Patty Jacobson,
Ryan Laughery, Zoey Groves
8/13 Tim Gross, Ray Sorensen II,
Glen Hanson
8/14 Norbert Engles, Jaxson Stringer, Sara Foster
8/15 Kay Raper, Milini Matzie
8/17 Cory Queck, Judi Raasch, Matthew Nelson,
Parker Manning
8/18 Donna Erbes
8/20 Daisy Antisdell, Nancy Stringer
8/21 Patty Grantham, Christina O'Hare,
Cynthia Sickles
8/23 Clover McHargue, Vanessa Ritchie
8/24 Matz Jungmann, Jacob Baudler
8/25 Melissa (Jensen) Vorrie, Della Marckmann,
Tucker Bigelow
8/26 Sam Hoover
8/27 Sherry Herr, Dave Rectenbaugh
8/28 Nicole Engles
8/29 William Hohertz, Judy Nelson, Janice Herr
Blanchard, Allyson Pickrell, Nolan Leiss,
Daxton Leiss
8/30 Joshua Johnson
8/31 Helen Herr

CONFIRMATIONS



8/6 Robert Queck
8/16 Tucker Rohrig

ANNIVERSARIES



8/4 Steve & Debbie Bakerink
8/5 Matthew & Megan Emerson
Matt & Julie Raasch
8/7 Mick & Cindy Baudler
Phillip & Gena Ward
8/8 Jordan & Sarah Johnson
8/9 David & Diane Jungmann
8/12 Steve & Patti Bricker
Bobby & Crystal Dabb
8/14 Jim & Ruth Buenting
Mark & Kim Nelson
8/17 Darrell & Roleen Chiles
8/19 Brad & Anne Nelson
8/24 Tim & Carol Gross
8/25 Greg & Stephanie Ennis
Matt & Denise Kuhns
8/30 Dave & Audra Rectenbaugh

BAPTISMS



8/1 Mary Nelson, Aaron Bakerink
8/4 Verlene Williamson
8/5 Meghan Andersen, Eric Nelson
8/9 Logan Queck
8/10 Kylie Nelson
8/11 Sean Fox, Jacqueline Baudler, Charley
Oder, Sophia Beard
8/13 Alex Kopaska, Kody Bigelow
8/16 Zoe Marckmann, Robert Queck,
Ryker Tonderum
8/17 Tymothy Christensen, Cade Fenster
8/19 Andrew Martin
8/21 Lucas Held, Ashlyn Lund
8/23 Tucker Bigelow, Stella Johnson
8/25 Jessica Martin
8/28 Earlene Purdy
8/31 Nolan Powell

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Come and Worship With Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Healing Services—August 29, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.