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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 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)

There is a lot of freedom for a Christian. Even when we sin, we have a God who loves us so much that He will forgive us no matter what! No strings attached! When we repent of our sins, God takes away our guilt, our shame and gives us the chance to live a different way by the power of His Holy Spirit. But when you recognize God's amazing grace, an important question comes up which Saint Paul asks in the book of Romans: "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" In other words, if we know that God will forgive us, why should we ever bother to stop sinning?! There are two answers to this question. The first answer deals with the Law and its temporary, but quite effective, deterrents. The second answer deals with God's promise and how we can begin to live the new life God has created us for.

Why not just sin since you know that you will be forgiven anyway? One good reason is this: consequences. Earthly consequences. While God's grace gives us hope for eternal life through His forgiveness, sin still has terrible and destructive effects for us here on Earth.

In the book of 2nd Samuel, we hear about how King David committed both the sin of adultery and murder. He was confronted by the prophet Nathan, "Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in His eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own." Then David confessed his sin. "Nathan replied, 'The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.'" (2

Sam. 12:9-13). From this point, though David was forgiven, the Bible tells the story of how David's family falls apart. God still loves and blesses David, but listen to this litany of consequences that I recently read in my *Experiencing God Day-by-Day Devotional*: "The child born of David's adultery died (2 Sam. 12:14). David's son Amnon raped David's daughter Tamar (2 Sam. 13:14). David's son Absalom murdered Amnon (2 Sam. 13:28-29). Absalom brought the kingdom into rebellion (2 Sam. 15). For the rest of David's reign, violence filled his home and his kingdom. Although David knew he was forgiven, he bore the painful consequences of his sin for the rest of his life." (pg 143) Why should we refrain from sinning even though we know about God's abundant grace? Because there are often terrible consequences that we have to endure because of our sin.

But Saint Paul gives us another answer for why we stay away from sin: "We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" (Romans 6:2) In other words, forgiveness changes us. We aren't staying away from sin because we are afraid of punishment anymore, the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to choose to live a new way! He concludes his argument by saying, "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:11)

When you are fighting the temptation to sin remember this: "God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." (1st Corinthians 10:13) Sometimes you will fight sin because you realize the consequences are not something you want to experience. Other times, you will fight sin because you recognize that God is giving you the strength to live a life free from sin and pleasing to God! Finally, if you do fall into sin, remember the greatest promise of all: nothing in all creation can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus! Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES— 4/16/2023

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Huff. Present: David Huff, Dan Berg, Samantha Gettler, Rhonda Boehm, Iris Westphal, Roger Jensen, and Gini Herr.

Late arrivals due to a funeral: Craig Plymesser, Pastor Steve Broers.

Guests: Denise Bridges, George Feazell

Absent: Louise Johnson

Gini Herr read the minutes from the **March 12 council meeting**. Motion to approve minutes as read was made by Dan Berg and seconded by Samantha Gettler. Motion carried. Gini Herr presented the Treasurer's report. All finances are in excellent condition. Roger Jensen moved to approve the treasurer's report and Dan Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no requests for emergency benevolence funds.

Ministry Reports:

Women of the ELC: Donated \$150 to GROW to assist with their Heifer International donation.

Altar Guild: N/R

Property: Roger reported estimates are being obtained to re-seed the parsonage lot, including leveling where the trees/shrubs had been, and removal of the stumps.

He also reviewed estimates for applying epoxy paint to the basement floors. Color choices to be submitted to the Aesthetics committee. Roger will meet with the Memorial Committee to determine funds available for the basement floor and proceed as far as funding will allow.

Music and Worship: N/R

Children's Ministry: Her full report will be in the newsletter.

Memorial: The committee has requested that a 5th person be added to the committee. Council approved adding the current Council Vice President as a permanent addition to the Memorial Committee as both a member, and connection to the council for implementation of requests.

Denise Bridges reported that new chairs for upstairs classrooms have not yet been ordered, due to lack of inventory, but will be ordered as soon as available. Chairs will be purchased by a private donation.

Stewardship: N/R

Adult ministries: N/R

Outreach: The committee met and discussed ideas on how to proceed with being disciples. The committee recommended that Pastor proceed with forming a "huddle" group to further discuss actions. There was also discussion on what could be done to aid in mental health issues in the community.

Old Business:

There is a sizeable increase in the assessed value of the property which will affect the property insurance premium. David and George are to review increased costs with Adair County Mutual, and to review definition of replacement value and what replacement would mean. They were also instructed to obtain a second estimate for insurance costs for a comparison, both for review at the next council meeting.

New Business:

The council reviewed the contract for organ tuning and approved the increase in price and added additional personnel and Iris Westphal as contact information.

First quarter benevolence was reviewed by Dan Berg. Gini Herr moved, seconded by Rhonda Boehm to move forward with payment. Carried

George Feazell reported on a discussion with a carillon company from Cleveland, OH about repair work to the carillon bells. The first step is to check the wiring continuity connecting the speakers and the controller. Once wiring is verified or corrected, the next step is for the company to repair or prepare an estimate for a new controller. Council consensus was to move ahead with repair work using funds from the designated CD.

George presented a request to update the accounting software. The current software is no longer offered at an annual price. Iris Westphal moved, seconded by Roger Jensen, to keep the Pro Plus software and change to a subscription pricing plan. Approved. Funding from the approved General Admin budget.

George presented the need for replacing computers for our bookkeeper, secretary, and Pastor. Roger Jensen moved that George purchase 3 new computers and a maintenance contract. Seconded by Rhonda Boehm and carried. Funding from the approved General Admin budget.

Pastor requested that some of his vacation days be transferred to sick days. After discussion, the council agreed that he should just use vacation days to supplement sick days when the sick days have been used.

Pastor has been asked to provide suggestions for uses of memorial funds that can then be provided to families as needed. The council will contribute ideas at the next council meeting.

Pastor reviewed his March report. Gini Herr moved, seconded by Dan Berg, to approve his report and expenses. Carried. Pastor presented the continuing discussion on "How to disciple" and devotions from 1st John Chapter 2 with discussion on how we should "walk" as Jesus did.

Roger Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, seconded by Samantha Gettler. Motion carried.

President Huff then opened a closed session of the council for review of Pastor's salary. Samantha Gettler moved to proceed with the recommended increase, seconded by Craig Plymesser and approved.

Roger Jensen made a motion to end the closed session, seconded by Dan Berg. Carried. President Huff closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:15

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymesser
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Fund Balance Report As of April 30, 2023	
General Fund	\$78,411.93
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$13,384.12
Designated Mission	\$1,395.00
Designated Building	\$0.00
Total	\$14,779.12
 TOTAL	 \$93,191.05

General Giving As of April 30, 2023	
Actual	\$62,828.07
Budget	\$74,000.00
	(\$11,171.93)



Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

Seven Confirmation students completed their studies and read their faith statements at the worship service on Sunday, May 28. They were Gabe Beaman, Allie Cornelison, Destiny Fry, Allyson Pickrell, Derek Raasch, Taylor Rohrig, and Kadisha Symns.



ELC Women's Meetings for Remainder of 2023

The ELC Women will meet the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month starting in June and continuing for the rest of the year. Please update your calendars accordingly.

Thank you!



ELC WOMEN

June 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Ruth Circle

Bible Study: Pastor

Business Meeting: Ruth Circle

Birthdays

Lord's Prayer

Table Prayer

Kitchen Committee: Ruth Circle



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT—JUNE 2023

As I write this, we are on the countdown to summer and school getting out! G.R.O.W. has officially ended for this year, be sure to check out our picture page and see all the fun we had. It goes without saying that we could not do it without our church family and your continuing support and love. **Thank you!**

This month's highlights:

*Attended the 80th Celebration Dinner for Riverside Bible Camp in Story City.

*Our final G.R.O.W. night with a celebration of the year!

*VBS plans for **Foundation – Psalm 62:2** is rolling along,

*Assisted Pastor and the kids with Confirmation Sunday-May 28.

*Attended and served at the High School Baccalaureate

service.

*Organizing and assisting with getting kids scheduled for summer camps.

*Planning summer youth events for July and August after VBS and summer camps.

*Beginning to look at our fall lesson plans for G.R.O.W. and High School.

Watch for our summer schedule of events to hit the announcements soon. Never forget all kids are welcome and we love to see new faces. Feel free to stop by and see me with any suggestions or feedback on our youth programs. Enjoy the sunshine and just think soon it will be summer and time for Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp!

Denise Bridges

GROW GAMES FOR ALL AGES!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Dorene Feick, Chelsea Payne, Kellie Sickles, Vicki Brown, Jaya Fever, Amanda Symms, Phyllis Hanke

Greenfield Rehab Center Residents – Ralph Lane, LaVerne Estell, Frances Gross, Norma Finck, Harold Nelson, Irma Jacobson, Helen Herr, Charlene Baudler, Irma Mitchell

Assisted Living Residents – Larry Hohertz, Deloris Plymesser, Margaret Marckmann



Remember Our Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad – Special prayers for Lucas Queck, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Curtis Darr, Colton Hernandez (great-grandson of Phyllis Hanke), Brett Schafroth (Lori and Brian Fox's nephew)



GROW—JUNE 2023

G.R.O.W. has come to an end for the year. We had a terrific turn-out on May 3th at the End of the Year Celebration! It was wonderful to gather in God's name and celebrate all He has done this year!

We met at the church for a dinner of hot dogs and potluck. There were over 100 people and children in attendance. We played games on the church lawn, ate dinner, had some updates on VBS and GROW activities and ended the night with the burning of our prayer cards from the year and a prayer from Pastor. It was nice to see the adults' all watching kids and visiting with each other.



Thank you to all who came and helped. It goes without saying that this would not have been as much of a successful year without our dedicated and loyal volunteers. It was a great year!

Denise Bridges



Fontanelle Vacation Bible School June 20-23, 2022

Save the dates now! Held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fontanelle

3-year olds-those entering Kindergarten (9 AM-noon & bring a sack lunch)

Those entering 1st-6th grades (9 AM-2 PM & bring a sack lunch)

Sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran Church

All are welcome! Contact the church for more information.

Questions? Contact Denise Bridges, Youth Minister 712-789-0745

“He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress; I will never be shaken.” Psalm 62:2



We Need You! Invest in Our Kids!

This year our theme is Foundations... We are founded in Majesty, Relationships, Compassion and Joy. To share the joy of Jesus to our community, we need help. Every day we need adults and teens to be helpers with the Camp Staff. Can you help from 8:30 to 2:15? VBS runs from Monday 6/19 to Thursday 6/22, and we will take any help we can get. Even if you can only help one or two days, do not let that stop you. Call Denise Bridges and let's talk! 712-789-0745

Another way to help with VBS is to help provide some supplies. Every day we will need snacks, lunch for the camp staff and some craft supplies. Look for a display board in the front entrance of the church on Sunday, June 4. Please take a ticket and record your name next to the number that you take for the item to return. Thank you for being a supporter of our kids.

JUNE WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Worship Leader	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Rhonda B.
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Malachi B.	Dan D.	Malachi B.	Dan D.
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Female Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Acolytes	Micah B.	Jack B.	Micah B.	Josh N.
Greeters/Treats	Sam & Brian G.	Kathy G., Jane L.	Nellie G., Jeanne J.	Ann & Jeremy R.
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Kurt & Rhonda B.	Craig & Brenda P.	Ed & Kathi C.	Bob & Barb Q.
1st Reading	Jim D.	Jack B.	Wanda J.	Josh N.
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Alyse D.	Kathi C.	Jeremy R.
Gospel	Rhonda B.	Brenda P.	Kristy B.	Alyse D.
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Rhonda B.
Communion Helpers	Rhonda B., Jim D., Levi G.		Wanda J., Darla B., Carmen H.	
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Gini H.	Craig P.	Dave H.	Dan B.
Sound	Rollie P.	Ed C.	John B.	Jayden R.
Cameras	John B.	Micah B.	Micah B.	Kelly H.
Pro Presenter	George F.	Tammy J.	Tammy J.	Kylie N.
Organist	Kathy T.	Shirley M.	Karen S.	Karen S.
Greeters/Ushers	Rae & Paul B.	Darry & Roleen C.	Pat & Iris W.	Margy H. & Carla L.
Acolytes	Malachi B.	Micah B.	Malachi B.	Micah B.
1st Reading	Paul B.	Nancy P.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
Psalm Reading	Paul B.	Nancy P.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Malachi B.	Amy H.	Nancy P.
Communion Helpers	Paul B.		Rollie P.	
Offering	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.
Sound/Cameras	Rollie P.	Matt G.	Ben H.	Matt G.
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	George F.	Nathan H.	George F.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
				9:00a Prayer Group		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 2:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall) 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study 5:00p Council Agenda Due		7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group 10:00a Traditional Worship Planning		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 2:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall) 5:00p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study	10:00a Contemporary Worship Planning	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:30p ELC Women <i>Pastor Out of Office</i>	<i>Pastor Out of Office</i>		
Father's Day 18	VBS 19	VBS 20	VBS 21	VBS 22	23	24
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 2:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall) 5:00-8:00p VBS Set-Up 6:30p Praise Team Practice	9:00a-2:00p VBS 10:00a FB Bible Study 12:00-3:00p Secretary Office Hours	9:00a-2:00p VBS 12:00-3:00p Sec. Office Hours	7:00a Men's Bible Study 9:00a-2:00p VBS 12:00-3:00p Sec. Hours 5:00p July Newsletter Deadline 	9:00a-2:00p VBS 9:00-12:45p Sec. Office Hours 7:00p VBS Program		
25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study		7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		



Please note that the Secretary's Office Hours will vary during VBS week. The rest of the month's hours will be according to the regular schedule unless otherwise noted in the bulletin or on the door.

Regularly scheduled hours are:

- M-Th from 10:15 a.m.—1:15 p.m. +
- Fridays as needed

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 6/1 Dustin Finck, Charlotte Jorgensen, Cassie Marckmann
- 6/2 Ryan Bakerink, Kody Bigelow, Patti Bricker, Steve McKibban
- 6/4 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, Ryan Ladd
- 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, 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 Jennifer Baudler Reed
- 6/23 Joanna Marckmann
- 6/24 Carmen Homan, Steve Marckmann
- 6/26 Chris Baudler, Braydon McKibban, Braydon Crees
- 6/27 Miley Leeper
- 6/28 LaVerne Estell, Andy Jacobson, Mary Nelson, Tucker Sloth Rohrig
- 6/30 Daniel Jorgensen

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 Velista Novak, 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, Henry Queck, Cooper Kramer, Aubrey Kramer
- 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



ANNIVERSARIES



- 6/2 Dennis & Diane Subbert
- 6/3 Ron & Judy Nelson
- 6/4 Bart & Sarah Boehm
- Nathan & Jordan Ardent
- 6/5 Pat & Iris Westphal
- Jesse & Rachel Grove
- Nathan & Jordan Ardent
- 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 Joe & Jill Ellsworth
- Cory & Wendi Queck
- 6/17 Dallas & Courtnee Ford
- 6/18 Matt & Tracey Proud
- 6/19 Josh & Jessi Christensen, Dustin & Lexi Ferguson
- 6/20 Mike & Lori Nelson
- 6/21 Larry & AnnaMarie Swanson
- Kevin & Staci Wissner
- 6/22 Jeff & Holly Erbes
- 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

CONFIRMATIONS



- 6/2 Cris Queck
- 6/4 Courtnee Ford, Greg Raasch, Matthew Mangels, Sophia Broers, Jessica Huff, Macy Kuhns, Piper Manning, Logan Wissner, Caleb Wissner, Kennedy Perkey, Sidney Nelson
- 6/5 Patty Queck, Larry Lewis, Anna Richards, Isabelle Eisbach, Jacob Fry, Slade Gettler, Kylie Nelson, Matthew Ruduolf, Parker Schnieder
- 6/7 Vanessa Martin, Kristy Broers
- 6/8 Jodi Baudler, Max Kuhns, Mia Maxwell, Austin Lundy
- 6/9 Frances Gross
- 6/20 Ralph Lane

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