

*Come to Faith, Honor God's Word
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.*

July 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

When we put our faith in Jesus Christ and are baptized in the name of the Triune God, the Holy Spirit comes and makes a home in us. He plants Himself in our hearts and our life begins to change. You might not even notice it at first, but God starts working in you and through you. The way that Galatians chapter five explains this is by relating it to how a plant will grow and produce fruit. We begin to produce fruit through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Of course, each one of these seven characteristics is important and could be the focus of an entire sermon let alone a newsletter article. But I feel led to write specifically about the fruit of kindness. I believe that this particular attribute has been losing ground more than any other among Christians since I was a child. I am not sure why this has happened. Maybe kindness just isn't as flashy as joy or as often talked about as love; however, I believe that kindness is much more important than we give it credit for.

Recently, I was reading a book titled *Humankind* by Rutger Bregman. One of his main arguments is that the ability to be kind and get along with others gives humanity an advantage over other species. Furthermore, humans that are kind to one another have a built in advantage over other people who do not act this way. We have probably all heard the saying, "Nice guys finish last." However, according to Bregman, historically that really isn't true at all.

I am always praying that God would give me more ways of helping the congregation think about making disciples because I truly believe that this should be what we are focused on more than anything else as a Christian

community. Perhaps we have overlooked a simple but powerful tool that we have access to as believers in Jesus: kindness.

Who would you be more interested in listening to? Someone who talks over you or someone who is interested in listening to what you have to say? Who would you want to hang out with? Someone who bullies others and makes fun of them or someone who is pleasant and encouraging? Who would you respect more? Someone who is angry and swearing all the time or someone who finds peace in situations and whose words are uplifting? You might not realize that kindness opens doors for you to share your faith with others. You might not realize that kindness matters to people more than even your best theological arguments. So then, why don't we focus on it more?

When we watch sitcoms, we laugh when the characters make fun of people; but in real-life, nobody wants to get made fun of and their feelings are real. In movies, the heroes or heroines are often admired because of their tough attitudes; but in real life, people who would act that way will soon find that they have few friends. Stories abound about Hollywood stars, professional athletes and famous people who are notorious for their bad attitudes. And because these people are so talented, they often get away with being unkind. But as Christians, we are called to be different.

The American philosopher Dr. Wayne W. Dyer has a wonderful quote that I believe Jesus would endorse whole-heartedly, "If you have the choice between being right and being kind, choose being kind." Being kind will not only bless your life but bless the lives of the people in your life. Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—05/14/2023

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, Gini Herr, Craig Plymessa, Louise Johnson, and Pastor Steve Broers.
Guests: Denise Bridges, George Feazell

Pastor Steve presented the devotions centered on building disciples. The 3 key steps are approval, appetite, and ambition.

Craig Plymessa read the minutes from the April 16 council meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read was made by Iris Westphal and seconded by Dan Berg. Motion carried.

Gini Herr presented the Treasurer's report. Funding for the parsonage fence was discussed with income from Vision Fund. Income is falling behind projected income. Discussion followed on how to discuss with the congregation at the semiannual meeting in July.
Council is to review the Vision Fund suggested budget items at the next council meeting.
Louise Johnson moved to approve the treasurer's report and Samantha Gettler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no requests for emergency benevolence funds.

Pastor gave his report. Motion to approve report and expenses by Gini Herr, seconded by Roger Jensen.
Approved

Ministry Reports:

Women of the ELC: Moving their monthly meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Altar Guild: Everything is moving smoothly.

Property: Roger reported that Rod McMorran will be re-seeding the parsonage lawn this fall. There is a hole in the new parsonage fence, which Roger will investigate. He also reviewed applying epoxy paint to the basement floors. Color choices to be submitted to the Aesthetics committee. Roger met with the Memorial Committee which approved funds for the basement floor. The project should only take 3 days with firm scheduling to be announced. Repairs were made to the sink in the men's bathroom.

Music and Worship: N/R

Children's Ministry: Her full report will be in the newsletter. Additional funding will be needed for Vacation Bible School since the Fontanelle Methodist will no longer be able to assist. Camp registration is progressing nicely with 14 registered thus far. The GROW celebration was well attended with over 100 there. It was much appreciated that congregation members were there to socialize with non-members.

Memorial: A request will be made of the committee to fund the shortfall in VBS funding.

Stewardship: N/R

Adult ministries: N/R

Outreach: N/R

Old Business:

George Feazell presented the recommendations for new computers and a maintenance agreement. The council agreed with the recommendation and

consensus was to move ahead. Old computers will be recycled.

New Business:

The council received a proposal to replace the exterior and interior doors to the Parish Hall with automatic doors. Discussion followed with concern about implications for meeting Fire Code with the rest of the building. More information will be sought and then presented at the semiannual meeting for congregation consideration.

Council received a request to return to the practice of "Passing the Peace" during the services. After much discussion, Roger Jensen made a motion to not continue the practice, seconded by Louise Johnson. Carried.

The council reviewed property insurance considerations and will further investigate. Our current insurer will no longer insure the building because of its age. Recommendations will be presented at the semiannual meeting.

Retention of Records. The council agreed to continue with the existing policy for keeping church records.

The council reviewed the list of confirmands for confirmation.

- Gabe Beaman
- Allie Cornelison
- Destiny Fry
- Allyson Pickrell
- Derek Raasch
- Taylor Rohrig
- Kadisha Symns

Motion to approve by Gini Herr, seconded by Samantha Gettler. Carried

Roger Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan Berg. Motion carried.

President Huff closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Plymessa, Secretary

Fund Balance Report As of May 2023

General Fund	\$73,130.36
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$13,891.57
Designated Mission	\$1,395.00
Designated Building	\$0.00
Total	\$15,286.57
TOTAL	\$88,416.93

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship at the Fair—July 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Worship at the Adair County Fair with us on Sunday, July 16, for our Contemporary Service at 8:30 a.m. **Please note that fair admission is required.** Additionally, this service **will not be broadcast online.** Traditional service will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the church as usual. We hope to see you at one or both services!



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday, July 23

The semi-annual congregational meeting will be held between services on Sunday, July 23. Thank you!



Congratulations to the Arendt Family!

Congratulations to Jordan and Nathan Arendt on the birth of their twins Brooks John and Weston Ray. Jordan is the daughter of Amy Perkey and Josh Christensen and granddaughter of Ed and Kathi Christensen.



Congratulations, Zachary and Karina!

Leon Wayne Jacobson was born June 20th at 7:34 pm. He weighed 8lbs, 11oz, and is 20 1/4" long. He is the son of Zachary and Karina Jacobson.



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

2023 Confirmation Class



Students were confirmed on May 28, 2023.
Front – Allie Cornelison, Kadisha Symns, Taylor Rohrig, Destiny Fry
Back – Allyson Pickrell, Gabe Beaman, Derek Raasch, Pastor Steven Broers
Photo courtesy of Kristy and Pastor Broers.



ELC WOMEN July 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Rachel Circle
Bible Study: Pastor
Business Meeting: Rachel Circle
Birthdays
Lord's Prayer
Table Prayer
Kitchen Committee: Dorcas Circle



Children & Youth Ministry—July 2023

Summer so far has been a time to recharge and prepare for fall, but I have been busy too. It's time for Vacation Bible School, getting kids ready for camp and making plans for some of those summer activities. I am finding out our High School youth are very busy and have many priorities, but I am working on some events for after summer sports and camp.

We experienced a very successful Confirmation Sunday with 7 students sharing their statements of faith with their families and the church. They worked hard and their efforts came to life.

As of right now, we have over 15 kids from our church and community planning on going to summer camp and it will be a fruitful and fun time for all of them, I am sure. It is with

the support of the church that helps them be able to go.

As I write this, we are currently experiencing Vacation Bible School. Having the Day Camp Counselors from Riverside has been a fun and wild time. Each day, close to 50 students have been joining us! Seeing the smiles and excitement as they walk in the door makes your heart feel good!

At VBS Foundation, our kids are uncovering the truth of who God is and who we are—a fact that will change them forever! Enjoy these pictures and wait to hear more next month!

For all of you who have supported us in any way, THANK YOU! ~ Denise Bridges, Youth Minister



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Dorene Feick, Chelsea Payne, Vicki Brown, Amanda Symns, 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 Plymessenger, 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)



JULY WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	July 2	July 9	July 16 Worship at the FAIR	July 23	July 30
Worship Leader	Brian F.	Kendalyn H.	Praise Team	Ann R.	Kathi C.
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Malachi B.	Dan D.		Dan D.	Malachi B.
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	All	All	All	All	All
Female Vocalists	All	All	All	All	All
Acolytes	Micah B.	Malachi B.		Jack B.	Micah B.
Greeters/Treats	Sam & Brian G.	Ann & Jeremy R.		Nellie G., Jeanne J.	Kathy G., Jane L.
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Ed & Kathi C.	Craig & Brenda P.		Ann & Jeremy R.	Kurt & Rhonda B.
1st Reading	Deb T.	Alyse D.		Kiley H.	Kristy B.
2nd Reading	Kiley H.	Jim D.		Denise B.	Wanda J.
Gospel	Rhonda B.	Brenda P.		Deb T.	Micah B.
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Brian F.	Kendalyn H.		Ann R.	Kathi C.
Communion Helpers	Kurt B., Lori F., Levi G.				
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Gini H., Rhonda B.	Craig P.	Dave H.	Dan B.	Sam G.
Sound	Rollie P.	Ed. C.		Jayden R.	Ed C.
Cameras	John B.	John B.		Micah B.	Kelly H.
Pro Presenter	Tammy J.	George F.		George F.	Tammy J.
			Worship at CHURCH		
Organist	Kathy T.	Shirley M.	Karen S.	Karen S.	Shirley M.
Greeters/Ushers	Pat & Iris W.	Darry & Roleen C.	Rollie & Earlene P.	Carla L., Margy H.	Paul & Rae B.
Acolytes	Malachi B.	Micah B.	Malachi B.	Micah B.	Malachi B.
1st Reading	Nancy P.	Kristy B.	Rollie P.	Brittany B.	Paul B.
Psalm Reading	Nancy P.	Kristy B.	Rollie P.	Brittany B.	Paul B.
2nd Reading	Iris W.	Amy H.	Micah B.	Amy H.	Kristy B.
Gospel	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Communion Helpers	Iris W.		Rollie P.		
Offering	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	Ben H.	Matt G.	Ben H.	Matt G.
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	Nathan H.	Sherol B.	Nathan H.	George F.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00a Jim Huff Memorial Service
2	3	Happy 4 th ! 4	5	6	7	8
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship	10:00a FB Bible Study 11:00a Contemporary Worship Planning	Holiday – Pastor & Secretary's Offices Closed 	7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group 10:00a Traditional Worship Planning		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 11:30a-4:45p Parish Hall Reserved (private event) 5:00p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice Confirmation Camp/Pastor Out (PM)	Confirmation Camp/Pastor Out	Confirmation Camp/Pastor Out	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:30p ELC Women Confirmation Camp/Pastor Out	Confirmation Camp/Pastor Out	PM Private Event Set-Up (Kitch/Parish Hall) Confirmation Camp/Pastor Out	8:00a-8:00p Private Event (Kitch/Parish Hall)
Contemp. Worship at Fair 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship at the Adair Co. Fair 10:30a Traditional Worship HS Camp/Pastor Out (PM)	HS Camp/Pastor Out	HS Camp/Pastor Out	7:00a Men's Bible Study HS Camp/Pastor Out	HS Camp/Pastor Out	HS Camp/Pastor Out	
Semi-Annual Meeting 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Semi-Annual Meeting 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study	5:00p August Newsletter Deadline 	7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group 12:45p Secretary's Office Closes Early		
30	31	August 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice Pastor on Vacation (PM)	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	7:00a Men's Bible Study Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 Nicholas Herr, Tracy Fuller
7/3 Jessica Jones, Payden Manning
7/4 Wyatt Low
7/6 Kellie Mangels
7/7 Nellie Griffith
7/8 Josh Crawford, Jon Hohertz
7/9 Mark Bohling, Kaylee Scheuermann,
Michael Sorensen
7/10 Mandy Baudler, Taylor Garside, Lindsey Fox,
Jackson Glaister-Wentworth
7/12 Lucas Held, Virginia Herr, Dan Berg
7/14 Janene Whicker, Thomas Johnson, Logan
Wissner, Levi Gettler, David Sickles, Abbey Queck
7/15 Kristina Hilpipe, Kylie Nelson
7/16 Makayla Ory, Kathi Christensen, Dean Hall
7/17 Steve Brown, David Huff
7/18 Sean Fox, Colton Garside, Jennifer Lundy, Kris-
tine Riley
7/19 Craig Baudler, Gloria Ernst, Robert Queck, Justin
Marckmann, Macey Dabb
7/20 Steven Held, Emma Perkey, Everett Sickles
7/21 Megan Edwards, Diane Subbert,
Craig Plymesser
7/22 Mark Feick, Karen Dodson
7/23 Curtis Darr
7/24 Sandra Stewart, Carley Denton
7/25 John Weinheimer
7/27 Steven Feick, David Jungmann,
Stephen Hansen, Kara Hohertz
7/29 Dennis Denton, Linda Held,
Alyse Dreher, Kay Marckmann,
Dana Steckelberg, Deb Tindle, Sam Miller,
Tom Chiles
7/30 Jonathan Baudler, Jessica Nelson



CONFIRMATIONS

- 7/18 Bruce Westphal
7/26 Ashlyn Beaman, Malachi Broers, Levi Gettler,
Jacob Mangels, Marie Pickrell, Addie Stringer,
Tristan Randol



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/7 Gale & Clella Buckner
7/10 Virgil & Jill Swanson
7/14 Mike & Kellie Mangels
Lee & Cindy Lundy
Ray & Maria Sorensen
7/16 Mark & Laura Wiggins
7/18 Neil & Gloria Ernst
7/24 Craig & Charlotte Bohlmann
7/25 Alan & Julie Derby
7/27 Thad & Denise Bridges
7/30 James & Debbie Erbes



BAPTISMS

- 7/1 Parker Manning
7/2 Genevieve Livingston, Blake
Edwards
7/4 Joe Martin, Jeremy Rohner
7/6 Jesi Nelson
7/7 Aaron Bigelow, Benjamin Richards
7/9 Olivia Johnson, Kinsey Berg
7/11 Chad Mensing, Sara Funke
7/12 Persephone Nelson, Prudence Nelson,
Providence Nelson
7/14 Adalynn Warrior,
Clara Berg
7/15 Teresa Boston, Madison Fry, Jacob Fry,
Destiny Fry, Kobe Ladd
7/18 Susan Herr McDowell, Riggs Feick
7/19 Krista Mostaert Schatz
7/23 Kain Queck, Emersyn Rose Fox
7/24 Sandy Stewart
7/25 Macy Berg
7/26 Darry Chiles, Addison Stringer, Aiden Stringer,
Jaxson Stringer, Jacob Mangels
Stefan Queck
7/28 Lane Johnston, Lisa Anderson
7/30 Judd Martin



Are we missing information or have your family's information incorrectly listed? Please let the office know so we can update the newsletter records. Thank you!



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Come and Worship With Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service at the Fair*—July 16—8:30 a.m.

**admission to Adair County Fair required*

Traditional Service at Church—July 16—10:30 a.m.

Semi-Annual Meeting—July 23—Between Services

Healing Services—July 30—8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.