

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.

April 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 54b-47

As I am writing this, we have spent one week apart from one another as a community. Last Sunday was the first Sunday where we didn't gather together in order to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus. While I certainly missed seeing everyone, I am glad that we are doing everything that we can in order to protect one another and stay safe. Looking ahead, there are still a lot of things left unknown. We aren't sure whether we will have Easter Sunday worship together or not on April 12th. I am assuming that we probably won't. We don't know whether school or church will even get to meet again for a couple of months! With all of this uncertainty, life can feel quite scary and unnerving.

But the message of Easter is made especially for this time of our lives. The message of Easter is that Jesus died and was raised from the dead! This gives each one of us the same hope. That even though we die, whenever and however that happens, God has promised that He will raise us to live with Him. I can't think of very many things more uncertain or unknown than death after all. Nothing more scary to most people than what's going to happen when they die. How and when it will happen are all mysteries. And yet, with faith in Christ Jesus, we can trust that no matter WHAT happens, we have nothing to worry about because God has promised that we have already won the victory over death!

That can give us a blessed assurance even now as we go through the days, weeks and months of uncertainty around this virus. Jesus has already won the victory over death!

That's good news whether you are quarantined at home, still working in a store or even recovering in a hospital somewhere. No matter what happens, God is on your side and the battle has already been won. Even the most unknown of all things, death itself, the greatest enemy of humankind, has been defeated by Jesus on His cross. "Death has been swallowed up in victory" the Bible says. That doesn't mean we still might not feel scared of it or feel unnerved by our circumstances on a given day, but we can know that on the other side of it all, no matter what, Jesus has won the battle and gives us the victory along with Him!

On a daily basis this message might not make all things better. You might still get very stressed out by having your kids at home or, maybe even more likely, being by yourself all of the time and having NO ONE home. But the message of Easter gives us HOPE! And HOPE is what you need to make it through the day and to wake up the next morning with the expectation of a new day! God never promised that life would be easy for us, but He did promise that no matter how hard it was, He would struggle through it all with us and that, believe it or not, He would help us succeed in the end. He would give us the victory over sin, death and the Devil! No matter whether you feel like you are losing your mind right now or winning parent-of-the-year awards, God has already won and when your time on Earth is done, He will share His victory with you.

When this time of fear and uncertainty is over, I pray that everyone in our community and our country feels like we have joined together and won a major victory. The good news of Easter is that when our life is over, Jesus will share in His victory with us and that peace and joy will last forever. Happy Easter!



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Confirmation Update:

All Confirmation students and families should have received a letter talking about the plans for the rest of the Confirmation years and assignments that need to be completed. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Broers.



E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—02/9/2020

The regular meeting of the Council was held at the Country Kitchen restaurant in Stuart, Iowa. At 5:00 PM a delicious meal was served to the 2019 council members and spouses, new council members and spouses, church bookkeeper Barb Lemke and her husband Ed, church secretary Clella Buckner and husband Gale, and Pastor Steven Broers.

Council president George Feazell called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Members present were George F. Lynn Christensen, Leo Weinheimer, Raedeem Bigelow, Iris Westphal, Judi Raasch, Pastor Broers, and Roland Purdy. Absent was Bart Boehm.

Devotions were given by Pastor Broers.

Motion by Judi R. to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. 2nded by Iris W. Carried.

Treasurer's Reports were presented by George F. Motion by Roland Purdy to approve the reports. 2nded by Raedeem B. Carried.

Pastor Broers presented his monthly mileage/ activities report. Motion by Raedeem B. to approve the report. 2nded by Iris W. Carried.

Emergency Benevolence: None.

Ministry Reports:
Children's Ministry Report
February 2020

GROW

-We are still in need of some more teachers for 6th grade as we lose several in February.

-February-Fest Family Fun Night is coming up on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. The theme is still to be determined

-First Communion Training will begin March 1st for those in 5th grade and meet every Sunday between services through March 29th.

High School

-Luther League is scheduled to have the Valentine's Day dinner on February 16th after the traditional service.

2. Property: Work continues on plaster work in the church.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

The council members thanked out-going members Judi Raasch, Leo Weinheimer, and Bart Boehm for their service.

Motion by Iris W. to adjourn. 2nded by Raedeem B. Carried. We adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Roland Purdy, Secretary.

PRAYER REQUESTS



HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill Raasch, Cindy Baldago, Emmett Grove (Rachel & Jesse Grove's son), Carver Ferguson, Marilyn Eshelman (June's daughter-in-law), Janice Marckmann (cousin to Wanda Johnson), Vicki Brown, David Faux

GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Barbara Nelson

Assisted Living Residents – Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson, Eileen Sorensen, LaVerne Estell

HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON

Harold Nelson

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

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

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



What a season we find ourselves facing. This spring hasn't quite gone as any we've experienced before. We are homeschooling our kids, we are not attending any of our normal spring events, we are attending worship at home on Facebook live, and we find ourselves wondering when life will get back to normal. I don't know about you, but in my house there have been times of fear that we've shared with each other. There have also been times of great hope and blessing.

We have made a tough decision here at Emmanuel to end the G.R.O.W. year now. With school planning to resume on April 13th, we find ourselves with only 3 weeks of normal G.R.O.W. remaining as well as the Fun Run. With more and more schools closing for the remainder of the year, we decided this would be the best decision to make at this time. We are very sad that we will not gather together again with this group of kids or celebrate the awesome year we have had, but we want to keep everyone safe.

Going forward I will continue to put the G.R.O.W. lessons on our G.R.O.W. Facebook page each week so that you can share the lesson as a family at home. You are the very best faith teachers your child can have. You do not need to have all the answers – none of us do! Along with the Bible verse there will be some questions (with answers) that you can discuss as well as an activity you can do. You would be amazed at the insights your children have into the story. Taking the time to read from the Bible with your child will be life changing! Kids learn by example. If you want your children to have a strong faith life and spend time in their Bible each day, let them experience you doing those very things.

SAVE THE DATE! VBS is coming to Emmanuel Lutheran **June 15-18**. Though camp counselors from Riverside Bible Camp will be coming to lead our K-6th graders, we are currently looking for someone to teach the preschool class as well as helpers for both the preschool and big kid groups. We are also looking for a family to serve as a host family for some of our camp counselors this year. Please see Kristy for information or if you are able to help.

Summer Employment Opportunities

Looking for a chance to spend the summer sharing your faith and worshiping God? Consider joining the summer staff team at Ingham Okoboji or Riverside Lutheran Bible Camps! A variety of positions are available for those who have completed their junior year of high school through college and beyond. Take a moment to check out their websites and see which position might be the best fit for you!

As far as First Communion goes, we are still figuring that out. Once we can gather together again at church, we will plan a First Communion Sunday. We will finish the classes, though they may finish after First Communion is held. Pastor Broers will contact students once we know any information.

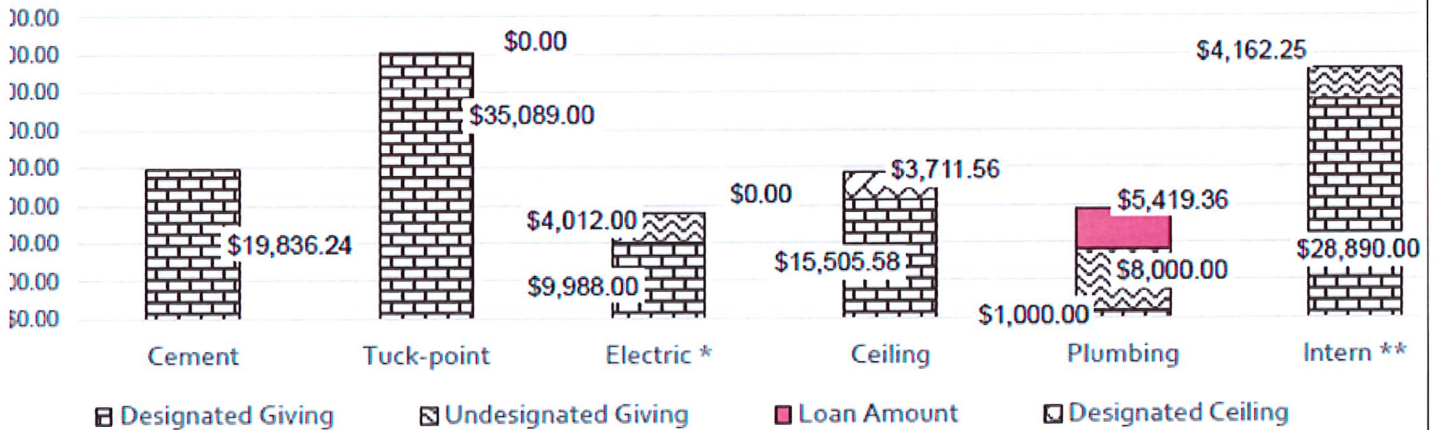
Lastly, I shared earlier that my house has found this time to be a blessing. Each morning as we gather for breakfast one of our family members is assigned to lead us in a brief devotional. We have been in awe as we have watched our children step up and lead us. Often we choose 1-2 verses in the Bible and then the child asks 1-3 questions about the verses chosen that we discuss. To wrap up the devotional, they lead us in a short prayer. So far many of the verses have been about fear and trust. It has given us an opportunity to start our day off as a family focused on God. It has given us a chance to share our feelings vulnerably. It has also given us a chance to see our children mature in their faith. It has been a gift, really. If you are parents of a young child, start the day off by reading a story in a children's Bible or read the Bible and pray together. Starting off your day with God is such an important thing.

God bless you all! Please share my love with all the G.R.O.W. kids!

Love, Kristy Broers

Do you remember spending your summers going to awesome summer camps? Are you wanting your child to have a safe and meaningful camp experience? Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp and Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp are the places to look. Providing opportunities for campers & families of all ages, these Christ centered camp will push your child's faith to the next level! But, sign-up soon as spots are filling up fast! **Emmanuel Lutheran Church has made a commitment to help kids afford any church affiliated camp and will pay half of the registration fee!** See Pastor Broers or Kristy for more information.

Vision Giving Projects
Emmanuel Lutheran
3-08-2020



Project	Building					Mission	Total
	Cement	Tuck-point	Electric *	Ceiling	Plumbing	Intern **	
Designated Giving	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$9,988.00	\$15,505.58	\$1,000.00	\$28,890.00	\$110,308.82
Indesignated Giving			\$4,012.00		\$8,000.00	\$4,162.25	\$16,174.25
Loan Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$5,419.36		\$5,419.36
Designated Ceiling				\$3,711.56			\$3,711.56
Total Project Cost	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$14,000.00	\$15,505.58	\$14,419.36	\$33,052.25	\$131,902.43

* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits
** Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving.

Fund Balance Report
As of February 29, 2020

General Fund	\$30,425.63
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$194.30
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	(\$228.68)
Total	(\$34.38)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$3,513.38
Designated Building	\$10,151.26
Designated Mission	\$2,900.00
Total	\$16,564.64
TOTAL	\$46,955.89

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Worship Leader	Worship		Ed	Kathi
Keyboard	responsibilites may not		Kellie	Kellie
Drums	happen if we are not		Malachi	Dan
Rhythm Guitar	meeting for		Pastor	Pastor
Bass Guitar	church services yet		Bob	Bob
Male Vocalists			Brian, Dave	Dave, Matt J
Female Vocalists			Tracy, Louise, Kendalyn	Kendalyn, Louise, Kathi
Acolytes			Jayden	Levi
Hospitality Host/Hostess			Friends in Faith	Al & Judy
Greeters/Treats			Friends in Faith	Bob & Barb, Gettler Family
1st Reading			Jacob	Malachi
2nd Reading				
Gospel Reading				
Confession/Forgiveness			Dave	Brian
Prayers			Ed	Kathi
Count Offering (*Council Member)			Dan	Nellie
Communion			Kurt, Rhonda, Wanda	
Sound			Rollie	Ed
Cameras			Earlene	George
Pro Presenter			Clella	Tammy
Worship Coordinator			Peggy	Sandy
Organist			Jane	Karen
Greeters/Ushers			Pat & Iris	Leo & Leone
Acolytes			Malachi	Sophia
1st Reading			Malachi	Sophia
Psalm Reading			Malachi	Sophia
2nd Reading			Sherol	Arlene
Offering			Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris
Communion			Iris, Bill, Arlene	
Sound/Cameras			John	Matt G
Children's Worship Bags			Kendalyn, Brenda	

April 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
		TENTATIVE CALENDAR – THINGS MAY CHANGE				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
PALM SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Worship – Live Stream 10:30 Traditional Worship – Live Stream	<u>Council Agenda Deadline</u>			7:00 Maundy Thursday Service - Live Stream	7:00 Good Friday Service –Live Stream	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Worship – Live Stream 10:30 Traditional Worship – Live Stream						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 5:30 Council Meeting						
26	27	28	29	30		
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship						

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 4/1 Courtnee Ford, Jeff LaBarge
 4/2 Malinda Ford, Dennis Johnson, Scott VanEaton
 4/3 Ryan Huff-Siedelmann
 4/4 Margaret Marckmann, Mary Hall
 4/5 Lori Fox, Rusty Johnson, Janell Hansen, Patty Queck
 4/6 Charley Oder, Jordan Brodersen
 4/7 Patricia Nelson, Betty Baudler
 4/8 Kinsey Burg
 4/9 Stefan Queck
 4/10 Crystal Dabb, Zoe Marckmann
 4/11 Matthew Held, Jill Swanson, Keaton Wambold
 4/12 Ruth Baudler, Daniel Marckmann
 4/14 Glenette Schumacher, Caroline Ferguson, Carter Ferguson
 4/15 Henry Wilson
 4/16 Isabelle Eisbach, Adaline Johnson
 4/17 Clark Carns, Kody Kokemiller
 4/18 Larry Hohertz
 4/19 Jennifer Winter
 4/20 Craig Johnson, Emersyn Fox
 4/21 Verlene Williamson, Talia Dodge
 4/22 Clella Buckner, Max Gross
 4/24 Truman Livingston
 4/27 Barbara McKibban, Stella Johnson
 4/29 Nancy Grothen, Brady Hilpipre, Dylan Ford, Hillary Laughery
 4/30 Aaron Bigelow, Evelyn Faux, Connor Steckelberg

CONFIRMATIONS



- 4/1 Ashlee Christensen, Eric Erbes, Rebecca Gross, Stephen Hansen, Susan Herr McDowell, Spencer Scar, Garrett Sherley, Cassie Young Marckmann
 4/3 Kevin Baudler, Janice Herr Blanchard, Evelyn Gross, Janell Hansen, Margy Helm, Clel Herr, Noel Herr, Mike Mensing
 4/4 Jeff Erbes, Jacqueline Baudler, Stacey Van Laar, Jennie Anderson, Teresa Boston, Roger Crawford, Ross Hansen, Melissa Jensen, Adam Queck, Kristyn Thompson Mercer, Whitney Held, Elizabeth Ernst, Michael Ernst, Brandon Geib
 4/5 Robert Hansen, Aaron Baudler, Julie Bricker, Tim Hansen, Matthew Jensen, Jarek Johnson, Jennifer Lundy, Judd Martin, Kain Queck, Sydney Scar
 4/6 Larry Gross, Gene Martin
 4/7 Paul Bigelow, Ed Christensen, Jeff Parkis, Roger Queck, Sandra Stewart
 4/8 Kathleen Johnston, Joe Martin
 4/9 Lauren Bricker, Jordan Brodersen, Robert Engles, Nicholas Fox, Taylor Garside, Rachel Held, Zachary Jacobson, Velistia Martin, Alex Queck
 4/11 Richard Erbes, Kathy Gross, Marlan Herr, Peggy Lewis, Mardell Martin, Dennis Parkis, Rollie Purdy
 4/13 Darry Chiles, Josh Crawford, Kody Kokemiller
 4/14 Joyce Herr, Frank Richards
 4/15 Ronda Engles
 4/16 Kody Bigelow
 4/17 Jacob Baudler, Nicole Engles, Colton Garside, Sidney Hohertz, Elizabeth Hansen
 4/27 Janet Paxton, Vickie Weinheimer
 4/29 Matt Raasch

BAPTISMS



- 4/1 Shirley Rayl
 4/2 Cris Queck
 4/3 Nicolas Ernst
 4/4 Jamie Hansen, Frank Richards
 4/6 Kathy Thompson, Maxwell Eisbach
 4/7 Brett Thompson, Khloee Byrum
 4/8 Jeffrey Erbes, Richard Erbes, Ronda Engles, Bruce Westphal
 4/11 Jordan Christensen, Shane Wambold, Ann Rohner
 4/12 Caleb Christensen
 4/13 Barbara Queck
 4/14 Larry Lewis, Christine Gross, Jasper Fox
 4/15 Sarah Gross
 4/17 Karen Hight, Harrison Leiss, Nolan Leiss, Daxton Leiss
 4/18 Kayla Sproul, Rollie Purdy, Terrin Gettler
 4/19 Jasper Fox
 4/21 Baylie Lund, Roger Crawford, Jennie Anderson
 4/22 Dustin Finck, Brady Hilpipre
 4/24 Logan Wissner, Gene Martin
 4/25 Micah Broers
 4/26 Kaylee Scheuermann
 4/27 Reid Steele
 4/29 Dennis Parkis
 4/30 Kody Kokemiller

ANNIVERSARIES



- 4/3 Todd & Amy Jo Thompson
 4/6 Randy & Phyllis Sackett
 4/16 Rod & Sue McMorran
 4/25 Denny & Becky Denton
 4/27 Dennis & Wanda Johnson
 Kyle & Mary Huff Ray

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Come and Worship with Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Bible Study—9:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Lenten Services Wednesday,

April 1st — 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 9th—7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service, April 10th—7:00 p.m.

All Services will be Live Streamed on Facebook

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD