

# 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.*

May 2020

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I never imagined that I would be writing another newsletter article about life during a pandemic. This was never supposed to happen! I had hoped for a contemplative Lenten season followed by an exciting and uplifting Easter celebration! May was going to be filled with all kinds of special services from Mother's Day, to Senior Recognition to Confirmation and now . . . all those plans have been cancelled. Sometimes it just feels like an alternate universe where everything got messed up. I think we need to set back our calendars to 2019 and start this year over again!

But as I was thinking about how much my plans have changed and how many of my hopes have been crushed, I started remembering a story from the Bible where other people had long ago had their hopes and dreams shattered. A couple of guys walking on the Road to Emmaus spoke to a stranger about Jesus of Nazareth who had just died, "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place." (Luke 24:19-21) Imagine how surprised these guys were when they realized that God had a plan even in the midst of such terrible circumstances! Imagine their surprise when the stranger they were explaining all of this too was Jesus! Alive again Jesus!

That Holy Week wasn't at all what these disciples had imagined or wanted. They wanted Jesus to become king and, instead, He died. They had been overjoyed the week before as they were waving palm branches, but now, they were sad and depressed. The thing is that they couldn't imagine all that God had planned nor could they see what had to happen in order for these plans to come to pass. But it was through those events that

God gave us salvation; through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They had their plans, but God had THE plan that overturned all of their expectations.

I know that God still has a plan in all of this drama going on in our world today. I do not believe for a second that the Covid-19 virus was a surprise to God. I really wish that it hadn't happened and that nobody would ever need to suffer, but I also realize that God is God and I am not. In Isaiah 55 we read, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." I can't imagine right now what life is going to look like once we can get things back to normal, but it probably won't be normal. That's the point!

Sometimes having God destroy our expectations isn't such a bad thing. Throughout the stories of the Bible, God is always surprising people or doing the exact opposite of their preconceived notions. Just when people start getting comfortable with their lives, Jesus overturns the tables and gives everyone a new perspective. I wonder how our perspectives will change once we start going back to church or to school or out to eat or to ballgames again. Will we miss normal or will we be glad that God changed everything?

Because we believe in God, we can trust that no matter how crazy this world may seem at any given time, we can trust Him to see us through. That can give us both comfort and hope no matter what the future brings. That no matter how much things change, God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

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# E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—03/8/2020

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order at 5:30 PM by President George Fezell in the parish hall. Members present were George F., Bill Ernst, Matt Gross, Raedeen Bigelow, Lynn Christensen, Iris Westphal, Nellie Griffith, Dan Dreher, Pastor Steven Broers, and Roland Purdy.

Devotions were read by Pastor Broers.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected by Secretary Roland Purdy. Motion by Iris W. to approve the minutes as corrected. 2nded by Matt G. Carried.

The Treasurer's Reports were given by Bill E. and George F. Motion by Raedeen B. to approve. 2nded by Iris W. Carried.

Pastor Broers gave his monthly mileage/activities report. Motion by Dan D. to approve. 2nded by Raedeen B. Carried.

Emergency Benevolence: \$350 given to a family for help with their utilities.

## Ministry Reports:

Altar Guild—there has been positive response to using individual cups for communion in the contemporary service.

Property—there has been good progress by Jerry Holan in the plaster repair work in the nave of the church.

Music & Worship—organists are scheduled through Easter.

Children's Ministry—

GROW --

We had a great time at the Hawaiian themed February-Fest Family Fun Night as well as a great turn-out.

First Communion Training began in March for those in 5th grade. There were 2 students in the first class. First Communion will be on Palm Sunday.

G.R.O.W. is dismissing 15 minutes early for all of Lent.

Confirmation--Confirmation students are working on sermon notes during

Lenten services.

High School--

The Luther League held their Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 16th and had a good turn-out.

Plans are underway to go to Joppa on April 4th to clean-up homeless camps!

Outreach—Pastor Broers reported that he has 28 subscribers on his Youtube videos. On Facebook Live he does bible studies every Monday at 10:00 AM for 30 minutes. He posts each production afterward for viewers to view later. From one week to the next the number of viewers increased from ~150 to ~250. He plans to do the bible studies until the middle of March, stop, and then start again on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Old Business

Security Cameras—Since it was the consensus of the congregation at the Semi-Annual Meeting to not have the church be locked overnight, the Council is considering security cameras to discourage theft and vandalism. George F. is gathering quotes on multiple-camera systems.

## New Business

April's council meeting is set for the 19<sup>th</sup> because the second Sunday falls on Easter Sunday. May's meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>, even though it is Mother's Day.

Pastor's Annual Salary Review.

The council met in Closed Session to discuss the results of the Performance Review for Pastor Broers and consider his salary package.

Back in open session Matt G. moved to approve a 3% increase in Pastor Broers' salary package, effective April 1, 2020. Roland P. 2nded. Motion carried.

Motion by Iris W. to adjourn. 2nded by Bill E. Carried. We adjourned at 7:05 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2020.

Roland Purdy, Secretary

### **A Mother's Day Prayer**

*Happy Mother's Day*  
In the name of  
**JESUS CHRIST,**  
we lift up all  
**MOTHERS** today.

*Best  
to Women*  
We thank them for their  
sacrifices so that we can  
have a life of contentment.  
Grant them favour, Lord  
and may they have a  
wonderful place in existence  
in Your heart of **GRACE.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



Confirmation will not be held on May 31st as planned. It will be rescheduled to a later date.



Congratulations to our senior class for 2020  
Josh Baudler, Hunter Ernst and Mallory Kuhns



## 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

### GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

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

### 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

### 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



With G.R.O.W. having ended early for the year due to all of the adventure, I wanted to take this opportunity to **thank you all** for allowing our church to provide this ministry to the community. **Thank you to all the volunteers** – both those that work with the kids and those who do the behind the scenes work like preparing meals for the kids to eat. **Thank you for all of the monetary support** you've given by "sponsoring a sheep" **and especially for praying** for our G.R.O.W. program. God is so good to us! Sometimes we just need to take a moment to stop and appreciate all He continues to do to bring life to our congregation! I don't know when we'll gather together again and when we'll be able to officially thank our G.R.O.W. volunteers, but in the meantime I wanted to share a big thank you here.

In the past month the G.R.O.W. kids have had their

lessons given to them online. They have learned the stories leading up to the cross with the crucifixion of Jesus, the empty tomb, and then about Doubting Thomas. We will finish up the year learning about Jesus Ascension into heaven.

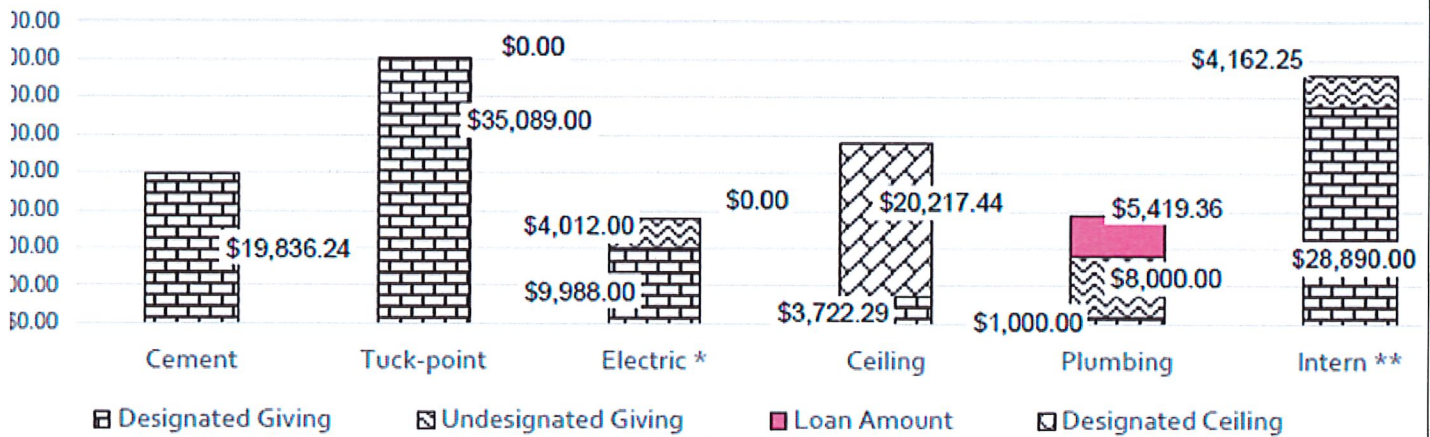
Thank you again for all you continually do for our G.R.O.W. program! We couldn't do it without your support and prayers! We look forward to another great G.R.O.W. year next year! God bless you!



**VBS for Summer 2020 is being cancelled.** Riverside Bible Camp that typically comes to lead our Fontanelle VBS has made the challenging decision to close for this summer to all onsite camps (both for students and families) as well as Day Camps. We are sad that this opportunity won't be available this summer, but we're thankful that we will be able to keep everyone safe. We're in the process of saving a date for Riverside to come next year.



Vision Giving Projects  
Emmanuel Lutheran  
4-19-2020



Project	Building					Mission	Total
	Cement	Tuck-point	Electric *	Ceiling	Plumbing	Intern **	
Designated Giving	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$9,988.00	\$3,722.29	\$1,000.00	\$28,890.00	\$98,525.53
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				\$20,217.44			\$20,217.44
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$19,836.24</b>	<b>\$35,089.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$23,939.73</b>	<b>\$14,419.36</b>	<b>\$33,052.25</b>	<b>\$140,336.58</b>

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

Fund Balance Report  
As of March 31, 2020

General Fund	\$31,378.51
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$234.62
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	(\$873.15)
Total	(\$638.53)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$4,113.38
Designated Building	\$2,897.41
Designated Mission	\$3,000.00
Total	\$10,010.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,750.77</b>



# WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<b>Worship Leader</b>					
<b>Keyboard</b>	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
<b>Drums</b>	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
<b>Rhythm Guitar</b>					
<b>Bass Guitar</b>					
<b>Male Vocalists</b>	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
<b>Female Vocalists</b>					
<b>Acolytes</b>					
<b>Hospitality Host/Hostess</b>					
<b>Greeters/Treats</b>					
<b>1st Reading</b>					
<b>2nd Reading</b>					
<b>Gospel Reading</b>					
<b>Confession/Forgiveness</b>	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
<b>Prayers</b>	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
<b>Count Offering (*Council Member)</b>					
<b>Communion</b>					
<b>Sound</b>	Georg	George	George	George	George
<b>Cameras</b>	Gerge	George	George	George	George
<b>Pro Presenter</b>	Clella	Clella	Clella	Clella	Clella
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>					
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen	Jane
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>					
<b>Acolytes</b>					
<b>1st Reading</b>					
<b>Psalms Reading</b>					
<b>2nd Reading</b>					
<b>Offering</b>					
<b>Communion</b>					
<b>Sound/Cameras</b>	George	George	Geroge	George	George
<b>Pro Presenter</b>	Clella	Clella	Clella	Clella	Clella
<b>Children's Worship Bags</b>					

# MAY 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live Streamed on Facebook	10:00 Bible Study Facebook Live					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live Streamed on Facebook	10:00 Bible Study Facebook Live					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live Streamed on Facebook						
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8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live Streamed on Facebook						

# MAY CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS



- 5/1 Sidney Hohertz  
 5/3 Larry Gross, Kim Daino  
 5/4 Jacqueline Baudler  
 5/5 Timothy Hansen, Jeff Held  
 5/6 Jocelyn Lunsford  
 5/7 Roleen Chiles  
 5/8 Nancy Queck  
 5/9 James Erbes, Wes Johnson, Jeff Martin  
 5/10 Alex Kopaska  
 5/11 Brad Ernst, Bruce Herr,  
 Destiny Scar, Macy Berg  
 5/13 David Huff, Delores Kinney, Heidi Rohrig  
 5/14 David Faux  
 5/15 Denise Denton  
 5/16 Eric Gross, Wayne Held, Dan Dreher  
 5/17 Dominic Scar, Jodi Baudler  
 5/18 Velistia Martin, Logan Queck  
 5/19 Doug Berg,  
 5/20 Chad Mensing, Jack Berg  
 5/21 Spencer Steckelberg  
 5/22 Matthew Jensen, Kennedy Perkey,  
 Stephen Broers, Samantha Gettler  
 5/24 Jeremy Rohner, Anna Richards  
 5/25 Andrew Martin, Brandon Geib  
 5/26 Curt Queck, Jesi Nelson, Bobby Dabb  
 5/27 Jered Marckmann  
 5/29 Gabe Beaman  
 5/30 Vicky Herr, Teresa Boston, Marty Daino  
 5/31 Heather Scar

## CONFIRMATIONS



- 5/1 Arlene Schwartz, Tymothy Christensen  
 5/3 Joshua Christensen  
 5/4 Earlene Purdy, Nancy Queck, Lyle Schwartz  
 5/12 Danielle Steele  
 5/15 Mallory Kuhns, Clay Hohertz, Joshua Baudler,  
 Hunter Ernst  
 5/19 Cody Jacobson, Dakota Ernst  
 5/20 LaVerne Estell  
 5/24 Zola Westphal, Anna Funke, Daniel Jorgensen,  
 Zachary Scar, Katelynn Scar, Lauren Huff,  
 Parker Manning  
 5/25 Mike Mangels, Eileen Sorensen  
 5/26 Chad Mensing  
 5/27 Brenda Hansen, Megan Feick,  
 Jessica Nelson, Destiny Scar, Jordan Johnson  
 5/28 Bernard Baudler, Charlene Baudler, Irma Jacob-  
 son  
 5/31 Brock McKibban, Jeremy Rohner, Laura  
 Schwartz

## ANNIVERSARIES



- 5/1 Aaron & Heather Bigelow  
 5/4 Ernest & Malinda Ford  
 Matt & Marcia Gross  
 5/6 David & Cindy Sickles  
 5/9 Jeff & Tiffany Johnson  
 Sam & Melissa Schwartz  
 5/13 Rick & Louise Johnson  
 5/15 George & Wendy Feazell  
 5/16 Robert & Brenda Hansen  
 5/19 Tom & Chie Martin  
 5/23 Jason & Dana Steckelberg  
 5/25 Tom & Marlene Lamborn  
 Christina & Ryan O'Hare  
 5/29 Bill & Judi Raasch  
 5/30 Derek & Melissa Vorrie  
 5/31 Bill & Jane Ernst  
 Duane & Karolyn Ortgies

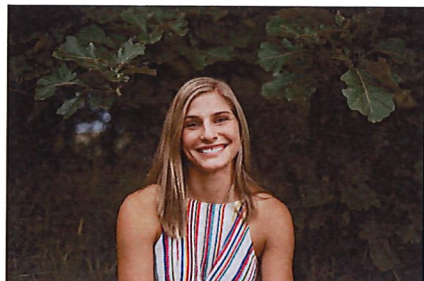
## BAPTISMS



- 5/3 Alexander Queck, Courtnee Ford  
 5/4 Kathy Gross  
 5/5 Lexi Ford  
 5/6 Jocelyn Lunsford, Dominic Scar  
 5/7 Kody Kokemiller  
 5/9 Rex Hight  
 5/11 Destini Steckelberg, Connor Steckelberg,  
 Spencer Steckelberg  
 5/12 Bernard Baudler  
 5/13 Marilyn Jacobson, Ramon Jacobson  
 5/15 Cassie Young Marckmann  
 5/16 Elizabeth Hansen  
 5/18 Natalee Nieman  
 5/22 Alexis Dreher  
 5/25 Susan Pollard  
 5/27 Lucas Queck  
 5/29 Larry Gross



## Senior Class of 2020



**Mallory Kay Kuhns**

Parents: Matthew and Denise Kuhns

Siblings: Max and Macy

School Activities: Cross Country, Track and Field, FFA, Student Council

Future Plans: I plan to attend Iowa State University in the fall and study Animal Science.

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is how welcoming and loving everyone in the congregation always is



**Hunter Ernst**

Parents: Ann & Jeremy Rohner

Siblings: Dakota Ernst, Jayden Rohner, Elyjah Rohner

School Activities: FFA, Football

Future Plans: Enter the workforce

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is the love and support the church community gives everybody



**Josh Baudler**

Parents: John and Darla

Siblings: Jacob and Jodi

School Activities: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Soccer, Baseball, Band

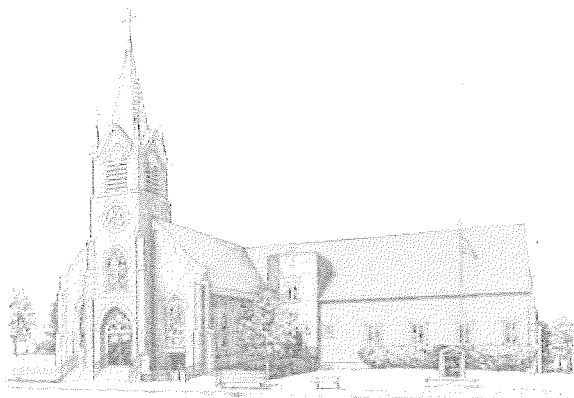
Future Plans: I will be attending SWCC to run cross country and track and major in ag business and livestock

Something I like about Emmanuel: It is the church I grew up in and it feels like home with everyone there on Sunday

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## **Come and Worship with Us**

**Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Study—9:45 a.m.**

**Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.**