

# 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.*

June 2020

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Take a moment, if you would, and please find your Bible and read Matthew chapter 20:1-16. This is often called "The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard". Once you have finished, please answer the following questions: 1. Was Jesus being fair? 2. Was Jesus being kind?

"But he answered one of them, 'Friend,' I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:13-16)

I think that how you interpret this parable is based a lot on your perspective. Do you see yourself as one of the workers that started at the beginning of the day or those that started at the end? If you have been born and raised in the church and are now in your eighties, you might view yourself as one of the first people called. If so, you might feel like it is rather unfair and unkind for God to treat you the same as someone who just joined the church last month. You might not like this story much at all! However, if you were only recently baptized and come to Christ, you might really LOVE this story because it makes you feel like God values you right off the bat and treats everyone the same.

However, if you consider that we are Christians now almost 2000 years after the first disciples, then in fact, we are ALL coming very late to the party! We may be some of the LAST people called into service for Christ and the parable might seem very generous and kind after all. You might recognize yourself as one of those people God has had to show much grace to, rather than one of those always ready and willing to serve from the beginning.

In our society, nobody wants to be looked down upon. We want to "stand on our own two feet". We don't want to ask for help. So the concepts of "grace", "mercy" and "generosity" are often thought of as "bad words". And yet, as Christians, they are the defining words for our life. You don't get to "stand on your own two feet" with Jesus. He would rather carry you. If you don't want to be washed in His blood, you don't get a part in His ministry. Pure people need not apply. And if you say that you have enough and don't need anything, then you will find yourself fighting against Jesus when He actually only wants to gather you close to Him to save you.

My point is this: Jesus desires that we would all be the "last" in this parable. Whether or not you grew up in the church or have lived a holy life. He wants you to realize that you will always need His mercy and generosity. Having a great investment in the stock market may make you seem rich in this world, but being poor of Spirit is how you find your treasure when it comes to heaven. Showing up early to work all day is how you get ahead on this Earth, but being called into service at the last moment is how God chooses you for your eternal life. We need to humble ourselves and leave our pride at the door when it comes to the Kingdom of God.

So don't be afraid to be called last or to be considered poor. Remember that God's generosity to others is just as unfair and undeserved and AMAZING for YOU as it is for them. And whenever you have an opportunity, share this crazy concept of grace with everyone you know so that even more people have the chance to join Jesus in the vineyard and work for the Kingdom of God! Amen.

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# E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—04/19/2019

The regular council meeting in the parish hall was canceled. President George Feazell sent an email to all council members and called each member by phone. The following items were discussed:

All members reviewed and approved the secretary's report from the March meeting.

All members reviewed and approved the financial reports for the period ending March 31. President Feazell also reviewed a mid-April financial report and reported the successful application for the recent Paycheck Protection Program through recent legislation (CARES Act). Emmanuel Lutheran Church received a forgivable grant of \$20,118.35.

All members reviewed and approved Pastor Broers monthly report.

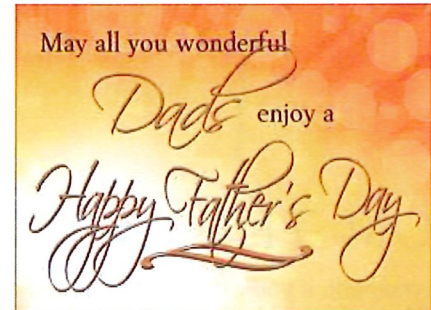
President Feazell reported there will be no vacation bible school this summer because Riverside Bible Camp has cancelled all their summer activities. The

Confirmation Ceremony usually held the end of May will be delayed to a later date. Pastor Broers will discuss with parents and report back to council.

All members reviewed and approved a proposal from the family of Paul Herr to refurbish the nursery.

All members agreed it would be okay for the property committee to remove trees along the north property line.

Submitted by George Feazell



## PRAYER REQUESTS



### HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill Raasch, Cindy Baldago, Emmett Grove (Rachel & Jesse Grove's son), Marilyn Eshelman (June's daughter -in-law), Janice Marckmann (cousin to Wanda Johnson), Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter)

### GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

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

### 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

### GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

**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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. A smaller committee met again May 17<sup>th</sup>. Part of our discussion is when we will have in-person services again. And what those services would look like. The short update is ... hopefully soon, but not yet. I believe we all look forward to the time we can return to our church family for in-person worship. I also believe we will do this when it is wise and safe (not just legal) for us to gather for in-person worship again. Until then, we will continue to gather online instead.

**Forgotten Senior Salute—Sorry  
Curtis Darr**

I understand the importance of moving forward again with our jobs, providing for family needs and gathering together in faith, but so is making sacrifices together to minimize the risk of spreading a highly contagious and deadly virus in our church or community. We don't want to rush back too soon and put our church family, or the community we love and serve, at risk. Instead, please join me as we pray for healing and discernment, consult with health professionals and keep a close watch on virus trends.

Parents: Scott Darr, Rick and Louise Johnson  
Siblings: Kaylee Darr, Jarek Johnson, Jordan Johnson  
School Activities: Aviation, Debate  
Future plans: Joined the United States Marine Corp as an Aviation Electronics Technician  
The best part about Emmanuel is that they are not just your family in church, they are your family everywhere in the community; always there for you. And of course, the after service TREATS!!

Hopefully we can get back together again as a church family for in-person worship the end of June ... but even when we do, social distancing will almost certainly remain in effect. We have measured the church pews to determine possible attendance, discussed cleaning before and between services, wearing masks, individual communion wafers and cups, entry and exit, seating procedures. Council will continue to work on the nuts and bolts of putting a plan together to safely join together in faith. Please keep us in your prayers.

George Feazell, Council President

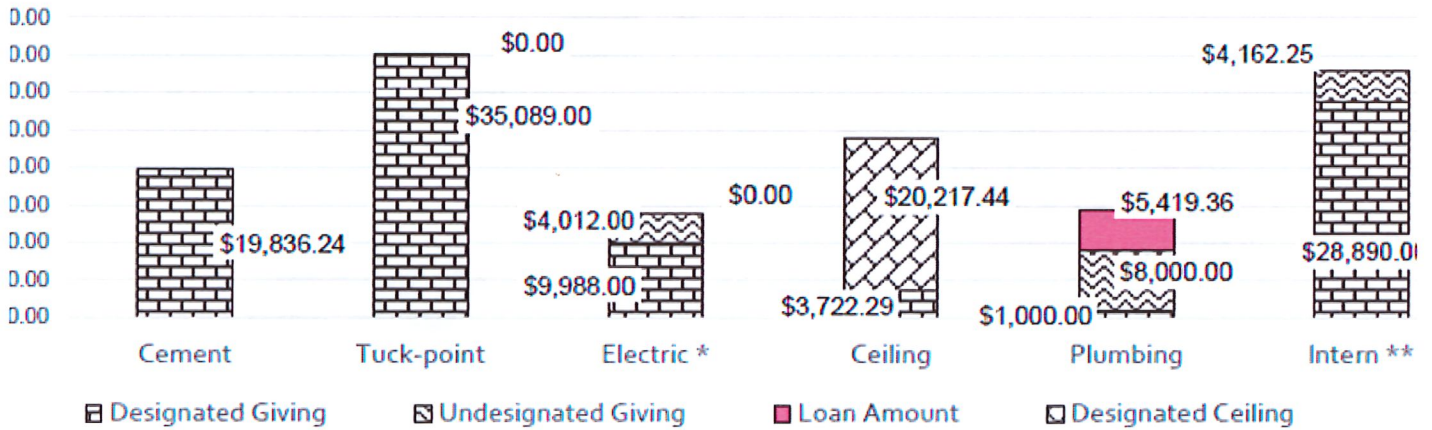


**ELC WOMEN  
No Meeting**

- Hymn/Devotions/Meditation:**  
**Bible Study:**  
**Business Meeting:**  
**Refreshments:**  
**Birthdays**  
**Lord's Prayer**  
**Table Prayer**  
**Kitchen Committee:**



Vision Giving Projects  
Emmanuel Lutheran  
5-10-2020



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
Undesignated 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 April 30, 2020

General Fund	\$54,217.95
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$234.62
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$226.85
Total	\$461.47
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$4,653.38
Designated Building	\$3,047.41
Designated Mission	\$3,000.00
Total	\$10,700.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,380.21</b>



# WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Worship Leader				
Keyboard	Kellie	Kim	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Bass Guitar				
Male Vocalists				
Female Vocalists				
Acolytes				
Hospitality Host/Hostess				
Greeters/Treats				
1st Reading				
2nd Reading				
Gospel Reading				
Confession/Forgiveness				
Prayers				
Count Offering (*Council Member)				
Communion				
Sound	George	George	George	George
Cameras	George	George	George	George
Pro Presenter	Clella	Clella	Clella	Clella
Worship Coordinator				
Organist				
Greeters/Ushers				
Acolytes				
1st Reading				
Psalm Reading				
2nd Reading				
Offering				
Communion				
Sound/Cameras	George	George	George	George
Pro Presenter	Clella	Clella	Clella	Clella
Children's Worship Bags				



# JUNE 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8				12	13
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live on Facebook	<u>Council Agenda Deadline</u>					
14	15				19	20
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live on Facebook 5:30 Council Meeting (Zoom)						
						
21	22				26	27
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Service Live on Facebook						
						
28	29	30	1			
8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship Services Live on Facebook						

# JUNE CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS



- 6/1 Dustin Finck, Charlotte Jorgensen,  
Cassie Marckmann
- 6/2 Ryan Bakerink, Kody Bigelow, Patti Bricker, Steve  
McKibban
- 6/4 Linda Hohertz, 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
- 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, Donna Grothen, Kurt Venteicher
- 6/17 Zachary Jacobson, Kevin Wissner
- 6/18 Lynn Bohling, Rainey Cook,  
Verlene Meisenheimer
- 6/19 Jessi Christensen, Kayci Emerson,  
Drew Jacobson
- 6/20 Mark Jungmann
- 6/21 Barb Nelson, Cody Jacobson
- 6/22 June Eshelmann, Jennifer Baudler Reed
- 6/24 Carmen Homan, Steve Marckmann
- 6/26 Chris Baudler, Braydon McKibban
- 6/28 LaVerne Estell, Eugene Held, Andy Jacobson,  
Mary Nelson, Tucker Sloth Rohrig
- 6/30 Daniel Jorgensen

## CONFIRMATIONS



- 6/2 Cris Queck
- 6/4 Courtnee Ford, Greg Raasch
- 6/5 Itha Carns, Patty Queck, Larry Lewis,  
Anna Richards
- 6/6 Verlene Meisenheimer, Verlene Williamson
- 6/7 Vanessa Martin, Kristy Broers
- 6/8 Jodi Baudler, Max Kuhns, Mia Maxwell, Austin  
Lundy
- 6/9 Frances Gross
- 6/20 Ralph Lane

## ANNIVERSARIES



- 6/2 Dennis & Diane Subbert
- 6/3 Ron & Judy Nelson
- 6/5 Pat & Iris Westphal  
Jesse & Rachel Grove
- 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 Harold & Pat Nelson  
Joe & Jill Ellsworth
- 6/17 Dallas & Courtnee Ford
- 6/18 Matt & Tracey Proud
- 6/19 Josh & Jessi Christensen
- 6/20 Mike & Lori Nelson
- 6/21 Larry & AnnaMarie Swanson  
Kevin & Staci Wissner
- 6/22 Jeff & Holly Erbes
- 6/23 Glenette & Tony Schumacher
- 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

## 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 Velistia Martin, 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
- 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

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***Coming in to be sent out!***

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**Come and Worship with Us**

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

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

**Services Live Streamed on Facebook**