

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.

July 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We will be reopening Emmanuel Lutheran Church for Sunday morning services starting Sunday, July 5th, for both the Contemporary and Traditional services! For many of you reading this, this is very exciting! It's been so long since we have been able to see each other and worship in the same room! But I realize that for others, this news will be a little scary. While it's been difficult worshipping online for the past four months, we've all gotten rather used to it. Now we will have to worry about staying six-feet apart while we worship, we will have to sing with masks on and communion will even be different. It will undoubtedly feel awkward at first and create uncertainty and even fear for many people. When worshipping at home, we don't have to worry about getting sick; but now, it feels a little more risky even though we are taking very strict precautions to keep everyone safe.

When God called the Israelites to go and take the Promised Land, they were also scared. In fact, when they sent in some spies to check out the land, ten of the twelve were so scared that they never wanted to go back! That's the reason why the Israelites ended up wandering in the desert for forty years! Fear can keep us safe, but it can also keep us captive. It's sometimes hard to tell the difference. But one of the most important messages I can give to those who will be coming to worship at Emmanuel again is written in Joshua chapter 1 which God told the Israelites, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

God is with you now and He will be with us still at church. This does not mean that there aren't risks involved, but we aren't going to be facing them alone.

The church council has come up with many ways to protect one another such as providing masks for everyone to wear, disinfecting the sanctuary pews after each service, providing hand sanitizer and setting up social distancing rules; however, God provides us with the courage to actually walk through the door and be at peace once we are here. It might feel uncomfortable at first when you come back to church, but whenever that happens, please know that God understands. I hope that we don't have to keep doing church this way forever, but, for now, we will get used to a new normal and find blessings in these new circumstances.

I also realize that some of you won't be joining us on Sunday mornings and I completely support that decision as well. You won't be staying home because you are "scared" but because you feel like it is the best decision you can make for you and your family. Perhaps you are an older adult with pre-existing conditions or are close to someone with special health concerns. You are doing your best to "love your neighbor as yourself". From your perspective, it would be easier and more comfortable for you to come to church with everyone else. It takes courage to continue to stay home and miss being with everyone else. For you, I pray that God gives you the strength to hold firm to your convictions and fills you with His presence as you continue worshipping with us from home. God is just as much in your house as He will be with those of us worshipping in the church sanctuary. That's what is so amazing about our God!

Most importantly, please remember that we are still a faith community whether we are all worshipping online, all worshipping at church or temporarily worshipping in separate places. We are bound together by our common faith and trust in God. He has promised to give us courage to face our fears, wisdom to make intelligent decisions, and the peace to know He is with us and loves us all. Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—05/12/2019

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by council president George Feazell. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak in March and the recommended social distancing, the meeting was held by way of Zoom internet link to council members' computers or cell-phones. This enabled everyone to stay at home, but still be able to see and hear everyone who was linked for the meeting.

Those present were George F., Raedeen Bigelow, Matt Gross, Bill Ernst, Dan Dreher, Nellie Griffith, Pastor Steven Broers, and Roland Purdy. Lynn Christensen and Iris Westphal were not a part of the virtual meeting due to a mix up on the start time.

Devotions were given by Pastor Broers.

George F. read a report detailing April's council activities and decisions made by the council by way of emails between members, since we could not meet as a group, due to social distancing. Bill E. moved to approve the report. Matt G. 2nded. Carried.

Treasurer's reports were given by George F. Raedeen moved to approve the reports. Roland P. 2nded. Carried.

Pastor Broers gave his activities report for April. He had to limit visits with church members but made 44 phone visits during the month. He is doing all the worship planning for both services since services are being supplied online through Facebook live. He is also offering bible study online by himself.

Emergency Benevolence: None.

Ministry Reports:

Property—Matt G. reported work has been done to remove volunteer trees and the boundary line fence north of the church to protect the audio/visual cable that is buried under ground from the church to the Good Samaritan Society nursing home at the north edge of Fontanelle. The cable enables the nursing home to receive live broadcasts of church services and other activities on TV. Plans are to replace the fence in the fall.

Children's Ministry—
Children's Ministry Report
May 2020

GROW

- The G.R.O.W. year has now come to a close. All G.R.O.W. lessons were posted on our Facebook page so that families could still do them together at home during this quarantine. The annual G.R.O.W. Fun Run was cancelled, though we were still able to share the "Pie-in-the-face" on Facebook live. Micah had the honor of throwing the pie at Steven's face.

- We will be doing the G.R.O.W. Volunteer appreciation gifts when we are able.

Confirmation - Eight 8th grade students are to be confirmed when we are able to gather together again. These students are Ashlyn Beaman, Malachi Broers, Levi Gettler, Jacob Mangels, Marie Pickrell, Tristan Randol, Tucker Rohrig-Sloth, and Addie Stringer. The confirmation students have had some assignments that they have had to turn in during the quarantine and the 8th graders Faith Statements are currently in the process of being written.

-High School

- The 4 high school seniors were honored at worship on May 10th. These students are Josh Baudler, Curtis Darr, Hunter Ernst, and Mallory Kuhns.

-Children's Ministry

- Due to Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp cancelling all summer programming, our VBS will be cancelled this summer. The deposit we made has been transferred to the summer of 2021 VBS which has already been booked for June 21-24th.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

George F. recommended that a new committee be formed to discuss future steps regarding holding church services while maintaining social distancing. A committee was formed. Those on the committee are:

George Feazell
Pastor Broers
Raedeen Bigelow
Bill Ernst
Nellie Griffith
Matt Gross

The new committee plans to meet Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 PM at the church.

Dan Dreher moved to adjourn. Bill E. 2nded. Carried. We adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Roland Purdy, Secretary

"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord." - Psalm 89:15 (NLT)

We will resume in-person worship services Sunday July 5th. On-line services will continue to be available on Facebook Live for those who wish to avoid gatherings, especially anyone with a preexisting medical condition and those over 65.

We will take the following reasonable measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Social Distancing. Seating will be in every other pew. Members should space themselves to maintain six feet between singles, couples and family groups. An example is included. It may take a few Sundays before this becomes second nature. But common sense will help everyone get settled in for service. And it would be helpful to fill the church front to back. Those arriving early should locate in the front pews first. At the end of service, exit back to front.

The parish hall will be set up for additional seating. The balcony is available.

We will not have coffee & refreshments between services. All social gatherings should be outside where there is more room.

Health and Hygiene. The pew cushions will be removed. The pews will be cleaned & sanitized after each service. Hand sanitizer will be available in the pews. All members are asked to please wear a face mask. Face masks will be provided if you do not have your own. Wearing masks will help protect ourselves, our family, our Christian family and the community. Individual communion service will be available. These include a wrapped wafer & grape juice cup. Paper bulletins will not be handed out. All hymns, songs and responses will be up on the front screen. An offering plate will not be passed. Offerings can be placed in the plate as you enter or exit. On-line giving is also available by visiting <http://www.fontanellelutheran.org/>

George Feazell, Council President



PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill Raasch, Cindy Baldago, Emmett Grove (Rachel & Jesse Grove's son), Marilyn Eshelman (June's daughter-in-law), Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Kenneth Gevock

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

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

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

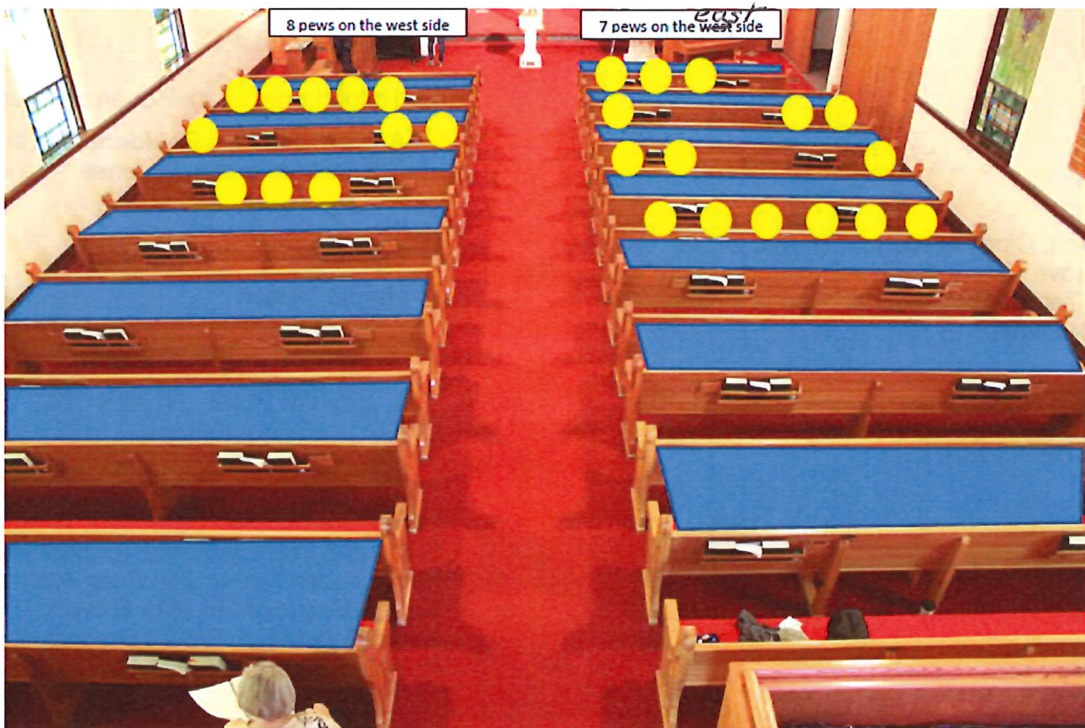
SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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

Pews for seating capacity in the sanctuary.
Use every other pew
7 rows on the east side and 8 rows on the west side.
15 rows total.

The pews are 12 ft wide. To maintain safe distance:
Two single people per row
One couple and a single

One family group of three to six per row
Minimum capacity would be 30 singles. Maximum
could range from 45 to 90 in groups.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



Zoe Joy Broers was baptized on June 7, 2020. The service was held live on Facebook. Her sponsors are Sophia Broers, Malachi Broers and Micah Broers. She wore a beautiful antique baptismal gown that has been worn by many family members.



This years Confirmation Class will be confirmed on Sunday, July 26, at 3:00. It will be streamed on Facebook live. The confirmands are Ashlyn Beaman, Malachi Broers, Levi Gettler, Jacob Mangels, Marie Pickrell, Addie Stringer, Tristan Randol and Tucker Rohrig



**SEMI-ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

The semi-annual meeting will be held on July 19 at 1:00.

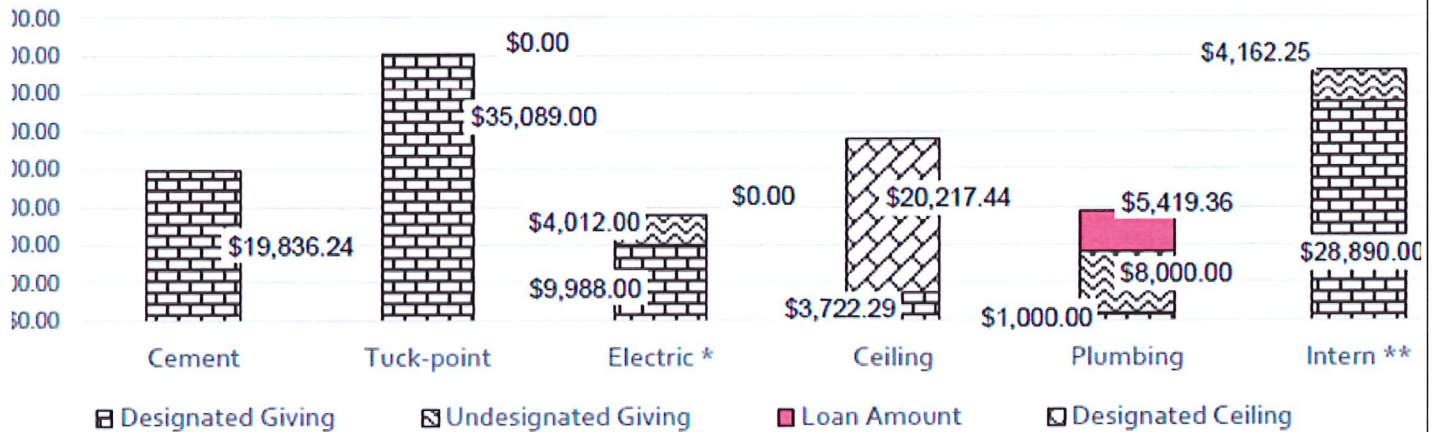
We are looking for volunteers that would like to learn the Pro Presenter slides that we use for the church services. You would be learning how to set them up for the service before hand and how they are used during the services. If you are interested, please give me a call at the church and leave a message if I am not there 641-745-2415 or you can call my cell phone 641-745-7777. Thanks, Clella



**ELC WOMEN
No meetings until at least September**



Vision Giving Projects
Emmanuel Lutheran
6-14-2020



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
Total Project Cost	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$14,000.00	\$23,939.73	\$14,419.36	\$33,052.25	\$140,336.58

* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits

** Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving.

Fund Balance Report

As of May 31, 2020

General Fund	\$62,652.26
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$234.62
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$301.85
Total	\$536.47
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$5,268.38
Designated Building	\$3,097.41
Designated Mission	\$3,000.00
Total	\$11,365.79
TOTAL	\$74,554.52

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Bass Guitar				
Male Vocalists	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Brian, Dave
Female Vocalists	Ann, Kendalyn	Kathi, Kendalyn	Kathi, Ann	Ann, Kendalyn
Acolytes	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Hospitality				
Greeters/Treats	Kurt, Rhonda	Carmen	Kathryn	Brian & Samantha
1st Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
2nd Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Confes-	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering	George	Lynn	Dan	Nellie
Communion				
Sound	Rollie	Ed	Ed	George
Cameras	Earlene	George	John	John
Pro Presenter	Clella	Clella	Tammy	Tammy
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen
Greeters/Ushers	Sherol	Raedeem	Arlene	Becky
Acolytes	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
1st Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Psalms Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
2nd Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Offering	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris	Rollie, Bill	Raedeem, Iris
Communion				
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	Matt G	John	George
Pro Presenter	Clella	Clella	Tammy	Clella
Children's Worship	Barb Q, Leone W			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship	<u>Council Agenda Deadline</u>	10:00 Pastor GSC	6:30 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 5:30 Council Meeting		10:00 Pastor GSC	6:30 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 1:00 Semi-Annual Meeting		10:00 Pastor GSC Newsletter DEADLINE	6:30 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
7:30 Praise Team Warm-up 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 3:00 Confirmation Service Live on Facebook		10:00 Pastor GSC	6:30 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Prayer Group		

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 7/2 Nicholas Herr, Tracy Swanson
 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
 7/12 Lucas Held, Virginia Herr
 7/14 Janene Whicker, Thomas Johnson, Logan
 Wissner, Levi Gettler, David Sickles
 7/15 Kristina Hilpipre, Kylie Nelson
 7/16 Makayla Ory, Kathi Christensen, Dean Hall
 7/17 Steve Brown, Joyce Herr, David Huff
 7/18 Sean Fox, Colton Garside, Jennifer Lundy, Kristine
 Riley
 7/19 Craig Baudler, Gloria Ernst, Robert Queck, Justin
 Marckmann, Macey Dabb
 7/20 Steven Held, Emma Perkey
 7/21 Megan Edwards, Diane Subbert,
 Craig Plymesser
 7/22 Itha Carns, 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, Leone Weinheimer, Jessica
 Nelson

CONFIRMATIONS

- 7/18 Bruce Westphal



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
 7/30 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, Provi-
 dence Nelson
 7/14 Verlene Meisenheimer, Adalynn Warrior,
 Clara Berg
 7/15 Teresa Boston, Madison Fry, Jacob Fry,
 Destiny Fry, Kobe Ladd
 7/18 Susan Herr McDowell
 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 String-
 er, Jaxson Stringer
 7/28 Stefan Queck
 7/29 Lane Johnston, Lisa Anderson
 7/30 Judd Martin

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Come and Worship with Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.