

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.

January 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

At the start of a New Year, we tend to imagine how we can become better people or how to accomplish things that are priorities for us. It seems appropriate that a new year means that we can have a new beginning in some way, shape or form. But, inevitably, challenges arise and obstacles get in the way. And, for the vast majority of us, those good intentions fall by the wayside and we end up just doing life the way we always have before. But what if THIS year was different?

To begin, I would like you to ask yourself a question you might not of thought about before: What does GOD want to accomplish in you this New Year? How might He work through you to fulfill His will for the world? While we may desire to lose weight, or learn a language or get out of debt on a personal level, what if we let GOD lead us? Or, have you already felt God calling you to do something? Like getting involved in a specific ministry, or to talk to someone you are currently estranged from or to give of your time, talents and treasures somehow? Consider this calling seriously.

In the Devotional Journal, "Experiencing God Day by Day", the entry for December 20th starts with these words, "Whenever God clearly speaks to you and you obey His will, you can expect to face opposition. Spiritual assaults and attacks by the ungodly are not always signs that you are out of the will of God; they may even indicate that you are in the very center of God's will."

If you feel a call from God to begin the year in a new way, EXPECT some challenges, some obstacles and, yes, even some opposition! God has a plan for your life, but the Devil is intent on thwarting that plan in whatever way possible. If you feel like God wants you to start

attending church in person to start the year, I have no doubt that there will be a snowstorm the first week you try and the next week as well just to put a wet blanket on your spiritual renewal. If you feel called by God to give, be prepared to experience financial difficulties which make you doubt whether you could afford to share God's blessings with anyone else. Perhaps you intend on joining us for our Online Facebook Bible study on Monday mornings. Well, let me give you one guess as to when your computer will start acting up. It's almost laughably predictable and yet shockingly effective. At the first sign of opposition to God's call, you and I tend to justify reasons to NOT follow God.

But what if you began this year with the expectation that you WILL be challenged to complete the task that God is giving you? What if you prepare to overcome these obstacles with laser-focused attention to the task at hand? What if, rather than seeing opposition as a warning sign, that you saw it as a sign that you are on the right track! In chapter 5 of Acts, after the disciples were flogged for spreading the message about Jesus, "The apostles left the Sanhedrin rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name of Jesus." Now THAT'S an attitude to start the New Year with!

Sometimes, trials and hardships come, not because we are doing something WRONG but because we are doing something RIGHT! So ask God for His guidance. Follow Him. And then prepare for battle against the many complications that will seek to dissuade you from your goal. God will continue to be faithful to you and He will give you the strength to do ALL things just as death itself could not stop His Son Jesus from overcoming sin on the cross so that you might be His forever. Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—11/8/2020

The regular council meeting was held in the church parish hall. President George Feazell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present were George F. Bill Ernst, Matt Gross, Raedeem Bigelow, Iris Westphal, Pastor Steven Broers, and Roland Purdy. Absent were Lynn Christensen, Dan Dreher, and Nellie Griffith.

Pastor Broers led us in devotions.

The Secretary's Report was read by Roland Purdy. Matt G. moved to approve the minutes. Bill E. 2nded. Carried.

Pastor B. introduced Jill (Weinheimer) Ellsworth, a visitor at our meeting, and former member of Emmanuel at Fontanelle. Jill has written a children's book called Buster and the Beans, and gave a short presentation of the book to the council. She proposed selling copies of her book to members of the congregation and donating part of the proceeds to the church as a fundraiser. She left the meeting.

Bill E. presented the Treasurer's Report. Iris W. moved to approve the report. Raedeem B. 2nded. Carried.

Pastor Broers presented his monthly activities/mileage report. His activities were limited as he was quarantined and recovered from the coronavirus.

Emergency Benevolence: None.

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild—will meet this coming Saturday to decorate for fall and Thanksgiving.

Property—rain gutters on the parsonage need repaired. Hedges behind the parsonage need trimmed. Leaves need to be hauled away. Matt G. will see to these duties.

Children's Ministry Report November 2020

GROW

-During our COVID quarantine, Amy Hoover has been printing, packing, and mailing all GROW packets from emails Kristy sends her. Amy is doing a great job and has been so helpful! Kristy continued to do GROW and record GROW from home and posted it on the church YouTube channel & the GROW Facebook page.

-We are now at the point where we need to start making a decision about GROW from January-April. It is my recommendation that with the rising number of COVID cases in our area, we continue to do GROW online for the remainder of the year.

**The council agreed unanimously to continue to do GROW online for January-April of next year.

-Confirmation

-Confirmation took a small break since Pastor had COVID.

- Confirmation has been going well. Most students are attending in person and some are attending on Zoom. Also, when masks became mandated for

school, masks also became mandated for Confirmation.

-High School

-The high school Bible study took a small break since Pastor had COVID.

-It continues to mostly just be our children that have shown-up for the Bible Study. Parents are being sent a letter to encourage attendance. We may switch to Zoom meeting to increase participation.

-Children's Ministry

-Families have been packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes on their own this year. These will be returned on Nov. 15th.

-Plans for Christmas program this year?

-There is no G.R.O.W./Confirmation/High School Bible Study the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving like usual.

Pastor B. and the rest of the council decided to hold a 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service following the CDC guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing. There will be no children's program. If needed there could be a 5:00 pm service too. There will definitely be one church service on Christmas Day at 9:30 am.

Old Business:

In-person church services—still some members attending services. All CDC guidelines are being followed. The appropriate areas are disinfected after each service. More members are watching the services on Facebook Live.

Vision/Mission Statements—the council worked to narrow down the number of statements being considered. Pastor will provide members of the council with a revised list for the next meeting.

The council worked at finalizing a stewardship letter to be sent to all active members in December.

New Business:

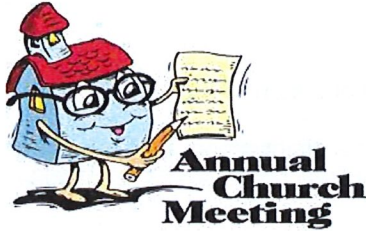
Newsletter survey—the council discussed a survey Pastor B. wants to include in the December newsletter. Members will be asked to return the survey by December 13th.

George F. passed out pastor evaluation forms to all members of the council. He would like them completed and turned in to him by next council meeting which is December 13th.

Iris W. moved to adjourn. Bill E. 2nded. Carried. We adjourned at 7:50 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Roland Purdy, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Emmanuel Lutheran will have its Annual Meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 17th. Please note the new time!



Celebration of Bernie's 90th birthday was not what was envisioned! Thanks to all for sending cards and extending greetings on this momentous occasion. If you happened to miss it, belated wishes are very welcome. God's peace to all and goodbye 2020. Myrna



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Family~

This year has certainly been a year none of us will soon forget. There have been some really difficult aspects of our lives and some tremendous blessings. We are so thankful to God that He has been with us each step of the way and that He is a constant in our lives! While we didn't get to see many of you this year to share hugs, smiles, and tears, we are thankful that God has allowed us to continue to love and serve you in a different way. We are so thankful for each and everyone of you! Thank you for your prayers, your love, and your support to our family! We especially wanted to thank you for the **Christmas** gift you blessed our family with this year through the Council and Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women. We send you all our love and we look forward to being able to share hugs, smiles, and tears with you again as we worship our Lord and Savior!

God bless you all and thanks again!
Pastor Broers, Kristy,
Sophia, Malachi, Micah, Stephen & Zoe Broers



All information needs to be in the office by 8:00 am on

Thursday mornings for the bulletins.



The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who graciously shared their poinsettias with the congregation this Christmas Season. They are absolutely beautiful in adorning our church to the glory of God! Christmas Blessings to all of you!



Adair County Neighborhood Center would like to take this opportunity to thank the Altar Guild and church members for collecting and donating food. It has helped a lot. Also to the Church Council who donated funds to the Food Pantry, the families who helped buy gifts for the adopt a family at **Christmas**. Everything you have done is so greatly appreciated. Without your caring hearts it would make it difficult to help so many families during the year. The caring and kindness is overwhelming. The family was really appreciative of what we did for them.

Thank you so much. — Raedeem Bigelow



**ELC WOMEN
January 6, 2021
1:00PM-Meeting**

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Dorcas Circle
Bible Study: Pastor
Business Meeting: Dorcas Circle
Birthdays
Lord's Prayer
Table Prayer
Refreshments: None
Kitchen Committee: None





I'm not quite sure how it is already December, but here we are! We are thankful that we have been able to continue to put G.R.O.W. online and to send out packets to our G.R.O.W. kiddos each week! Originally the plan was for G.R.O.W. to be online through December and then we'd see how things were going for the remainder of the year. With the COVID numbers as high as they are, the decision was made to continue to have G.R.O.W. online for the remainder of the G.R.O.W. year. While we really wish we could be in person, we feel this is the safest choice for all involved and we hope to be able to gather together again in person next year. Special thanks to those who are helping to make sure our online G.R.O.W. is able to happen each week!

During the first week of December we finished our journey through Old Testament stories ending with Moses and the Ten Commandments. Our journey into the New Testament began right in the middle of the story of Christ's birth. We learned about the angel coming to Mary to share that she was going to give birth to Jesus and then we celebrated His

arrival! It was a joyous start to the New Testament!

G.R.O.W. is taking a slight pause for Christmas break Dec. 23rd & Dec. 30th, but will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.

Our theme for G.R.O.W. this year is TRUST. We feel like there are so many things going on in the world and the lives of our G.R.O.W. kiddos and we want them to know that through it all, God can be trusted. The verse for the whole year is from Psalm 56:3, **"When I am afraid, I put my trust in You"**. The memory verse of the month is from Proverbs 16:20 - **"Happy are those who trust in the Lord."** It is our prayer that by memorizing these verses as a family, the kids might be able to refer back to these verses when they face problems.

Please keep the G.R.O.W. children and families in your prayers as we continue this year. We want to see seeds planted, lives changed, families brought closer to You, and God shining through all of us. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS



HEALING AND HEALTH

Emmett Grove (Rachel & Jesse Grove's son), Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Katie Duran, Chelsea Payne, Bill Raasch, Sonja LaBarge, Lynn Bohling, Darry Chiles, Tony Ortgies, Virgene Martin, Quentin Schultz, Barb Queck, Pastor Schweitzer, Frances Gross, Braydon Crees, Nancy Potter

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Special prayers for 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, Curtis Darr

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

June Eshelman, Shirley Jorgensen, Ruth Rohner, Lyle Miller, Donna Grothen, Joyce Herr, Della Marckmann, Maxine Baudler, Bernard Baudler, Zola Westphal

GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Gene Held, Eileen Sorensen

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson, EiLaVerne Estell

HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON

Harold Nelson

**Fund Balance Report
As of November 30, 2020**

General Fund	\$52,745.96
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$568.82
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	(\$728.21)
Total	(\$159.39)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$8,230.21
Designated Building	\$670.00
Designated Mission	\$6,450.00
Total	\$15,350.21
TOTAL	\$67,936.78

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Malachi	Dan	Matt	Malachi	Dan
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor
Female Vocalists	Kendalyn, Sophia	Ann, Sophia	Kendalyn	Ann, Sophia	Kendalyn
Greeters/Ushers	Brian & Sam	Kathy	Nellie, Jeanne	Brian & Sam	George
1st Reading	Brian	Ann	Kendalyn	Dave	Kendalyn
2nd Reading	Kendalyn	Dave	Brian	Ann	Brian
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	George	Lynn	Dan	Nellie	George
Sound	Rollie	George	John	George	John
Cameras	Earlene	John	George	John	George
Pro Presenter	Clella	Tammy	Tammy	Matt M.	Tammy
Organist	Kathy	Shirley	Jane	Karen	Jane
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Raedeen	Sherol	Sandy	Iris
1st Reading	Arlene	Rollie	Sherol	Sandy	Iris
Psalms Reading	Arlene	Rollie	Sherol	Sandy	Iris
2nd Reading	Iris	Sandy	Arlene	Rollie	Sherol
Gospel Reading	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Offering	Rollie, Bill	Raedeen, Iris	Rollie, Bill	Raedeen, Iris	Matt G.
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	John	Matt G	George	John
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	Sherol	Tammy	Sophia	Tammy

CHURCH CALENDAR

January 2021
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>New Year's Day</i> 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship	10:00a Bible Study FB 5:00p Council Agenda Deadline 5:00p Annual Meeting Reports Due	10:00a Pastor to GSC	1:00p ELC Women 6:00p Confirmation & GROW 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 5:30p Council Meeting	10:00a Bible Study FB	10:00a Pastor to GSC	6:00p Confirmation & GROW 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
Annual Meeting 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Annual Meeting 10:30a Traditional Worship	10:00a Bible Study FB	10:00a Pastor to GSC	6:00p Confirmation & GROW 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship	10:00a Bible Study FB Newsletter DEADLINE	10:00a Pastor to GSC	6:00p Confirmation & GROW 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 1/1 Lauren Bricker, Josh Christensen
Garrett Sherley
- 1/2 Josh Nelson
- 1/3 Norma Finck, Gwendolyn Boston
- 1/4 Charlene Baudler, Kathryn Gross,
Kristyn (Thompson) Mercer, Rachel Held
- 1/6 Deborah Bakerink, Ross Herr, Joshua
Nelson
- 1/7 Elizabeth Hansen, Max Marckmann
- 1/8 Maria Sorensen, Harrison Leiss
- 1/9 Nicholas Gross, Lauren Huff, Kristi Rhoads,
Kaden Herr, Brandon Raasch, Prudence
Nelson
- 1/10 Eric Erbes, Ed Christensen, Jarek Johnson
- 1/11 Angela Swanson, Karolyn Ortgies
- 1/12 Brenda Hansen, Derek Laughery
- 1/13 Wendy Wilson
- 1/15 Gena (Held) Ward, Bill Raasch, Providence
Nelson
- 1/16 Krista Mostaert Schatz, Sue Rohner
- 1/17 Adam Queck
- 1/18 Jennie Bigelow Anderson, Michael Dodson,
Clifton Baudler, Khloee Byrum
- 1/19 Kimberly Johnson
- 1/20 Ruth (Johnson) Henderson, Rhonda Boehm
- 1/21 Mary (Huff) Ray, Lori Nelson
- 1/22 Clel Herr, Harold Nelson
- 1/23 Betty Weinheimer, Benjamin Richards
- 1/24 Tara Lamborn Fisk, Annie Herr, Blake Lund,
Micaiah Thompson
- 1/25 Brad Nelson, Ruth Rohner
- 1/26 Mandy Feick
- 1/28 Rebecca Gross
- 1/29 Laura Schwartz
- 1/30 Miranda Baudler, Craig Marckmann,
Nadene Wolfe, Mandi Eisbach
- 1/31 Margy Helm, Phyllis Hanke

ANNIVERSARIES



- 1/1 Bernard & Maxine Baudler
Matt & Heidi Rohrig
- 1/3 David & Kendalyn Huff
- 1/4 Roger & Tammy Jensen
Frank & Anna Richards
- 1/12 Max & Vera Marckmann
- 1/14 Tom & Kathy Thompson
- 1/15 Bob & Barbara Queck
- 1/16 Paul & Raedeen Bigelow
- 1/23 John & Michelle Mensing
- 1/28 Jeff & Gloria Martin

BAPTISMS



- 1/1 Brock McKibban
- 1/5 Irma Jacobson, Brysen Emerson
- 1/10 Dylan Sassatelli
- 1/11 Bernie Gundel
- 1/12 Jenna Burmeister
- 1/15 Josh Christensen, Zola Westphal
- 1/17 Amy Perkey
- 1/21 Mardell Martin
- 1/22 Brady Burg
- 1/25 Megan Feick
- 1/28 Kristyn (Thompson) Mercer
- 1/26 Emma Perkey, Kennedy Perkey
- 1/31 Brenda Hansen

CONFIRMATIONS



- 1/21 Maxine Baudler

Benevolence		2020
Local		4th Qtr
Adair County Food Pantry		\$590
Presbyterian Church - Hygiene		\$590
Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp		\$590
Ronald McDonald House		\$590
Hope Ministries		\$590
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World		
Vision Mission		\$1,275
St. Jude		\$510
Salvation Army		\$510
Operation Blessing - wells		\$510
Lutheran World Relief - agriculture		\$510
Iowa City Children's Hospital		\$510
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LCMC		
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Come and Worship With Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting—January 17—9:45 a.m.