

# **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**Annual Meeting  
January 17, 2021**



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**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**January 17, 2021**

**9:45 a.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – President George Feazell
  - A. Opening Devotions
  - B. Adoption of Order of Business
  
- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Rollie Purdy
  
- III. TREASURERS’ REPORT**
  - A. General – Bill Ernst
  - B. Approval of Treasurers’ Reports
  
- IV. REVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**
  
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
  
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Elections: Council, Nominating Committee (3 congregational members)
  - B. Election of Delegates (LCMC Annual Gathering October 3 - 6 in Hilliard, OH, Upper Arlington Lutheran Church)
  
- VII. ADJOURNMENT** – Lord’s Prayer

Appreciation is expressed to all who have served our Lord Jesus Christ through our Congregation in any way, great or small, during the year 2020, and we ask His blessing and inspiration upon all who have been asked to serve Him in His Church during 2021.

## **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**July 19, 2020**

The meeting was held in the church sanctuary. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, social distancing and face masks were encouraged. Sixteen members were present.

President George Feazell called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Council members present were George Feazell, Matt Gross, Raedeen Bigelow, Iris Westphal, Lynn Christensen, Nellie Griffith, Roland Purdy, and Pastor Steven Broers. Absent were Dan Dreher and Bill Ernst.

Pastor Broers read opening devotions.

Motion by Craig Plymesser to adopt the Order of Business. 2nded by Roland P. Carried.

The minutes of the January 19, 2020 Annual Meeting were read by secretary, Roland P. Motion by Clella Buckner to approve the minutes. 2nded by Sherol Brown. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by George F. A 2021 budget was presented but because there was not a quorum of members present, no action was taken to approve the budget. It will need to be approved at a later date.

There was discussion on Outreach Ministry. No one is currently serving as leader for Outreach or Adult Ministries.

There was discussion on our church receiving \$20,118.53 in a forgivable loan through a government Paycheck Protection Program (or CARES Act), and \$8,000.00 through EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loans). These are forgivable loans available due to the coronavirus pandemic and the possible effects on church members' jobs and church giving.

Motion by Sherol Brown to approve the Treasurer's Report. 2nded by Craig Plymesser. Carried.

Old Business: Plaster Repair. Matt Gross reported that the repair work is completed except for the high-arched ceiling area and altar area in the sanctuary of the church. The coronavirus pandemic has the remaining work on hold.

New Business: 2021 Budget. Approval of the budget was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

Motion by Roland Purdy to adjourn. 2nded by Clella Buckner. Carried. We adjourned at 2:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Roland Purdy, Secretary

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**September 13, 2020**

A special meeting was held for the purpose of voting on a 2021 budget for the church. (This 2021 budget had been presented at the July 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting but there were not enough members present to make up a quorum.)

There were 33 members present at this meeting. Thirty members or more make a quorum.

President George Feazell called the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

Pastor Steven Broers read devotions

Old Business:

1. 2021 Budget—members had had ample opportunity to look over the proposed budget. There was no discussion.

Dave Huff moved to approve the proposed 2021 Budget. Arlene Schwartz 2nded. The motion carried.

Ed Christensen moved to adjourn. Arlene Schwartz 2nded. The motion carried. We adjourned at 10:02 am with the Lord's Prayer.

Roland Purdy, Secretary

## PASTOR'S REPORT

I am going to be honest: This has been a difficult year. 2020 started off with a lot of promise, but it soon became quite a trying time for our world, our country and certainly our community both inside and outside of the church. As I look back over the past year, I am both struck by how much things have changed but also how impressed I am at the way our community has persevered throughout this difficult time. I pray that as things (hopefully!) get back to normal throughout the upcoming year, that we can take what we have learned from this experience and revitalize the ministries that we have been missing for so long.

First of all, thank you for staying connected to your church here at Emmanuel in Fontanelle. I am so glad that we began livestreaming our services back in 2019 so that we were ready for all the changes in 2020. Back then, we were trying to be “forward-looking” but that technology quickly became the “new normal”. You might not have realized it, but other churches in Iowa were looking to us for support for how to do things like Facebook Live, You Tube and Online Giving and it was nice to help them out. Because you supported those changes over a year ago, we were able to help others when they needed assistance. Thank you to everyone who began watching Sunday services on Facebook Live when you were not able to come to church in-person, joined the Online Bible Study or began giving online. Your support has been very much appreciated!

After our church had to close in the middle of March, I led the church service alone for three months. But I wasn't really ever alone. I could never have done it without support. In order to keep the number of people attending low and to slow the spread of Covid-19 in our community, the only people we had at our services at that time were Kellie and Matt Mangels, Clella Buckner and George Feazell. Thanks so much to these members who kept our worship services available! We missed everyone, but at least we could continue with some sense of normalcy. Other ministries continued during this time as well such as multiple funerals, pre-marital counseling over Zoom, weddings and Bible studies as well.

As summer began, our Council made the decision to re-open in July with the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. I am very grateful to our Council members who took on extra responsibility this last year and found a way to allow our congregation to continue meeting in a safe way. What felt like very conservative measures in the beginning seem to be the standard for churches now. I know that some people in the congregation have felt along the way that we were taking too many risks by being open so soon and singing at services while others have felt that we were being too careful by staying closed as long as we did and continuing to wear masks. I am simply thankful that we can serve all members of our church either online or in-person as well as those outside of our community when they need a place to worship. Throughout this ordeal, our congregation has been able to serve families from outside of our church through baptisms and funerals due to our ability to be open which has been an honor to serve and a blessing to others.

One of the most difficult parts in this last year as a pastor has been trying to figure out how to connect to everyone. First we weren't meeting together at all and then, even after re-opening, the attendance has been much lower. I have tried making many phone calls, but it's just not the same as sitting with you in your living rooms or giving hugs at church or hanging out at ballgames. I miss you all so very much and, even though I am willing to visit with a mask on currently, I know it's just not the same. Please let me know if you or someone you know would like a visit. It has always been something I thought was extremely important and made a priority to do before and I want to get back into the habit as quickly as it is safe to do so. You have all been in my prayers and I can't wait to be able to worship with you all again in person rather than just over a screen.

During prayer time this fall, I felt led by God to revisit our Vision and Mission statements because it somehow felt outdated. “Coming in to be Sent out!” still applies, but how does that look now that so many of us never “come in” to church? How can we be “sent out” when we aren't supposed to go places as often or visit the most vulnerable in their homes? Therefore, I asked the Council to pray and brainstorm some ideas on a

revised Vision and Mission statement in case it needed to be updated. After much discussion and reflection, we felt that we could make the statements a little shorter while better expressing where we feel God is leading our church:

A Vision Statement focuses on WHY our church does what it does. It looks toward the future and is the PURPOSE of our organization. I hope that each of us can memorize this new Vision Statement and contemplate more and more how God might be using these words to call us all into a closer relationship with Him. The new Vision Statement we are presenting is:

**“Come To Faith, Honor God’s Word”**

This Vision statement helps me to remember that coming to faith in Jesus can happen whether we are “coming in” to worship or worshipping from home during a pandemic. Because we are truly entering in THROUGH faith in Jesus, it’s the FAITH that connects us and brings us together. Furthermore, honoring God’s Word really gets me to thinking about the many ways God calls us in our lives. We are called to honor God’s word as individuals by following the commandments, but we are also called to honor God’s Word by sharing His message far and wide. We honor God’s Word both by listening to the weekly sermon as well as by serving others in our community. What does it mean to you to come to faith? What will it look like for you to honor God’s Word?

A Mission Statement focuses on HOW and WHAT our church does. It looks at what is going on right now and what we are doing on a daily basis. The new Mission Statement we are presenting is the following:

**To be inspired and reconnected to God’s Word and God’s People, to share the message of the cross and to bring God’s love and healing to people in need.**

Again, I see this Mission Statement as reflecting HOW we accomplish our Vision. We want to come to faith as individuals and to share that faith with others. We do that by reconnecting to the Bible, to church services, and to other Christians. Both the witness of others and the Word of God is important in growing in our faith lives and we want to continue providing opportunities to do those things at Emmanuel. In addition, we want to be focused on sharing God’s love through the message of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection as well as by taking care of the basic needs of those in our community. We want people to experience God’s love by showing them love and compassion in a practical way even if Jesus’ name is never mentioned in our interaction. Because we want others to experience God’s love both in word and in deed. Once people know how much we care, we also want to be free and inspired to share how much God cares for them through Jesus Christ as well.

We hope that these two statements might inspire you to follow God more closely in the year to come and to feel inspired to become involved in the Vision and Mission of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in the future. We have survived 2020! I expect the year 2021 to be an exciting year of reconnection, renewal and spiritual growth both personally and as a church family. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and your families throughout the past year and I look forward to walking with you into the future. God bless you! -

Pastor Broers

# **PASTOR BROERS – MINISTRY TASKS ACCOMPLISHED**

**January – December 2020**

## **Worship**

Worship Services – 92

Confirmation/First Communion Service – 1

Confirmation Service – 1

Ash Wednesday Service – 1

Lenten Services – 5

Maundy Thursday Service -1

Good Friday Service -1

Christmas Eve Service – 2

Christmas Day Service – 1

Contemporary Worship Planning –8

Traditional Worship Planning –3

Baptism Services – 6

Pre-baptismal Meetings-1

Funeral Services –8

Graveside Services –3

Funeral Planning Meetings –4

Wedding Services – 6

Pre-Marital Counseling Meetings –28

Wedding Rehearsals-3

## **Pastoral Care**

Hospital Visits –1

Home Visits –8

Nursing Home Visits (One-on-one) –18

Good Samaritan devotions –52

Facetime meetings with Nursing Home – 3

Phone Counseling – 220

Office Counseling –9

Phone Calls about Deliverance –3

## **Council**

Meeting with Council President – 5

Council Meeting – 11 (Reorganizational Meeting – 1)

## **Training**

Stephen Ministry Supervision –3

Online Alpha Course – 10

## **Ministry Meetings**

Women's Bible Study – 5

Stewardship Team – 1

Outreach Team – 1

Altar Guild Meeting – 1

Audio/Visual Team - 2

## **Weekly Meetings**

Praise Team Practices –14

Prayer Group- 47

### **STAFF**

Weekly meeting with secretary –37

Secretary interview – 1

## **Connecting to Larger Community**

Graduation Service – 1

LCMC Gathering Online –1

## **Youth**

### **ELEMENTARY**

First Communion Classes –3

Helped with GROW videos –7

Operation Christmas Child Dropoff – 1

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Confirmation Classes –21

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

High School Bible Study –19

Helped Youth Set Up Christmas Tree – 1

Helped with Valentine's Dinner –1

## **Congregation Life**

Semi-Annual Meeting – 2

Annual Meeting – 1

## **Online Outreach**

Facebook Bible Study – 30

Genesis Through Revelation Videos – 18

Weekly Devotions – 48

## 2020 PARISH REPORT

### MEMBERSHIP: TRANSFERS REQUESTED (IN OR OUT)

None

### MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH

(including funerals conducted by Pastor)

m = member

Evelyn Mae Sickles Purdy (m)	01/22/2020	Wayne "Tobe" Held (m)	11/09/2020
Paul Walter Herr (m)	02/14/2020	Corma Allen	11/22/2020
Marilyn Ehram (m)	03/29/2020	Barbara Del Nelson (m)	11/24/2020
Dean Feick (m)	06/07/2020	Jean McCaslen (m)	12/19/2020
Itha Carns (m)	06/29/2020	Peggy Jorgensen (m)	12/30/2020
Verlene June Meisenheimer (m)	09/08/2020	Gene Held (m)	12/30/2020
Walter Herr (m)	10/27/2020		

### BAPTISMS IN 2020

### PARENTS' NAMES

### BORN

### BAPTIZED

Daniel Vazquez	Nicole Vazquez & Magner Vazquez Santizo	9/17/2020	12/6/2020
Leoney Vazquez	Nicole Vazquez & Magner Vazquez Santizo	8/11/2018	12/6/2020
Norah Lynn Arendt	Jordan Christensen & Nathan Arendt	9/11/2020	11/1/2020
Harrison Dean Baumgartner	Addie Antisdell & Joshua Baumgartner	11/19/2019	10/24/2020
Coleen Sarah Ferguson	Dustin Ferguson & Lexi Sickles	5/5/2020	9/19/2020
Caroline Jo Ferguson	Dustin Ferguson & Lexi Sickles	4/14/2018	9/19/2020
Ryker Allan Tonderum	Megan Feick & Connor Tonderum	12/11/2019	8/16/2020
Zoe Joy Broers	Steven & Kristy Broers	5/23/2020	6/7/2020
McKeyan Reed Julius Erb	Rhonda Erb	7/24/2018	4/17/2020
Remington Martell Engebretson	Rhonda Erb	1/1/2017	4/17/2020

### MEMBERS CONFIRMED IN 2020

*07/26/2020*

Ashlyn Beaman, Malachi Broers, Levi Gettler, Jacob Mangels, Marie Pickrell,  
Tristan Randol, Addie Stringer

*08/16/2020*

Tucker Sloth Rohrig

### MARRIAGES IN 2020

<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Jordan Lee Brodersen	Benjamin John Bjorholm	12/19/2020
Tiffany Beatty	Matt Jensen	11/21/2020
Velista Martin	Christopher Smith	10/10/2020
Sarah Sue Buckner	Jordan Lee Johnson	8/8/2020
Elizabeth Ann Lund	John Patrick Karl	7/26/2020

## 2020 PAROCHIAL REPORT

Total baptized membership, January 1, 2020 .....	891
Total confirmed membership, January 1, 2020 .....	640
Members received by baptism in 2020 .....	10
Members received by transfer or affirmation of faith.....	0
Members lost by death .....	12
Confirmed members transferred to another church .....	0
Baptized members transferring to another church .....	0

### **AFTER STATISTICAL ADJUSTMENTS:**

Total baptized membership, December 31, 2020 .....	889
Total confirmed membership, December 31, 2020 .....	628

### **AVERAGE IN-PERSON YEARLY ATTENDANCE EACH SUNDAY: 52 (2020\*Covid-19)**

*Previous Years:                    133 (2019), 135 (2018), 134 (2017), 151 (2016), 154 (2015)*

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget

	Actual 2020 31-Dec	Budget 2020	Proposed 2021
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
<b>Giving:</b>			
General	\$159,522.18	\$189,000.00	\$189,000.00
Designated Giving			
Children's Ministry	\$3,044.62	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Vision Fund	\$18,050.00		
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Rent		\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Other Income	\$226.28		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$180,843.08</b>	<b>\$195,000.00</b>	<b>\$194,500.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Benevolence:</b>			
LCMC Benevolence 1%	\$1,575.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,890.00
Local Benevolence 7%	\$11,050.00	\$13,230.00	\$13,230.00
World Benevolence 9%	\$9,475.00	\$17,010.00	\$17,010.00
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$22,100.00</b>	<b>\$32,130.00</b>	<b>\$32,130.00</b>
<b>Ministry:</b>			
Pastor's Salary	\$50,836.62	\$50,500.00	\$51,500.00
Pension	\$6,308.82	\$7,000.00	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
Insurance	\$16,929.73	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00
Vehicle Mileage & Expenses	\$861.73	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Cell Phone	\$2,015.67	\$1,500.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$76,952.57</b>	<b>\$77,500.00</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>
<b>Payroll:</b>			
Custodial	\$1,536.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Organist	\$4,040.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Secretary	\$7,107.00	\$11,500.00	\$10,000.00
Taxes	\$1,818.12	\$1,453.50	\$1,338.75
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$14,501.12</b>	<b>\$20,453.50</b>	<b>\$18,838.75</b>
<b>General Administration:</b>			
Printing & Reproduction	\$7,836.75	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Church Supplies	\$1,251.19	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$854.03	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$378.02	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Professional Services	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Other	\$1,339.16	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total General Admin</b>	<b>\$16,659.15</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget**

	Actual 2020 31-Dec	<b>Budget 2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2021</b>
<b>Children's Ministry:</b>			
GROW	\$1,611.10	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	(\$486.59)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Summer Camp	\$457.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Confirmation	\$61.31	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other	\$1,270.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Children's Ministry</b>	<b>\$2,914.17</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>Worship and Service:</b>			
Altar	\$454.96	\$500.00	\$500.00
Visiting Pastors	\$491.50	\$500.00	\$500.00
Adult Ministry	\$1,140.21	\$500.00	\$500.00
Music Ministry	\$560.90	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
Supplies	\$35.21	\$800.00	\$800.00
Other	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$1,249.80		
<b>Total Worship &amp; Service</b>	<b>\$3,932.58</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>
<b>Church and Parsonage</b>			
Building, Equip. & Maint.	\$17,231.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Utilities	\$7,542.33	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
	\$3,286.42	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Telephone	\$1,260.33	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	\$1,590.79	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$7,077.69	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Services	\$1,957.98	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Church &amp; Parsonage</b>	<b>\$39,946.54</b>	<b>\$31,500.00</b>	<b>\$31,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$177,006.13</b>	<b>\$194,883.50</b>	<b>\$193,768.75</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$3,836.95</b>	<b>\$116.50</b>	<b>\$731.25</b>

A financial review was made on January 5, 2021, by Gini Herr and Barb Lemke, Booking Plus. A copy of this review is available.

**CDs and DESIGNATIONS**

4-year CD                      \$11,003.76  
Designated for ceiling repair

5-year CD                      \$28,814.31  
Designated endowment for the bell tower

## **FUND BALANCE REPORT**

31-Dec-20

General Fund	\$53,698.64
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$688.82
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$64.99
Total	<u>\$753.81</u>
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$8,780.21
Designated Building	\$6,020.00
Designated Mission	\$7,725.00
Total	<u>\$22,525.21</u>
TOTAL	\$76,977.66

### **ONLINE GIVING**

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council would like to remind everyone you can manage your online giving! This allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and review your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at [www.fontanellelutheran.org](http://www.fontanellelutheran.org).
2. Click on the "Give Online" button.
3. Click on the "Create Profile" button.
4. Then follow the onscreen instructions to create an account profile and schedule you recurring contributions.

**BENEVOLENCE****2020**

Local	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	TOTAL
Emergency (Families-in-need)		\$350			\$350
Adair County Food Pantry		\$975	\$575	\$590	\$2,140
Presbyterian Church - Hygiene		\$975	\$575	\$590	\$2,140
Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp		\$975	\$575	\$590	\$2,140
Teen Challenge		\$975			\$975
Ronald McDonald House			\$575	\$590	\$1,165
Hope Ministries		\$975	\$575	\$590	\$2,140
	\$0	\$5,225	\$2,875	\$2,950	\$11,050
World					
Vision Mission		\$2,250	\$1,200	\$1,275	\$4,725
St. Jude		\$900	\$485	\$510	\$1,895
Salvation Army		\$900	\$485	\$510	\$1,895
Operation Blessing - wells		\$900	\$485	\$510	\$1,895
Lutheran World Relief - agriculture		\$900	\$485	\$510	\$1,895
Iowa City Children's Hospital		\$900	\$485	\$510	\$1,895
	\$0	\$6,750	\$3,625	\$3,825	\$14,200
LCMC		\$750	\$400	\$425	\$1,575
		\$12,725	\$6,900	\$7,200	\$26,825

## **2020 PROPERTY REPORT**

2020 started with Holan Construction continuing to make progress on the sanctuary plaster work. He continued to work despite Covid shutdown and finished in April. Thank you, Jerry. Also a thank you to David Sickles, Pat Westphal, and Bill Ernst for helping clean, move pews, and scaffold. I also want to thank those who dropped by to move pews: Rollie Purdy, Brian Fox, John Baudler, Kelly Hall, Bart Bohm, Dave Huff, and Roger Jensen.

We did not receive bids back for the ceiling and chancel because of the shutdown.

In the spring David Sickles, Rollie Purdy, Craig Plymessenger, Bill Ernst, Pat Westphal and I spent a couple of days removing trees and fence from the north bank to keep the roots from entering the sewer pipe. Bob Queck provided lunch.

The bank was sprayed twice with Roundup through the summer.

Early September Pat, Rollie, and I seeded the bank with grass. Pat provided a compact tractor and disk he also provided the seed. A few days later Pat, Craig, and I built the fence.

We took bids from Colors Floral and J & A Flouiring for carpet on the front steps. Colors has the job at \$1438.45 plus concrete repair. The old carpet was removed because of safety concerns and the new carpet will be installed next spring when the temperature reaches 70 overnight.

Thanks again to all who helped out and my apologies if I missed anyone.

Matt

## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Beginning Balance 1-1-2020	\$21,844.87
Memorial Deposits	4,480.87
Interest Earned	<u>28.48</u>
Total	\$26,354.22
No Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 12-31-2020	\$26,354.22

### **Memorial Designations January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

Open	\$8,533.67
Organ Maintenance	708.00
Bell Music	65.30
Mural Protection	759.00
Parish Nurse	2,268.49
Sunday School	220.00
Landscaping	900.00
Youth Bibles	1,000.00
Burrack Endowment	9,571.28
Basement Floors	<u>2,300.00</u>
Total	\$26,325.74
Interest	<u>28.48</u>
Total	\$26,354.22

## ALTAR GUILD REPORT FOR 2020

The Altar Guild of Emmanuel Lutheran Church meets six times per year. Serving as officers in 2020 were:

President:	Iris Westphal
Secretary:	Sandra Stewart
Treasurer:	Gini Herr

The members continue to serve by preparing the worship space at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We do the set-up for communion for the Contemporary and Traditional services and take care of the clean-up afterwards. We change paraments and get banners ready for weddings, funerals, and baptisms. We care for the altar linens, the altar appointments, and candles. We coordinate weddings, provide an annual program at the Good Samaritan Society, handle arrangements for Holy Week (including ordering the Easter Lilies), decorate for the harvest season, and prepare for Advent and Christmas (including ordering the Poinsettias).

We also oversee the sale of greeting cards.

Committees for the year were:

- Altar Linens/Baptisms/Confirmation: Iris Westphal
- Banners: Lynn Christensen
- Sale of Cards: Nancy Pettit and Gini Herr
- Communion Preparation: Sandra Stewart, Sue Rohner, Carmen Homan
- Flowers: Wanda Johnson
- Candles: Diane Clayton
- Paraments: Heidi Sorenson-Rohrig

The Altar Guild thanks you for purchasing cards. This is our only income resource. We purchase communion linens, as needed, flowers for the altar, stoles for confirmands, baptism cloths and blankets (if needed) and palm fronds for Easter.

Those going off are Nancy Pettit, Sue Rohner, and Wanda Johnson. The only new member so far is Raedeem Bigelow. Thank you to those going off for all their hard work.

By Iris Westphal

## ALTAR GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

by Virginia Herr

Balance on hand January 1, 2020	\$ 1359.09
Donation for flowers	\$ 620.00
Income from card sales	<u>\$ 291.60</u>
Total funds available	\$2,270.69
Less Expenses	
Cards & supplies	\$ 123.90
Supplies	\$ 37.00
Flowers purchased	<u>\$ 1112.17</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 2019	\$ 997.32
Savings account balance January 1, 2020	\$ 881.84
Interest	<u>\$ 1.21</u>
Savings account balance December 31, 2020	\$ 883.05

## **MEN'S GROUP BREAKFASTS REPORT**

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Beginning Balance 1-1-2020	\$2,034.12
Deposits	\$338.00
Expenses	<u>\$144.18</u>
Ending Balance 12-31-2020	\$2,169.74

The Men's Group was started in September of 2016 to raise money for projects and other things. The Men's Group tries to have at least 4 breakfasts a year, the meal in the park with the Methodist Church in September, and Thanksgiving Dinner. The group has used the money for some tables, hot plates, devotion books, toaster, griddles, roaster, supplies for the kitchen, roses for the Mother's Day service, ceiling repair, food pantry, shoebox postage, and Praise Team for a new keyboard. March 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Men's Group had a Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast and that would be the last one for the year because of Covid-19. The Men's Group is hopeful that they can continue doing it again in the future. The Men's Group would like to thank everyone that comes to our meals and supports them.

## **REPORT OF WOMEN OF CHURCH FOR 2020**

We did not meet for several months due to the Covid-19.

Pastor Broers gives the Bible Studies.

Mardell Martin sends cards for members in the hospital, some birthdays, baptism cards, and sympathy cards.

Because of the pandemic, we couldn't provide the Christmas plates for the nursing home residents; we sent them cards.

We provide funds for the Project of the Month to many groups. Following is the list we contributed to this year:

LAMP .....	\$25.00
Plaster project in the church .....	\$1,000.00
Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp .....	\$150.00
Riverside Bible Camp .....	\$150.00
GROW .....	\$100.00
LAMP .....	\$50.00
Greenfield Rehab/Health Care Center .....	\$50.00
Good Samaritan Society .....	\$50.00
Greenfield Neighborhood Center .....	\$50.00
Lutheran Social Services .....	\$50.00

We helped serve the funeral for Paul Herr on 2/14/2020.

Prepared by Roleen Chiles and Arlene Schwartz

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRAISE TEAM**

(Lutheran Messengers)

Balance 12/18/2019	\$ 2,302.26
Deposits	
Donations	\$ 100.00
Total deposits	\$ 100.00
Expenses	
Postage	\$ 7.50
Trailer license	\$ 21.00
Total expenses	\$ 28.50
Balance 12/18/2020	\$ 2,373.76

**LUTHER LEAGUE SUMMARY REPORT**

The Luther League held their annual Valentine's Day Dinner on February 16, 2020. According to Council minutes in May, they had a good turnout. Activities were then canceled due to covid-19. The balance in the Luther League account as of December 15, 2020, is \$4,710.76.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

We are very blessed with our Children's Ministry program here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, even in a challenging year! We are especially blessed to have children to serve and love in Christ's name! Since it is difficult to have my report reflect just the 2020 year as our year coincides with the school year, I have included brief details from the 2019-2020 spring semester and the 2020-2021 year as it stands currently.

-Kristy Broers, Children's Ministry Team Leader

### **-Children's Ministry**

-VBS – Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp cancelled this summer's programming due to the pandemic. After talking with the Fontanelle Methodist Church, it was decided to leave our deposit at the camp to use for VBS in the summer of 2021.

-Children's Christmas Program – This year's program was done online with the help of Sophia Broers and families that were able to record program parts at home.

### **-G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays)**

-2019-2020 (Spring semester news)

-We had a Family Fun night in February called February-Fest. This is a night we take each year to step away from our learning in the middle of the winter and gather with the whole family to make some memories as a G.R.O.W. family and just have fun! This year's theme revolved around a Tropical Getaway.

-Fun Run – This year's Fun Run was cancelled due to the pandemic. Micah Broers was one of the top Bible bringers, so he got to throw a pie in Pastor's face and it was shared online. 😊

### **-G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays)**

-2020-2021 (as of Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

-Based on responses by G.R.O.W. volunteers and parents, the church council decided it would be in the best interest to hold G.R.O.W. online this fall and see where we're at in December. Based on the rising number of COVID cases the council made the decision to continue having G.R.O.W. online for the remainder of the G.R.O.W. year.

-17 Families/30 Kids plus a daycare are receiving weekly G.R.O.W. packets

-3 adult volunteers on an average week (Judy Nelson – PreK-K activities; Steven Broers – video recording; Kristy Broers – lessons, activities, & video recordings)

-36 shoeboxes packed for Operation Christmas Child and the entire cost of shipping each box was covered through donations. Pastor Broers delivered the boxes.

### **-Confirmation**

-8 Youth were confirmed in 2020

-This year's Confirmation class consists of 9 - 7<sup>th</sup> graders & 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Jeremy Rohner serves as the helper. The classes meet in the sanctuary spaced out, with masks, and assigned seating as well as on Zoom.

-2020-2021 curriculum focus is on going through and memorizing Luther's Small Catechism. The curriculum focus alternates every other year with the Bible in a Year.

**-High School Ministry**

-There continues to be a weekly High School Bible Study that meets at the church on Wednesday nights at 8 PM. Attendance averages around 2-4. Kathy Thompson volunteers each night as a second adult volunteer.

-The Broers kids put up the Christmas tree so social distancing wouldn't be an issue.

-3 high school students are involved with the Praise Team.

**G.R.O.W. Volunteer List (2020-2021)**

- Judy Nelson
- Kristy Broers
- Steven Broers

**Christmas Program Volunteers**

- Kristy Broers
- Sophia Broers

**Confirmation Volunteers**

- Jeremy Rohner

**High School Bible Study Volunteers**

- Kathy Thompson
- Steven Broers

## **OUTREACH AND ADULT MINISTRY REPORT**

Since the pandemic, the Outreach ministry team only met once due to safety concerns. However, throughout these hardships, we have continued offering various ways of staying involved and reaching out to others. Adult ministry was still provided through opportunities to grow in your faith online. Pastor Broers creates Weekly Devotions on YouTube and leads the Facebook Live Bible study. He has also been making 30-minute videos on YouTube covering the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in case you want to increase your Bible knowledge. He finished the Old Testament before Christmas and will be starting the New Testament right away in January. In addition, our weekly attendance online has grown substantially throughout the past year. It has also been a blessing to present both baptisms and funerals online so that people can be a part of these special occasions safely. We also offered Alpha Online in the fall where five people participated in learning more about faith, the Bible, prayer and the church.

In the Fall of 2020, we saw a lot of support and generosity from our church by writing thank you cards for our two community nursing homes and almost \$1000 was raised for gift cards to give to them. That was outstanding! In addition, multiple people supported local families in our area by buying gifts for their children. This was in addition to the Benevolence money sent throughout the year to various ministries in Iowa and across the world. (See page 14 of this report.)

We hope that our ministry teams will be able to meet regularly again soon. If you have any interest in leading Adult Ministry, we are still looking for a leader of that group that can help focus our efforts at Spiritual Growth. In addition, if you would like to be involved in Outreach ministry, it would be wonderful to have a leader who could organize meetings and help brainstorm ideas. To begin 2021, we will be providing another opportunity to support our community healthcare workers by supporting those at the Greenfield Hospital. And, in terms of Adult Ministry, Pastor Broers hopes to offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University this upcoming spring. Thanks for your help in making the ministries at Emmanuel at success!

By Pastor Broers

## **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

The Stewardship team met once to discuss our annual end-of-the-year letter sent out to congregation members with "Estimate of Giving" cards. These letters also informed people about how much they gave up to that point in the year in case they wanted to give extra in December to support the church. Due to the lack of attendance, Pastor Broers has tried throughout the year to encourage the congregation to begin giving online through Vanco Services by signing up on our website, but most members continue to prefer using checks and envelopes. While giving was down dramatically in 2020, we understand that there were many reasons for this and are hopeful that people's generosity will pick up once members begin attending in-person again and our country's economy picks up.

By Pastor Broers

## MINISTRY LEADERS - 2020

Traditional Service	Ruth Buenting & Frances Gross
Contemporary Service	Kellie Mangels
Outreach Ministry	Nellie Griffith
Adult Ministry	Dan Dreher
Children's Ministry	Kristy Broers
Property Ministry	Matt Gross
Memorial Committee	Paul Bigelow
Women of the Church Ministry Leader	V.P. – Arlene Schwartz, Treasurer– Roleen Chiles, Sec. – Roleen Chiles
Hospitality Ministry	Nancy Stringer & Rhonda Boehm
Altar Guild	Iris Westphal
Stewardship	<i>Vacant</i>
Policy	Craig Plymesser

## **2020 CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **Current Council Members**

President: George Feazell  
Vice President: Raedeen Bigelow  
Treasurer: Bill Ernst  
Secretary: Rollie Purdy  
Music & Worship: Iris Westphal  
Children's Ministry: Lynn Christensen  
Property: Matt Gross  
Outreach: Nellie Griffith  
Adult Ministry: Dan Dreher

### **LCMC Delegates**

Craig and Brenda Plymesser

### **Praise Team**

Leader-Kellie Mangels  
Bob Jacobson  
Pastor Steven Broers  
Dan Dreher  
Tracy Jacobson  
Brian Fox  
Ann Rohner  
Louise Johnson  
Matt Jensen  
Kathi Christensen  
Dave Huff  
Sophia Broers  
Matt Mangels  
Malachi Broers  
Kim Nelson (back up)

### **Policy Committee**

Roger Jensen  
Myrna Gundel  
John Baudler  
Craig Plymesser  
George Feazell  
Pastor Broers

### **Property**

Bart Boehm  
Craig Plymesser  
Bob Queck  
Bob Jacobson  
Bill Raasch  
Dan Berg  
Matt Gross

### **Employees**

Pastor Broers  
Secretary: Clella Buckner (Jan-Sept), Amy Hoover (Sept- Dec)  
Custodians: Mike Mangels, Cris Queck  
Bookkeeper: Barb Lemke

### **Stewardship**

Darry Chiles  
Iris Westpahl  
Vicki Brown  
Heather Scar  
Ed Christensen  
Pastor Broers

### **Memorial Committee**

Peggy Lewis  
Ed Christensen  
Paul Bigelow  
Nancy Pettit  
Roleen Chiles

### **Benevolence**

Raedeen Bigelow  
Rollie Purdy

### **Men's Group**

David Sickles  
Jim Dickerson  
Brian Gettler  
George Feazell  
Ed Christensen  
Jeff Labarge  
Bob Queck  
Dave Huff  
Stan Brown  
Bill Raasch

### **Men's Bible Study**

Bob Queck  
Bruce Westphal  
Stan Brown  
Ramon Jacobson  
George Feazell  
Craig Plymesser

**Altar Guild**

Presidents: Iris Westphal  
Secretary: Sandra Stewart  
Treasurer: Gini Herr  
Members:

Carmen Homan  
Nancy Pettit  
Sandra Stewart  
Heidi Sorenson-Rohrig  
Sue Rohner  
Diane Clayton  
Lynn Christensen  
Wanda Johnson

**Tech Committee**

Rollie Purdy  
Dave Huff

**Media Team**

Propresenter:  
Tammy Jensen  
Clella Buckner  
Sophia (Traditional)  
Matt Mangels  
George Feazell  
Sherol Brown  
Tom Thompson

Sound:  
John Baudler  
Matt Gross  
George Feazell  
Ed Christensen  
Rollie Purdy  
Bob Jacobson  
Bob Queck (funerals)

Video/Cameras:  
Ed Christensen  
Earlene Purdy  
John Baudler  
George Feazell

**Traditional Service**

Handbells  
John Baudler  
Roger Jensen

**Long Term Planning Team**

Tammy Jensen  
Dave Huff  
Denise Kuhns  
Craig Plymesser  
Rollie Purdy

**Handbells**

Darla Baudler  
Cindy Lundy  
Rollie Purdy  
Judy Nelson  
Earlene Purdy  
Becky Stuva  
Barbara McKibben  
Sherol Brown  
Paula Millikan  
Kathy Thompson  
Nancy Pettit  
Tammy Jensen (Substitute)  
Renea Livingston (Substitute)

Organists:

Nancy Pettit  
Jane Petri  
Karen Schulteis  
Shirley Meisenheimer  
  
Kathy Thompson

Worship Ministry Team:

Irma Jacobson  
Peggy Lewis  
Francis Gross  
Ruth Buenting

**Contemporary Worship Team**

Kellie Mangels      Pastor Broers  
Ann Rohner      Vicki Brown

**Luther League**

Kendalyn Huff

**Confirmation**

Pastor Broers  
Jeremy Rohner

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Come to Faith, Honor God's Word

### **Mission Statement**

To be inspired and reconnected to God's Word and God's people, share the message of the cross and to bring God's love and healing to people in need.