

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE HERALD

*Come to Faith, Honor God's Word  
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.*

July 2021

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This summer I will be spending a lot of time at Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible camp. We will be heading there for Family Camp one week and then I will turn around and go right back the following week for Confirmation Camp with seven of our Emmanuel youth. Many times, people talk about camp as a "mountaintop experience" because they feel so close to God there. All the songs, motivational testimonies from the counselors and being out in nature are so different than normal life that it feels like you never want to go back home! Home just doesn't seem as spiritually uplifting. Saint Peter felt that way when he traveled with Jesus up a mountaintop and saw Jesus transfigured right before his eyes. He wanted to build three shelters for Jesus, Elijah and Moses who had appeared before them. Peter never wanted to leave that place! But Jesus knew that there was much more for Him to do and so they needed to go back down. Once you've been on a mountaintop, everything seems like a valley, but it's not! It's just normal life and that is just as much where the kingdom of God exists as anywhere else.

But, when you think about it, the disciples were just as close to God at the bottom of the mountain as they were at the top because they were with Jesus the whole time! The experience might have been amazing up there on the mountaintop, but God was with them wherever they went. And isn't that true for us as well? We definitely FEEL like something special is happening when we go to camp and, of course, it IS a special place, but Jesus is with us as much in Fontanelle as He is at Okoboji. The point that I am trying to make is that God never changes, but WE get our eyes open and get made aware of God's presence much more clearly when we go to camp. We get reconnected to God at camp and, hopefully, we can take that wonderful

experience and remind ourselves that God is just as much with us every day and in every place we go all year long.

Have you ever had a mountaintop experience with God? A time where you felt so very close to Him? Maybe you went to a camp once, or a retreat, or a church service and felt energized and motivated to follow God and make a difference in the world for God's glory! I want you to recognize that you still can. Even years later, God is as much with you right at this very moment as He was on that mountaintop however long ago it was. The Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah and said, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." If God spoke to you on that mountaintop and made you feel like He had a purpose for your life that applies as much down in the valley as it did way up there. And there is no time limit on God's call on your life.

I encourage you to take some time to have those mountaintop experiences. They are refreshing and memorable and exciting! But God calls us to follow Him and glorify His name every day of our lives and He is as close to us down here in the middle of life as He ever will be anyplace else. He will empower you to do whatever He has called you to do even if you don't FEEL capable. You don't NEED a mountaintop experience to be prepared for God to do amazing things through you. In fact, by seeking God's will and joining Him in His work on the Earth, you just might help create a mountaintop experience for others that you minister to. Amen.

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# E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—05/09/2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Matt Gross

Present were: Matt Gross, Craig Plymesser, Bill Ernst, Dan Dreyer, Samantha Gettler, Raedeen Bigelow, Nellie Griffith, and Pastor Steve Broers. Guest: George Fezell. Excused absence: Iris Westphal

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with devotions, II Peter, Chapter 3.

The minutes of the April 11 council meeting were read. Motion to approve by Raedeen B., seconded by Dan D. and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Bill E. Bill reviewed income and expenses with no irregularities reported. We appear to still be on budget for spending, with a few item variances but nothing significant. Income for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is lower than hoped for. Discussion followed and Bill was asked to investigate our "on-line" giving results. Motion to approve by Nellie G., seconded by Samantha G. and approved.

Pastor Steve presented his report, with no new activities. Bill E. motioned to approve, seconded by Raedeen B., and carried.

Pastor Steve reported no new requests for emergency benevolence. Raedeen B. offered information on a new program for assistance with utilities, rent, etc. and reminded the council to check with her office before committing to special requests for assistance. Raedeen thanked the congregation for their 1<sup>st</sup> quarter benevolence donation to Matura.

## Committee Reports:

**Property:** Dan reported he was investigating clearing the South and West property lines of the parsonage. He will check on prices for removal, leveling, and a possible privacy fence. Removal of existing trees/shrubs and leveling will be difficult because of buried utility lines.

He also reported that he would like to organize a crew to finish clearing brush/trees from the East property line of the church on **Monday, May 17 at 10:00 AM.**

Matt reported that David Sickels, Bill Ernst and himself had repaired the dryer vent in the parsonage. The council would like to thank the team for their work.

Both Dan and Matt are working to obtain estimates for finishing the plaster and paint work in the sanctuary.

**Women of the ELCA:** no report

**Alter Guild:** A meeting has yet TBD for planning confirmation activities.

**Music and Worship:** No report

**Children's Ministry:** Samantha G. gave the report as follows.

**GROW** -GROW is finished for the year. We hope to be able to be back to a more normal year next year.

**Confirmation** -Confirmation is finished for the year for all 7th graders. -3 of the 4 Confirmation students

will be confirmed on May 23rd. The other is still working to complete all the required work.

**High School** -Baccalaureate will be held this Wednesday, May 12th. Pastor Broers will be preaching.

**Children's Ministry** -VBS - Riverside made some changes and decided to have a 2-day VBS instead of the 1-day they had talked about previously. VBS will be held outside as much as possible, masks will be required, and students will bring their own lunches as well as snacks. We have a host family lined-up for the 4 counselors but are still seeking a preschool teacher as well as helpers.

**Memorial:** No report.

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Outreach:** There was good attendance at the pie social following the 1<sup>st</sup> service on May 11<sup>th</sup> for honoring Mother's Day and Senior graduates. Special thanks to Alyse Dreher and her mom for organizing and baking the pies!

## OLD BUSINESS:

Livestreaming equipment: there will be a meeting this Thursday, May 13, to further refine the new system.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Matt G. presented an offer from the Men of the Church to purchase new chairs. Matt will further investigate details on the number of chairs, storage issues, etc.

There have been requests about when the church will resume providing meals for funeral services. It was suggested that we set July 1 as a target date, but will need to discuss further pending volunteers, and state of the Covid 19 pandemic. Item tabled until the next council meeting.

Pastor will discuss with the youth of the church whether they will be serving food for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July service in the park.

The semi-annual meeting will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>, between services with discussion on the agenda items. 2 items for consideration; delegates to the annual convention, and the 2022 budget.

Pastor will investigate rescheduling a photo directory for the church this fall.

Council would like to thank Amy Hoover for updating the church staff directory!

Craig P. moved at 6:44 pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Raedeen B. Motion approved.

President Matt G. closed the open meeting with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Steve.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymesser, Secretary

**Next Meeting: June 13, 2021 5:30 pm**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## July 4th Service in the Park

As part of Fontanelle's summer celebration, the July 4th church service will be held in conjunction with area churches at Fontanelle City Park. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please bring chairs and blankets. There will be no services at the church that day.



## Men's Group Breakfast on July 11

The Men's Group will host a breakfast between services on Sunday, July 11. Breakfast will be biscuits and gravy, fruit cocktail, coffee, juice and milk. Free will donation. Money raised will go towards the purchase of new folding chairs.



## Metal Folding Chairs Available for Freewill Donation

A big thank you goes out to the Men's Group for their donation of the white plastic chairs for the Parish Hall as well as a generous gift from the Memorial money in honor of Leone Weinheimer that provided all of the rest. So, in order to make room, we need to get rid of our old metal folding chairs! They are available for anyone to have in any amount for a freewill donation to the church. If they have not all been taken away by the Semi-Annual meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be disposing of them for scrap metal. Thanks!



## SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday, July 18

The semi-annual congregational meeting will be held between services on Sunday, July 18. If you have a report to submit, please get it to Amy by the end of the day on Monday, July 12. Thank you!



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

## Fund Balance Report As of May 31, 2021

General Fund	\$65,894.39
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$170.00
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$2,348.20
Total	\$2,518.20
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$11,115.21
Designated Building	\$6,120.00
Designated Mission	\$8,965.00
Total	\$26,200.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,612.80</b>

## ELC WOMEN July 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Ruth Circle  
Bible Study: Pastor  
Business Meeting: Ruth Circle  
Refreshments:  
    Birthdays  
    Lord's Prayer  
    Table Prayer  
Kitchen Committee:



**Secretary Hours Return to Normal**

The secretary's posted hours will return to normal starting Monday, July 5. They are:

- Mon.—10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Tues., Wed., Thurs.—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Additional times as needed

Amy will post weekly changes in bulletins and on her door as needed. Thank you!

**Parish Hall Reservation Reminders**

If your parish hall reservation is for a *surprise* event, like a surprise shower or surprise anniversary party, please be sure to tell Amy when making the reservation! Thank you!

Also, please be sure to return your signed Building Use Policy as soon as you can, even if you are a long-term member. This helps keep things organized for all involved!

Thank you!  
Amy

**THANK YOU TO VBS VOLUNTEERS!**

A HUGE thank you to all of the people who helped to make Vacation Bible School a success this year! Thank you to Gini Herr for hosting the counselors, Kendalyn Huff for teaching Preschool VBS, to those that came to help with registration, and to all of the people who were able to come and help with the kids. Thank you for bringing boxes and for keeping us in your prayers! Our theme verse this year was from Romans 6:4 - "Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Making sure children know about God is one of the single most important things we can do. Thanks again!!!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...**

Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Chelsea Payne, Bill Raasch, Virgene Martin, Irma Jacobson

**Good Samaritan Residents**

June Eshelman, Ruth Rohner, Lyle Miller, Donna Grothen, Joyce Herr, Della Marckmann, Maxine Baudler, Bernard Baudler, Helen Herr

**Greenfield Rehab Center Residents**

Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Eileen Sorensen, LaVerne Estell, Frances Gross

**Assisted Living Residents**

Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson

**Homestead of Creston**

Harold Nelson



**Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad**

Lucas Queck, Clint Eshelman, John Sidey and Trent Jameson (grandson of Rex and Karen Hight), Zac Scar, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Tucker Wambold, Reba Lonsdale, Clint Powell, Brett Schafroth, Jesse Johnson, Curtis Darr



# JULY WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	July 4 10:00 a.m. Service in the Park	July 11, 2021	July 18, 2021	July 25, 2021
Worship Leader		Brian	Dave	Rhonda B.
Keyboard		Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.
Drums		Dan	Malachi	Matt
Rhythm Guitar		Brian, Pastor	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor
Male Vocalists		Brian, Pastor	Dave, Brian	Dave, Pastor
Female Vocalists		Kathi, Ann	Ann, Kendalyn	Kathi, Kendalyn
Acolytes		Micah	Malachi	Slade
Hospitality Host/Hostess		Men's Group	Craig/Brenda	George/Wendy
Greeters/Treats		Carmen, Kathy	Nellie, Jeanne	Brian & Sam
1st Reading		Brenda P.	Vicki B.	Kurt B.
2nd Reading		Craig P.	Stan B.	Rhonda B.
Gospel Reading		Ann	Brian	Pastor
Confession/Forgiveness		Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers		Brian Fox	Kristy B.	Kurt Boehm
Count Offering (*Council Member)		Craig	Nellie	Sam
Communion			Denise, Vicki, Carmen	
Sound		Rollie	Ed	John
Cameras		Earlene	John	Ed
Pro Presenter		Tammy	Tammy	George
Organist		Shirley	Jane	Karen
Greeters/Ushers		Arlene	Sherol	Rae
Acolytes		Iris	Micah	Malachi
1st Reading		Arlene	Sandy	Rollie
Psalms Reading		Arlene	Sandy	Rollie
2nd Reading		Rae	Kristy B.	Iris
Offering		Iris, Rae	Bill, Matt	Iris, Rae
Communion			Arlene, Sherol	
Sound/Cameras		Rollie	Matt G.	John
Pro Presenter		Tom T.	Tammy	George



## Returning to Most Pre-Covid Worship Practices

After our last Council meeting, we agreed to end many of the precautions that were originally put in place due to the Covid-19

pandemic. That means that we will be doing things like returning the hymnals for the Traditional service, reinstating Hospitality coffee/treats in between services and doing regular communion every other week. However, we will NOT be passing around the offering plates so please continue leaving your tithes/offerings at the entrance to the church. Also, we will not be passing the peace. Finally, we will no

longer be using the Intinction method of communion at the Contemporary service but instead using individual glasses. Thanks for your flexibility this past year in dealing with the changes, but we are so glad that things are almost all back to normal!

If you would still prefer to receive communion in your pew with the individually wrapped cups/wafers, we have them available at the entrance to the church. Also, if you still feel more comfortable worshipping from home, please let us know and we will place these communion kits in your mailbox at church so that you can participate in the communion service at home. Thanks!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				<b>9:00a</b> Prayer Group <b>11:00a</b> Traditional Worship Planning <b>1:30p</b> Contemporary Worship Planning		
<b>Happy Independence Day 4</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>10:00a</b> Worship in the Park 	<b>No FB Bible Study</b> <b>Council Agenda Deadline</b>		<b>7:00a</b> Men's Bible Study <b>1:00p</b> ELC Women			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>7:30a</b> Praise Team Warm-Up <b>8:30a</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30a</b> Men's Group Breakfast <b>10:30a</b> Traditional Worship <b>5:30p</b> Council Meeting <b>6:30p</b> Praise Team Practice  <b>Pastor and kids to Confirm.</b>	<b>No FB Bible Study</b> <b>5:00p</b> Semi-Annual Reports Due  <b>Camp at Ingham</b>	Okoboji-----	-----	-----	-----	
<b>Semi-Annual Meeting 18</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
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# 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 Plymessenger
- 7/22 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, Jessica Nelson

## 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, Providence  
Nelson
- 7/14 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 Stringer, Jaxson  
Stringer, Jacob Mangels
- 7/28 Stefan Queck
- 7/29 Lane Johnston, Lisa Anderson
- 7/30 Judd Martin

## CONFIRMATIONS



- 7/18 Bruce Westphal
- 7/26 Ashlyn Beaman, Malachi Broers, Levi Gettler,  
Jacob Mangels, Marie Pickrell, Addie  
Stringer, Tristan Randol

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**Come and Worship With Us**

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

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

**July 4th—Service in the Park at 10:00 a.m.**