

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May 2023

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

May is Mental Health Awareness month. There is a lot of stigma surrounding mental health especially in the religious community. Sometimes Christians feel confused about how to reconcile their understanding of mental health issues alongside their belief in Jesus and what the Bible says. For instance, how do we understand an anxiety disorder while at the same time believing that Jesus tells us not to worry? What are we to do when we feel depressed and then read the scripture passage that tells us to "Be joyful always!"? How can we talk about suicide both from a prevention standpoint but also with a deep compassion for those whose lives it has touched? Is it okay to be sad when a loved one dies or should we be happy that they will be in heaven because of their faith in Jesus?

While I cannot address all of the questions surrounding these important mental health questions, I think it is extremely important that we recognize this: God cares as much about your mental health as He does about any other area of your life. Jesus healed people with both physical and emotional concerns. Jesus once said, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full!" When someone is struggling with their mental health, they are unable to live the full life that God desires for them. Prayer is a really powerful thing to do to help all of us cope with the stress in our lives, but God has also provided counselors, therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists and doctors to help us through difficult times. We don't need to feel guilty for asking for help either from God or from people who are trained to deal with these issues.

Another great resource for Christians dealing with mental health is the Bible. The book of Psalms is filled with cries for help from people dealing with anger, anxiety and depression.

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice." (Psalm 130:1) "Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God." (Psalm 42:11) "Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me. I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God." (Psalm 69:1-3) Verses like these should encourage us to believe that, yes, people of faith can and do deal with these issues. And God cares.

In John 11, we read how Jesus dealt with the death of His friend Lazarus, "When Jesus saw Mary weeping and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled, 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept." Jesus certainly had faith in God His father and had hope in a resurrection because, in just a few verses, Jesus would raise Lazarus from the dead! And yet, Jesus cried because He was still sad in the face of death. Grieving is a natural and healthy process. However, as 1st Thessalonians puts it, "We do not grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him." (1st Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Some of you are dealing with mental health issues right now, and I want you to recognize that God cares about your suffering and loves you. There is no place for guilt or shame when it comes to mental health just like you wouldn't feel guilt or shame for having heart health issues (ex. heart blockages) or brain health issues (ex. dementia) or metabolic health issues (ex. diabetes). Please do not suffer in silence. God provides great strength and hope, but it is also important that you reach out to family, friends and professionals to get the help and support that you may need right now. Amen.

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES— 3/12/2023

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Huff. Present: David Huff, Dan Berg, Craig Plymessenger, Samantha Gettler, Rhonda Boehm, Iris Westphal, Roger Jensen, Gini Herr and Pastor Steve Broers.

Absent: Louise Johnson

Pastor Broers opened the meeting with devotions and discussion on "How to Make a Disciple".

Craig read the minutes from the **February 19 council meeting**. Motion to approve minutes as read was made by Iris Westphal and seconded by Roger Jensen. Motion carried.

Craig read the minutes from the **February 19 reorganizational meeting**. Motion to approve the minutes as read made by Dan Berg, seconded by Roger Jensen. Motion carried.

Gini Herr presented the Treasurer's report. All finances are in excellent condition, but also noted that expenses due to utilities were above budget. Iris Westphal moved to approve the treasurer's report and Samantha Gettler seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no requests for emergency benevolence funds.

Pastor reviewed his February report. Plymessenger asked that Pastor review Greenfield Manor services with the Local Ministers group. Gini Herr moved, seconded by Dan Berg to approve his report and expenses. Carried.

Ministry Reports:

Women of the ELC: N/R

Altar Guild: They are preparing for Easter services. Amy Hoover and Denise Bridges are working on how to handle supply requests.

Property: Roger reported that work on the fence for the parsonage has begun. There was discussion on the placement of gates in the fence.

Music and Worship: The organist list needs to be reviewed.

Children's Ministry: Her full report will be in the newsletter. There will be children's ministry meeting on March 19, and a movie night for the high schoolers.

Memorial: There was discussion on how to best implement designated memorial gifts.

Stewardship: N/R

Outreach: N/R

Old Business:

The memorial committee has implemented suggestions from the February council meeting.

New Business:

Our insurance agent informed us that the property value had been reappraised, with a significant increase in value. President Huff and George

Feazell will review an increase in premium and report to the Council in April for further discussion. No action taken.

Council reviewed procedures for counting donations after services.

A church from Finland has expressed interest in visiting our congregation in June of 2024. Council agreed to further discussions with the church.

Craig Plymessenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm, seconded by Roger Jensen. Motion carried.

President Huff closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymessenger
Secretary

Fund Balance Report As of March 31, 2023

General Fund	\$84,120.38
Children's Ministry	
Grow	(\$1,235.97)
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	(\$173.40)
Total	(\$1,409.37)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$22,477.21
Designated Mission	\$0.00
Designated Building	\$4,466.91
Total	\$26,944.12
TOTAL	\$109,655.13



IA LCMC MEETING—4/17/2023

Pastor Broers attended an LCMC Iowa District Board meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Iowa on Monday, April 17th from 4-6:30. The meeting began with a short devotion on dealing with anxiety by using the acronym C.A.L.M. (Celebrate God's goodness, Ask God for help, Look on the bright side, Meditate on the good). Our district coordinator, Stephen Anenson, spoke about the work he has been doing with Nazareth Lutheran church of Cedar Falls which is considering affiliating with LCMC, helping with conflict resolution at a couple of churches and leading worship at various churches in a supply pastor role. Stephen will be attending the Leadercare retreat May 8-11 and the District Coordinator Conference.

We covered many topics such as setting up a presence at Waldorf college, the upcoming Leadercare retreat, the wording of the Iowa District mission statement and the possibility of setting up a League of Rural Lutheran churches. The most time was spent discussing the future of

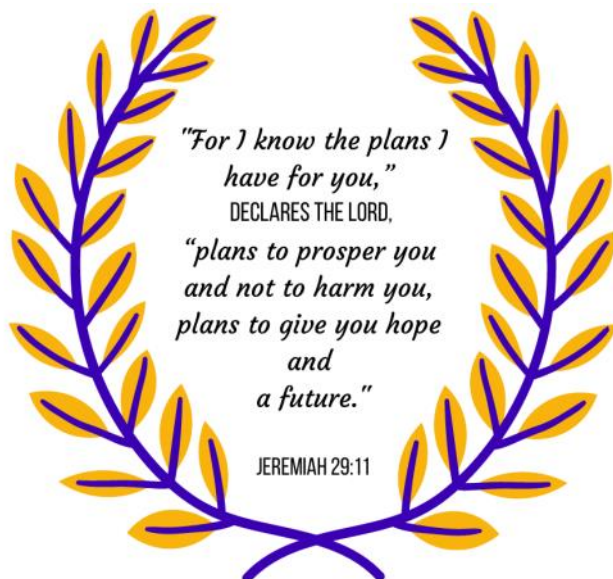
the Iowa District Coordinator position and changing the job description to better reflect the additional time spent doing the job. Originally, the coordinator was expected to work one day a week for about eight hours, but Stephen has been working about twice that much. We discussed the importance of the coordinator being a good resource for Iowa congregations as well as a one-on-one support for pastors. We expect future expansion as LCMC moves into LCMC 3.0. We approved an increase in the coordinator stipend to reflect the additional work being completed and will continue to discuss updating the job description.

It was a great day to get together and see colleagues while discussing how we can better support the churches of the LCMC Iowa District. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 7th at 4:00 at Trinity in Ellsworth since it is a location that is central to the participating members of the board.



Praise the Lord!

Praise Team members Brian Fox, Jodi Baudler, Pastor Steven Broers, Brittany Bridges, Dave Huff, and Ann Rohner, along with Praise Team Leader Kellie Mangels (off camera on the keyboard), worship during the Contemporary service.



Benevolence – 1st Qtr

Local	1st Qtr
Emergency (Families-in-need)	
Adair County Food Pantry	\$650
Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp	\$650
Riverside Bible Camp	\$650
Ronald McDonald House	\$650
Hope Ministries	\$650
LCMC - Iowa District	
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	\$3,250
World	
Vision Mission	\$1,395
The Well	\$1,120
Operation Blessing - wells	\$560
Lutheran World Relief - agriculture	\$560
Iowa City Children's Hospital	\$560
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	\$4,195
LCMC	
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	\$465

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Combined Confirmation Service—May 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation students will give their faith talks in a combined service on Sunday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m.



Congratulations, Paul and Abbey Queck!

Welcome Hudson Murphy Queck, son of Paul and Abbey Queck. He was born April 6 and was 6 lbs, 13 oz.



Happy Graduation!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will celebrate graduates during worship services on Sunday, May 14.



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



Communion Update—Please Read!

Starting with the first Sunday in May, Communion will be done slightly differently. At both services, the used Communion cups should be placed in the baskets near the side aisles.

What does this mean for Contemporary service? This means that the person holding the trays will only have to hold one tray from now on.

What does this mean for the Traditional service? This means that there will only be a need for one Communion helper on Communion Sundays.



Thank You, Pork Producers

G.R.O.W. students and volunteers would like to express their thanks to the Pork Producers for providing their sausages for supper on Wednesday, April 19. Our kids just loved them and ate them all up!

Thank You!

We wanted to thank everyone that prayed and was concerned about Kurt's surgery and long healing process. Your prayers meant so much to us. We are so thankful for our wonderful church family. God bless you all as much as you have blessed us.

Take Care,
Kurt and Rhonda

ELC WOMEN

May 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Naomi Circle

Bible Study: Pastor

Business Meeting: Naomi Circle

Birthdays

Lord's Prayer

Table Prayer

Kitchen Committee: Esther Circle

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE! VBS

VBS is coming to Fontanelle **June 19-22**. We are beginning to work with Riverside Bible Camp to prepare for this summer's Bible School. Please see Denise for information or if you are able to help. We are in need of teacher assistants and food helpers. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more announcements as they come.

Summer Camp



Summer Camp

Do you remember spending your summers going to awesome summer camps? Are you wanting your child to have a safe and meaningful camp experience? Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp and Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp are the places to look. Providing opportunities for campers & families of all ages, these Christ centered camp will push your child's faith to the next level! But, sign-up soon as spots are filling up fast! **Emmanuel Lutheran Church has made a commitment to help kids afford any church affiliated camp and will pay half of the registration fee!** See Pastor Broers or Denise Bridges for more information.



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Thank you

Friends & Family at Emmanuel -

We want to thank you so much for building a fence around the backyard of the parsonage! It turned out very nicely! It was a long process and many people were involved heavily with getting the brush removed, getting the fence in, and then going over and getting roots pulled-up. Thank you to you all! Many thanks also to the people that donated the extra money so that the fence could be enclosed!

It is a blessing to live in our community and in such a nice parsonage. It is also nice to have some privacy as we live directly across the street from the church and people drive around our house on all 4 sides. It is a very public life for our whole family, so the opportunity to have some privacy is so appreciated! We look forward to having fun in the yard this summer!

As always, it is a blessing to serve this congregation!
Thank you again!
Steven & Kristy Broers and family

HAPPY **Mother's** DAY



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Teresa and Steve Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter and son-in-law), Dorene Feick, Chelsea Payne, Kellie Sickles, Vicki Brown, Jaya Fever, Amanda Symns, Carole Weinheimer, Judy Albers, Irma Mitchell

Greenfield Rehab Center Residents – Ralph Lane, LaVerne Estell, Frances Gross, Norma Finck, Harold Nelson, Irma Jacobson, Helen Herr, Charlene Baudler, Irma Mitchell

Assisted Living Residents – Larry Hohertz, Deloris Plymessenger, Margaret Marckmann



Remember Our Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad – Special prayers for Lucas Queck, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Curtis Darr, Colton Hernandez (great-grandson of Phyllis Hanke), Brett Schafroth (Lori and Brian Fox's nephew)



It's that time of year when the school year is starting to wind down, summer activities are starting, and the G.R.O.W. year is wrapping up. We've had a wonderful year at G.R.O.W.! We were blessed to be able to witness to Christ's love in person, and we shared stories of His life on earth. I wanted to thank you all for allowing our church to provide this ministry to the community. Thank you to all the volunteers – both those that work with the kids and those who do the behind the scenes work like preparing meals for the kids. Thank you for the monetary support you've given by "Sponsoring-a-Sheep" and especially for praying for our G.R.O.W. program. God is so good to us. Sometimes we just need to take a moment to stop and appreciate all He continues to do to bring life to our congregation!

Make sure to mark Wednesday, **May 3**, on your calendars! We will be celebrating the end of another fabulous year at G.R.O.W. by having a **End of Year Celebration and Potluck at the church**. The event is open to everyone in the G.R.O.W. program (kids, families, volunteers) as well as the entire Emmanuel Lutheran congregation and any friends you invite to come along. The celebration will be from **6-8:00 PM**. Hot dogs, drinks and tableware will be provided. Bring a dish to share. We can't wait to see you there!

Along with our yearly theme of "Prayer," we will be closing our evening with a burning of the kids' prayer cards from the whole year with a prayer of praise to God for all He has done for us this year.

Thank you so much for all you continually do for our G.R.O.W. program! We couldn't do it without your support and prayers! We look forward to another great G.R.O.W. year next year!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY—MAY 2023

The days are getting longer and warmer, and G.R.O.W., Confirmation Class and K.F.C. High School is winding down rapidly. It has been a fantastic year, numbers of kids are up, adult volunteers are ever faithful and our high school kids show up with willing hearts every week. What a way to serve Jesus, our church and our community. **Thank you!**

This past month was a filled one:

- *Our final G.R.O.W. month of the year, learning about Jesus and Easter
- *VBS plans are in the works and the theme of **Foundation – Psalm 62:2**
- *Children's Ministry Team met to discuss summer and plans for the fall.
- *Started and now finishing a Confirmation Camp Fundraiser for the class
- *Planned a reception for Confirmation Sunday-May 28
- *Took 7 High School kids to Recharge Weekend Camp at Lake Okoboji Camp
- *Collected and sent 12 Outreach boxes to College Students for Final Week.
- *Putting together plans for Mother's and Father's Day Sundays
- *Organizing and assisting getting kids scheduled for summer camps

Busy and fun times...watch for our summer schedule of events to hit the announcements soon. Never forget all kids are welcome and we love to see new faces. Feel free to stop by and see me with any suggestions or feedback on our youth programs. Enjoy the sunshine and just think soon it will be summer and time for Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp!

Denise Bridges



Spring Recharge

High school students Jayden R., Shannon N., Brooklyn D., Malachi B., Ben H., Levi G., and Jacob F. spent a weekend in April at Ingham-Okoboji for their retreat.

GROW FUN NIGHT 5/3/2023

2023 EASTER LILIES SHARED



G. R. O. W.
JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY
MAY 3, 2023
AT THE CHURCH

END-OF-YEAR PARTY

Come and join us for a night of Family Fun!
Bring your family, kids, grandparents, too.
We will be gathering at the church from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for food, games and end of year recognition.

Also, that evening we will have sign-up information and schedules for Vacation Bible School, June 19-22.

Each family should bring a side dish or salad to share. Hot Dogs, Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Put this on your calendar today and join us!

In memory of . . .

From

- Infant granddaughter, our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents Gene and Mardell Martin
- Maurice Patrick ZittritschDenise Grandgenett
- Richard Edward GrandgenettDenise Grandgenett
- Ray and Eileen Sorensen Mike and Dixie Sorensen
- Helen Marckmann..... Mike and Dixie Sorensen
- Paul Herr..... Gini Herr and Family
- Walter Herr..... Gini Herr and Family
- Marian Herr Gini Herr and Family
- Andy Jensen, Janice Thompson Roger and Tammy Jensen
- Sara E. McKibban Steve and Barb McKibban and Family
- Marian E. Herr Steve and Barb McKibban and Family
- Walter P. Herr Steve and Barb McKibban and Family
- Chad EdwardsKathy Edwards
- Emily Eivins, Leslie Stanturf ...Roger and Cris Queck and Family
- Jake Johnson..... Deb Tindle and Family
- Jessica Tindle Olson..... Deb Tindle and Family
- Durwood and Dorothy Purdy, Earl Baudler
..... Rollie and Earlene Purdy
- Meg Davis, Virginia Lockey, Darlene Dayton,
Sharon (Wheatley) Turner Rollie and Earlene Purdy
- Bernie Gundel, Jenni Erb.....Myrna Erb-Gundel
- Rita Fenske..... Bridges Family
- Susanne Pettit Nancy and Steve Pettit
- Mike Pettit Nancy and Steve Pettit



Recharge Fun!

Jayden R. and Levi G. participate in one of the activities during chapel time at the Ingham-Okoboji high school retreat.



MAY WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	May 7	May 14 Senior Recognition	May 21	May 28 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Combined Service
Worship Leader	Brian F.	Ann R.	Rhonda B.	Dave H.
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kim N.
Drums	Malachi B.	Dan D.	Malachi B.	Dan D.
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Female Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Acolytes	Orianna B.	Jack B.	Destiny F.	Josh N.
Greeters/Treats	Orianna B., Sam & Brian G.	Ally P., Kathy G., Jane L.	Allie C., Jeanne J., Nellie G.	(No Treats Needed) Confirmation Students
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Kurt & Rhonda B.	Craig & Brenda P.	Bob & Barb Q.	Confirmation Recognition Team
1st Reading	Gabe B.	Ally P.	Destiny F.	
2nd Reading	Derek R.	Dax C.	Allie C.	
Gospel	Jim D.	Brenda P.	Kathi C.	
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Brian F.	Ann R.	Rhonda B.	Dave H.
Communion Helpers	Darla B., Jim D., Lori F.		Wanda J., Jorand F., Carmen H.	
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Gini H.	Craig P.	Dave H.	Dan B.
Sound	Ed C.	Jayden R.	Ed C.	George F.
Cameras	John B.	Kelly H.	Jacob F.	Rollie P.
Pro Presenter	Tammy J.	Tammy J.	George F.	Kylie N.
				9:30 a.m. Confirmation Combined Service
Organist	Kathy T.	Shirley M.	Karen S.	Shirley M.
Greeters/Ushers	Margy H., Carla L.	Paul & Rae B.	Rollie & Earlene P.	
Acolytes	Malachi B.	Iris W.	Micah B.	
1st Reading	Nancy P.	Paul B.	Rollie P.	
Psalm Reading	Nancy P.	Paul B.	Rollie P.	
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Iris W.	Amy H.	
Gospel	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	
Communion Helpers	Roleen C.		Rollie P.	
Offering	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.	
Sound/Cameras	Matt G.	Matt G.	Ben H.	
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	George F.	Nathan H.	

MAY 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	May 1	2	GROW FUN Night 3	4	5	6
	10:00a FB Bible Study	6:00p New Member Class	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:30p ELC Women 6:00p GROW Fun Night at the Church! <i>*NO Confirmation or HS Bible Study – Students are invited to participate/help with GROW Family Fun Night!</i>	9:00a Prayer Group		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality 10:30a Traditional Worship 4:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall) 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study 5:00p Council Agenda Deadline	10:00a Contemporary Worship Planning	7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p HS K.F.C.	9:00a Prayer Group 10:00a Traditional Worship Planning		
Mother's Day & Senior Recognition 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality 10:30a Traditional Worship 4:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall) 5:00p Council Meeting	10:00a FB Bible Study		7:00a Men's Bible Study 7:30p NV HS Baccalaureate <i>NO Confirmation or HS Bible Study</i>	9:00a Prayer Group		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality 10:30a Traditional Worship 4:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall)	10:00a FB Bible Study	5:00p June Newsletter Deadline 	7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00p Confirmation - 8th Grade Only – NO supper tonight	9:00a Prayer Group 12:45p Secretary's Office Closes Early		Private Event Set-Up (Parish Hall/ Kitch. - PM)
Confirmation 28	Memorial Day 29	30	31	June 1	June 2	June 3
8:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 9:30a Combined Service 10:30a Confirmation Recognition/Hospitality 8:00a-4p Parish Hall/Kitchen Reserved (Private Event) 4:00p Grief Share (Parish Hall)	Office Holiday – Secretary and Pastor's Office Closed		7:00a Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		

MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



5/1 Sidney Hohertz
5/3 Kim Daino
5/4 Jacqueline Baudler
5/5 Timothy Hansen, Jeff Held, Mandy Berg
5/6 Jocelyn Lunsford
5/7 Roleen Chiles
5/8 Nancy Queck
5/9 James Erbes, Wes Johnson, Jeff Martin
5/10 Alex Kopaska,
5/11 Brad Ernst, Bruce Herr, Destiny Scar, Macy Berg,
Robert "Rob" Engles
5/13 David Huff, Delores Kinney, Heidi Rohrig
5/14 David Faux
5/15 Denise Denton
5/16 Eric Gross, Dan Dreher
5/17 Dominic Scar, Jodi Baudler
5/18 Velista Novak, Logan Queck
5/19 Doug Berg, Natalee Glaister
5/20 Chad Mensing, Jack Berg
5/21 Spencer Steckelberg
5/22 Matthew Jensen, Kennedy Perkey, Stephen Broers,
Samantha Gettler
5/23 Zoe Joy Broers
5/24 Jeremy Rohner, Anna Richards
5/25 Andrew Martin, Brandon Geib
5/26 Curt Queck, Jesi Nelson, Bobby Dabb
5/27 Jered Marckmann
5/29 Gabe Beaman
5/30 Vicky Herr, Teresa Boston, Marty Daino
5/31 Heather Scar

BAPTISMS



5/3 Alexander Queck, Courtnee Ford
5/4 Kathy Gross
5/5 Lexi Ford
5/6 Jocelyn Lunsford, Dominic Scar
5/7 Kody Kokemiller
5/9 Rex Hight
5/11 Destini Steckelberg, Connor Steckelberg, Spencer
Steckelburg
5/15 Cassie Young Marckmann
5/16 Elizabeth Hansen
5/18 Natalee Nieman
5/19 Ryan Huff Siedelmann
5/22 Alexis Dreher
5/25 Susan Pollard
5/27 Lucas Queck
5/29 Wesley Warrior

ANNIVERSARIES



5/1 Aaron & Heather Bigelow
5/2 Michael & Marie Warner
5/3 Brandon & Tammy Montgomery
5/4 Ernest & Malinda Ford
Matt & Marcia Gross
Justin & Cassie Marckmann
5/6 David & Cindy Sickles
5/9 Jeff & Tiffany Johnson
Sam & Melissa Schwartz
5/11 Tyler & Carley Denton
5/13 Rick & Louise Johnson
5/15 George & Wendy Feazell
5/16 Robert & Brenda Hansen
5/19 Tom & Chie Martin
5/23 Jason & Dana Steckelberg
5/25 Christina & Ryan O'Hare
5/29 Stacey & Josh Howard
5/30 Derek & Melissa Vorrie
5/31 Bill & Jane Ernst
Duane & Karolyn Ortgies

CONFIRMATIONS



5/1 Arlene Schwartz, Tymothy Christensen,
5/3 Joshua Christensen
5/4 Earlene Purdy, Nancy Queck, Lyle
Schwartz
5/12 Danielle Steele
5/15 Mallory Kuhns, Clay Hohertz, Joshua
Baudler, Hunter Ernst
5/19 Cody Jacobson, Dakota Ernst
5/20 LaVerne Estell
5/23 Charles Rudolf, Jayden Rohner, Benjamin
Hoover
5/24 Anna Funke, Daniel Jorgensen, Zachary
Scar, KateLynn Scar, Lauren Huff, Parker
Manning
5/25 Mike Mangels
5/26 Chad Mensing
5/27 Brenda Hansen, Megan Feick, Jessica
Nelson, Destiny Scar, Jordan Johnson
5/28 Charlene Baudler, Irma Jacobson
5/31 Brock McKibban, Jeremy Rohner, Laura
Schwartz

Are we missing information or have your family's information incorrectly listed? Please let the office know so we can update the newsletter records. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! May God bless you as you begin a new chapter in your lives.



Doug Berg

Parents: Dan Berg, Kate Redding

Siblings: Paul Berg, Brooklyn Robinson, Jack Berg, Addy Warrior, Clara Berg

School Activities: Cross country, basketball, track & field, National Honor Society, FFA

Future Plans: Attend Simpson College for cross country and track & field while pursuing a finance degree

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is how everyone always has a smile on their face.



Madison Fry

Parents: Jeff Fry

Siblings: Jacob Fry, Destiny Fry

School Activities: Volleyball (1 yr), basketball (2 yrs), track (4 yrs), softball (4 yrs)

Future Plans: Attend DMACC in Ankeny

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is that it's where my family is.



Emma Perkey

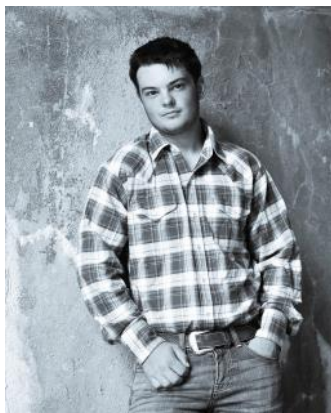
Parents: Derek and Amy Perkey

Siblings: Jordan Arendt, Kennedy Perkey

School Activities: Volleyball, Student Council

Future Plans: Attend La'James International College for Esthetics and Massage Therapy

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is the support and family it comes with. . . and the Praise Team!



Brandon Raasch

Parents: Terri and Trent Raasch

Siblings: Derek, Clay, Lou Raasch

School Activities: Football, wrestling, golf, CAM trap team, 4-H, FFA

Future Plans: Attend DMACC in the fall, studying diesel technology

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is that I really enjoyed GROW growing up. I also enjoy the congregation of this church; people really care about each other in this church.

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Confirmation — May 28 — 9:30 a.m. Combined