

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.*

September 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I am currently meeting with five people in a Discipleship Huddle once or twice a month. The goal of this group is to grow as disciples of Jesus ourselves, to learn practical ways to share the message of Jesus with other people and to discover ways that our church as a whole might learn to become more focused on discipleship. One of the resources that I am using to lead this group is the book *Building a Discipling Culture* by Mike Breen.

Recently, one of the lessons in the book really struck me as being valuable not just to my small group but for our church as a whole and I wanted to share it with you. I often encourage you to read your Bibles; however, I know that for many people a time of daily devotion or Bible reading doesn't seem to affect their lives very much. It might be a good spiritual discipline, but it doesn't change much about their habits and thoughts. Breen gives us a plan for how to take this important habit and make it more effective in not only learning scripture but applying it to our daily lives.

Every time we read the Bible, God's Holy Spirit speaks to us but a particular passage might stick out more one day than others. Why? Perhaps God is speaking into your specific circumstances? But if we don't consider why and consider the possibilities, we lose an opportunity for growth that God is giving us. That's why Breen gives us six steps to go through when reading a passage that feels especially important on a particular day: **Observe, Reflect, Discuss, Plan, Account, Act.** (All of these steps are explained in more detail on page 242 of *Building a Discipling Culture*.)

Observe: Which verses seems to grab your attention during your daily Bible reading. Instead of just reading through a passage and then forgetting everything that

you just read, does God seem to be highlighting a verse today?

Reflect: Ask yourself the question: Why this verse? Why today?

Discuss: Ask yourself how God might want to use this verse to speak to you specifically. Is there a relationship in your life that would be affected by these words? A difficult situation in your life that this verse applies to? Is there some kind of truth that is being spoken into your life in this passage? Is God encouraging you to start or stop some way of thinking or behavior?

Plan: Just for today . . . how might you live differently because of this Bible verse?

Account: Pray that God would help you implement your plan. Ask Him to lead you and to hold you accountable throughout the day to do what you have decided to do.

Act: Follow through on what you have planned to do!

So often, I will read through a chapter of the Bible and when I am finished I can't remember what I have just read! I remember feeling inspired, but I can't remember why or by what! But devotional time is about giving God the opportunity to act in our lives to change us and help us to become more Christ-like. Breen's six-step process can help us take those God moments and turn them into something that affects our world for the better. I don't think that you need to write down every step every time that you read the Bible, but doing it a few times to start out with might get you into a good habit. Then go back and refresh your memory every once and awhile if you sense that you are going back to mindless reading again. I hope that this process allows you to get more out of your daily Bible reading. Feel free to share it with someone you love as well! God bless you!

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—07/9/2023

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Huff. Present: David Huff, Rhonda Boehm, Iris Westphal, Gini Herr, Samantha Gettler, Roger Jensen, Craig Plymessenger, and Louise Johnson. Absent: Dan Berg, Pastor Steve Broers
Guests: George Feazell, Kristi Broers

President Huff presented the devotions from the devotion's booklet, Groans and Grace.
Craig Plymessenger read the minutes from the June 11 council meeting. Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Iris Westphal and seconded by Samantha Gettler. Motion carried.

Gini Herr presented the Treasurer's report. Final bill for the parsonage fence was paid from designated Vision funds and donations.
Roger Jensen moved to approve the treasurer's report and Iris Westphal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was a request for \$400. for emergency benevolence funds.

Motion to approve Pastor's written report and expenses by Gini Herr, seconded by Louise Johnson. Approved

Motion to approve 2nd quarter benevolence of \$8,395.00 by Samantha Gettler, seconded by Louise Johnson. Approved.

Ministry Reports:

Women of the ELC: N/R

Altar Guild: N/R

Property: Roger told us applying epoxy paint to the basement floors is now scheduled for August.

Music and Worship: N/R

Children's Ministry: Her full report will be in the newsletter.

Adult Ministries:

Memorial: N/R

Stewardship: N/R

Outreach: N/R.

Old Business:

Insurance estimates will not be available until 3 months before our old insurance expires. (October) Still expecting 2 quotes. Expecting new quotes will be much higher as well.

Discussion on the parsonage projects included soffit repair, door repair, updating and remodeling the kitchen, tree inspections, and electrical repairs.

President Huff and Property Chair Jensen authorized George Feazell and two additional members to assist in evaluating parsonage projects.

Gini Herr made a motion, seconded by Roger Jensen to authorize expenditure of up to \$1500.00 total on minor parsonage maintenance projects by the parsonage committee without further council

discussion.

Parsonage committee to further evaluate projects, prioritize, and return with recommendations and estimates for any further projects.

New Business:

Council reviewed the semi-annual meeting agenda and the proposed 2024 budget.

Added finding 2 candidates from the congregation to serve on the nominating committee.

Made some adjustments to personnel taxes.
Discussion on how to handle upcoming maintenance projects.

Roger Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Samantha Gettler. Motion carried.
President Huff closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymessenger
Secretary



Do You Love Reading?

Nodaway Elementary School is looking for reading partners to listen to kids read. Times will be available in 1/2 hour slots, Monday-Friday, both in the morning and afternoon. It will start at the end of September. "Opening a book kick starts the imagination." See Denise today or give her a call - 712-789-0745.



The Chosen Season 3—Discussion Starts 9/10

We'll start with Season 3 on September 10, 2-4 p.m., in the Parish Hall. We'll view and discuss one episode per Sunday and continue through November 5. (No session October 1; LCMC convention.) Please let Plymessers know if you'd like to attend! Craig will order books on Monday, August 28.

Contact:

Craig & Brenda Plymessenger

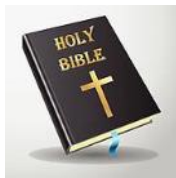
847-370 -2564 or plymesserc@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Say Something Walk

The Say Something Walk kicks off National Suicide Prevention Week on Saturday, September 9, at the Greenfield United Methodist Church Parking Lot. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m.



3rd Grade Bible Service—September 17

All third graders (and above) who attend Emmanuel Lutheran are invited to receive Bibles during the church services on Sunday, September 17.



Praise Team Concert—Sept. 17 at The Gathering Place

The Emmanuel Lutheran Praise Team will be hosting a concert on Sunday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m. at The Gathering Place. Free will donation proceeds will benefit The Gathering Place. Join them for a night of contemporary worship songs!



Secretary Office Position Available

Resumes are now being accepted for the position of Church Secretary. You do not need to be a member to apply. The full description of duties and hours is available on the church website at:

<https://www.fontanellelutheran.org/job-openings/>

Please contact Pastor Broers with questions or additional information.



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



Kids for Christ (KFC) High School Group

KFC will start up again on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:45. Join us for a game, hangout time and a Bible lesson...and of course, food! We meet in the basement youth room. Feel free to bring a friend. Call Denise if you have a question.

Donations Needed

The Gathering Place is seeking items to be put out on our garage sale tables Sept 7, 8, 9. All proceeds from the donated items will support The Gathering Place, hygiene pantry, Good News concerts and especially the giving committee to help those in need in Adair County. We ask anyone looking to declutter their home or business consider giving a couple of items. Items should be clean and in good shape. We ask for no shoes or clothes as those don't sell well. Items can be left off any time between September 2nd and 6th at The Gathering Place, by emailing greatergreenfield@gmail.com or calling Jennifer at 641-745--5904. Tax donation receipts are also available for anyone who itemizes their taxes.



**ELC WOMEN
September 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**

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





We are getting ready to start the G.R.O.W. program on Wednesday, August 30 for all the kids in our congregation and community from Pre-School to 6th grade. We need your help to bring the word of God to all the kids who want to attend.

G.R.O.W. is a kid's program for our church members and all kids in the community. We believe helping a child to GROW in their faith and helping them to know God is the single most important thing there is. Each child is provided with a weekly meal, activity supplies, and all 3rd graders receive a Bible. Our congregation here at Emmanuel Lutheran supports the G.R.O.W. ministry as part of their yearly budget.

We are also asking you to take an active role to "Support a Sheep" each year. Our goal is to sponsor each child that takes part in our G.R.O.W. program. If you feel called to provide the \$50 to sponsor your child(ren) or another child from the community for the year, that's great, but it's not necessary! Also, if you want to "Sponsor a Sheep," but the beginning of the year starts off and school needs are a bit much right now, you can "Sponsor a Sheep" at any point in the G.R.O.W. year. You may place a gift in the offering plate marked G.R.O.W. Sheep or drop it off at the office. Please understand that this is not a requirement—it is just an opportunity to help. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 712-789-0745 or email her at: emmanueliayouth@gmail.com. Thanks!

BACK TO SCHOOL! ~ CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

The start of the school year is just around the corner and with that comes an opportunity to offer a blessing and pray for our kids and youth as well as the volunteers who shape our kids & youth ministries!

Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me." This reminds us of our calling to serve our young people with openness, commitment and caring. Pray for us to be with our students as they begin a new school year, learning and growing in new ways...and be with our children's and youth leaders as they guide, serve, and grow with our young ones throughout this school year ahead.

Let's all pray for our whole church to support the children and youth of this congregation and community by saying "yes" when a need arises and celebrate all that our children and youth bring to our church family. As this new school year begins, let our whole church look for the ways that we can be your disciples and support and serve these faithful leaders of our children's and youth ministries.

On Wed. August 30 from 6-7:30 join us for a Family Fun Night, dinner, games, and a back-to-school craft. Denise Bridges, Youth Minister, will be meeting with GROW parents at 7:00 to share our goals for this year at GROW and answer any questions they may have.

Have any other question, feel free to call Denise at 712-789-0745 or send an email to emmanueliayouth@gmail.com or call the church at 641-745-2415.

GROW VOLUNTEER SEPT SCHEDULE!

Training is Sunday, August 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you cannot/could not attend, please contact Denise at 712-789-0745 or emmanueliayouth@gmail.com to get the September schedule!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Dorene Feick, Chelsea Payne, Vicki Brown, Amanda Symns, Phyllis Hanke, Shirley Tannatt, Noah Reed, Roger Estell

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

Assisted Living Residents – Larry Hohertz, Deloris Plymesser, 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 Schaforth (Lori and Brian Fox's nephew)



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Worship Leader	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Brian F.	Ann R.
Keyboard	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.
Drums	Dan D.	Malachi B.	Dan D.	Malachi B.
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Female Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Acolytes	Dax C.	Josh N.	Mason J.	Jack B.
Greeters/Treats	Kurt & Rhonda B.	Kathy G., Jane L.	Nellie G., Jeanne J.	Sam & Brian G.
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Ed & Kathi C.	Craig & Brenda P.	Ann & Jeremy R.	Kurt & Rhonda B.
1st Reading	Dax C.	Josh N.	Mason J.	Jack B.
2nd Reading	Kurt B.	Brittany B.	Jeremy R.	Kiley H.
Gospel	Rhonda B.	Brenda P.	Jim D.	Deb T.
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Brian F.	Ann R.
Communion Helpers	Darla B., Ed C., Rhonda B.		Lori F., Jim D., Wanda J.	
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Gini H., Rhonda B.	Craig P.	Dave H.	Dan B.
Sound	Rollie P.	Ed C.	Jayden R.	Ed C.
Cameras	John B.	Micah B.	Kelly H.	John B.
Pro Presenter	Malachi B.	George F.	Malachi B.	George F.
Organist	Kathy T.	Shirley M.	Karen S.	Karen S.
Greeters/Ushers	Pat & Iris W.	Rae & Paul B.	Margy H., Carla L.	Darry & Roleen C.
Acolytes	Micah B.	Micah B.	Micah B.	Malachi B.
1st Reading	Iris W.	Paul B.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
Psalm Reading	Iris W.	Paul B.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
2nd Reading	Malachi B.	Kristy B.	Amy H.	Micah B.
Gospel	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Communion Helpers	Iris W.		Rollie P.	
Offering	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.
Sound/Cameras	Rollie P.	Matt G.	Ben H.	Matt G.
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	George F.	Nate H.	George F.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	Labor Day 4	5	HS K.F.C. Begins 6	7	8	9
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship	Offices Closed Due to Holiday 	5:00p Council Agenda Due	7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00-7:30p GROW 6:00-7:30p Confirmation 7:45-8:45p HS K.F.C.	9:00a Prayer Group 10:00a Trad. Worship Planning		11:00a- 9:00p Tables & Chairs Reserved
Confirmation Service of Promise 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 2:00-4:00p The Chosen 5:00p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study 11:00a Contem- porary Worship Planning		7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:30p ELC Women 6:00-7:30p GROW 6:00-7:30p Confirmation 7:45-8:45p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
3rd Grade Bibles 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 9/1 Jim Clayton, Louise Johnson
9/2 Verlene Archer, Kristin Robinson, Karen Hight, Olivia Christensen
9/3 Tom Thompson
9/4 Mick Baudler, Becky Denton
9/5 Nicholas Fox, Chad Herr, Rachel Hall, Jeff Thompson, George Feazell
9/6 Leon Schwartz
9/7 Megan Buckner-Hickman, Sarah Buckner-Johnson, Amy Kopaska, Gary Marckmann
9/8 Garrett Welsch
9/9 Matthew Herr
9/10 Kurt Boehm, Linda VanEaton, Sylvia Cooper
9/11 Joan Finck, Janene Hall, Ross Hansen, Kaye Queck, Norah Arendt
9/12 Jocelyn Lunsford
9/13 Carson Fenster, Brady Burg, Brysen Emerson
9/14 Todd Thompson, Ashlyn Beaman
9/15 Melissa Baudler, Lisa Baudler
9/16 Persephone Nelson, Lucas Nelson, Dax Crees
9/17 Jill Mostaert, Lee Lundy, Amy Perkey, Rachel Grove
9/18 Jane Ernst, Ray Stewart, Nicholas Held
9/19 Spencer Scar, Aislynn Hale
9/20 Staci Wissner, Mike Mangels, Gale Helm, Denisha Symns
9/21 Steven Bricker, Matt Kuhns, Dustin Nelson
9/23 Dallas Ford, Jeff Parkis
9/24 Jim Finck, Troy Kester, Roger Queck
9/25 Keith Herr
9/26 Jaime Crawford, Shane Paxton, Sidney Nelson
9/27 April Bruck
9/28 Alexandria Ahrens, Mallory Kuhns
9/29 Jake Thompson, Megan Feick
9/30 Christine Blanchard, Grady Brown, Jessie Springer, Jane Langguth, Steven Rater, Jessica Huff

CONFIRMATIONS

- 9/8 Kathi Christensen
9/27 Abby Fritz
9/29 Aaron Bigelow



ANNIVERSARIES



- 9/4 Richard & Dorene Feick
9/5 Chad & Robin Wyllie
Mike & Dixie Sorensen
9/6 Chip & Teresa Boston
9/7 Derek & Amy Perkey
9/8 Pat & Linda Held
9/13 Larry & Peggy Lewis
9/17 Dan & Alyse Dreher
9/18 Tyson & Megan Edwards
Jake & Jennifer Lake
9/19 Lucas & Nicole Queck
9/27 Eugene & Mardell Martin

BAPTISMS

- 9/2 Ryan Bakerink, Steven Feick
9/3 Josh Crawford, Wendy Seddon
9/4 Alyse Dreher, Mike Mensing
9/5 Taylor Garside, Cody Jacobson
9/6 Wyatt Low
9/9 Mark Feick
9/12 Adelaide Livingston
9/13 Sandra Stewart
9/14 Weston Held, Whitney Held, Michael Sorensen II
9/15 Mary Nelson
9/18 Kathi Christensen, Myles Boehm
9/19 Caroline Ferguson, Coleen Ferguson
9/20 Matthew Mangels
9/21 Leland Schwartz, David Huff
9/23 Jacob Mangels
9/24 Melissa Vorrie, Kara Hohertz, Dean Hall
9/25 Kristin Robinson
9/27 Jessica Jones
9/28 Tom Martin
9/30 Rachel Herr Hall



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Come and Worship With Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.
Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.