Dear Friends,

Spring is finally here! Both Candace and myself, especially native Texan Candace, continue to be amazed how quickly the land turns lush and green!

The Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services were well attended at both St. Paul’s and Emmanuel. I particularly enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul’s and the youth led Easter Sunrise service and breakfast at Emmanuel! Worship just seems more meaningful when a large number of people are gathered to worship. Please keep that in mind during the summer months! You are missed when you are not present for worship!

Following the events of Holy Week and the Resurrection, the disciples must have been wondering, “what’s next?” Our scripture readings following Easter Sunday tell us in so many ways that Christ is with us! We are encouraged to share this good news by inviting people to worship! You will be surprised how appreciative people are for the invitation!

At Emmanuel on May 7, we will have a congregational meeting to vote on the unanimous recommendation of the Council to repair the windows, so please remember to be present.

Special thanks to Penny Bredensteiner at St. Paul’s for getting a guest pastor and Russ Burroughs at Emmanuel for sharing the word on April 23. I was at the 45th anniversary of the congregation I served in Houston.

See you in worship!

Jeffery Alvestad,
Interim Pastor
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – March 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Holmes, Karen Erickson, Dan Hansen, Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Tony Ballain, Merrill Whitehill, Kris Sherman, Dennis Grebert, Newt Heaton, Linda Wolfe, Pastor Jeff Alvestad. Absent: Jessica Bosley. Call to Order: Vice-President Chuck Richardson. Prayer: Pastor Jeff. Secretary’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Reviewed by Council, moved, seconded and both reports approved by Council. Pastor’s Report/Deacons Report: 1) Compared the 2016 – first 10 weeks attendance/offers vs. 2017 – 10 weeks and found attendance is up 19% and offerings up 34%. 2) Steve Richardson and Candace Alvestad have created a cross for live flowers/greenery for the congregation to place flowers on Easter morning. WORSHIP AND MUSIC: All Lenten/Holy Week/Easter Services have been set. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: 1) 4-6 children each Sunday. 2) Interdenominational VBS set for July 30-August 12 with Beth Ann McCalla as director.

CHURCH/PARSONAGE PROPERTY: 1) The Committee will be to discuss the front window. 2) Narthex lights will be changed to LED lights and new fixtures. 3) The new microphone and cable for the Altar will be installed. 4) Committee will discuss sidewalk snow removal. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: Church Financial Systems of the Church? The Auditors felt that a new financial system should be looked at using the guidelines designated by the Synod. Spreadsheets were handed out with ideas from the Synod Guidelines. Discussion: 1. Do we need to make changes to the current Financial Systems of the Church? It was moved, seconded and approved to continue on with the spreadsheet to make changes. 2. Disbursement System: Suggestions included: 2 signatures on all checks, President and Vice-President sign checks with the Treasurer making out the checks. Moved, seconded and approved changes to present system by Council. Income System: Financial Secretary explained how the offering is placed into the Business Account. She noted that 99% of all offering is by check with less than $20.00 in cash per week. Suggestions from the Synod Guidelines include 2 people counting the offering after church – not the Financial Secretary – with the Financial Secretary depositing the offering. Moved, seconded and approved by the Council that even though these guidelines are suggested by the Synod that we don’t change our current system. Audit System: Discussion current auditing practice. It was moved, seconded and approved by the Council to change the current system of auditing. Suggestions: Audit 2 times a year with 3 members on the Audit Committee – 1 from Council, 1 non-Council member, 1 from the Finance and Stewardship Committee. Moved, seconded and approved by the Council. Sunday School Finances: Discussion of Sunday School books. Moved, to table this discussion until the next Council Meeting. Membership Committee: No report. LYO/Youth: Easter Sunrise Service by the Youth is set for April 16 @ 7:30 a.m. with Fundraiser Breakfast following. Altar Guild: No Altar flowers during Lent with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. Cookbook, Funeral, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding: No reports. WELCA: March 15 @ 2:00 p.m. with Karen Erickson as hostess. OLD BUSINESS: None. NEW BUSINESS: 1) Linda Wolfe resigned as Church Treasurer after 21 years of volunteer service noting that with the new guidelines, the job should return to the Council. Linda agreed to finish out the month of March or until a new Treasurer is found. Adjournment and Closing: Closed with The Lord’s Prayer led by Pastor Jeff.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

On April 19 @ 2:00 p.m. 7 ladies and Pastor Jeff met at the Church to continue their Bible Study on Angels. The Financial Report was given. Following the Bible Study led by Pastor Jeff, Mary Schumacher served a delicious cake topped with mandarin oranges along with nuts, chocolates, coffee and in honor of Easter, Jelly Beans. Rosalee Kinsion sent along a message that she was out of the stuffed animals for the Birthday Bag Project and is making pillow cases for each bag and needed boxes (snack cracker size) for the pillow cases (they can be placed in the Birthday Bag collection basket. She was recently given a donation from Doug Meyer Chevrolet and she and her daughter will be going to use it to find some more material for the pillow cases.

The Community Food Pantry sent along a THANK YOU for all the wonderful items for the pantry from our Congregational Lenten Project “Cover the Lenten Table with items for the Food Pantry”. Amy Fick and Jessica Bosley sacked and delivered the items to the pantry which filled the back of Amy’s SUV. Thanks to all who donated non-perishable food items and sundry items to this project.

The quilters will soon be sending off all the quilts they have made for Lutheran World Relief and ones to keep at the church for local use. In May we hope to see them displayed in the Church for all to admire.

On April 12 at 2:00 p.m. 7 ladies and Pastor Jeff met at the Church to continue their Bible Study on Angels. The May17 WELCA Bible Study and Business Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. will be held at church with Linda Wolfe as hostess.

Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer
MAY BIRTHDAYS
3 – Adrianna Holmes
Jay Bohling
5 – Brian Kirchert
6 – Matthew Vrbsky
9 – Ann Atterberry
Tammy Grebert
12 – Dan Holmes
13 – Alex Holmes
14 – Ali Sherman
15 – Gene Sturm
17 – Blake Wilson
Michael Pedersen
19 – Stacy Kirchert
Mitchell Morris
Niki Richardson
20 – Marcella Heaton
24 – John Walter
Mick Walter
25 – Theresa Swank
26 – Shirley Lundgren

MAY ANNIVERSARIES
4 – Merrill and Linda Whitehill
20 – Dennis and Tammy Grebert

On Sunday, April 9, Carter Houchin, son of Patrick Houchin and Jeanette Houchin, was confirmed at Emmanuel. We welcome Carter as a Confirmed Member of Emmanuel.

Our Sympathies to the Family and Friends of Don Rhoades who passed away on February 16 in Barrington, Illinois. A Service with Military Rites will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery with a Memorial Service held at Emmanuel at 11:30 a.m./lunch following.

Our Sympathies to the Family and Friends of Karon L. York of Essex, Iowa who passed away on Friday, April 14 at Red Oak, Iowa. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, April 24 at Veterans Memorial Chapel at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Shenandoah, Iowa. Karon had been attending Emmanuel for several Sundays.

The Emmanuel Church Council has called for a Congregational Meeting on May 7 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service to discuss the bids on the front window project. Please plan on attending so a decision can be made.

On Sunday, May 14, the Membership Committee will be honoring the “Women of Emmanuel” and following the service, a coffee will be held in honor of Devine, the Senior Class Honoree who has been living with Don and Kerr Nelson this past school year.

MAY ASSISTANTS
Altar: Marilyn Holmes, Sharon Meier, Miriam Houchin
Acolytes: Tyler Prokop and Carter Houchin (7)
Draven Pedersen (14)
Jakob Sherman (21)
Adrianna Holmes (28)
Readers: Newt Heaton (7)
Marcia Johnson (14)
Jessie Bosley (21)
Lisa Holmes (28)
Greeters: Teresa Roberts (7)
Undesignated (14 and 28)
Neva Meek and Jessie Bosley (28)
Ushers: Undesignated (7, 14, 28)
Jessie, Maren and Megan Bosley (21)

JUNE ASSISTANTS
Altar: Sharon Meier, Miriam Houchin, Marilyn Holmes
Acolytes: Draven Pedersen and Evan Holmes (4)
Carter Houchin (11)
Jakob Sherman (18)
Adrianna Holmes (25)
Readers: Ron Oestmann (4)
Rose Walter (11)
Jessie Bosley (18)
Lisa Holmes (25)
Greeters: Undesignated (4, 11, 25)
Neva Meek and Jessie Bosley (18)
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Notes:
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Church Telephone #: 1-712-246-3287
Church e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com
St. PAUL'S INFORMANTION and EVENTS

(Church Services at St. Paul’s begin every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in worship each week.)

APRIL
The April 2 Tractor Blessing was held inside, due to cold and rainy weather. Coffee and donuts were served following the service.
The April 12 Bible Study was hosted by LoAnn Behen.
Easter Services were held Sunday morning, April 16 at 9:00am. The children’s choir sang Jesus Loves Me and an Easter Egg Hunt followed the service.

MAY
Sunday School meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
The May Bible Study will be held on May 10 at 12:00 noon. It will be a No Host Bible Study.
WELCA will meet after church services on May 14.
On May 28, a coffee to Honor Graduates, hosted by the Mission Community Committee, will be served. Co-Chairmen are Nancy and Dallas.

MAY CLEANING SCHEDULE
Dallas Prather (6)
Deb Ratliff (13)
Patti Rolf (20)
Deb Weiss (27)

MAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE
Ty Ratliff (7)
Nancy Middaugh (14)
Nancy Middaugh (21)
Trey Athen (28)

MAY READER SCHEDULE
Kymm Bredensteiner (7 & 14)
Deb Ratliff (21 & 28)

PLEASE REMEMBER:
Just like at home, the bills for the church continue whether we are able to have a service or not. Consider giving extra this month to make up for any missed services.

Information for the monthly NEWSLETTER will be sent to Emmanuel by the 15th of each month. If you have anything you would like in the NL, please contact Mary Beth at marybeth@tarkio.k12.mo.us before the 15th so it makes it in the NL OR get the information to Nancy or Penny so they can forward it on. You can also text 660-623-0093.

The Church Council is requesting that if you have an e-mail address or have recently changed or gotten a new one, you send it to Penny Bredensteiner at borderinn@iamotelephone.com OR Nancy Middaugh at sn25midd@gmail.com. These addresses will be used to communicate with Church Members and send out the monthly NL.
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Acolyte: Ty Ratliff  
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Dallas Prather  
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Keely Bredensteiner |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 9:00am Worship  
Reader: Kym Bredensteiner  
Acolyte: Nancy Middaugh  
WELCA Meeting follows  
Mother's Day | | | | | | Church Cleaner  
Deb Ratliff |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 9:00am Worship  
Reader: Deb Ratliff  
Acolyte: Nancy Middaugh  
BIRTHDAY  
John and Cheryl Whipple |
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**ANNIVERSARY**  
**Memorial Day (.observed)**  
Emmanuel Office Closed
Easter Lilies

The Altar Lilies are given by Emmanuel's Women of the ELCA;
IN MEMORY of Mary and Ken Brink by Jeff and Candace Alvestad;
IN MEMORY of Gretchen and Wayne Alvestad by Jeff and Candace Alvestad;
IN MEMORY of Our Parents and IN HONOR of Our Children and Grandchildren by Tony and Cathy Ballain;
IN MEMORY of Our Fathers and IN HONOR of Our Mothers by Amy and Orlin Fick;
IN MEMORY of Charles & Sophia Fienup and Don & Phyllis Fienup by Genene and Steve Fienup;
IN MEMORY of John Gowing and Sally Gowing by Eldora Gowing;
IN HONOR of Eldora Gowing by the Gowing Girls and their families;
IN MEMORY of Don, Donna and Dawna Rhoades by the Gowing families;
IN MEMORY of Our Parents by Newt and Marcella Heaton;
IN HONOR of Our Children (Craig and Angie, Juli and Chris, and Jenni and Dan) by Bob and Marilyn Holmes;
IN HONOR of Our Grandchildren (Ali, Matt, Audri, Alex, Andy, Austin and Samantha) by Bob and Marilyn Holmes;
IN MEMORY of Our Parents by Gene and Miriam Houchin; Terry and Marcene Johnson;
IN MEMORY of Howard Johnson, Bettie and Harold Johnson by Mary Alice Johnson;
IN MEMORY of Howard Johnson by Mark and Marcia Johnson;
IN MEMORY of Donald and Mary Peterson by Dan Peterson;
IN MEMORY of Elmer and Edna Johnson by the Richardson Family;
IN MEMORY of Bob and Dorothy Richardson by the Richardson Family;
IN MEMORY of My Daughter (Gretchen Wurth) by Mary Schumacher; Kim and Theresa Swank;
IN MEMORY of Kevin Swanson by Merrill and Etta Swanson;
IN MEMORY of Dorothy Focht by Barbara Wennstedt;
IN MEMORY of Our Parents (Frank and Fran Powers & Jeff and Ethel Whitehill) by Merrill and Linda Whitehill;
IN MEMORY of Our Parents by Dave and Kathy Wiebold;