

# *Emmanuel and St. Paul's* **September 2020 NEWSLETTER**

What might we learn, how might we be strengthened, if we took a season and looked at the breadth of the Bible? What is God still saying and doing, what about this pandemic?

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This has been God's call to humanity from the very beginning. Yet our Creator also gave us free will; this we understand as both good and bad. Bad in that we can freely turn away from God and create consequences for ourselves and humankind; wonderful and respecting because it means each of us is our own person, endowed with rights and responsibilities, talents and skills to contribute to our mutual human endeavor.

As we journey through the narratives of the Bible, beginning in October, we will learn the beauty God sees in creation and desires for us to willingly be a part of. And bring out humankind's beauty through our special role as stewards, not only of land and water, plant and animal, also one another. This begins in the family and its influence extends across generations.

The entire world is in a time of rising to the challenges of international pandemic or submitting to fear and control instituted as a human response. The difference, the degree, is determined by where we put our faith; will it be God and His work in us and others or human institutions whose faith is in themselves? Science is not a religion, though some treat it that way, rather a gift from our creator of understanding the creation entrusted to us. Including these amazing and complexly intra-dependent bodies which temporarily house souls

If this is making you think too hard, don't fret, the Bible is stories. Stories which reveal our Creator's love and good will for humanity. Across the history of human struggle and greatness, recorded in the Bible, is found a cohesive narrative of God's persistent love calling us to have full and abundant lives through relationship with the one who gives us life. This is the upper story reflected in Jesus words, "You will find rest for your souls; for My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

We can learn from each of the characters we meet through the Bible something about ourselves, and some are 'characters'. These are the lower stories reflecting our human struggles to find and make lives for ourselves, our children and fellow humanity; and God's mighty and ever providing hand.

Each Sunday's readings will still come from the Old and New Testaments, along with a Psalm and Gospel reading. As we take this chronological reading of the Bible we will still observe the seasons of Advent and Lent, special Christmas and Easter services. We will learn to appreciate these in the broad context of our Creator and Lord's persistent healing us from sin's wounds calling us to believe, repent, and live,

Weekly Bible studies will probe the stories meanings and we can share the learning inter-generationally. We are church united around God's work in and for us, for one another.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – July 13, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

This Council Meeting was held via "Zoom"

**Present: (on line)** Jessica Bosley, Becky DeWild, Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Marilyn Holmes, Mike Koval, Dave Wiebold, Council Secretary Linda Wolfe, Pastor Kurt Hoover, Deacon Theresa Swank. **Absent:** Brian Holmes, Kris Sherman. **Call to Order:** Council President Jessica Bosley. **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Hoover. **Secretary's Minutes:** The June Council Minutes were e-mailed to each Council Member to review ahead of the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes were seconded and approved by the Council. **Treasurer's Report:** The June Treasurer's Report and Year-to-Date Budget information which compared the 2019 January-June to the 2020 January-June were e-mailed to each Council Member to review ahead of the meeting. Motion to approve the report was seconded and approved by the Council. **Pastor's/Deacons Report:** **1)** Pastor Thanked all those who are helping with the Tech Support each Sunday. **2)** The live streaming service is going well. **3)** Jessica Bosley (Facebook) and Bob Iske (Web-page) are doing a very good job reaching out to the community. **4)** The Swift Company checked out the Church to install the new fiberoptic internet system. **5)** The new HD Camcorder for the live service is installed and Pastor was reimbursed for the expenses. **6)** Pastor is sending St. Paul's and Emmanuel shut-ins bulletins with readings and sermon. **7)** Larry Cowherd (Gideons) was Thanked for doing the July 19 Service and his payment was approved by the Council (\$175.00). **8)** The July 5 Communion wine was a different brand; the Church will go back to Mogen David wine. **9)** Small paper plates will be used for the August communion so the Deacons don't have to wipe off the silver plate. **STANDING COMMITTEES: Worship and Music: 1)** Pastor noted that both Church are using an abbreviated Church Service. **Christian Education: 1)** No Sunday School held. **2)** Church Secretary Linda Wolfe is continuing to send a Children's Bulletin, The Gospel for the Day and Activity pages to both Churches via e-mail. **Church Property/Parsonage Property: 1)** The hedge between the parsonage and neighbor was trimmed. **2)** The bushes at the Church were trimmed. Thanks to all who helped at both places. **3)** Lynn Furnace serviced the Church air conditioners and found them to be in working order. **4)** Rengstorf Roofing/Construction checked out the Church Steeple and found the plywood under the skin of the steeple is rotted and holding water which is leaking into the Church. They gave two estimates on fixing it (\$4,068.66) to remove the steeple and patch the hole and not replace the steeple. (\$10,418.36) to remove the steeple, re-skin the steeple, fix the roof area and re-install the steeple. Other options include: Do nothing or make a new steeple. Discussion followed. Chuck Richardson will get a few more suggestions and bids from other companies. **Finance and Stewardship, Membership Committee, LYO/Youth:** No reports. **Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild has been revamped – 2 ladies each month to do the duties. **Cookbook, Funeral, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **WELCA:** No July or August Bible Study/Business Meeting. Maybe one will be held in September. **OLD BUSINESS:** Taken care of within the reports. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** It was noted that sometimes the Pastor's voice fades out during the service; he will adjust the placement of the microphone. **2)** The summer congregational project to collect school supplies has been changed by suggestion of the school to collecting money for gift certificates instead. This will be placed in the bulletin and NL. **3)** The quilters met on Monday, July 13 to pack the boxes of quilts for delivery to the Clarinda drop-off location. Pastor blessed the quilts on July 12 during the Sunday service. **Adjournment and Closing:** It was moved, seconded and Council approval to adjourn the meeting. Closed with *The Lord's Prayer* led by Pastor Hoover.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe – Council Secretary

\* **Addendum:** It was noted following the meeting that request by the Treasurer had not been voted on. Treasurer Suzanne Tysor included on her cover page that she had to purchase the new 2020 Quickbooks software after the trial period had expired. An e-mail vote was sent out to the Council to approve the \$320.00 expense; Council approval.

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**Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)**

Hopefully we will be having the September WELCA meeting. Stay alert for any announcements concerning this meeting. In addition, on November 22, 2020 the annual WELCA Thank Offering is scheduled to be held. As not the entire Congregation is attending the "in-person" service, I am asking all women to come up with an idea for collecting the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars and checks which is sent for the Synod's Projects benefitting Women and Children. If you have the perfect idea, PLEASE contact Linda Wolfe (246-3287 – church) or (246-4437 – home) and let me know how this can be accomplished. Despite the COVID-19 virus, these important programs continue on and our money is needed to see that they do. Please let me know so we can let the Women of the Emmanuel Church know how we are going to collect the Thank Offering money for the Synod projects. Our average amount sent in from the Thank Offering collection is: \$250.00.

If another outbreak happens as they predict in the fall, you will be notified as to the feasibility of holding the September 16 WELCA Meeting at church.

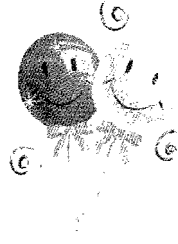
Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/WELCA Treasurer

**WELCA FINANCES: QUILTING ACCOUNT: \$140.92 BUSINESS ACCOUNT: \$757.58**

## EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Nicole Fizette  
Tyler Houchin
5. Dokata Mattox  
Erma Wigington
9. Amber Vrbsky
11. Kim Swank
13. Nick Swank  
Bev Oestmann
14. Charles Allen Oestmann
16. Tony Ballain  
Jacob Holmes
18. Roger McQueen
20. Cara Wiig
22. Deb Burroughs
26. Steve Fienup  
Ken Swank
27. Chris Wiebold
28. Bob Iske



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3. Dan and Connie Holmes
9. Kevin and Martha Tiemeyer
18. Byron and Karen Erickson



*The lovely flower arrangement on the piano is from Eldora Gowing and the Gowing "girls" and their families IN MEMORY of John Gowing and Sally Gowing.*

### SEPTEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes, Becky DeWild  
Acolytes: Maren Bosley and Evan Holmes (6)  
Tyler Prokop (13)  
Ali Hansen (20)  
Evan Holmes (27)  
Readers: Karla Koval (6)  
Jessie Bosley (13)  
**Undesignated (20)**  
**Undesignated (27)**  
Ushers: Undesignated (6, 13, 20, 27)

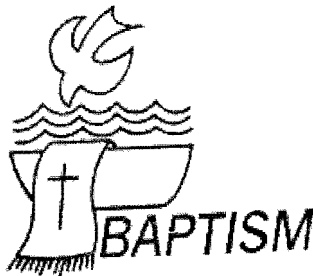
### OCTOBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes, Becky DeWild  
Acolytes: Tyler Prokop and Ali Hansen (4)  
Maren Bosley (11)  
Evan Holmes (18)  
Ali Hansen (25)  
Readers: **Undesignated (4, 11, 18, 25)**  
Ushers: Undesignated (4, 11, 18, 25)

The above names are the "normal" September and October scheduled assistants. If there are any changes, you will be notified. Church Services are held in the Church Building at 10:30 a.m. If you are unable to READ or ACOLYTE, please contact the Church Office (246-3287 or [emmlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com)) during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine. If you would like to be a READER, please contact the Church and your name will be placed on the sign-up sheet.

As we are holding Church Services in the building, we are putting flowers once again on the Altar. If you are wanting to take a month and purchase flowers for a Birthday, Anniversary, In Honor of someone/an occasion or In Memory of someone/an occasion, **PLEASE let the office know** so names, etc. can be placed in the Sunday Bulletin.

You can mail your offering to the Church, direct deposit your offering (contact your bank) or drop off your offering during office hours if you are unable to attend the Church Service. When you do attend, the offering plates are placed in the back of the Church for your offering and offering envelopes are on the Ushers cabinet in the Narthex (take as many as you need).. If you need some mailed to you, please contact the Church Office.



*Jonathan Keith Jensen, son of Steve and Katie Gillespie-Jensen was Baptized during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship on August 9, 2020. Jonathan's sponsors are Barbara Lewis and Debra Gillespie Bays. Making this day even more special... Steve and Katie became members of Emmanuel. We welcome Steve, Katie and Jonathan into the Emmanuel Family.*

This calendar represents the “normal” calendar for September; all gatherings are subject to change. Social distancing will be observed at the Sunday Service; please sit in the un-taped pews where the bulletins are placed.

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church – September 2020

406 East Pioneer Avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601 web-site: [www.emmanuel-lutheran.com](http://www.emmanuel-lutheran.com) Kurt Hoover, Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for NAMI	2	3	4	5
6 NO COFFEE 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	7  <i>Labor Day; Office Closed</i>	8 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for NAMI	9	10	11	12
13 NO COFFEE 10:30am Worship Communion follows worship 3:00-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Clover Kids/4-H <i>God's Work; Our Hands Sunday</i> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	14 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	15 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for NAMI	16 2:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting @ church (if there are any changes, you will be notified)	17	18	19
20 NO COFFEE 10:30 am Worship  16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	21 6:00 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting??? 7:00 pm Membership Committee Meeting???	22 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for NAMI	23	24	25	26 Fellowship Hall reserved all day for a Family Function
27 NO COFFEE 10:30 am Worship  17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	28 9:00am Quilting	29 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for NAMI	30	Pastor Kurt's contacts: <a href="mailto:kurtshoover@ymail.com">kurtshoover@ymail.com</a> 1-515-850-7670		

Emmanuel Hours: Monday-Thursday; 9:00-12:00 noon

Emmanuel Telephone #: 1-712-246-3287 (after hours/answering machine)

Emmanuel e-mail: [emmlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com)

# ST. PAUL'S SEPTEMBER INFORMATION CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES 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.)

Services are currently meeting at St. Paul's each Sunday.

Social Distancing is being practiced and parishioners have an option of worshipping in the Sanctuary OR remaining outside the Church in Lawn Chairs or in their cars. Plans are currently being considered to returning to indoor services with social distancing and masks required.

*The members at St. Paul's would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Patricia Michel Hall's children, Pam Hansen, Caryl Leslie and David Hall and her sisters, Sharon Gilbert, Gayle Moody and Gwen Markut and their extended families. Pat passed away on August 18, 2020, in Perry, Iowa. Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and two of their children, Shane Hall and Kathy Hall. She grew up in the Church, here at St. Paul's and always displayed her high regard for the Church through her singing, the warmth we felt when she entered the Sanctuary and especially in her infectious smile with which she greeted each of us. She had a great sense of connection to St. Paul's and seemed to know this was where she truly belonged. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. Burial will be at the Farragut Cemetery with food and fellowship following the burial at Marcia Fichter's. St. Paul's offers prayers to bring comfort and courage to the family of Patricia Michel Hall.*

**On Sunday, August 30, 2020 at the 9:00 a.m. the "Bless the Backpacks" Worship Service will be held. There will be NO COFFEE following the Service.**

**Sunday School will not meet this fall** but will hopefully resume after the end of the year. Deb Ratliff has provided Sunday School material to each of the families who have children involved. There is enough material to cover 2 Sundays in September, October and November. At that point there may be practice for the Christmas Program during the month of December.

Deb Ratliff has also asked that we include the following. She will be glad to get flowers for those who are unable to pick them up for the Altar. She will get the liners and pick the flowers up for those who would like and they can reimburse her. If you would like to take advantage of her offer, they can call her home phone: 712-246-5083 OR her cell phone: 712-310-2672.

## SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 6 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship Service at St. Paul's

**Wednesday, September 9 – Bible Study**...an announcement will be made about Bible Study startup date when that decision has been made.

**Sunday, September 13 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship Service at St. Paul's

**WELCA** will meeting immediately following the Church Service.

**Sunday, September 20 – 9:00 a.m.** "Bless the Harvest Worship Service" – Outdoors weather permitting.

**Sunday, September 27 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship Service/Coffee follows, Mission Action Committee will be in charge of the coffee. Co-chairs are Kymm Bredensteiner and Blu Dow.

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Kathy Athen

### September Cleaning Schedule

Patti Rolfe (5)  
Deb Weiss (12)  
Mary Beth Bredensteiner (19)  
Kathy Athen (26)

### September Acolyte Schedule

Deb Ratliff (6)  
Deb Ratliff (13)  
Nancy Middaugh (20)  
Nancy Middaugh (27)

### September Reader Schedule

Blu Dow (6)  
Patti Rolf (13)  
Patti Rolf (20)  
Ida Van Syoc (27)

**Please remember how important it is to support St. Paul's during this time.** The Council encourages you to continue to give your offerings. You may want to write a weekly check and send them as a group OR write one check for the month. Those who prefer to give cash might keep an envelope of weekly tithes and put it in the offering tray if you attend the in-person Church Service or if you wish, you can send it to Nancy Middaugh, PO Box 71, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.

NEWSLETTER information will be sent to Emmanuel by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have anything you would like in the NL, contact Mary Beth at [marybeth@tarkio.k12.mo.us](mailto:marybeth@tarkio.k12.mo.us) or text 660-623-0093 before that date or get the information to Nancy or Penny.

This calendar represents the “normal” calendar schedule for September; all gatherings are subject to change. Social distancing will be observed at the Sunday Service; in-church worship OR out-door worship at your discretion.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – SEPTEMBER 2020

3055 – 410<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Northboro, Iowa 51647 Kurt Hoover Pastor: 1-515-850-7670 [kurtshoover@ymail.com](mailto:kurtshoover@ymail.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Committee</b> <b>Kathy Athen</b>		1	2	3 BIRTHDAY Trevor Whipple	4	5 Church Cleaner Patti Rolf
<b>6</b> 9:00am Worship Reader: Blu Dow Acolyte: Deb Ratliff  14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<b>7</b>  Labor Day; Emmanuel Office Closed	<b>8</b> BIRTHDAY Ty Ratliff	<b>9</b> An announcement will be made about Bible Study startup date when that decision has been made.	<b>10</b> BIRTHDAY Andy Rolf	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Church Cleaner Deb Weiss
<b>13</b> 9:00am Worship Reader: Patti Rolf Acolyte: Deb Ratliff WELCA Meeting follows  15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Church Cleaner Mary Beth Bredensteiner
<b>20</b> 9:00am "Bless the Harvest" Worship Service (held outdoors weather permitting) Reader: Patti Rolf Acolyte: Nancy Middaugh  16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> ANNIVERSARIES Pat & Kathy Athen Keaton & Paige Lundquist	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BIRTHDAYS Allison Rolf Charlotte Weiss	<b>26</b> Church Cleaner Kathy Athen
<b>27</b> 9:00am Worship Reader: Ida Van Syoc Acolyte: Nancy Middaugh Coffee follows; Mission Action Committee: Kymm and Blu, Co- chairs 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Emmanuel Hours: Monday-Thursday; 9:00-12:00 noon Emmanuel Telephone: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel E-mail: <a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">emmlutheran@yahoo.com</a>		

## September 2020, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### **Direct Support Professionals Week**

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives, especially during the extra challenges surrounding COVID-19 this year.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive. In recent months, our DSPs have been dedicated to the people we are privileged to serve, adding extra safety measures to continue supporting individuals in our 24-hour facilities and providing new activities to keep everyone entertained and busy when leaving the house was not safely an option.

This high-quality care is possible because of you – thank you for lifting up your Iowa neighbors in times of crisis! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **We are Still Here: LSI's Services for People with Disabilities**

LSI Team Leader Ada works at Harmony House in Muscatine, a 24/7 care facility provided through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. The home provides consistent care to five Iowans with intensive disabilities and medical conditions. Ada and her team assist residents with most parts of their day, from movement around the home and hygiene routines to medications and meals.

Because of COVID-19, the residents at Harmony House have not been able to safely see their families or participate in the volunteering or work they love, as some are able to do. But Ada and her team are there to offer a familiar face and structure when everything else feels uncertain. On days when clients feel scared or unsure, Ada and her team provide support and comfort.

Throughout the pandemic, Ada and her team have worked long hours to ensure they follow additional safety precautions, protecting both themselves and the clients they serve.

"We are an essential part of their daily life, regardless of whatever storm lies in front of us. My work is needed for my clients to survive," Ada says. "But they are essential to me and the other staff. They are the reason we do what we do."

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Shenandoah, Iowa 51601**

You may need someone to talk to or refer a loved one to in this time of uncertainty. Several agencies are available to help:

Hope4Iowa (844-673-4469) is a line for Mental Health and disabilities.  
Rural Issues and Agriculture (800-447-1985) 24 hour/7 days a week – to connect to a counselor.  
Iowa Warm Line (844-775-9276) to connect to a counselor or request to get in touch with a COVID Recovery Iowa counselor.  
[www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org](http://www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org) and complete a contact form and a counselor will get back to you.  
Southwest Iowa Families (712-542-3051) OR [SouthwestIowafamilies.com](http://SouthwestIowafamilies.com)  
Waubonsie Mental Health Center: Clarinda (712-542-2388)  
Shenandoah (712-581-7900).  
Addiction: Zion Recovery Services (246-4832)  
Suicide Prevention (1-800-273-8255)  
OR to reach Pastor Kurt - contacts: 1-515-850-7670; [pastorkurt@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorkurt@yahoo.com)