

Emmanuel and St Paul's November 2020 Newsletter

We look toward Thanksgiving across the social/political landscape:

From where will the healing come in the weeks after the election? Let no one be vindicated because their preference won, nor seek retaliation because theirs lost; let us look to the Lord, from where our life and help comes. Standing in the grace of the forgiveness of our own sins, let us seek the common ground of what we agree upon. As God is at work in the administration of our laws and faithful practice, may they be justly applied. This is the bargain of this nation's founding, "Under God" by people who know themselves to be imperfect, never-the-less seek year to year, a more perfect union. One that envisions and relies upon more than our own interests.

Psalm 121:1 I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there?

² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Like a plague of sores laid on top of the pandemic political conflict and aggravated social unrest have obscured our view of the future like smoke from a forest fire.

It doesn't need to be said, everyone is thinking it, "**we are better than this!**" We don't want to continue under the conditions we have been subjected. We seek to be with one another with hopeful thoughts and word. Caring for and building up one another. For this, the Lord our God redeemed us from sin through the death and resurrection of His only Son. May we be humbled by God's mercy; "the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, *be kind* and to walk humbly with your God." Living into that strips away pride and uses advantage to lift up rather than look down on the marginalized, nor look away from their need.

How are we, as a church, and in our individual lives to contribute more to the healing of our nation and revealing the light of God's love to all the world?

This is the passage God put on my heart for this article. In our translation it is titled:

"Effective Prayer"

⁷ "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks, *trusting the goodness of the Lord* receives.

Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ "You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead?"

¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!

¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

It is humbling to admit we have looked to elected leaders and political structures to provide the more perfect world our hearts desire. Too often trust in what they are quick to promise without surrounding what we ask, and is promised, with prayer. Doing so, the Lord our God, through the Holy Spirit will guide our thoughts and prayers. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Our prayers are the bridge between God's heart and ours. Is there anyone who more comprehensively wants good for human kind, or has the power to make it so?

Psalm 18:³⁰ God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true.

He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

³¹ For who is God except the Lord?

Pastor Kurt

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – September 14, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

(This Council Meeting was held via “Zoom”)

Present (on line): Jessica Bosley, Kris Sherman, BeckyDeWild, Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Marilyn Holmes (via phone), Mike Koval, Dave Wiebold, Linda Wolfe, Pastor Kurt Hoover, Theresa Swank (Deacon). **Absent:** Brian Holmes.

Call to Order: Council President Jessica Bosley. **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Secretary's Minutes:** The August minutes were reviewed, moved, seconded and approved by the Council. **Treasurer's Report:** The August Treasurer's report was moved, seconded and approved by the Council. **Pastor's/Deacons Reports:** **1)** Pastor has presided at 2 funerals at St. Paul's and will preside at the Rosalee Kinnison funeral at Emmanuel on September 17. **2)** Pastor will be presiding at the Hazel Grace Wiig Baptism on October 10. **3)** On Sunday, October 4 Pastor will begin the 31 week Worship Series on “THE STORY - The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people”. **4)** Pastor will be working with Pr. Fritz Brandenburg of St. John's Lutheran, Westboro, MO; a member from St. Paul's will take classes at St. John's. **5)** Thanks to Mike Koval and Rose Walter for running the projector during the service and Katie Jensen for editing the service and Carla Morrow for prepping the Sunday morning service. **6)** The Sunday School will begin in October. **7)** Karen Erickson will have knee replacement surgery on October 1; Linda Wolfe will do her custodial duties for October. **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Worship and Music – 1) Pastor presented the outline of the 31 week Worship Service at their August 17 Meeting. **2)** The Worship Service singing is going well; familiar hymns are being used. **3)** The microphone in the balcony is picking up the organ just fine. **Christian Education: 1)** Will begin in October. No VBS was held this year. **Church Property/Parsonage Property: 1)** Chuck Richardson has gotten more information concerning the Church Steeple. He explained how the water is getting into the steeple and therefore dripping into the Sanctuary. Discussion on the merits of each quote was held. Following the discussion, Becky DeWild and Chuck Richardson volunteered to write a letter to the congregation outlining the problems for their information and including all the options. It was moved, seconded and approved by the Council for them to write the letter and bring it back to the October Council Meeting for approval. **2)** Waiting on the Swift Company to finish installing the fiber optics internet. **3)** Pastor and Barbara dug out the old mulch from the west and south beds and are replacing it with rock. Chuck Richardson brought a load of soil as a foundation for the rock so that it slopes away from the house. **4)** The neighbor to the east of the parsonage trimmed the lower branches from a tree; Pastor is planning on sowing some seed. **Finance and Stewardship:** No meeting held; no report. **Membership:** No meeting held; no report.

LYO/Youth: No meeting held; no report. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES: Altar Guild:** Marcia Johnson and Linda Wolfe are the September Altar Committee. Theresa Swank and Melaine Prokop will be the Altar Committee for October. **Cookbook, Hospitality, Memorial:** No reports. **Funeral:** Organizing the Rosalee Kinnison Funeral Dinner to be held following the funeral on September 17; the dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall with special preparations being taken. **WELCA:** The September Bible Study/Business Meeting will be cancelled so the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen area could be set up for the Rosalee Kinnison funeral dinner. **OLD BUSINESS: 1)** The COVID-19 Communion set up is being worked on. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** Jessica Bosley was e-mailed the 2020 Adopt-a-Family notification asking if Emmanuel would like participate again this year. By consensus, the Council agreed to do it again with 3-4 children in the family and run it like last year. Jessica will contact the group and ask about the COVID-19 guidelines i.e. food collection, gift collections. **2) “Noisy Offering”** Should we begin the “Noisy Offering” again in October? Discussion held. It was moved and seconded to place a lock box in the foyer for the entire month of October to collect for The Community Food Pantry; Council approval. This will be advertised in the bulletins/NL. **Adjournment and Closing:** there being no other business to attend to, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Council Meeting; approved by the Council. The meeting closed with a prayer and *The Lord's Prayer* led by Pastor Hoover. The September Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Council President Jessica Bosley.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

The October WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Alice Johnson with social distancing being observed. The Business Meeting was held; it was noted that the Quilting Account has \$165.92; income from a Rosalee Kinnison Memorial and expenses for sheets. The Business Account has \$813.48; income from the Kinnison funeral dinner and expenses for funeral food and our offering to the Women's Synod. Pastor Kurt Hoover led the Bible Study; Mary Alice served a delicious apple pie dessert, lots of coffee and scrumptious mixed nuts. Discussion was held on the November 22 WELCA Thank Offering collection; how it would be taken up. The Women's Synod is continuing with their programs for women and children so they could really use the ongoing funds from the various churches. Information on this collection can be found on the back page of the NEWSLETTER.

The November 18 Bible Study has yet to be decided as to where and who the hostess will be but you will be informed when it is decided.

Linda Wolfe, WELCA contact person/Treasurer

EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Frannie Clark
3 Matthew Houchin
6 Dan Peterson
David Peterson
9 Alyssa Tiemeyer
10 Maren Bosley
13 Aimee Currie
Chad Tiemeyer
14 Dennis DeWild
16 Devin Herr
19 Beth Carlson
21 Jeana Hogue
25 Samantha Holmes
30 Jessica Bosley



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 Newt and Marcella Heaton
29 Matthew and Melanie Houchin



Thank You to my Emmanuel Family,

Thank you for the lovely cards sent to me in honor of my 103rd Birthday on October 13th. You made my day special.

Eldora Gowing

The ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SEASONS are only weeks away and it is now time to "welcome the seasons" by decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The form for purchasing a poinsettia can be found on the last page of the NEWSLETTER to bring color to the Sanctuary. We will be readying the Church on Saturday, November 28 so creative people are needed (ALONG WITH SOME MUSCLES) for the tree, etc. If you can help and many are needed, please contact Marilyn Holmes (246-2981) soon so a specific time can be set.

NOVEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes and Becky DeWild
Altar Committee: Kris Sherman and Katie Jensen
Acolytes: Maren Bosley and Tyler Prokop (1)

Ali Hansen (8)
Evan Holmes (15)
Tyler Prokop (22)
Maren Bosley (29)

Readers: Karla Koval (1)
Jessie Bosley (8)
Ron Oestmann (15)
Teresa Roberts (22)
Jessica Bosley (29)

Ushers and Greeters: Undesignated (1,8,15,22,29)

DECEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes and Becky DeWild
Altar Committee:

Acolytes: Evan Holmes and Ali Hansen (6)
Maren Bosley (13)
Tyler Prokop (20)
Ali Hansen (27)

Readers: Karla Koval (6)
Jessica Bosley (13)
Undesignated (20)
Undesignated (27)

Ushers and Greeters: Undesignated (6,13,20,27)



On Saturday, October 10, Hazel Grace Wiig, daughter of Zachary and Cara (Burroughs) Wiig was Baptized at Emmanuel. Hazel's sponsor was Amanda Kurovskui. Hazel's Grandparents include Russ and Deb Burroughs and Dana and Tracy Wiig. We welcome Hazel Grace into the community of Christ and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Thank you to our Emmanuel Family for all the food, calls, cards and get well thoughts and prayers during the time of our surgeries and our recovery. Know Pastor Kurt, our Emmanuel family, friends and our family are surrounding us with prayers and concerns, has been a great help during our recovery. We are blessed.

Karen and Byron Erickson

ST. PAUL'S INFORMATION CONCERNING NOVEMBER 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 WILL NOW HAVE THE CHOICE OF WORSHIPPING INSIDE OR OUTSIDE. IF CHOOSING TO WORSHIP INSIDE, MASKS WOULD BE PREFERRED.

PLEASE REMEMBER HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S DURING THIS TIME AND WHEN SERVICES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO ANY WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS. The Council encourages you to continue to give your offerings. You may want to write a weekly check like normal 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 plate when you attend Sunday Services. If you wish to send you offerings to Treasurer Nancy Middaugh, her address is: P.O. Box 71, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.

Waddy Coffman has been convalescing at his daughter's home in Shenandoah after a stay in the hospital due to health issues. We truly miss his presence at St. Paul's and hope to see him again soon. If you would be interested in sending cards, please send them to: Waddy Coffman, 103 West Grant, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.

NOVEMBER – Daylight Savings Time ENDS on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

Sunday, November 1 – 9:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday Worship Service

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

Sunday, November 8 – 9:00 a.m. Worship/WELCA will meet immediately following the Church Service

Wednesday, November 11 – 12:00 noon scheduled day for Bible Study (NOTE: an announcement will be made about Bible Study Start-up date when that decision is made.)

Sunday, November 15 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, November 22 – 9:00 a.m. Thank Offering Sunday (Be sure to bring items for The Food Pantry)

Sunday, November 29 – 9:00 a.m. FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Worship Service. The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated. NO COFFEE.

NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE – MARY BETH BREDENSTEINER

NOVEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Kymm Bredensteiner (07)

Kerra Ratliff (14)

Undesignated (21)

Toni Comstock (28)

NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Kathy Athen (01)

Kathy Athen (08)

Toni Comstock (15)

Toni Comstock (22)

Shannon Gilbert (29)

NOVEMBER READER SCHEDULE

Penny Bredensteiner (01)

Dallas Prather (08)

Dallas Prather (15)

Deb Weiss (22)

Deb Weiss (29)

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 NEWSLETTER, please contact Mary Beth at marybeth@tarkio.k12.mo.us before that date OR get the information to Nancy or Penny so they can forward it on. You can also text 660-623-0093.

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar and cannot get to Church for any reason, Deb Ratliff will be glad to help you by getting the flowers for you. Contact her and she will get the liners from the Church, pick up the flowers and they can reimburse her. If you would like to take advantage of her offer, you can call her home phone: 712-246-5083 OR her cell phone: 712-310-2672.

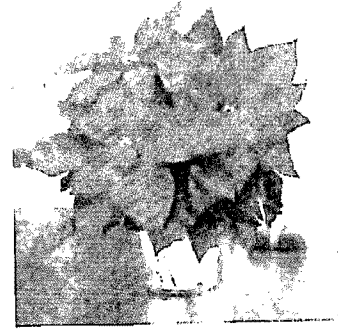
This calendar represents the "normal" calendar for November; all gatherings are subject to change.
Social distancing will be observed at the Sunday Service: in-church (masks) OR out-door Worship at your discretion.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – NOVEMBER 2020

3055 – 410th Avenue, Northboro, Iowa 51647 Kurt Hoover, Pastor 1-515 850-7670 kurtshoover@ymail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a.m. Worship Reader: Penny Bredensteiner Acolyte: Kathy Athen 5:30pm THE STORY Bible Study @ Emmanuel 05 Sunday of THE STORY Daylight Savings ends] All Saints Sunday	2	3	4 BIRTHDAY Peg Griffey	5	6	7 Church Cleaner Kymm Bredensteiner BIRTHDAY Keaton Lundquist
8 9:00am Worship Reader: Dallas Prather Acolyte: Kathy Athen WELCA Meeting follows 5:30pm THE STORY Bible Study @ Emmanuel 06 Sunday of THE STORY BIRTHDAY: Mame Dow	9	10	11 (an announcement will be made about Bible Study startup date when that decision has been made) Veterans Day	12	13	14 Church Cleaner Kerra Ratliff
15 9:00am Worship Reader: Dallas Prather Acolyte: Toni Comstock 5:30pm THE STORY Bible Study @ Emmanuel 07 Sunday of THE STORY	16	17	18	19 ANNIVERSARY Ida and Tandon Van Scyoc	20	21 Church Cleaner Undesignated
22 9:00am Worship ****Thank Offering Sunday** Reader: Deb Weiss Acolyte: Toni Comstock 5:30pm THE STORY Bible Study @ Emmanuel 08 Sunday of THE STORY	23 BIRTHDAY Camryn Comstock	24	25	26	27	28 Church Cleaner Toni Comstock
29 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion/NO Coffee Reader: Deb Weiss Acolyte: Shannon Gilbert 5:30pm THE STORY Bible Study @ Emmanuel 1 st Sunday in Advent 09 Sunday of THE STORY	30	*** Remember to bring your Thank Offering items for The Food Pantry on November 22, 2020 Emmanuel Hours: 9:00-12:00 noon Monday thru Thursday Emmanuel #: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com				

**PURCHASE A POINSETTIA PLANT
FOR THE ADVENT SEASON
ORDER FORM**



The Emmanuel Worship and Music Committee and the Altar Guild is asking your assistance in decorating the Church Sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettia in celebration of Christ's birth.

The Committee will purchase and deliver the plant to Church where the poinsettia will be cared for by the Committee and enjoyed by all during the Advent Season. You may take your poinsettia plant(s) home with you following the December 24 Christmas Eve. Service.

The cost for each poinsettia plant is **\$13.00**. Checks are to be made out to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Please fill out the form below and return the form and cash/check to **Marilyn Holmes 204 Southview Blvd. Shenandoah, Iowa 51601** by November 22. They will be arranged in the Sanctuary for the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 29. There will be a basket, extra forms and envelopes in the foyer for your convenience **OR** you can mail it to the Church: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 406 E. Pioneer Avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Holmes @ 246-2981.

Return the form below with your money by November 22, 2020

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Purchased by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

**Please fill in the following information if you are donating a poinsettia plant
IN MEMORY of a person(s) and/or IN HONOR of a person(s).**

IN MEMORY of: _____

IN HONOR of: _____

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
406 East Pioneer Avenue
Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Among all the girls and women of the Emmanuel Church, when the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Thank Offering Sunday was held, one man came forward carrying a well-used Thank Offering box. As the organist played a hymn of Thanks, each participant came forward to the center of the Church and dropped their coins, dollars and checks in the collection basket. The lone man stood for a few seconds then opened his box and gently slipped the coins into the basket. Before returning to his seat, he glanced up to the Lectern where I was still standing (after giving a short explanation of what the collection would be used for) and nodded his head. After the Worship Service he told me that is late wife, a long-time WELCA member, faithfully, whenever she or he gave thanks, dropped a coin in the Thank Offering box so he felt the need to bring what she had collected for the WELCA Women and Children's programs on that special day.

*The **WELCA ThankOffering** collection has been taking place once-a-year at Emmanuel for many years and on that one special Sunday, a year's worth of blessings are brought forward. With the COVID-19 situation, a one-Sunday collection with less participants attending in-person Church and social distancing will not be possible. Instead, the ThankOffering will be collected in the locked box in the foyer for the **entire month of November** so everyone can have the opportunity to either bring their offering to church, bring it to the office or mail it to the Church. An e-mail was received reminding all the Churches that even though some were not meeting, there was still a need for the WELCA Programs and that meant much needed funding...**ThankOfferings**. All of the money collected will support the ministries of Women of the ELCA such as training racial-justice advocates, producing resources about discipleship and stewardship, providing outreach to women in prison with children, establishing health ministries in rural communities, and administering grants and scholarships to serve women and children in crisis.*

***Please remember to get your ThankOffering to the Church in November** so we can make sure these programs are not "shelved" due to a lack of funding. It takes dedicated people like our Emmanuel girls, women and yes, men to make a difference in the lives of those that most need the help.*