

Emmanuel and St. Paul's

March 2021 NEWSLETTER

When less is just less, and there is no more to be had:

“Less is more” is a popular phrase; sometimes used as an excuse, but it is not true when it comes to your relationship with God, the Creator, Redeemer, Peace giving Holy Spirit. Isn't it interesting when we talk about the natures of God, let alone His attributes, ~ there is no small and simple way to say it. Except the one word which has six forms in ancient Greek: “Love”. God is love, Love we need, we crave, we hope for, and are empty without love.

If there is peace in something, hope the world cannot destroy, eternal salvation, *don't you want more of it?* Faith in God does not take away life and freedom, it is the truth which truly sets one free. Free to live, free to give of oneself, and value others as you do yourself. Free to receive more in life than the worldly transactional economy can ever give! Transactional equity limits, even love, to no more than you can give of ourselves. You have been claimed by God who gives you more **love** to live than you can ever repay.

⁴ Love *which* is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

¹ Corinthians 13 4-10 NIV

Like it or not, humanity would have long ago torn each other apart if not for God's love. We see and feel the stress on the fabric of our nation and among nations. The “**MORE**” given in God's economy is beyond measure, and with eternal benefits for participating in the relationship God seeks to have with each of us. God even gives us the faith to believe.

Year after year we repeat the season of Lent because of what is at stake, how great the gift God wants for us to have, if we will walk with Him in His life-giving way. Seriously put on the righteousness of Christ rather than lesser self-righteousness.

We will have the whole summertime season of Pentecost to learn from God's Word what it means for us today, in this season of our lives, to take up our Christ like cross (Christ-like life) and **LIVE** in the grace of the one who died for our sins and rose from the grave.

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

²⁶ Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. ^{27a} There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment. Hebrews 10:23-27a

Because of Jesus' victory over death marked by Easter we make time daily to pray and praise the Lord who loves us, challenges us to trust life and death to His divine mercy. Christ is the merciful love we daily need, while sin is ever present, with Christ Jesus each of us has been forgiven, cleansed, and set upright to walk again in his ways.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – January 11, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

(This Council Meeting was held via Zoom and in-person)

Present (on line): Jessica Bosley, Kris Sherman, Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Linda Wolfe. **(on phone)** Marilyn Holmes, **(in person)** Mike Koval, Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Absent:** Brian Holmes, Becky DeWild, Dave Wiebold. **Call to Order:** Council President Jessica Bosley. **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Secretary's Minutes:** Reviewed, moved, seconded; Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed, moved, seconded; Council approval. **Pastor's Report/Deacons Report:** **1)** There is a need for an Emmanuel Constitution Task Force to review our Constitution. This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting; 4-5 volunteers are needed. **2)** Pastor is sending out an average of 18 Emmanuel Bulletins (sermon included) and 4 St. Paul's Bulletins (sermon included) weekly. **3)** Facebook and You Tube are being used to stream the Worship Services. **4)** An average of 20 people attend the in-person Worship Service each Sunday. **5)** 2 Deacons are needed. **STANDING COMMITTEES:** **Worship and Music:** **1)** Familiar hymns are being chosen for the on-line services. **2)** The readers need to lean into the microphone for the live streaming service. **3)** When live streaming, it is hard to hear the people reading in the pews. The Committee will work on this. **4)** It was noted that we can hold live streaming overflow services in the Fellowship Hall. **Christian Education:** **1)** Sunday School began again January 17 following Christmas break. **2)** Ecumenical VBS Organization Meeting will be held soon. **Church Property/Parsonage Property:** **1)** Thanks to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. **2)** The Committee will do a walk-thru of the parsonage this spring. **Finance and Stewardship:** **1)** A donation to the Steeple Fund put us over the top for the project. **2)** The 2021 Budget and Financial Report will be included in the Annual Meeting Booklets. **3)** Our average monthly expenses are approximately \$9,000.00. **Membership Committee:** No Meeting held/no report. **LYO/Youth:** No meeting held. **1)** Jessica Bosley and Pastor Kurt are working on the feasibility of holding the Easter Sunrise Service. **2)** A special THANK YOU to all the youth for continuing to Acolyte using social distancing and masks. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES: Altar Guild:** **1)** January Altar Committee: Deb Burroughs and Barb Hoover. **2)** John and Rose Walter are donating the January Altar Flowers In Honor of their 40th Anniversary. **Cookbook, Funeral, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **WELCA:** **1)** The January 20 Bible Study/Business Meeting will be held at Church with Marcella Heaton as hostess with social distancing and masks. **OLD BUSINESS:** **1)** The requests for the Annual Meeting Booklet reports have been sent out. **2)** The January "Noisy Offering" collection can for the Community Food Pantry is receiving a nice amount of donations. **NEW BUSINESS:** **1)** Discussion was held on how to hold the Annual Meeting. By Council consensus, it was decided to hold a "Zoom" and "in-person" Annual Meeting simultaneously with social distancing/masks and the Fellowship Hall being used for overflow. A notification letter, the 2021 Budget and the Agenda for the Annual Meeting will be sent to congregational members. The letter will include the request for the Zoom address for those wishing to Zoom the Annual Meeting. **Adjournment and Closing:** There being no other business to conduct it was moved, seconded and Council approval to adjourn. Pastor Hoover led the Council in *The Lord's Prayer*. Council President Jessica Bosley closed the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

On Wednesday, February 17 @ 2:00 p.m., WELCA was held at Church with Mary Schumacher as hostess. Pastor Kurt Hoover led the *Growing Older & Wiser* Bible Study. As it was the last lesson, discussion was held on what the next Bible Study would be. Pastor will check into a few titles. The next Bible Study/Business Meeting will be held on March 17 with Linda Wolfe as hostess at 2:00 p.m. @ Church. A couple of the Bible Study women have been unable to attend but we hope to have them back with us very soon.

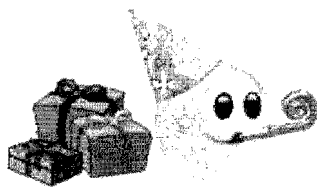
The Quilters are busy as usual making some glorious quilts. Thanks to Deb Carpenter for hemming the quilts. The ladies assemble the "sandwich" i.e. bottom, middle and quilt top, tie them and trim them to get them ready for the hemming. Their scheduled quilting days are Mondays (2nd and 4th) at 9:00 p.m. with some special Mondays in between. If you would like to quilt, let the office know so you can receive the schedule. Social distancing and masks are the new "norm" for now but they manage to quilt and have a coffee break.

As mentioned elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER, if you would like an Annual Meeting Booklet sent to you contact the Church Office (246-3287 OR emmlutheran@yahoo.com). Information about WELCA and the Quilting and The Birthday Bags are included. Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Contact Person/Treasurer.

EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7 Jane Gowing
Kevin Tiemeyer
10 Jonathan Fizette
11 Nancy Wilson
12 Jonathan Sturm
15 Connie Buesing
17 Jim Clark
18 Jackie Holmes
19 Robert Holdridge, Jr.
22 Brian Martin
23 Emma Franzen
24 Linda Whitehill
25 Brianna Holmes
Evan Holmes
28 Mary Beth Gowing
29 Rob Iske



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 Craig and Angie Holmes
23 Steve and Genene Fienup



MARCH ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes and Becky DeWild
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Tyler Prokop and Lilly Wittmer (7)
Maren Bosley (14)
Ali Hansen (21)
Evan Holmes (28) Palm Sunday
Readers: Karla Koval (7)
Jessie Bosley (14)
Undesignated (21)
Steve Jensen (28) Palm Sunday
Ushers and Greeters: Undesignated (7,14,21,28)

APRIL ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes and Becky DeWild
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Maren Bosley and Ali Hansen (4) Easter
Lilly Witmer (11)
Tyler Prokop (18)
Evan Holmes (25)
Readers: **Undesignated (1) Maundy Thursday**
Undesignated (2) Good Friday
Undesignated (4) Easter Sunday
Undesignated (11, 18, 25)
Ushers and Greeters: Undesignated (1,2,4,11,18,25)

The 2021 YEARBOOK is now being organized. If you have any changes such as: address, telephone number, no land line, cell phone number, family member changes, e-mail address, etc. PLEASE let the Church Office know so any changes can be placed correctly in the YEARBOOK. It will be published with the current information (right or wrong) in March.

DID YOU SEE THE WONDERFUL ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLET? Have you picked yours up? If not, contact the Church Office (246-3287 OR emmlutheran@yahoo.com) and a copy will be mailed to you. All that you could ever want to know about your Church is in the booklet.

The March 2021 "Noisy Offering" has been designated to the Western Iowa Synod to be divided between the Igumbilo Lutheran Girls Secondary School in Tanzania and the cost of the transportation to the National Youth Assembly. This offering is usually taken up at the Western Iowa Synod Assembly but as the Assembly will be held virtually, we will collect the offering using the collection can in the foyer and it will be sent to the Synod in time for the April Virtual Synod Assembly. Dig deep into your pockets and purses for this offering. If you aren't attending the in-person Church Services, you can bring or mail your "Noisy Offering" to the Church.

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. For your safety and the safety of others, adult and childrens masks are available in the foyer.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - March 2021

406 East Pioneer Avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601 web-site: www.emmanuel-lutheran.com Kurt Hoover, Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee	1	2	3 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Church and on-line	4	5	6
7 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Lessons discussion with coffee/social distancing in the Fellowship Hall 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	8 9:00am Quilting 5:30pm Deacons Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	9	10 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Church and on-line	11	12	13
14 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Lessons discussion with coffee/social distancing In the Fellowship Hall 10:30am Worship/comm. follows the service 3:00-7:00pm Clover Kids 4-H in Fellowship Hall <i>4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	15 6:00 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7:00pm Membership Comm. Meeting (if needed)	16	17 2:00pm WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting; at Church Linda Wolfe, Hostess 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Church and on-line <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20
21 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Lessons discussion with coffee/social distancing In the Fellowship Hall 10:30am Worship <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	22 9:00am Quilting	23	24 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Church and on-line	25	26	27
28 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Lessons discussion with coffee/social distancing In the Fellowship Hall 10:30am Worship <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31	Emmanuel Hours: Monday-Thursday; 9-12:00 noon Emmanuel Telephone: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel E-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com		

ST. PAUL'S MARCH 2021 INFORMATION CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES AND OTHER NEWS.

Sunday Services at St. Paul's are currently virtual. We would like to Thank everyone for their patience and help through the Pandemic as we adjust our services.

Church Services at St. Paul's begin every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in Worship on-line each week. You will be notified when the Worship Service is once again held at Church. **The Church Council would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to stay connected with St. Paul's by watching the Sunday Services. Pastor is making an extra effort to record at St. Paul's so there is that familiar Altar setting. The video is there to watch at 9:00 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. OR midnight if you prefer.**

Bids continue to be open for the 2021 mowing season and may be mailed to Shane Bredensteiner, 1103 N. 5th Street, Tarkio, MO 64491 OR emailed to fshhrd@gmail.com. Bids will be accepted until March 15, 2021. For additional information, please call Shane Bredensteiner @ 660-744-4895.

Ash Wednesday was observed on February 17, 2021. A special service was made available via the internet for the evening service. **The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed on Sunday, February 21** via the internet: the First Sunday in Lent.

MARCH:

Sunday, March 7 – No Worship Service at Church, Virtual Service is on the internet.

Wednesday, March 10 – No Bible Study: an announcement will be made about Bible Study start up day.

Sunday, March 14 (Daylight Savings Time Begins) No Worship Service at Church/No WELCA Meeting; Virtual Service.

Wednesday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 21 - No Worship Service at Church, Virtual Service is on the internet.

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday; No Worship Service at Church, Virtual Service is on the internet.

I would like to THANK all of my friends and family at St. Paul's and Emmanuel for all of the Birthday Cards, notes and well wishes received for my 92nd Birthday. I received nearly 100 cards and I enjoyed reading and re-reading them. I am very blessed. Thank You. Faye Rolf

On February 20, 2021, Dean and Deb Weiss celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The congregation gave them a crystal holiday ornament engraved with "Dean & Deb, 50 Years, February 20, 1971." If you would like to send them a card or note in recognition of their Anniversary, you can send it to: Dean and Deb Weiss, 1207 – 300th Street, Northboro, Iowa 51647. Congratulations and Best Wishes from your Church Family.

St. Paul's has received a Thank You from Jill Gilbert for the cards and concerns as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. She said it was very nice to be remembered. Her recovery is going well and every week she gets stronger.

We would like to send Birthday wishes to Pastor Kurt. We truly wish we could celebrate his Birthday by having a brunch in recognition of his 65th Birthday, February 28, the last Sunday of the month. Happy Birthday and may God bless you.

Prayers and Prayer concerns: Prayers for **Deb Ratliff** who is recovering from foot surgery; Prayers for **Jill Gilbert** as she recovers from hip replacement surgery; Prayers for **Waddy Coffman** who is still 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 hop to see him again soon. Cards can be sent to : Waddy Coffman, 103 W. Grant, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Thank you to the Altar Committees for providing flowers for the Altar. Please note the Church Cleaning List and take your turn. It does not need extensive cleaning, but vacuuming and sweeping up bugs in the entry, Sanctuary, basement and Sunday School room each week makes lighter work for everyone. **REMEMBER: NO water on the new basement floor, Swiffer or vacuum only.** **MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Dallas Prather, Mabel Baker and Paige Lundquist.

MARCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Kymm Bredensteiner (6)

Kerra Ratliff (13)

Toni Comstock (20)

Carole Hamilton (27)

MARCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Tim Bredensteiner (7)

Ty Ratliff (14)

Ty Ratliff (21)

Steven Middaugh (28)

MARCH READER SCHEDULE

Nancy Middaugh (7)

Nancy Middaugh (14)

Patti Rolf (21)

Patti Rolf (28)

PLEASE remember how important it is to support St. Paul's during the time Church Services are cancelled. The Council encourages you to continue to give your offerings. The monthly Budget is \$2,844. Yes we have savings that can be tapped into to make up differences, but it would be nice to keep those funds intact for emergency needs. Send your offering to Nancy Middaugh, PO BOX 71, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.

**The St. Paul's Worship Services are virtual for now – if there are any changes, you will be notified.
The assistants listed are the scheduled ones for March; if you would like to
read or acolyte on your Sunday, contact Penny Bredensteiner.**

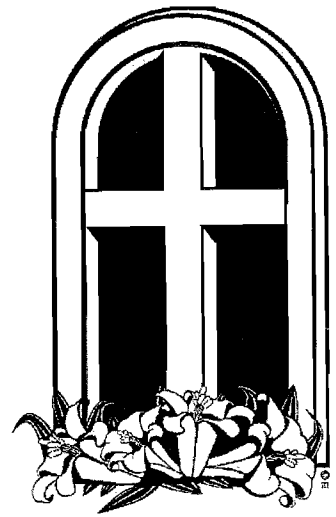
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Dallas Prather Mabel Baker Paige Lundquist	1	2 ANNIVERSARY Jayson and Dallas Prather	3	4	5	6 Church Cleaner Kymm Bredensteiner
7 On-line taped service; be alert for You-Tube viewing times R: Nancy Middaugh A: Tim Bredensteiner 3rd Sunday in Lent	8	9	10 An announcement will be made about Bible Study start-up date when that decision is made	11	12	13 Church Cleaner Kerra Ratliff BIRTHDAY John Whipple
14 On-line taped service; be alert for You-Tube viewing times R: Nancy Middaugh A: Ty Ratliff 4th Sunday in Lent	15	16 BIRTHDAY Cohen Lundquist	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 BIRTHDAY Jayson Prather	19	20 Church Cleaner Toni Comstock BIRTHDAY Karen Michel
21 On-line taped service; be alert for You-Tube viewing times R: Patti Rolf A: Ty Ratliff 5th Sunday in Lent	22	23 BIRTHDAY Callie Comstock	24	25	26	27 Church Cleaner Carole Hamilton ANNIVERSARY Dan and Heather Weiss
28 On-line taped service; be alert for You-Tube viewing times R: Patti Rolf A: Steven Middaugh Palm Sunday	29	30	31	Emmanuel Hours: 9-12 noon; Monday-Thursday Emmanuel Telephone: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com		

The Emmanuel Worship and Music Committee and the Altar Guild Committee are asking for your assistance in decorating the Emmanuel Sanctuary with Easter Lilies to celebrate the risen Lord. We will purchase and deliver the lilies to the church so they will be in place for the Easter Sunrise Service.

Each Easter we have such a beautiful display honoring our Lord.



The cost for each lily is **\$15.00**. Please fill out the form below and return the form and your money to the Church **OR** Marilyn Holmes by **Sunday, March 28, 2021**. Please make your check to: **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**.

There will be a collection basket on the entrance table **OR** you can mail it to Marilyn Holmes, 204 Southview Blvd., Shenandoah, Iowa 51601 **OR** call Marilyn at 246-2981 to reserve your Easter Lily.

Thank You for helping decorate the Church for Easter.

(Return the form below with your money by Sunday, March 28, 2021)

Purchased by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please fill out the following additional information if you are donating a lily
IN MEMORY of someone (s) and/or IN HONOR of someone (s).



In Memory of _____

In Honor of: _____

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