

# *Emmanuel and St. Paul's* **May 2021 NEWSLETTER**

## **Why we can and should come back committed:**

When I consider the neighborhood around Emmanuel, and my impressions of church life as a young adult, it is easy to imagine the wisdom of locating the church in a developing neighborhood. As a comfortable and privileged young adult I observed the church as a place my parents and other upwardly mobile people enjoyed an opportunity to network with others similar to themselves along life's journey. Bringing your children to church one can expect they will develop friendships with other who will hold to the good values we want for our children, and wish for all households. But there is so much more than these benefits for those who believe and daily honor God with gratitude.

Local mainline congregations should be counted on for all of that described above. Social interaction we have missed this past year will again contribute to sustaining congregational vitality. Yet we are first and foremost a community and family formed by Faith in God's love for us and all His creation. We have learned the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed which give words to what we believe and practice ~ a relationship with God Almighty. A relationship our Lord seeks with us, to bless us throughout our lives and prepare us for life eternal with God in the kingdom of God's glory.

As the effects of COVID, social and political unrest, persist each of us has found many occasions to cast our anxieties upon the Lord. This is a benefit of the faith we practice! The God we worship and serve with our time, talents, and resources is greater than the temporary problems of this live and world. Yet accompanies each of us amid the trials.

The life of the church is passed down from generation to generation. While many in successive generations have moved to other communities, they carry with them the faith which was nurtured in their youth. Children at a distance and nearby observe the comfort and guidance we receive from the Lord through practicing our faith. And I must acknowledge there is social and cultural opposition to putting our faith and trust in God. A God whose presence and actions go mostly unseen except in and through us, the Body of Christ in the world. Also Satan continues to whisper things like, "Doing church shouldn't require substantial effort or priority." Which is, as usual, a half-truth. Our joy and security in this life increases the more we trust the Lord our God with fears.

Vitality has and continues to come because of God's presence and teaching calling us to live for others as well as ourselves. The group of people you do life with at church know and seek the wisdom of God's guidance along life's way. While doing life with God is personal, we find in Christian fellowship and worship companionship and mutual support from others who are no more perfect than we are. Each of us struggles with personal challenges and find help relying on God's care. It is letting God be God, so we don't have to be. Rather receive God's care and guidance as the gift of God's love it is.

We come together in church to give God our thanks and praise for loving, redeeming, and healing our sinful self. Grateful for the new life God has given. This is my mature adult understanding of why believers come to church. The grace we receive in God's mercy and unfailing love is the invisible benefit which makes all the difference in the world.

We can and should come back to our church family more committed after the COVID restrictions; Come for all the benefits we receive in this life and prepare us for the next.

*Pastor Christ*

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – March 8, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**(This Council Meeting was held via Zoom and in-person at Church)**

**Present: (on line)** Becky DeWild, Chuck Richardson, Mke Koval, Council Secretary Linda Wolfe, Jessica Bosley. **(on phones)** Marilyn Holmes, Dan Hansen. **(in person)** Kim Swank, Dave Wiebold, Steve Jensen, Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Absent:** None. **Call to Order:** Council President Jessica Bosley. **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)** Pastor explained about his Discretionary Funds (funds given for his use by congregational members from time to time and not included in the Church Budget for gas assistance, water bills and auto repairs whenever people come to him for help). **2)** Pastor noted at this time, several members have received their 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine shot and some have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID-19 shot. **3)** Pastor noted that when the COVID-19 gets under control, we hope to hold some fall events. **COMMITTEES: Worship and Music – 1)** The Wednesday evening Lenten Services at Church have been well received using social distancing; Holy Week and Easter Service will be set next week. **2)** The prefilled wine and grape juice containers are working well for communion. **3)** The One License Annual License w/podcasting Renewal invoice is \$277.00. Moved, seconded; Council approval to pay for this service. **4)** Pastor will be on Vacation on April 18. Larry Cowherd will present the service. **Christian Education: 1)** The Ecumenical VBS Committee decided not to have VBS this summer. **2)** Sunday School will continue into May. **3)** For now, the 9:15 a.m. Lesson review is being lead by the participants as St. Paul's has re-opened the Sanctuary for 9:00 a.m. Worship along with the Parking Lot Service. **4)** Pastor is looking into curriculum for a fall Confirmation Class. **Church Property/Parsonage Property: 1)** Church Sign – The updated prices are in and the committee will get an estimate for the electricity to the sign. **2)** Steeple – The Council agreed by consensus to order the steeple to be installed in spring (weather permitting) and put the sign project on hold until the final steeple cost is paid. **Finance and Stewardship:** No meeting held. No report. **Membership:** No meeting held. No report. **LYO/Youth:** Pastor will meet with Jessica Bosley to discuss the Easter Sunrise Service. **Altar Guild: 1)** Karla Koval and Barb Peterson are the March Altar Committee. **2)** No Altar Flower until Easter when the Congregational Lilies will be used. **3)** Jackie Holmes has ordered red geraniums for the outside from planter. **Cookbook, Funeral, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **WELCA:** The Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. Bible Study/Business Meeting will be at Church with Linda Wolfe as hostess; the new Bible Study will begin. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** Council Member – 1 more Council member is needed. **2)** Committees – The 2 new members will decide which committee (s) they will serve on. **3)** Deacons – 2 Deacons are needed. **4)** Election of Officers: Marilyn Holmes will serve as President, Kim Swank as Vice-President. **5)** The President will go to Bank Iowa to sign the signature card as a back-up to the Treasurer. **6)** Linda Wolfe will remain as Council Secretary and Suzanne Tysor will be contacted and asked to remain as Treasurer as will Kris Sherman be contacted and asked to remain as Financial Secretary. **Adjournment and Closing:** There being no other business to conduct. It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn. Pastor Hoover led the Council in the *Lord's Prayer*. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary.

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**Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)**

On Wednesday, April 21 @ 2:00 p.m. WELCA was held at the home of Mary Alice Johnson as hostess. Pastor Kurt Hoover led the 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson from the new Bible Study entitled "*Pleasing God*" Chapter 1 "Perfectly Pleasing" – Hebrews 10:1-25. by Jack Kuhatschek. Everyone agreed it was going to be a very interesting Bible Study. Treasurer reported on the WELCA Finances and a bill was presented for the Senior Graduation Quilts. Mary Alice served an ice cream dessert, coffee, nuts and chocolate and sea salt caramel candy. The May 19 @ 2:00 p.m. Bible Study will be held at Church with Karen Erickson as hostess and Lesson 2 "*Amazed by Grace*" – John 8:1-11 will be studied. Everyone is welcome to come and share a couple of hours (1 for the study and 1 for the treat and visiting).

The Senior Graduation Quilts are being sewed and assembled just in time for our 2 graduates Carter Houchin and Trey Houchin (cousins). More about the graduates, the quilts and their descriptions will be in next month's NL. The May 10 Quilting has been changed to Tuesday, May 11 as a member has asked to use the Fellowship Hall. So, if you want to come and see what quilting is all about, the date is May 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Church. If you can tie a knot, you can quilt. As usual, Social distancing is practiced and the wearing of a mask is asked as you quilt.

No news on the Women's Synod Assembly. It was scheduled to be a virtual assembly and information should come to us when available. Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Treasurer/Contact Person



## EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Adrianna Holmes  
5 Brian Kirchert  
6 Matthew Vrbsky  
9 Ann Atterberry  
    Tammy Grebert  
12 Dan Holmes  
13 Alexander Holmes  
14 Ali Sherman  
15 Gene Sturm  
17 Blake Wilson  
    Michael Pedersen  
    Dave Monahan  
19 Stacy Kirchert  
    Mitchell Morris  
    Niki Richardson  
20 Marcella Heaton  
24 John Walter  
    Mick Walter  
25 Theresa Swank  
26 Shirley Willard  
30 Michael Cox



### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

4 Merrill and Linda Whitehill  
20 Dennis and Tammy Grebert



*On March 28, 2021 Emmanuel lost a faithful member and a dear friend to many of us, Allen Holmes. Allen was very active in the church serving on most of Emmanuel's committees as well as terms on the Church Council. He and wife Clara, who served many years as the Church Secretary, raised 3 children (David, Sandra and Dan) in the Church. Our sympathies to his children and grandchildren as well as other relatives. He and Clara could be found sitting every Sunday morning in the seventh pew under the light. When we lost Clara, Sandra would bring Allen to services when he was able to attend. Allen will be missed by his Emmanuel family. His family service was held at the Hackett-Livingston Funeral Homes on April 2, 2021 with burial in the Essex Cemetery.*

**On April 3, 2021** Dennis "Denny" DeWild unexpectedly passed away at his Shenandoah home. Although he and Becky were recent members (2018), he was widely known for his service to the town of Shenandoah as the Administer of the brand new Garden View Care Center in 1978 and later after coming out of retirement, Elm Heights Care Center until 2017 when he retired once again. He served over 44 years in the Elks Organization. For those of us who knew Denny for years, we will miss him and his kind-hearted attitude to everyone. His Emmanuel family will miss him for his "go to attitude" to get things done. Our sympathies to wife Becky, the children and grandchildren. Denny's service was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at the Elks Lodge, Shenandoah.

### MAY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes and Becky DeWild  
Altar Committee:

Acolytes: Tyler Prokop and Lilly Wittmer (2)

Maren Bosley (9)

Ali Hansen (16)

Evan Holmes (23)

Tyler Prokop (30)

**Readers:** Teresa Roberts (2)

**Undesignated: (9, 23, 30)**

Karla Koval (16)

**Greeters: Undesignated (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)**

**Ushers:** Undesignated

### JUNE ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Becky DeWild and Marilyn Holmes  
Altar Committee:

Acolytes: Evan Holmes and Maren Bosley (6)

Lilly Wittmer (13)

Ali Hansen (20)

Tyler Prokop (27)

**Readers: Undesignated (6, 20, 27)**

Karla Koval (13)

**Greeters: Undesignated (6, 13, 20, 27)**

**Ushers:** Undesignated

The **BOLD** dates are when READERS and GREETERS are needed. If you can be a reader or greeter on any of these dates, please fill in your name (the sheet is on the foyer table) or contact the Church Office 246-3287 or [emmlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com) to reserve your date. Thank You!

**On April 25, 2021**, Neva (Berger) Meek passed away from a brief illness at the age of 91. She enjoyed visiting with people and being a Greeter alongside her granddaughter Jessica Bosley. As of this printing, her service had not been set.

All gatherings are subject to change. Social distancing will be observed at all services. Please sit in the un-taped pews where the bulletins are placed. For your safety/safety of others, adult and childrens masks are available in the foyer.

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church – May 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Committee</b> Teresa Roberts Rose Walter	Emmanuel Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00 noon	Emmanuel Phone #: 1-712-246-3287	Emmanuel e-mail: <a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">emmlutheran @ yahoo.com</a>			1
<b>2</b> 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Lesson discussion with Coffee 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 3:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Clover Kids/4-H <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:15am Lesson discussion with Coffee 10:30am Worship/after Worship Communion <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10</b> 9:00-1:00p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved for a Family Dinner 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (in-person and via Zoom)	<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for (NAMI)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:00am-2:00pm Family Fun Day sponsored by NAMI @ Pioneer Park (refer to the poster on the foyer bulletin board)  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
<b>16</b> 9:15am Lesson discussion with Coffee 10:30am Worship  <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. Worshp and Music Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting (if needed)	<b>18</b> 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for (NAMI)	<b>19</b> 2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting Hostess: Karen Erickson at Church	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15am Lesson discussion with Coffee 10:30am Worship  <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>25</b> 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for (NAMI)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:15am Lesson discussion with Coffee 10:30am Worship  <i>The Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>					



## **ST. PAUL'S MAY 2021 INFORMATION CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES AND OTHER NEWS**

**The Sunday Services at St. Paul's are both in-person in the Sanctuary AND outside Parking Lot Services are provided for those who do not feel comfortable worshipping inside.**

Church Services at St. Paul's begin every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in Worship.

### **APRIL:**

Easter Sunday Service saw a return of many parishioners to the Sanctuary. It was a good and unifying experience to be back in the Church. The Easter Egg Hunt was a success with approximately 15 children participating.

### **MAY:**

**Sunday, May 2 – 9:00am** - Both In-Sanctuary and Parking Lot Church will be offered.

**Sunday, May 9 – 9:00am** - Both In-Sanctuary and Parking Lot Church will be offered.

WELCA Meeting scheduled following the Worship Service; you will be notified if it is held..

**Wednesday, May 12 – 12:00 noon** Bible Study is scheduled depending on a decision to reconvene;

Lo Ann Beran, Hostess.

**Sunday, May 16, 9:00am** - Both In-Sanctuary and Parking Lot Church will be offered

**Sunday, May 23, 9:00am** - Both In-Sanctuary and Parking Lot Church will be offered

**Sunday, May 30, 9:00am** - Both In-Sanctuary and Parking Lot Church will be offered

Coffee is scheduled to follow the Worship Service to Honor Graduates;

Mission Community Co-chr. Nancy and Dallas

*Our prayers go out to the family of Greyson David Harskamp, 10, of Earlham, IA, who passed away at home, Sunday, March 28, 2021. Grayson's parents are Tim and Mindy (Michel) Harskamp. He was Baptized December 5, 2021 at Lutheran Church of Hope. He attended Earlham Community Schools and was in the fourth grade. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 4 at the Earlham High School South Gymnasium in Earlham.*

**“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “”Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 18:1-4**

*We offer prayers for Jill Gilbert and family. Jill's father, David Bain, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2021. Funeral Services for Mr. Bain will be Monday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Hackett-Livingston Funeral Homes, Shenandoah. Visitation will also be on April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to time of service. If you would like to send a note or card, Jill and Shannon's address is: 501 Harrison Street, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.*

**MAY ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Blu Dow and Isa Van Syoc

### **MAY CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Undesignated (1)  
Mary Beth Bredensteiner (8)  
Kathy Athen (15)  
Blu Dow (22)  
Nancy Middaugh (29)

### **MAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Toni Comstock (2)  
Toni Comstock (9)  
Kathy Athen (16)  
Kathy Athen (23)  
Andy Rolf (30)

### **MAY READER SCHEDULE**

Penny Bredensteiner (2)  
Penny Bredensteiner (9)  
Kymm Bredensteiner (16)  
Kymm Bredensteiner (23)  
Blu Dow (30)

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. **NO WATER ON THE NEW FLOORING – SWIFFER OR VACUUM.**

**REMEMBER HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S DURING THIS TIME DURING THE COVID-19 VISUS OR WHEN SERVICES ARE CANCELLED.** The Council encourages you to continue to give your offerings. Please consider prayerfully your giving. The monthly Budge of the Church is \$2,844.00. 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 in the future. The address for sending your offering is Nancy Middaugh, P.O. Box 71, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.

(Information for the monthly NEWSLETTER will be sent to Emmanuel by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have anything you would like in the NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT MARY Beth at [marybeth@tarkio.k12.us](mailto:marybeth@tarkio.k12.us) before that date or get the information to Nancy or Penny so they can forward it on. You can also text 666-623-0093.)

The St. Paul's Worship Services are in-person in Church and also Parking Lot Church. If there are any changes, you will be notified. The calendar represent the scheduled events found in your Yearbook.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church – May 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Committee</b> Blu Dow Ida Van Syoc						<b>1</b> Church Cleaner Undesignated
<b>2 9:00am</b> In-person Church and Parking Lot Church R:Penny Bredensteiner A: Toni Comstock  <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>3</b> BIRTHDAY Jay Bohling	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BIRTHDAY Keely Bredensteiner	<b>7</b> BIRTHDAY Blu Dow	<b>8</b> Church Cleaner Mary Beth Bredensteiner
<b>9 9:00am</b> In-person Church and Parking Lot Church R: Penny Bredensteiner A: Toni Comstock WELCA Meeting afterChurch  <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 12:00 noon</b> Bible Study LoAnn Beran, Hostess	<b>13</b>  <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Church Cleaner Kathy Athen  BIRTHDAY Alise Snyder  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
<b>16 9:00am</b> In-person Church /Parking Lot Church R:Kymm Bredensteiner A: Kathy Athan  <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> BIRTHDAY Kerra Ratliff	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Cleaner Blu Dow  ANNIVERSARY John and Cheryl Whipple
<b>23 9:00am</b> In-person Church/Parking Lot Church R: Kymm Bredensteiner A: Kathy Athen  <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Church Cleaner Nancy Middaugh
<b>30 9:00am</b> In-person Church /Parking Lot Church R:Blu Dow A: Andy Rolf Coffee to Honor Graduates Mission Community – Nancy and Dallas BIRTHDAY: Mabel Baker <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i> Emmanuel Office Closed	Emmanuel Hours: Monday-Thursday; 9-12:00 noon Emmanuel E-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com Emmanuel Phone #: 1-712-246-3287				

## May 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2020, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to more than 1,097 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **Wrapping Care Around Iowa Children**

Martha and Marti first became foster parents in September of 2018, after their biological children expressed that they wanted to provide foster care as a family. They decided to become licensed through LSI Foster Care and Adoption and soon after, they welcomed a sibling group of three into their home.

"Our kids really wanted to look into foster care as a way to be able to help others as a family," Martha says. "Everybody had to sacrifice and pour in, and everybody was needed and brought something to the table."

The siblings stayed with the family for almost two years, until the opportunity came for them to find a forever home through adoption. Over the years, the siblings had become bonded to Martha and Marti, as well as their extended family and friends. The siblings are currently in the process of officially being adopted by a family close to Martha and Marti, so they can continue to stay connected to the important relationships they built in foster care.

The family has found a passion they can all share, and it's making a difference in the lives of Iowa children.

"We always explain fostering as 'good' and 'hard.' You never want to take one away from the other, because it's both. It's the hardest thing we've ever done, but it's the best thing we've done," Martha says. "We've had the privilege of having the kids in our home and you have the responsibility and the privilege to take care of them in their time of need."

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