

Emmanuel and St. Paul's

August 2021 NEWSLETTER

If our church were to close, would it be missed?

We can answer that question with Joy and gladness because we know God is working in and through the fellowship of believers who gather and worship at Emmanuel on the hill, St Paul's in the countryside, and other congregations. We are not perfect witnesses of God's grace and mercy; God has chosen the imperfect to reveal His mercy and love. Personally knowing sin and brokenness and the healing power of God's mercy, at our best, we proclaim the goodness of God – peace and hope the world hungers for.

This is still a question worth asking. Human organizations can lose track of their founding purpose and as a church: that we serve God's purposes not our own. Yet we are exceedingly blessed to be united in serving God, our fellowship and community, in the power of faith and truth God works in us. We support one another and God's good purposes.

Students, teachers, school admin; Food Pantry and Women's Shelter clients and staff; "Shop with a Cop", Adopt a Family, and many more individuals and organizations serving our communities benefit from the image of God we reflect. Not just with sharing financial and material resources, also volunteer's time from reading the lessons, quilting, to mentoring school children.

With large church organizations we support the work of God throughout the world, and our own local exercise of faith is a witness to family, friends, and neighbors.

Your children who grew up with St Paul's or Emmanuel being a big part of their life. Learning from God's Word, cultivating and practicing spiritual resources, and knowledge of God's love and mercy. Where they now live, the seeds of faith take root amid life's trials.

God has revealed divine mercy, the forgiveness of sins, nothing on earth can take the place of. Our enemy, Satan, cultivates opposition to God's truth and his goal is to get people to turn away from God. But the best that is offered are frail substitutions for relationship with the Creator of all that is and cannot empower us to truly love one another.

While our first loyalty should be God's presence and work in the family of believers where our faith is fed and practiced, we are familiar with competing affections. With grace we do not condemn neighbors, family, and fellow members for their choices. The better way is to love as God loves, openly share the joy and significance participation in worship and service gives you, and our mutual eternal destiny. We do not know the day or the hour of Christ's return, and there are immense blessings of peace and trust which arise from an active faith life. In short: "let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16

¹⁵ In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 1 Peter 3

Besides ourselves, our families, even those living out of town who rarely have an opportunity to attend, continue to be blessed by the introduction to faith they received through the witness of members like yourselves. Our local witness to Christ's presence is worthy of your support!



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – June 14, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

(This Council Meeting was held in-person at the Church)

Present: Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Marilyn Holmes, Mike Koval, Karen Erickson, Linda Wolfe, Secretary, Suzanne Tysor, Treasurer, Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Absent:** Becky DeWild, Dave Wiebold, Dan Hansen, Steve Jensen. **Call to Order:** Council President Marilyn Holmes, **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Hoover. **Secretary's Minutes:** Reviewed by Council. Moved and seconded to accept the minutes; Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** Financials were reviewed by Treasurer Tysor. Discussion on Budget vs. offerings. The offerings are behind the Budget to date but all monthly bills have been paid. Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed; Council approval. **Pastor's Report: 1)** It was noted that many in the congregation would like communion at the Altar. **2)** Pastor welcomed Karen Erickson to the Council and Thanked her for volunteering to serve. **3)** Pastor is making visits to the Care Centers. **4)** All social distancing tape was removed from the pews. **5)** The Task Force Committee will continue its review of the Emmanuel Constitution. **6)** Pastor has visited with possible new members and hopes to welcome them in August. **7)** Pastor will return to the Lectionary after The Story series concludes in a few weeks. **8)** Home bound and shut-ins are continuing to receive full bulletins with sermons included. **9)** Pastor is looking at a new 2-year Confirmation program to begin in the fall. **10)** Dan and Jenni Hansen were Thanked for their continued good work as Sunday School coordinators. **11)** It is hopeful that we will be able to return to having social events at church. **Worship and Music: 1)** Have gone back to a full liturgy Communion Service. **2)** Please let Organist Steve Richardson know of any favorite Hymns you would like to sing. **Christian Education:** No Summer Sunday School. The Office continues to send Children's Bulletins and activity sheets to the Sunday School Children. **Church Property/Parsonage Property: 1)** The Committee met to discuss various projects. **2)** The new steeple will arrive in July. **3)** The flaking stairway wall and basement wall will be scraped/painted at a cost of \$300.00 for paint/supplies. **4)** Pastor will be designing and making new (brighter) sanctuary lights with more efficient LED lights at a cost of around \$900.00. **5)** Until the steeple project is finished, the front sign will be on hold. Mike Koval is getting electrical estimates for the sign. **6)** The air conditioners were serviced by Lynn Furnace. 2 parts were found to need replacing. **Finance and Stewardship:** No meeting, no report. **Membership Committee:** The committee will meet in June to discuss the Joint August 1 Service in the Park with a picnic following with St. Paul's as our guests; The September 25 Shen-Fest Congregational Pie Sale; A BBQ at the Richardson Farm. All of the about events were approved by the Council for the committee to undertake. **LYO/Youth:** No meeting; no report. **Altar Guild:** July Altar Flowers by Pastor Kurt and Barb Hoover IN HONOR of their Anniversary and Barb's Birthday. August Altar Flowers by Mike and Karla Koval IN HONOR of their Anniversary and Karla's Birthday. Marilyn Holmes continues to secure monthly Altar Committees. **Cookbook, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **Funeral:** The Neva Meek Memorial Service on May 22 @ 10:30 a.m. was followed by a dinner at Emmanuel. Pastor Kurt officiated at a Graveside Service for former member Ken Swanson on May 14 at the Rose Hill Cemetery; no meal. **WELCA:** The June 16 Bible Study/Business Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. was hosted by Mary Schumacher at her home. No Bible Studies will be held in July or August. **OLD BUSINESS: 1)** By her request, Jessica Bosley has asked to be taken off as LYO Advisor and removed from the LYO Checking Account. **2)** "Noisy Offerings" September – Adopt-a-Family School Clothing; October – Shop with a Cop Christmas Program; November/December – LYO Adopt-a-Family gifts; January 2022 – Community Food Pantry. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** Discussion on communion. It was moved and seconded to return to holding communion at the Altar Rail with those who would rather stay in the pews receiving pre-filled cups; Council approval. **2)** Discussion on Before Worship Coffee. It was moved and seconded to resume the coffees with social distancing; Council approval. **3)** Discussion on ushers. By Council consensus, it was decided to open all the pews and let the congregation choose where to sit and pick up a bulletin from a table in the Narthex. **4)** By Council consensus it was decided to place the Green and Blue Hymnals and the bibles back in the pew holders. **5)** Linda Wolfe found the information on the suspended cross over the Altar. It was given as a memorial to furnish the Church in 1966 along with the Altar, Pulpit, Lectern and Baptismal font as a set, all items purchased from the Emma Levin Memorial Fund. The Property Committee is looking at a way to enhance its presence and more readily seem. **Adjournment and Closing:** There being no other business to conduct, it was moved and seconded to adjourn; Council approval. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and closed with Pastor Hoover leading the Council in *the Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

During July and August, there will be NO WELCA Bible Studies/Business Meetings. On September 15, 2:00 p.m. the Bible Studies will resume with Mary Alice Johnson as hostess and we will continue with Chapter 4 *Living by Faith* in the *Pleasing God* Bible Study Book by Jack Kuhatschek.

On July 18 during the Worship Service, the Quilts that were made by our quilters were dedicated. The quilts were placed on the steps to the Altar and the Altar Railing so they could be readily seen on the recorded YouTube Worship Service.

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If you didn't have a chance to either see them at the Service, please find it on You Tube and see the glorious colors. Quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local use were on display. What a wonderful service these women do!

On July 20 the quilts for LWR were taken to the collection location in Clarinda to be taken to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis. 24 boxes containing 94 quilts were delivered to the collection location. The ladies then went out for a well deserved breakfast. They will continue to quilt the rest of the summer to get a head start on next year's quilts.

Next on the agenda for the Emmanuel women... The Shen-Fest Congregational Pie Sale. Find your favorite fruit pie recipe and make a couple to sell on September 25. People line up to purchase our pies!! Proceeds goes to the Sanctuary Light Project and Wabash Arts Camp.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, WELCA Treasurer/Contact Person

EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Kris Sherman
Teresa Crossman
4 Mackenzie Scrivens
6 Miriam Houchin
7 Sally Iske
Katie Jensen
13 Jim Richardson
15 JaCee Hogue
16 Karla Koval
18 Marcia Johnson
19 Makena Pedrsen
21 Jacob Tacker
Claire Jensen
22 Lisa Holmes
23 Brad Swank
24 Rob Fick
31 Matthew Holmes



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 Tim and Jeana Hogue
10 Pastor Ron and Chris Nelson
12 Randy and Eileen Carlson
15 Jordan and Ann Atterberry
16 Mike and Karla Koval
17 Orlin and Amy Fick
Gene and Miriam Houchin
20 Gordon and Kris Sherman
25 Bob and Sally Iske
27 Gene and Cindy Sturm



AUGUST ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Becky DeWild and Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee: Debbie Burroughs and Lisa Holmes
Acolytes: 10:30 a.m. Worship at McComb Park (1)
Evan Holmes and Lilly Wittmer (8)
Maren Bosley (15)
Tyler Prokop (22)
Megan Bosley (29)
Readers: Teresa Roberts (1) McComb Park
Karla Koval (8)
Jessie Bosley (15)
Undesignated (22)
Undesignated (29)
Greeters and Ushers: Undesignated (1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

SEPTEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes and Becky DeWild
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Maren Bosley and Ali Hansen (5)
Tyler Prokop (12)
Evan Holmes (19)
Lilly Wittmer (26)
Readers: Teresa Roberts (5)
Karla Koval (12)
Undesignated (19, 26)
Greeters and Ushers: Undesignated (5, 12, 19, 26)

The **BOLD** dates are when Readers, Greeters and Ushers are needed. If you can be an assistant on any of these dates, please fill in your name on the sign-up Sheet on the foyer table or contact the Church Office @ 246-3287 or emmlutheran@yahoo.com to reserve your date. Thank You!

OFFERING vs. BUDGET: Summer has arrived and with it comes family reunions (usually on a Sunday) and vacations. After the past couple of years that we (as a world) have gone through, a vacation and/or a family reunion is indeed a blessing. Summer giving is usually the time when your offerings seem to slip by and the **"I'll make it up when we get back" sometimes gets forgotten.** Emmanuel's bills need to be paid just as your bills at your home need to be paid. According to our 2021 Budget, we need \$7,739.48/month to make the Budget. Lately offerings have been a "tad" down. Yes, we are paying our bills but income vs. expenses needs to be equalized. Your Church and staff continued to work during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide stability in your lives. Your Church was and will continue to be here for you, so please...be here for your Church. This summer, when you are on the beach, on a park ride, or simply gazing at the sunset **think about your Church and what it means to you!!**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – August 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO 9:45am Coffee 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship in McComb Park with St. Paul's as our guests/Picnic follows <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	2	3 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group (NAMI)	4	5	6	7
8 9:45am "Before Worship Coffee" 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism 3:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Clover Kids/4-H <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9 9:00 am Quilting 6:30 pm Council Meeting at Church	10 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group(NAMI)	11	12	13	14
15 9:45am "Before Worship Coffee" 10:30am Worship <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	16 6:00pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7:00pm Membership Committee Meeting	17 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group (NAMI)	18 NO WELCA	19	20	21
22 9:45am "Before Worship Coffee" 10:30am Worship <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	23 9:00am Quilting	24 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group(NAMI)	25	26	27 Fellowship Hall reserved for Wedding Shower decorating and set up.	28 Fellowship Hall reserved all day for a Wedding Shower
29 9:45am "Before Worship Coffee" 10:30am Worship <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	30	31 5:30-7:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group(NAMI)	Emmanuel Office Hours: 9-12 noon; Monday-Thursday Emmanuel e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com Emmanuel Telephone: 1-712-246-3287 August Altar Committee: Deb Burroughs and Lisa Holmes			

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST 2021 INFORMATION and EVENTS

(In-doors, in person Church Services begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's each Sunday.)

JULY

Sunday, July 25 – 9:00 a.m. Joint Service with Emmanuel AT St. Paul's with a coffee following

AUGUST

Sunday, August 1 – 10:30 a.m. Joint Service with Emmanuel AT McComb Park (Anna Crose Hwy, Shenandoah) with a Pot Luck Picnic following. All table service and drinks provided. Golf carts will be provided to drive you to the Worship and Picnic area. Extra picnic tables will be available but for you comfort, please bring a lawn chair. If it is inclement weather, the Worship Service and Picnic will be held at the Emmanuel Church.

Sunday, August 8 – 9:00 a.m. Worship with WELCA Meeting following the service.

Wednesday, August 11 – NO BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, August 22 – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, August 29 – 9:00 a.m. *Blessing of Backpacks* Worship Service/NO COFFEE

Thank You to the Altar Committees for providing flowers for the Altar. Please be aware of your responsibilities for READING, ACOLYTONG, CLEANING and ALTAR COMMITTEE. It takes the collective efforts of our entire Church Family to keep St. Paul's alive and flourishing. God be with each of you as summer moves into fall. **REMEMBER... no water on the new flooring – Swiffer or vacuum.**

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE: Deb Ratliff and Jill Gilbert

AUGUST CLEANING SCHEDULE

Deb Ratliff (7)
Patti Rolfe (14)
Undesignated (21)
Mary Beth Bredensteiner (28)

AUGUST ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

@ Emmanuel (1)
River Dow (8)
River Dow (15)
Deb Ratliff (22)
Deb Ratliff (29)

AUGUST READER SCHEDULE

@ Emmanuel (1)
Deb Ratliff (8)
Toni Comstock (15)
Toni Comstock (22)
Jill Gilbert (29)

PLEASE REMEMBER HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S DURING THE TIME CHURCH SERVICES ARE CANCELLED i.e. weather, joint services, etc. The Council encourages you to continue to give your offerings. Please consider prayerfully your giving. The monthly Budget 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. YOUR CHURCH WAS HERE FOR YOU DURING THE RECENT HEALTH CRISIS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE FOR YOUR NEEDS SO PLEASE...BE HERE FOR YOUR CHURCH AND ITS NEEDS. The address for sending your offerings is Nancy Middaugh, P.O. Box 71, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.

Information for the monthly NEWSLETTER will be sent to the Emmanuel Office 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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – August 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am Joint Worship with Emmanuel @ McComb Park, Anna Crose Hwy., Shenandoah, Iowa / Pot Luck Picnic follows (refer to St. Paul's Information NL page) <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	2	3 BIRTHDAY Dustin Comstock	4	5	6	7 Church Cleaner Deb Rtliff
8 9:00am Worship WELCA Meeting follows Reader: Deb Ratliff Acolyte: River Dow <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9	10	11 NO BIBLE STUDY BIRTHDAY Jennifer Baker	12	13 BIRTHDAYS Wyatt Marshall Paige Lundquist	14 Church Cleaner Patti Rolf BIRTHDAY Gary Moody
15 9:00 am Worship Reader: Toni Ratliff Acolyte:River Dow <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	16	17	18	19	20 BIRTHDAY Shannon Gilbert	21 Church Cleaner Undesignated BIRTHDAY Mary Beth Bredensteiner
22 9:00 am Worship Reader: Toni Ratliff Acolyte:Deb Ratliff <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	23	24 ANNIVERSARY Shannon and Jill Gilbert	25	26	27 BIRTHDAY Cassidy Bredenstiner Kelly	28 Church Cleaner Mary Beth Bredensteiner
29 9:00am Worship Reader:Jill Gilbert Acolyte:Deb Ratliff <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	30 BIRTHDAY Penny Bredensteiner	31	Altar Committee: Deb Ratliff and Jill Gilbert Emmanuel Hours: 9-12:00 noon; Monday - Thursday Emmanuel e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com 1-712-246-3287			

TO: Our Emmanuel Lutheran Family

WHAT: The Annual Congregational "Homemade Fruit Pie Sale"

WHEN: Saturday, September 25, 2021 – "Shen-Fest Celebration"

WHERE: At the Empty Lot east of Hansen's Jewelers, Sheridan Avenue

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You need to have your pies to the booth by before 10:00 a.m. at the latest!!! People line up early to buy our pies!

PROCEEDS EARMARKED TOWARD: The Sanctuary Lighting
and the Wabash Arts Camp

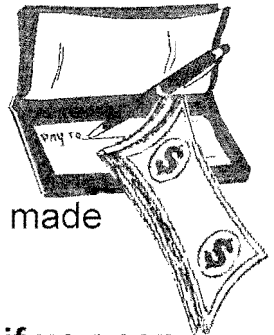
The Committee asks that every family donate either two (2) homemade fruit pies (ones that don't have to be refrigerated; nothing containing eggs or milk) **OR** \$20.00.

Please fill out the form below and mail/bring it to church **OR** call Marilyn Holmes (246-2981) **OR** Bev Oestmann (246-1879) with any questions.

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NAME _____



Please check the donation you prefer:

2 Homemade Fruit Pies _____ **OR** \$20.00 _____ (cash/checks made payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church)

Workers (set up, sell pies, tear down) are needed; please indicate if you can help at the Congregational Pie Sale and what you would like to do.

Load chairs/tables/supplies at church @ 9:00 a.m. _____

Set up the booth @ 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. _____

Sell the pies (2 hour shifts) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon _____

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. _____

After the parade: Tearing down the booth and returning items to church _____

Please return this form to the church and place it in the basket on the foyer table **OR** mail it to the church (406 E. Pioneer Avenue) **OR** to Marilyn Holmes (204 Southview Blvd.) **OR** Bev Oestmann (1026 State Highway 2) by **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH!!**

MEN and PICKUPS ARE NEEDED TO TRANSPORT THE TABLES AND CHAIRS TO THE PIE SALE LOCATION AND BACK. Please sign-up on the sheet to help with the heavy lifting. Thank You!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
406 East Pioneer Avenue
Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

YEAH, HURRAY, WHOOPPEE, we get to go shopping this year for School Supplies!!! The empty box is just sitting in the foyer waiting for your "Summer, Congregational Project" to fill the box with all the tools for the Shenandoah children to get the education that they deserve after last year. We only have 3 weeks remaining in which to purchase and bring the items to Church to be delivered in time for school. Most stores have lists but you know the drill...CHILDREN NEED ALL THE IN STOCKED ITEMS YOU CAN THINK OF. Go, have fun and enjoy picking up and item or two or three!!!

Since 2017, when Emmanuel began collecting what has come to be the "Noisy Offering", \$6,294.73 has been tossed in the metal cans by the congregation and collected by the children going up and down the aisles. Lately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the collection can has been placed in the foyer for a month-long collection instead of one Sunday and you as a congregation have faithfully all month long dropped in your coins, checks and cash which is donated to projects and programs in Shenandoah, the surrounding area, worldwide through the Western Iowa Synod and overseas programs.

THE AUGUST "NOISY OFFERING" has been designated for the "Child Safety and Drug Prevention Education Program" for children and their parents through the Page County Sheriff's Office. The costs for this all important program is about \$4.00/material and services per child. This program is provided as a Public Service by people who care and that is Emmanuel, a caring congregation who when a need arises, steps up to help how we can; the Church Council feels this is such a program and participating via our "Noisy Offering".

The collection can is on the foyer table for the entire month of August so please, when you see the can, toss in some funds on one Sunday, and the next and the next so we can help the children of Page Co.