# Emmanuel and St. Paul's Lutheran November 2021 NEWSLETTER

**Thanksgiving and All Saints Sunday** ~ Because each of us is a treasure to God of immeasurable value we love one another and give thanks.

Early in November, near the end of the church year also, we dedicate a Sunday to celebrate All Saints Day. Celebrated prior to the evolution of our modern Halloween festivities "All Hallows' Eve" morphed into a night of frights and pranks deviating significantly from visiting cemeteries to honor God's blessings and works in the lives of loved ones and influencers. No pranks in church please. Yet walking through a cemetery on All Hallows' Eve, or any time after dark, can stir some fears of souls who are not at rest.

Living and dead the souls of saints' rest in the Lord, the one who suffered the pranks and trickery of religious elites and the horrible death on the Cross for our sake. That your soul should receive forgiveness rather than condemnation. Live and death in hope, not fear.

I suppose Halloween receives all the festive mischief it does because people like to be scared a little bit. Get out of their skin and into a costume. To feel, or give, a scare to get the blood pumping. Something beyond the everyday troubles of the world, which are frightening enough and all too real.

I write not to diminish anyone's fun in celebrating Halloween. Rather to remind us of the context we live our lives in, face death, and life beyond the grave – God's love and mercy. Knowing the Lord, the One who can give you peace now and eternally fills one with thanksgiving and fortifies you for all the frightening events which can pop up along life's way.

So when I hand out Halloween candy it is not a bribe to keep kudos from smashing my pumpkin, soaping window, or other pranks – it is because they are my neighbors and we meet one another in this fun of dressing up in costumes and going door to door. Perhaps we should do it more without the costumes or bribe of candy, but just to know and be known in the same way we celebrate All Saints Day. All the saints we know, and have know, and generations who have gone before us relying upon divine influence in the struggled to be human.

**Thanksgiving** we will celebrate with family and friends and maybe this year more in-person rather than on the phone – while still practicing caution. For the lives of those whom COVID has taken too soon or adversely affected we are still thankful. Along with all the generations who are no longer able to come to our table of thanksgiving feasting. We can imagine they are still cheering on their football teams, and smile upon the journey of our lives which we share as we take the time to catch up one another on life's joys, challenges, and unexpected blessings.

Thanksgiving Eve, bring the whole family to worship at Emmanuel and give thanks to God with your extended church family. It is good to gather as the saints living in this time relying on God's love, forgiveness and guidance urging us to live well together.

The Lord our God not only wants you to live full and abundant lives. He provides for you too in the company of believers, and those whose only encounters with God's love and mercy is through saints like you. So let us let the light of God's love shine brightly into all that is dark and frightening.

Pastor Kant

#### Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – September 13, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Kim Swank, Marilyn Holmes, Dave Wiebold, Dan Hansen, Karen Erickson, Council Secretary Linda Wolfe, Pastor Kurt Hoover, Church Treasurer Suzanne Tysor. Absent: Becky DeWild, Chuck Richardson, Mike Koval, Steve Jensen. Call to Order: Council President Marilyn Holmes. Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Hoover. Secretary's Minutes: Reviewed, moved to accept, seconded; Council approval. Treasurer's Report: Emmanuel's Insurance Company will no longer be carrying Workman's Comp. Agent Nick Bosley will look for a comparable rates and contact Suzanne. Moved to accept the finances, seconded; Council approval. Pastor's Report: 1) The taped and live streaming services are being watched. 2) God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 12 was well attended. Person Kits and Babies Kits were assembly with a diner following. Thanks to all who participated in this project by providing food, grilling and assembling the kits. 3) The Shen-Fest Parade float is organized; walkers are needed as are riders. Thanks to Chuck Richardson for driving and furnishing the trailer. 4) Pastor attended the Tri-Synodical Conference via Zoom. 5) St. John's Lutheran (Essex) has an Interim Pastor. 6) Pastor continues to check with the Confirmation parents to coordinate a time/day for Confirmation. Worship and Music: 1) 3 Hymns and a Sending Song are back in the regular Sunday Service. 2) The glitch on one Sunday Service has no sound but has been fixed. 3) Thank You to all who have been volunteering to usher on Communion Sunday. 4) COVID-19 reports seem to indicate the cases are rising; Emmanuel is continuing to social distance; masks are optional. Christian Education: Sunday School has begun at the regular 9:15 a.m. hour. Morgan Martin will be teaching the younger children's class with Dan and Jenni Hansen leading the old students. Church Property/Parsonage Property. 1) The Narthex stairway to the basement was scraped, primed and painted. 2) Installing the new steeple will be soon. 3) Pastor has almost finished making new shades for the Sanctuary lights. Finance and Stewardship: The committee will meet with the St. Paul's Council to set the 2022 Budget. Chuck Maxine and Dave Monahan were thanked for volunteering for this committee. Membership Committee: 1) September 25 Shen-Fest Pie Sale is organized. Proceeds will go for the Wabash Arts Camp and the Sanctuary Lighting. 2) The October 3 "Hot Dog Roast" and the November "Soup and Pie Fundraiser" are being organized. LYO/Youth: No report. Altar Guild: September Altar Committee: Marcia Johnson and Carla Morrow. September Altar Flowers: From Byron and Karen Erickson IN HONOR of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 18. Cookbook, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding: No reports. Funeral: The Donna Currie family will be holding a family led "Celebration of Her Life" on Sunday, September 26 at the Rose Hill Cemetery. WELCA: September 15 @ 2:00 p.m. Bible Study/Business with Mary Alice Johnson hosting at her home with Pastor leading the study. OLD BUSINESS: Taken care of within the committee reports. NEW BUSINESS: 1) Dan Hansen noted that there are Independent Insurance Agencies who will quotes for Workman's Comp. This will be passed on to the Treasurer for comparison of quotes. 2) The September "Noisy Offering" will be used to supplement those items not picked for purchase for the Adopt-a-Family School clothing program. 3) The October "Noisy Offering" has been designated to the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas Program. Adjournment and Closing: Moved and seconded to adjourn. Closed with Pastor leading the Council in "The Lord's Prayer". Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Secretary.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

The October 20 Bible Study/Business Meeting was hosted by Linda Wolfe at 20:00 p.m. at Church. The Bible Study was led by Pastor Kurt from the "*Pleasing God*" Chapter 5. The ladies were served cake, coffee and plenty of seasonal candy and nuts. Marcella Heaton will be hosting the November 17 – 2:00 p.m. Meeting and Pastor will be leading the Chapter 6 Bible Study on 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12.

The quilters continue to quilt and they have made some beautiful quilts. They meet at 9:00 a.m. on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Mondays.

The Pie Sale brought in \$1,095.00 with \$265.00 in sales (all the 26 pies were sold in less than 2 hours) and \$850.00 in \$20.00 donations from the congregation. Proceeds will go to the Wabash Arts Camp and the Sanctuary Lights. Special THANKS to the Marilyn Holmes and the Membership Committee for their organizational skills and to all who baked the pies, sold them and helped set up and tear down. Without the volunteers, it would not have been so successful and smoothly run.

Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer

### **EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION**

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

- 1 Frannie Clark
- 3 Matthew Houchin
- 6 Dan Peterson
- David Peterson
- 9 Alyssa Tlemeyer
- 10 Maren Bosley
- 13 Aimee Currie Chad Tiemeyer
- 15 Pastor Steve Hetzel
- 16 Devin Herr
- 19 Beth Carlson
- 21 Jeana Hogue
- Pastor Jeff Alvestad
- 25 Samantha Holmes
- 26 Luke Nelson
- 30 Jessica Bosley

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

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The money from the \$20.00 donations from the Congregational Pie Sale and the 26 pies that were sold has been tallied and \$1,095.00 was made. WOW! The proceeds are designated to the Wabash Art Camp and the new Sanctuary light covers which were made by Pastor Kurt. Thanks to all who donated and to those who made the luscious pies that were sold in record time!!!



Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes Altar Committee: Barb Peterson and Linda Wolfe Acolytes: Ali Hansen and Evan Holmes (7) Maren Bosley (14) Tyler Prokop (21) Megan Bosley (28) Readers: Karla Koval (7) Marcia Johnson (14) undesignated: (21, 28) Ushers: undesignated (7, 14, 21, 28) Greeters: undesignated (7, 14, 21, 28)

#### DECEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes Altar Committee: Acolytes: Lilly Wittmer and Maren Bosley (5) Ali Hansen (12) Evan Holmes (19) Tyler Prokop (26) Readers: undesignated (5) Marcia Johnson (12) Karla Koval (19) undesignated (26) Ushers: undesignated (5,12,19,26) Greeters: undesignated (5,12,19,26)

The **BOLD** dates are when Readers, Greeters and Ushers are needed. If you can volunteer to help, please fill in your name on the sign-up sheet on the foyer table **OR** contact the Church Office @ 246-3287 OR <u>emmlutheran@yahoo.com</u> to reserve your date. Thank You!

**The October "Noisy Offering"** was designated for the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas Program. Donations from various area businesses, Churches and individuals is gathered and given to the Police Program where children who would not have the funds to purchase gifts for their family members can do so. On a designated day, the local police take them to Wal Mart to go shopping with **THEIR** "Cop" and purchase items (all supervised by their "Cop"). After shopping, they return to the Police Station, wrap their gifts and have refreshments and especially have a photo taken with **THEIR** "Cop". At the end of October, the "Noisy Offering" will be tallied and given to the Shenandoah Police for this very special Program. Thanks to all who have dropped in coins and dollars.

**The November/December "Noisy Offering"** is designed to the Congregational Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project. The collection can will be on the foyer table for all of November and ½ of December for your coins and bills; checks can be made out to the **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** and will be added to the amount. Instead of collecting food, the "Noisy Offering" will go towards a Food Gift Card so the family can purchase canned goods, fresh meat and milk. More information on purchased items needed for the family will be in the bulletins



# **Emmanuel Lutheran Church – November 2021**

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

Sun Altar Committee Barb Peterson Linda Wolfe	Mon 1	<b>Tue</b> <b>2 5:30-7:00pm</b> Fellowship Hall reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group (NAMI) <i>Election Day</i>	Wed 3	4	5	6								
	8 9:00am Quilting 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>9 5:30-7:00pm</b> Fellowship Hali reserved for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group (NAMI)	10	11	12	13								
All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends				Veterans Day										
14 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Membership Committee Meeting 6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting	16	<b>17</b> 2:00pm WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting Marcella Heaton, hostess	18	19	20 5:00-7:00pm Soup an Pie Membership Committe Emmanuel Congregation Fundraiser Meal with a 7:0 pm Concert following by "Things Unlimited" Free-w offering for meal. *** refer to the announcement below								
<b>21</b> 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/WELCA Thank Offering collection	22 9:00am Quilting	23	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Thanksgiving Eve. Service @ Emmanuel	25 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	26	27								
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28 9:15am Sunday School	29	30	Office Hours: 9-1	2 noon; Monday-	Thursay	**************************************								
9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship			E-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com											
1st Sunday of Advent			Telephone #: 1-7	12-246-3287										

\*\*\* A sign-up sheet for food items needed for the meal and congregational help serving/cleaning up will be on the foyer table.

## ST. PAUL'S NOVEMBER 2021 INFORMATION and EVENTS

(Services begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's each Sunday)

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIM ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021. BE SURE AND SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!

Faye Rolf is currently recuperating in Colorado with her daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Mark Boon. Please keep her in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, wishing her well, you can send your cards to: Faye Rolf, 5175 Mining Camp Trail - Parker, Colorado 80134. I am sure she would enjoy hearing from her St. Paul's family.

### **NOVEMBER**

**Thursday, November 4 – 12:00 noon** Bible Study; Mabel Baker host. **NOTE:** Bible Study is being changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in November and the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in December (2).

Sunday, November 7 - 9:00 a.m. Worship - All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 14 – 9:00 a.m. Worship – WELCA Meeting follows the Worship Service

Sunday, November 21 – 9:00 a.m. Worship – Thank Offering Sunday; donations of food for the Food Pantry will be collected that morning.

Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Day

**Sunday, November 28 – 9:00 a.m. Worship** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. There will be **NO COFFEE** held on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The following is a list of Hymn selection assignments for specific months: November – Sharon Gilbert December – Dallas Prather

November Altar Committee: Mary Beth Bredensteiner

NOVEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	NOVEMBER ACOLYTING SCHEDULE	NOVEMBER READING SCHEDULE
Carole Hamilton (6)	Kathy Athen (7)	Mary Beth Bredensteiner (7)
Jill Gilbert (13)	Toni Comstock (14)	Mary Beth Bredensteiner (14)
Dallas Prather (20)	Toni Comstock (21)	Penny Bredensteiner (21)
Deb Ratliff (27)	Deb Ratliff (28)	Penny Bredensteiner (28)

Information for the monthly NEWSLETTER will be sent to the Emmanuel Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have anything you would like in the NEWSLETTER, please contact Mary Beth at: <u>marybeth@tarkio.k12.mo.us</u> before that date or get the information to Nancy or Penny so they can forward it on. You can also text 660-623-0093.

The Emmanuel Membership Committee would like to invite the St. Paul's congregation and guests to their Annual "Soup and Pie Fundraiser Supper" on **Saturday, November 20** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** with a free bonus concert by "Things Unlimited" at **7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary: Free will donation for meal. Food, Fellowship and a Concert, what a great way to spend an evening!!

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2021

3055-410<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Northboro, Iowa 51647 Kurt Hoover, Pastor 1-515-850-7670 <u>kurtxhoover@ymail.com</u>

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed	Thu	Fri		Sat
Altar Committee Mary Beth Bredensteiner	1	моп	2	LUE	3		4 12:00 noon Bible Study Host: Mabel Baker BIRTHDAY Peg Griffey	5	6	Church Cleaner Carole Hamilton
7 9:00am Worship R: Mary Beth Bredensteine A: Kathy Athen BIRTHDAY Keaton Lundquist All Saints Sunday	8	BIRTHDAY Mame Dow	9		10		11	12	13	Church Cleaner Jill Gilbert
Daylight Savings Time ends 14 9:00am Worship NELCA mtg. after Church R: Mary Beth Bredensteiner A: Toni Comstock	15		16		17		Veterans Day 18	19 ANNIVERSARY Ida & Tandon Van Scyoc	20	Church Cleaner Dallas Prather
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 21 9:00am Worship Thank Offering Sunday (Bring items for Food Pantry) R: Penny Bredensteiner	22		23	BIRTHDAY Camryn Comstock	24		25	26	27	Church Cleaner Deb Ratliff
A: Toni Comstock Christ the King Sunday							Emmanuel Office Closed Thanksgivng Day			
28 9:00am Worship Holy Communion NO COFFEE R: Penny Bredensteiner A: Deb Ratliff 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	29		30		Emma		12:00 noon: Monday mlutheran!yahoo.co 46-3287	-	<u>    I</u>	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

### 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 **\$13.50.** 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 <u>November 21.</u> They will be arranged in the Sanctuary for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 28. 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 21, 2021

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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).

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