Emmanuel and St. Paul's Lutheran October 2021 NEWSLETTER

Do not be anxious, neither worry, trust in the Lord:

We have capacity! We have capacity to be engaged in the community and host events, friends working together lifting High the Cross and Proclaiming the Love of Christ!

Emmanuel had a busy month in September, "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday event, our "Congregational Shen-fest Pie Sale", and a float in the Shen-fest Parade. St. Paul's own "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday event and welcoming many children of the congregation who live outside the region, and folks who are near for a special "Dedication Sunday" and Fellowship Meal.

This was a test of the capacity of our volunteers. *We can do it*! You come through contributing to do what is important to you: the Love of Christ and unity in the family of our Churches. We are coming back from the COVID shut-down. Though our numbers are not where they were, we have the capacity to worship and serve the Lord. Our focus is on the needs of our communities as well as the wellbeing of our Church family. This is God's way.

We have many concerns about the world today, yet God asks us to not be anxious, or afraid. Privately and publicly, we are praying about an uncertain future. We know we need to come back stronger; we want to see fruit from our prayers which trust our hopes and concerns to God's good will for us and all creation.

Like you, I want to rush ahead to action, secure the future. Yet, what are we to do? Can we wait and pray and listen, and pray again, reflecting on where the Spirit leads will help us find an un-anxious path. May we confirm our thoughts and plans in scripture and the hearts of fellow believers.

That formula may make you anxious: waiting to act or complain until the Lord answers. I get it, we want to simply know what to do and see the results we make happen. Faith in God's way, waiting on God's timing is difficult, yet prayer is the way of Peace within, and without.

So what do we do in the meantime, besides keep setting aside quiet time for prayer and reflection? Asking the Lord for the patience to do so.

What do we do? Here is Jesus' Word on that:

John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

We see in Jesus' words that He is concerned with us and calls us to ask for what we wish. Through prayer our wishes become refined to align with God's ways, this contributes to the peace we receive as we trust and seek a future in God's power and love.

Let us thank God for the saints, past and present, who have modeled for us such trust in God's faithfulness and guidance.

May we ask God in prayer to show us His preferred future for our Congregations. May we always find strength in God's humble grace, our joy and wisdom in God's love and mercy.

Pastor Kurt

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes - August 9, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Marilyn Holmes, Mike Koval, Dan Hansen, Steve Jensen, Karen Erickson, Linda Wolfe (Secretary) Pastor Kurt Hoover, Ron Oestmann, Kris Sherman (Financial Secretary), Suzanne Tysor (Treasurer) Absent: Becky DeWild, Dave Wiebold, Call to Order: Council President Marilyn Holmes. Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Hoover. Secretary's Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve to accept the minutes as printed; Council approval. Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Tysor and Kris Sherman were asked to attend the meeting to clarify the Budget vs the Offering difference. Suzanne noted that all bills are being paid with the offering and when the offering is a bit low, with some reserved offerings funds. Kris Sherman explained a graph she compiled showing this year's monthly offerings as compared to last year. Some months had less income than last year which could be the "summer slump" which usually rises in the fall and additionally some giving units had moved away or died which means less offerings. Additionally, a plea had been issued to the members when the Church Service was not held during the COVID-19 quarantine period last year which brought in more money and the money not used for bills was placed in the reserved fund. It was explained that the Budget is divided into 52 Sundays which is the amount needed each week to make the Budget at the end of the year. Each week, the running total is placed in the bulletin vs. the running total of the offerings. Suzanne and Kris will continue to monitor the income. Kris Sherman noted that anyone who has a question about their year-to-date offerings can contact her and she will let them know what their giving amount so far this year before their end of the year giving record for 2021 is placed in their Narthex Mail Box. No further questions were asked and the Council thanks both Suzanne and Kris for attending the meeting. It was moved by Kim Swank to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Karen Erickson; Council approval. Pastor's Report: 1) Pastor officiated at the Roscoe Ingrim Graveside Service on August 5. 2) Nora Elaine Ward, daughter of Seth and Ashley Ward was Baptized on August 8. 3) Rosamond Tillman, Charles & Susan Maxine and Joel and Marlene Bashaw will be received as new members of August 15. 4) September 20-21 will be the Tri-Synodical Fall Theological Conference; Pastor will Zoom this meeting. Worship and Music: 1) Discussion was held as to including 2 Praise Hymns at the beginning of the Service; the Committee will discuss this at their next meeting. Christian Education: 1) Sunday School will resume in the fall. The coordinators will send out notifications as to the date. Church Property: 1) The basement stairway was sanded and repainted. 2) The Steeple is on the east side of the Church and will be installed when the weather permits. Finance and Stewardship: No meeting; no report. Membership Committee: 1) The August 1 "Worship in the Park was attended by 44 members and guests from St. Paul's. Thank You to all who helped with Golf Carts and those who brought food. 2) The Congregational Shen-Fest Pie Sale will be held on September 25. 3) The Committee is organizing the October 3 "Hot Dog Roast at the Richardson Farm. 4) The Committee is working on the November "Soup and Pie Fundraiser with entertainment". LYO/Youth: No meeting; no report. Altar Guild: August Committee is Deb Burroughs and Lisa Holmes with Altar Flowers furnished by Mike and Karla Koval IN HONOR of their August 16 Wedding Anniversary and Karla's Birthday. The September Altar Committee will be Marcia Johnson and Carla Morrow with Altar Flowers furnished by Byron and Karen Erickson IN HONOR of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 18. Cookbook, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding, Funeral, WELCA: No reports. OLD BUSINESS: 1) Emmanuel will have a float in the Shen Fest Parade on September 25. Chuck Richardson will provide a trailer and drive the float. The committee will meet to finalize the plans. 2) Communion is being both held at the Altar Rail going from the back to the front and in pew for those who wish to stay in their pews. 3) September 12 is "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. An activity project and lunch will be held after the Service. 4) Confirmation will begin in the fall. NEW BUSINESS: 1) Thank you to Mary Alice Johnson for the description of the 100th Anniversary Quilt and to Marcia Johnson for her beautiful calligraphy. **Adjournment and Closing:** It was moved, seconded and Council approval to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Pastor Hoover led the Council in *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

No Bible Study/Business Meeting was held in August. The September Meeting was held at the home of Mary Alice Johnson as hostess and Pastor Kurt Hoover leading the Bible Study. A delicious dessert, nuts and coffee was served by Mary Alice. The October 20 @ 2:00 p.m. will be hosted by Linda Wolfe at Church. The Study will be Chapter 5 "Looking at Your Heart" 1 Samuel 16:1-13 from the Pleasing God Study Book. The Quilters have been busy all summer to fill the closet with quilts after sending 24 boxes to the LWR Warehouse. The Congregational Shen-Fest Pie Sale will be done by the time you receive this NL and we are hoping for another successful sale. The proceeds are earmarked for the new Sanctuary Lights and for the Waubash Arts Camp. If you indicated you are giving \$20.00 in place of making a pie...please get it to Marilyn Holmes or Bev Oestmann so they can tally the proceeds. Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact/Treasurer

EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Morgan Pedersen

3 Kelli Henderson Gavin Wittmer

11 Newt Heaton

13 Eldora Gowing

15 Angie Holmes

17 Brooke Erickson

Dennis Grebert

Tiffany Johnson

19 Marilyn Holmes

21 Daniel Elliott

Pr. Jeff Alvestad

22 Megan Bosley

24 Orlin Fick

25 Mark Johnson

Karen Erickson



4 Jim and Niki Richardson

6 Tony and Cathy Ballain

16 Chris and Molly Wiebold

18 Dave and Kathy Wiebold

20 Trent and Donna Tiemeyer

23 Roger and Julie M^cQueen

Thank You for all the Anniversary Cards and well wishes on the occasion of our 50th Wedding anniversary of September 18. They were all so special and we will have many days of reading and rereading them. Your well wishes were very appreciated.

Byron and Karen Erickson.

The October "Noisy Offering" has been designated by the Church Council to go to the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas Program. This is a wonderful program where children who don't have the funds to purchase gifts for their family get the chance to go shopping with a "Cop" who helps the child find the perfect gift for members of their family. They get to spend time with THEIR COP, pick out gifts, return to the station to wrap them and have treats. What more could you ask for? The collection can is on the foyer table. Be sure to drop some coins or dollars in for this very special and worthwhile program.

OCTOBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes

Altar Committee: Theresa Swank and Melaine Prokop

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Ali Hansen (10) Evan Holmes (17) Lilly Wittmer (24)

Maren Bosley (31)

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Readers: Ron Oestmann (3) Karla Koval (10)

Marcia Johnson (17) Teresa Roberts (24)

Undesignated (31)
Ushers and Greeters: undesignated (3,10,17,24,31)

NOVEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes

Altar Committee: Barb Peterson and Linda Wolfe

Acolytes: Ali Hansen and Even Holmes (7)

Maren Bosley (14) Tyler Prokop (21) Megan Bosley (28)

Readers: undesignated (7, 21, 28)

Marcia Johnson (14)

Ushers and Greeters: undesignated (7, 14, 21, 28)

The **BOLD** dates are when Readers, Greeters and Ushers are needed. If you and 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 emmlutheran@yahoo.com to reserve your date. Thank You!

Our sincere sympathy to Genene Fienup on the passing of husband Steve (aged 69) on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Steve was a long-time Emmanuel member, son of the late Donald and Phyllis Fienup. His "Mass of Christian Burial" was held on September 22 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Imogene, Ia. Memorials are to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church or the St. Patrick Catholic Church Building fund.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – October 2021

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	e-mail: <u>emmlutheran@yahoo.com</u>								
	Telephone #: 1-712-246-3287								
Reformation Sunday		1.40							

^{****} October 3 @ 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel's annual "Congregational and Guests Hot Dog Roast" at the Richardson Farm – east on Nishna Road/last house on the north. All food and drinks, Table service, etc. furnished. Bring a lawn chair for comfort. Food, Fellowship and SMORE"S!!!

ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER 2021 INFORMATION and EVENTS

(Services begin at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday)

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 12 was the "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. St. Paul's collected personal care items for area schools. The items were delivered to the Hamburg, Shenandoah and Tarkio Schools.

Sunday, September 19 was the "Bless the Harvest Service". The weather was beautiful allowing for an inspirational outdoor service.

Sunday, September 26 was the "Dedication Service" for the various items purchased from Memorial Funds and donations. Coffee was served following the Dedication Service. Both the Community and Mission Action Committees were in charge of hosting the Coffee. Those gifts what were recognized included:

The Wooden Registry from Lucille Bredensteiner Memorials;

The Sanctuary Carpeting with donations from Andria Aleff Nelson and Jane & Bob Sirek;

Two Satin Brass Altar Vases, Liners and Brass Bud Vase from Walter and Jeanne Rolf Memorials;

The Wireless Sound Components, Portable Speaker and Microphone from Donald Rolf Memorials; Trees, Shrubs and Plantings from Marie Tiemann Memorials and donations from Lisa Saunders;

Tree and Shrubs in the northwest corner of the Cemetery from Stanley Bredensteiner Memorials;

The Basement Floor Project from Pat Hall Memorials, Steve Bredensteiner Memorials, Max and Harriett Griffey Memorials, donation In Honor of Mabel Baker by Morins, donations In Honor of Penny Bredensteiner, Carole and Mike Hamilton and Mel and Jo Eyberg by Family;

The Lilac Bush planted In Honor of Mabel Baker;

The New Green and the New Purple Parament sets from Terry Rolf Memorial;

Two Brass Offering Plates from Suzanne and Mark Boon;

The Church has now been "Fall Cleaned". Thank You to Penny Bredensteiner and Sharon Gilbert for several hours of weeding and clean-up around the outside of the Church Building. Thank You to those who have contributed to this venture and any other clean-up around the Cemetery and Church Grounds. Thank You to Penny Bredensteiner and Carole Hamilton who painted the bathroom and back hallway in the basement. Additionally, a new dehumidifier has also been purchased.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1 - World Wide Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Sunday, October 10 – 9:00 a.m. Worship with the WELCA Meeting after the Service.

Thursday, October 14 - 12:00 noon Bible Study will meet with Sharon Gilbert hosting.

Sunday, October 17 - 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, October 24 - 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, **October 31** – 9:00 a.m. "Mission Fest Sunday" (Special Benevolence Offering: goal \$1,900) Coffee after Church: Mission Action; Co-Chrs. Blu Dow and Kymm Bredensteiner.

The following is a list of Hymn Selection Assignments for specific months:

October: Blu Dow November: Sharon Gilbert December: Dallas Prather

October Altar Committee: Nancy Middaugh

October Cleaning Schedule October Acolyte Schedule October Reading Schedule Penny Bredensteiner (2) Nancy Middaugh (3) Blu Dow (3) Sharon Gilbert (9) Nancy Middaugh (10) Patti Rolf (10) Kymm Bredensteiner (16) Blu Dow (17) Patti Rolf (17) Kerra Ratliff (23) Blu Dow (24) Ida Van Syoc (24) Toni Comstock (30) Kathy Athen (31) Ida Van Syoc (31)

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 May 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 - OCTOBER 2021

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EMMANUEL INFORMATION AND EVENTS (continued)

On August 8, 2021 during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nora Elaine Ward, daughter of Seth and Ashley Ward was Baptized. Nora's sponsors were Ashley Hertensen and Cole Thornton. We welcome Nora into her Emmanuel Family.

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On August 15, 2021 during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rosamond Tillman, Chuck and Susan Maxine & Joel and Marlene Bashaw were welcomed into the membership of Emmanuel. We welcome all of them into the Emmanuel Family.

- Did you miss it? On September 12, 2021 Emmanuel held their "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday Event. Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, the congregation gathered to put together Lutheran World Relief Kits of items the congregation had been collecting for a few weeks. The 36 Personal Care Kits included: A towel, 2 bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, and 1 pair of nail clippers. The items were wrapped in the towel and tied with a ribbon into a new package. The Baby Care Kits included: 2 cotton T-shirts, 2 sleepers, 2 receiving blankets, 1 jacket/sweater or sweatshirt, 4 cloth diapers, 2 pairs of socks, 2-3 bars of gentle soap, 2 diaper pins and 1 hand towel. We are continuing to gather all the baby supplies to finish out the project. Following the project, a lunch was served. SPECIAL THANKS to those who brought side dishes to round out the meal and to those who grilled the burgers, brats, and hot dogs.
- On Saturday, September 25, 2021 Shenandoah celebrated its 150th Anniversary. Also on that day, Emmanuel held its Annual Congregational Shen-Fest Pie Sale. All 26 pies home-made fruit pies were sold in record time. Those who chose not to make 2 pies donated \$20.00 to the Pie Sale Fund. If you chose to donate fund, PLEASE remember to send your money to Marilyn Holmes OR Bev Oestmann by October 10 so the money can be tallied. This year's profits are designated to updating the Sanctuary Lights and to the Wabash Arts Camp for next year's supplies. Pastor Hoover has constructed new white glass shades for the lights to brighten up the Sanctuary.
- Also on Saturday, September 25, 2021 Emmanuel members constructed a float for the Shen-Fest Parade. Chuck Richardson graciously volunteered to drive and furnish a trailer for the float. Walkers passed out candy to the children along the parade route and several members rode the float. Special thanks to Chuck and all the members who took part in the construction, riding and passing out the bags and bags of candy.
- THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY is open for clients to come in (social distancing) to pick up items they need. Emmanuel's collection box can be found under the Narthex Mailboxes so please, when you go out shopping, remember to purchase an item or two and drop it in the collection box. Special News is that we have taken 14 Birthday Bags with a cake mix, can of frosting, Birthday candles, a small gift AND a personal (kid orientated) handmade pillow case included. It has been brought to our attention that the Food Pantry could use Bibles that are in GOOD CONDITION for their clients. If you have one that you aren't using that is in very good condition, please place it in the collection box. Thank You to all who support this very needed ministry.
- The September "Noisy Offering" was designated towards the *Adopt-a-Family School Clothing Program*. \$121.21 was collected to purchase some of the clothing not chosen to be purchased by the congregation. Cards with the gender, size and clothing item that needs to be purchased and brought back to the church by October 10 (along with the designated card) can be found on the Fellowship Hall coffee table. If you can, pick up a card to help provide clothing items this family needs. Thank You!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 406 E. Pioneer Avenue Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Dog Roast"

Congregational & Guests "Hot

(east on Nishna Road – last house on the north side)

州部語 Sunday, October 3 @ 5:00 p.m.

ALL FOOD, DRINKS, TABLE SERVICE, PLATES and NAPKINS PROVIDED.

Please bring a lawn chair AND/OR blanket for your comfort. You will be enjoying food, bonfire, great fellowship (maybe gator rides) and SMORE'S.

You can drive right up to the site!!

Sponsored by the Emmanuel Membership Committee.