

# *Emmanuel and St. Paul's Lutheran* *January 2022 NEWSLETTER*

## ~~*New Year's Resolution*~~ *All Time Resolution*

### **> To make know the Salvation and Life which are yours with Christ Jesus <**

Beginning this 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Pandemic there might be nothing more important than being clear about what the purpose and life of our church is all about. We believe it is God's good will that we should continue in His mission in our local context so let us be actively lifting up our questions and concerns to the Lord in prayer – and listening – discerning together how God is answering our prayers – is active among us blessing us and our communities.

I believe it was wise for the joint-council to decide to continue with the current budget. It is a commitment to continue all the services we are presently providing. We are not going to grow by cutting back, rather by focusing on what the Lord is blessing, and making adjustments to align our priorities with God's purpose, will we know we are being faithful. Jesus commissioned the church saying:

“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

This correlates with reaching out to more and more families with the Good News of Salvation and Life which are theirs with Jesus Christ – the one made known in our Worship, Service and Education. Let us make a joyful noise and witness to the Good News that is for all people.

Rather than list here ideas and best practices, to which it is not hard for me to imagine I would hear, “that is a good idea pastor, who are you going to get to do that?” I want to share with you what is weighing on my heart; concern for the future state of our congregations when it is time for you to call a new pastor. That is six or seven years away and I do not want to oversee the decline of our congregations in the meantime. No, I believe we glorify God by prayerfully seeking and following the paths of outreach, worship and service which honor God's purposes for the church making known and accessible the Salvation and Life which is for all people through Jesus Christ.

This is God's work through the Word and Holy Spirit; we are ambassadors of the truth and power of God's love and work in human hearts to bestow salvation and new life through Jesus. So, breathe a sigh of relief, it doesn't depend on you, it is God's work, we get to let it be known what God is doing in our hearts and lives. The hope we have pandemics, tornados, floods and death cannot extinguish.

You have heard me preaching this good news which transforms our lives for three years now; and pastors before me revealing the foundation and spiritual resources we have to build with. We already have physical structures and good heritage; we are welcoming and have demonstrated the ability to adapt and accommodate. We do this with grace and kindness we know from our God. Empowering and entrusting present and future generations with the blessings of faith and work of Christian community is the task. Let us build while we have capacity.

Last Month this article made reference to the development of a regional parish which would include sharing clergy. I think of this as supporting neighboring congregations in Jesus' mission, in their communities. It is not intended to be a temporary financial fix; our congregations have a role and purpose in our communities which God has entrusted to us. Conversation about a parish is about sharing the gifts of God and building up the family of God with strengths and capacity we have in Christ.

*Pastor Kurt*

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

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

**Present:** Chuck Richardson, Kim Swank, Marilyn Holmes, Mike Koval, Dave Wiebold, Dan Hansen, Karen Erickson, Pastor Kurt Hoover, Church Treasurer, Suzanne Tysor, Ron Oestmann, Secretary Linda Wolfe, **Absent:** Becky DeWild, Steve Jensen **Call to Order:** Council President Marilyn Holmes. Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Kurt Hoover. At this point, the agenda was changed for Ron Oestmann who noted that even though several members did not like the thought of a white steeple, now that it is installed, they are commenting on how nice it looks. The subject of the lack of a person (s) designated to re-set the heat/air condition was discussed. For the last funeral, 1 hour before the service it was 55°. The Property Committee will discuss this matter and see about setting a schedule of persons to adjust the settings before worship and/or when the Sacristy is used. Ron was thanked for his attention of these items. **Secretary's Minutes:** Reviewed, moved, seconded, Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed by Suzanne Tysor. Moved, seconded, Council approval. **Pastor's Report:** 1) The November 14 Service will be lead by Ron Oestmann with the message by Chuck Richardson in the Pastor's absence. 2) The Constitution Committee revised and updated Emmanuel's Constitution. It was noted that By-laws are needed; none could be found in the files. How to present it to the Congregation for approval will be discussed at the December Meeting. 3) Pastor will be taking a vacation in January; more information will be forthcoming at the December Meeting. 4) The Deacons name will become the Mutual Ministry Team. **COMMITTEES: Worship and Music: 1)** Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 24. 2) By Council approval, a new headset for \$300.00 will be purchased. **Christian Education: 1)** The Christmas Program is schedule for December 12 during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser following. **Church Property/Parsonage Property: 1)** The steeple is in place. The original steeple came off in one piece plus the saddle. The cross should come off easily. Council approval to allow Chuck Richardson remove the copper and scrap metal and sell it with the money to the Church. The cross will be removed and stored at the Church until a decision where to display it is made. 2) Nick Rengstorf is looking into adding more beams to stabilize the steeple. 3) The light above the Pulpit is blinking occasionally. This will be looked into. 4) The front marquee will be replaced in the spring. **Finance and Stewardship: 1)** The Auditing committee will audit the Church Financials in November. The Sunday School and WELCA will be notified when this will take place. **Membership Committee: 1)** \$595.00 for the new Sanctuary Light Covers and \$500.00 to the Wabash Fine Arts Camp was given from the Shen-Fest Pie Sale proceeds. 2) The November 20 Soup and Pie Supper/Concert by Strings Unlimited is organized. **LYO/Youth: 1)** The Adopt-a-Family information should come in Mid-November. Linda Wolfe will place tags on the "Snowman Tree" of the items needed. The November/December "Noisy Offering" will be used to purchase food gift cards instead of gathering canned goods. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES: Altar Committee:** Barb Petersen and Linda Wolfe – December. Flowers: Congregational Poinsettia Plants. **Cookbook, Hospitality, Wedding:** No Reports. **Funeral:** Eldora Gowing on November 6 at Emmanuel with a dinner following. **Memorial: 1)** The Steve Fienup Memorial Fund has been established. 2) A fan is needed for the Kitchen. The Bob Holmes Memorial Fund was offered to purchase the fan; the Property Committee will look into a ceiling fan or a wall mounted fan. **WELCA: 1)** Bible Study – November 17 with Marcella Heaton as hostess. 2) Birthday Bags were given to the Food Pantry. 3) The quilters will give quilts to the Adopt-a-Family children/parents. **OLD BUSINESS: 1)** Financial Secretary Kris Sherman will meet with Lisa Holmes who will taking on that job. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** An announcement will be placed in the Bulletin for when the Church will be decorated for those to help. **Adjournment and Closing:** Council approval to adjourn. Pastor led the Council in *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

### EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (WELCA)

Members were reminded that the ThankOffering would be taken up on November 21. NOTE: \$262.72 was taken up and will be sent to the Women's Synod. Thank You to all who collected their coins over this past year and brought it to Church where it will go towards women and children's programs. NOW, don't forget to begin dropping your coins in your container for November 20, 2022.

The quilters picked out 4 quilts for the children of our Adopt-a-Family. 2 girls and 2 boys received some very cute or should I say "adorable" quilts for the family. They also included a beautiful quilt for the Mom. They will enjoy cuddling up in their quilts. The baby quilt (made by Theresa Roberts) was fashioned with a vintage print of an adorable rabbit. Needless to say, it was a hit with all the quilters.

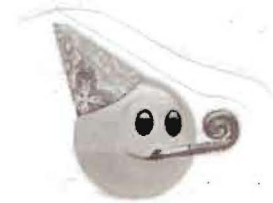
As advertized, there was no December Meeting but come January 19, 2022 the Bible Study will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Church with Rosamond Tillman as host. Be sure to study your Chapter 7 "Keeping the Peace" – Romans 14 in your "Pleasing God" Bible Study book. See everyone in January.

Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer

# EMMANUEL EVENTS and INFORMATION

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Draven Pedersen  
Andy Hansen  
Jonathan Jensen  
3 Christine Nelson  
6 Mary Jo Tillman  
7 Merrill Whitehill  
9 Connie Holmes  
Andrea Swank  
10 Courtney Ryan  
11 Tina Wigington  
12 Alex Catherine Holmes  
16 Chuck Richardson  
19 Ryan Grebert  
20 Heather Slater  
Dan Hansen  
Levi Kinnison  
Malachi Kinnison  
27 Darian Slater  
28 Gordon Sherman  
29 Keely Bouska  
Carter Houchin



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Chuck and Sue Maxine  
31 Howard and Pat Elliott



## JANUARY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes  
Altar Committee: Karen Erickson/Kathy Wiebold  
Acolytes: Megan Bosley and Ali Hansen (2)  
Tyler Prokop (9)  
Evan Holmes (16)  
Lilly Wittmer (230)  
Maren Bosley (300)  
Readers: Karla Koval (2)  
Jessie Bosley (9)  
Lisa Holmes (15)  
**Undesignated (23)**  
**Undesignated (30)**  
Ushers and Greeters: **Undesignated (2,9,16,23,30)**

## FEBRUARY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes  
Altar Committee:  
Acolytes: Tyler Prokop and Lilly Wittmer (6)  
Evan Holmes (13)  
Megan Bosley (20)  
Ali Hansen (27)  
Readers: **Undesignated (6)**  
Karla Koval (13)  
Jessie Bosley (20)  
**Undesignated (27)**  
Ushers and Greeters: **Undesignated (6,13,20,27)**

The **BOLD** dates are when the assistants are needed. If you can volunteer to help, please fill in your name on the foyer table sign-up sheet OR contact the Church Office (246-3287) ([emmlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com)) to reserve your date.  
Thank You!

The Emmanuel Church Council has designated Sunday, **February 13, 2022** as the **Annual Meeting**. The meeting will be held following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Three (3) Council Member's terms are up and volunteers are needed to go on the Church Council. If you would like to join the Council, contact Council President Marilyn Holmes or any Council Member to add your name to the ballot. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting. Thank You!

**REMINDER:** Those who are writing reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet need to have them in to the office by Sunday, January 23, 2022.

*Our sympathy is extended to Marcia and Mark Johnson and family on the passing of Marcia's brother, Mark D. Dinsmore of rural Essex, Iowa on December 22 at Nebraska Medicine – Omaha. His Celebration of Life Memorial Gathering will be held on December 30. Mark's full obituary can be found on the foyer bulletin board.*

**JANUARY 10 is the LAST SUNDAY to designate your offering for the YEAR 2021. Please CLEARLY MARK "2021 OFFERING" on your check or offering envelope.**



# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Committee</b> <b>Karen Erickson</b> <b>Kathy Wiebold</b>	<b>“Noisy Offering”</b> <b>Community</b> <b>Food Pantry</b>					<b>1</b>  <i>New Year's Day</i>
<b>2 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:45 am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <i>Epiphany</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 9:15am</b> Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship Communion follows Worship *Un-decorate after Worship 3:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Clover Kids/4-H  <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	<b>10 9:00am</b> Quilting 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Pastor will be on vacation from the 13 <sup>th</sup> thru the 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 9:15am</b> Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>17 1:00-4:00pm</b> Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00pm Membership Comm. Meeting (if needed) 6:30pm Worship and Music Committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19 2:00pm</b> WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting At Church – Hostess Rosamond Tillman	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 9:15am</b> Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>24 9:00am</b> Quilting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 9:15am</b> Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 noon; Monday thru Thursday</b> <b>Telephone #: 1-712-246-3287</b> <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">emmlutheran@yahoo.com</a></b>				

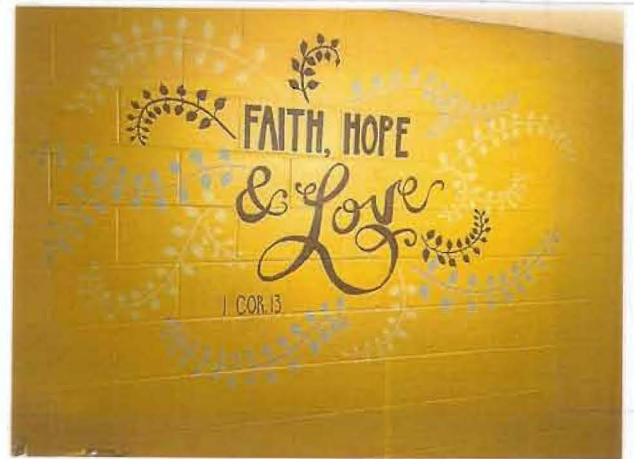
\* PLEASE stay after Church on January 9 for both “After Worship Communion” and to help UN-DECORATE both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. “Many hands make light work” and QUICK work. Thank You for helping!!

# ST. PAUL'S JANUARY 2022 INFORMATION and EVENTS

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

Brileigh Korynn Hamilton, daughter of Paul and Leigh Ann Hamilton was Baptized on Sunday, December 5, 2021. Her sponsors are Dana Witt and Jill Hamilton Reeves. Deklan Levi Hamilton, son of Paul and Leigh Ann Hamilton was Baptized on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at St. Paul's. his sponsors are Andrew Armbrust and Adam Hamilton.

*We would like to say "Thank you" to Penny Bredensteiner for suggesting the wall art in the newly painted restroom. We appreciate the idea and also her funding of the project. Thank you to Leigh Ann Hamilton for sharing her gift of art with St. Paul's. She has done an incredible job and we are more than appreciative of her God given talent.*



Each year, St. Paul's makes a monetary donation to one or two local school districts. This year, \$200.00 was sent to the school nurses at Tarkio and Shenandoah. We would like to share with each of you the notes of gratitude the congregation received.

From Shenandoah School Nurse K. O'Rourke—*Thank you so much for the very generous donation for the Shenandoah Schools. We were able to buy some students some clean, warm new clothes that needed them.*

From Tarkio School Nurse Meghan Hughes –*thanks so much! That was an amazingly nice thing to do. Thank you so much for the generous donation. It is appreciated more that you know and will be used to help our students obtain the things they may need during the year.*

We also received a nice note of appreciation from the Food Pantry at Hamburg for the non-perishable items.

***Our prayers go out to those members of St. Paul's who are unable to worship with us at the present time: Waddy Coffman, Faye Rolf and Mabel Baker. They continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.***

Waddy Coffman celebrated his Birthday December 8, 2021. If you would like to send him greetings, please send cards or notes to: Waddy Coffman, 103 West Grant, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.

Mabel Baker is in the hospital in Hamburg. She fractured a rib at Thanksgiving and is in need of extra TLC, and is in the Extended Care Wing. Prayers are appreciated. Cards can be sent to: Mabel Baker, Grape Community Hospital, 2959 U.S. Hwy 275, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.

A long-time resident of the Locust Grove Community and a neighbor to St. Paul's, Lora Jean Wieder moved to Colorado to be with her son. Mail and prayers would be deeply appreciated. Her address: Lora Jean Wieder, 14303 – 6215 Road, Montrose, Colorado 81403.

## **We have received the following communication from Faye Rolf and Suzanne Boon:**

Our household was stricken with COVID so my husband, mark, Mom and I are all battling this horrible virus. It began 2 weeks ago, immediately following Thanksgiving. Thankfully, Mark's symptoms were not as severe as ours. I was able to get the anti-body treatment (which I learned, thankfully, from Deb Ratliff) on Wednesday night. I did not start feeling better until about 72 hours after my treatment, but I was determined to get Mom in and was running out of time from the first sign of her symptoms. I had to drive to Colorado Springs (1 hour each way) on Thursday in order to get the treatment for her – that's the closest we could get in the time frame we needed. She is still

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# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ALTAR COMMITTEE:</b>						<b>1</b> Church Cleaner Blu Dow  <i>New Year's Day</i>
<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion R: Deb Ratliff A: Andy Rolf  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12:00 noon Bible Study  BIRTHDAY: Cheryl Whipple  <i>Epiphany</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Church Cleaner Nancy Middaugh
<b>9</b> 9:00am Worshp WELCA meeting follows R: Deb Ratliff A: Andy Rolf  <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> BIRTHDAY Faye Rolf  Pastor will be on vacation from the 13 <sup>th</sup> thru the 20 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Church Cleaner Patty Bredensteiner
<b>16</b> NO 9:00am WORSHIP (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THE MEAL/MEETING) 9:00 a.m. Brunch with the Annual Meeting and the Cemetery Meeting following  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> BIRTHDAY: Dalton Daniel Weiss	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Cleaner Penny Bredensteiner
<b>23</b> 9:00am Worship R: Kerra Ratliff A: Shane Bredensteiner  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BIRTHDAYS Steven Middaugh Dillon Dow	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Church Cleaner Sharon Gilbert  BIRTHDAY Gayle Moody
<b>30</b> 9:00am Worship Coffee follows Worship R: Kerra Ratliff A: Shane Bredensteiner  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>Emmanuel hours: 9-12 noon; Monday-Thursday</b> <b>Emmanuel #: 1-712-246-3287</b> <b>Emmanuel e-mail: <a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">emmlutheran@yahoo.com</a></b>				

battling fatigue and weakness, but I hope it gets better each day. Communications may be sent to Faye Rolf, 5175 Mining Camp Trail, Parker, Colorado 80134. I am sure she would enjoy hearing from Southwest Iowa.  
Mark and Suzanne Boon and Faye Rolf

**JANUARY:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship/The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 – 12:00 noon** Bible Study will meet.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship followed by the WELCA Business Meeting.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 – NO 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (instead...) 9:00 a.m. Brunch with the Annual Meeting and the Cemetery Meeting following!!!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship Service

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 – 9:00 a.m.** Worship Service/Coffee follows hosted by the Mission Community Committee with Nancy Middaugh and Dallas Prather as Co-chairmen.

**The following is a list of Hymn Selection Assignments for specific months. Volunteers will sign-up during the Annual Meeting: PLEASE consider signing up on the available months as noted in the list below!!**

**January:** Mary Beth Bredensteiner

**February:**

**March:**

**April:**

**May:**

**June:**

**JANUARY ALTAR COMMITTEE: undesignated**

**JANUARY 2022 CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Blu Dow (1)  
Nancy Middaugh (8)  
Patty Bredensteiner (15)  
Penny Bredensteiner (22)  
Sharon Gilbert (29)

**JANUARY 2022 ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Andy Rolf (2)  
Andy Rolf (9)  
**Annual Meeting (16)**  
Shane Bredensteiner (23)  
Shane Bredensteiner (30)

**JANUARY 2022 READERS' SCHEDULE**

Deb Ratliff (2)  
Deb Ratliff (9)  
**Annual Meeting (16)**  
Kerra Ratliff (23)  
Kerra Ratliff (30)

**Sharing their Poinsettia with us this  
Advent/Christmas Season:**

The Altar Poinsettia by the Women of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church **IN MEMORY** of Past Members and **IN HONOR** of all Present WELCA Members;

Tony and Cathy Ballain **IN MEMORY** of Our Parents and **IN HONOR** of Our Children and Grandchildren;

Byron and Karen Erickson **IN MEMORY** of our daughter, Kim Leftwich;

Gene Fienup **IN MEMORY** of Steve Fienup, Charles and Sophia Fienup & Don and Phyllis Fienup ;

**IN MEMORY** of John and Eldora Gowing and Sally Gowing with love...Janet, JoAnn, Mary Beth, Jane and families;

Marilyn Holmes **IN MEMORY** of Bob Holmes and **IN HONOR** of my Grandchildren: Ali, Matt, Audri, Alex, Andy, Austin and Samantha;

Mark and Marcia Johnson **IN MEMORY** of Howard Johnson;

Mary Alice Johnson **IN MEMORY** of Howard Johnson & Bettie and Harold Johnson and **IN HONOR** of My Children;

Terry and Marcene Johnson **IN MEMORY** of Our Daughter, Penny Sievers and **IN HONOR** of Our Daughters Tammy, Roxanne and Traci;

Mike and Karla Koval;

Dan and Barb Peterson **IN MEMORY** of Dan's Parents, Don and Mary Peterson and **IN HONOR** of Barb's Parents, Homer and Dorothy Focht;

Kim and Theresa Swank;

Marlin and Mary Jo Tillman **IN MEMORY** of Orville and Virginia Tillman;

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