

Emmanuel and St Paul's *August 2022 NEWSLETTER*

Staying on course! Practicing your Christian faith amid increasing division:

I write on this topic because no matter where you get your information today, it is my observation that, we are being pressured to submit to predetermined conclusions about others, and to distrust friends, family, and neighbors on the basis of perspectives they are presumed to be devoted to. I believe all of us are disheartened by conflict arising from talking with family and friends about common concerns such as gas prices and inflation in general.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. [2 Peter 3:17-18 NIV]

With these words Peter concludes instructions for living our lives ready for the day of Jesus return. Myself, I don't want to be distracted from the abundant life Jesus died on the Cross for each of us to live. Yet we live in a time when media is actively trying to divide us into opposing categories. I do not want others to sort me into one category and presumed therefore I am against everyone in its opposite. This disrupts dialogue and relationships. Rather, with grace regarding things outside our immediate control, I hope we can agree the reality of higher prices have great implications for everyone without need to assign blame.

Those on fixed incomes, and those who were already financially strapped, are especially affected; so may the church be ready to demonstrate the Love of our Lord through donations to the food pantries and practice other compassion as are individually able. And may we also personally advocate with our elected officials to work for just solutions according to reasoned understanding, without being drawn into divisive positions. Rather insist on gracious reasoning, with openness to investigation and working across differing perspectives. These, I believe, are ways we can practice our faith in Christ, who opens ways for His will to be accomplished on earth.

The Apostle Peter warned us to be on guard against attitudes and ideologies that would carry you away from truth. Instead chose to feed your heart and mind with God's word and examples of our Lord's faithfulness through meditating on scripture, praying, and not conforming the God we know to support categories which pit us against one another.

Jesus taught in parables, calling "those with ears to hear" to employ their God given ability to reason – and perceive for ourselves – God's good will for our lives together.

So, when we feel extreme pressure to join in demeaning and condemning others, especially when that includes family and neighbors, ask yourself if you are submitting to a worldly passion for temporary comfort, or staying the course which relies on Christ's righteousness for wise discernment and salvation. In Christ are truths we can agree on and remain united by.

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. [Romans 5:3-5 Faith Brings Resilient Joy]

Pastor Kurt

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – June 13, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Marilyn Holmes, Mike Koval, Dave Wiebold, Karen Erickson, Joel Bashaw, Barbara Hoover, Susan Maxine, Linda Wolfe, Pastor Kurt Hoover, Chuck Richardson. **Absent:** Dan Hansen, Jessica Bosley. **Call to Order:** Pastor Kurt Hoover (Council President Marilyn Holmes was going to be 30 minutes late). **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Hoover. **Secretary's Minutes:** The May 2022 notes were reviewed. Moved, seconded; Council approval. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Mike Koval noted that the men's room toilet was not sealing so we would have a larger water bill; it since has been fixed. All bills were paid. Moved, seconded; Council approval. **Pastor's Report/ Mutual Ministry Report:** 1) Thank you to all who helped in any way at the June 5 Steeple Dedication Service and Pot Luck Dinner. 2) The By-law Committee will be convened in August or September. 3) Pastor will present the lessons at the Ecumenical VBS. 4) "Room at the Table" Meal Program was explained. Emmanuel will be hosting the Wednesday, August 31 at the Presbyterian Church; volunteers to help are needed. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the foyer table after the July 27 meal to gauge what is needed. **STANDNG COMMITTEES: Worship and Music:** 1) Carole Hamilton will play for our June 19 Service. 2) The "Blessing of the LWR Quilts" will be held on June 26. 3) Alternating Confessions, Offertories and Sending Songs will be utilized. **(Council President Marilyn Holmes arrived and took over running the Council Meeting.) Christian Education:** 1) No summer Sunday School 2) VBS has finalized the Ecumenical VBS plans. **Church Property/Parsonage Property:** 1) The Committee met to evaluate the quotes and the preference of the Congregation from the June 5 Special Meeting. 2) The front could be shipped around July 18. Chuck Richardson made 2 designs, one of which will be fabricated to include the old steeple cross; the Council approved the # 2 design. He will order the materials he needs. 3) Chuck Richardson explained why the front Church tree was cut down. Thank You to Andy Hansen, who was planting the red geraniums along with his Grandmother Marilyn Holmes, that the tree was creaking. Chuck Richardson was contacted and he and his son chained the tree together, called a tree removal company who trimmed the heavy branches and a few days later, the Tree Service from Yorktown removed the tree which was in danger of splitting and crashing into the Church stained glass windows. 4) The Council then went out to the site of the new sign which by consensus the Council approval. **Finance and Stewardship:** No meeting/no report. **Membership Committee:** 1) The June 5 Pot Luck Meal" served 38. 2) Sunday, July 10 at 5:00 p.m. has been set for the BBQ at the Richardson Farm. **LYO/Youth:** No meeting/no report. It was noted that the National Church wide Youth Gathering was cancelled but the Western Iowa Synod will hold a Youth Gathering at East Okaboji. Pastor will gather more information. **Altar Guild:** Carla Morrow and Karen Erickson – June committee. Teresa Roberts and Deb Burroughs – July committee. **Cookbook, Funeral, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **WELCA :** The June Bible Study/Business Meeting will be held on the 15th at Church with Pastor Kurt and Barbara Hoover as hosts. **OLD BUSINESS:** The September "Noisy Offering" was approved by the Council and designated to the Page Country Sheriff's Office – National Child Safety Council. **NEW BUSINESS:** The Council discussed and decided to move the two large tables together for the next Council Meeting. **Adjournment and Closing:** There being no other business to discuss, it was moved, seconded and approved by the Council to adjourn. The Meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" led by Pastor Hoover.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

WELCA will be taking a summer vacation so NO BIBLE STUDY/BUSINESS MEETINGS in July and August. The September meeting will be held on September 21 @ 2:00 p.m. at Church with Linda Wolfe as host. The Lesson will be on James – Luke 9:51-56 and Acts 12:1-2. Come and enjoy learning a little more about this "Son of Thunder" and Jesus and his disciples' trip through Samaria before Jesus' ascension to Heaven.

The Quilters continue to make the LWR Quilts through the summer months. In July, after the Quilts were blessed, packed, loaded and taken to Clarinda to be picked up and transported to the Minneapolis warehouse to be sorted and distributed to those in need. The quilters stayed in Clarinda and enjoyed a breakfast. You can find them hard at work on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Stop by and check out how they quilt and stay for a cup of coffee!!

All totaled \$801.39 was collected from the May "Noisy Offering" for the Quilters which was greatly appreciated. It is still Garage Sales season so if you happen to go to one and see some "in good shape" sheets for the middle of the quilts, consider purchasing them; from twin size on up. And if you enjoy sewing, ask about how the tops are made; it might be something you would enjoy doing.

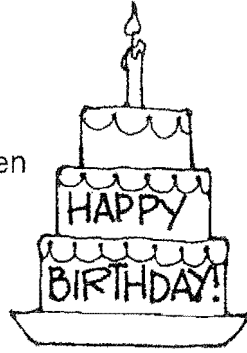
The Congregational School Supplies Collection Box (in the foyer) is a little empty. If you are able, please purchase a few supplies for those who need them this coming year. You can find them in most any store so hurry in to get the best deals and place them in the collection box. You only have until the 2nd Sunday in August so they can get to the schools.

Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer

EMMANUEL INFORMATION and EVENTS

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 Pedersen
21 Jacob Tacker
Claire Jensen
22 Lisa Holmes
23 Brad Swank
24 Rob Fick
31 Matthew Holmes



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 Tim and Jeana Hogue
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
23 Joel and Marlene Bashaw
25 Bob and Sally Iske
27 Gene and Cindy Sturm



AUGUST ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: **August 7 "Service in the Park" @ 10:30 a.m. with St. Paul's as our guests (Pot Luck Picnic follows)**
Maren Bosley and Lilly Wittmer (14)
Ali Hansen (21)
Megan Bosley (28)
Readers: Ron Oestmann (7) "Service in the Park"
Karla Koval (14)
Teresa Roberts (21)
Jessie Bosley (28)
Ushers and Greeters: **undesignated (7,14,21,28)**

SEPTEMBER ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Ali Hansen and Maren Bosley (4)
Lilly Wittmer (11)
Megan Bosley (18)
Maren Bosley (25)
Readers: Teresa Roberts (4)
Karla Koval (11)
Jessie Bosley (18)
Lisa Holmes (25)
Ushers and Greeters: **undesignated (4,11,18,25)**

The October, November and December Readers sign-up sheet will be on the foyer table in mid-August. The **bold type dates** are when assistants are needed.

Our sincere sympathies to Karen Erickson, Stacy Erickson and family and Brooke Erickson and family on the July 22, 2022 passing of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Byron Erickson at the Good Samaritan Care Center, Villisca. Byron's Celebration of Life Funeral was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and followed by his Committal Service at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Shenandoah with full Military Honors by the Shenandoah American Legion Post #88 Honor Guard. A dinner prepared by the Membership Committee and the Women of the Church followed at Emmanuel for Byron's family and friends. Byron was a man of few words but a great listener who made an impact on all who knew him; a 49-year Emmanuel member, Byron will be greatly missed by his Church Family.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – AUGUST 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 NO 9:45am Coffee 10:30am Joint Out-door Worship with St. Paul's @ McComb Park /Pot Luck Picnic <i>9th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	8 9:00am Quilting 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 3:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Clover Kids/4-H <i>10th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	15 6:30pm Worship and Musc Committee Meeting 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting	16	17 NO WELCA BIBLE STUDY	18	19	20
21 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship Communion follows Worship <i>11th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	22 9:00am Quilting	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship <i>12th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	29	30	31	August Altar Committee: August "Noisy Offering" Congregational Adopt-a-Family School Clothing Program Office Hours: 9-12 noon; Monday-Thursday Telephone: 712-246-3287 e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com		

ST. PAUL'S INFORMATION and EVENTS
(Services begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's each Sunday)

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

JULY

Sunday, July 31 – 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service with Emmanuel **AT** St. Paul's.

AUGUST

Thursday, August 4 – NO BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, August 7 – 10:30 a.m. Joint Outdoor Worship Service with Emmanuel **AT** McComb Park in Shenandoah with a Pot Luck Picnic following. Please bring a lawn chair and/or blanket for your comfort. Golf carts with experienced drivers will be available to transport you and your lawn chairs to the Worship area from the parking areas.

THERE WILL BE NO 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
AT ST. PAUL'S ON AUGUST 7!!

Sunday, August 14 – 9:00 a.m. Worship with the WELCA Meeting immediately following.

Sunday, August 21 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Hymn selections for each month will be made by the following parishioners:

AUGUST: Penny Bredensteiner

SEPTEMBER: Deb Ratliff

OCTOBER: Blu Dow

NOVEMBER: Steven Middaugh

DECEMBER: Dallas Prather

JANUARY 2023: Sharon Gilbert

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE: Deb Ratliff and Jill Gilbert

AUGUST CLEANING SCHEDULE AUGUST ACOLYTE SCHEDULE AUGUST READERS' SCHEDULE

Nancy Middaugh (6)
Patty Bredensteiner (13)
Penny Bredensteiner (20)
Sharon Gilbert (27)

AT EMMANUEL (7)
Nancy Middaugh (14)
Deb Ratliff (21)
Deb Ratliff (28)

AT EMMANUEL (7)
Jill Gilbert (14)
Kerra Ratliff (21)
Kerra Ratliff (28)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – AUGUST 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Deb Ratliff Jill Gilbert	1	2	3 BIRTHDAY Dustin Comstock	4 NO BIBLE STUDY	5	6 Church Cleaner Nancy Middaugh
7 NO 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:30am Joint Worship with Emmanuel at McComb Park, Shenandoah/Pot Luck Dinner follows <i>9th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	8	9	10	11 BIRTHDAY Jennifer Baker	12	13 Church Cleaner Patty Bredensteiner BIRTHDAYS Wyatt Marshall Paige Lundquist
14 9:00am Worship R:Jill Gilbert A:Nancy Middaugh WELCA Meeting follows BIRTHDAY: Gary Moody <i>10th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20 Church Cleaner Penny Bredensteiner BIRTHDAY Shannon Gilbert
21 9:00am Worship R: Kerra Ratliff A:Deb Ratliff BIRTHDAY: Mary Beth Bredensteiner <i>11th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	22	23	24 ANNIVERSARY Shannon and Jill Gilbert	25	26	27 Church Cleaner Sharon Gilbert BIRTHDAY Cassidy Bredenstient Kelly
28 9:00am "Bless the Backpacks" Worship Service R:Kerra Rat,off A:Deb Ratliff NO COFFEE <i>12th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	29	30 BIRTHDAY Penny Bredensteiner	31	Emmanuel Hours: 9-12:00 noon; Monday-Thursday Emmanuel Telephone #: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com		

August 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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 LSI (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 and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).

Support for the Long Run

Part of LSI's mission is to ensure hundreds of Iowa children and families have access to quality mental health care, parenting education, and crisis services.

On our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus in Waverly, staff are able to provide 24/7 behavioral health care and encouragement for children and teens like N. During her time on campus, N. and her team of therapists and professionals worked on developing coping skills that could help her manage her anger on the difficult days and take space for herself when she felt overwhelmed.

She was able to participate in Spiritual Life, a voluntary faith-based program offered on campus. N. says the program helped her learn important lessons about forgiveness and trust through reading passages of scripture. She says the biggest lesson she has learned is that "when you make a mistake, there are ways to fix it."

N. is now looking ahead and has goals for her future. She is working on graduating high school, and she is excited to get her driver's license. She wants to become a special education teacher and empower the next generation, and she wants her story to inspire other kids who could benefit from the same care she received through LSI.

**LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.*

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Don't forget, on July 31 @ 9:00 a.m. the Emmanuel Congregation is invited to St. Paul's for a Joint Worship Service with coffee following. **NO JULY 31 SERVICE AT EMMANUEL.** If you haven't had a chance to worship at St. Paul's before, **NOW** is the time to get in your car, go south on Highway 59 and then west on 333 for a mile then north to St. Paul's (it's high on the hill).

ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED DAYS OF THE YEAR is August 7. At 10:30 a.m. the Emmanuel Congregation will host the Joint Worship Service with St. Paul's as our guests for the Annual "Worship at McComb Park with a Pot Luck Picnic" following the service. Please bring a lawn chair and/or blanket for your comfort. Drinks, plates, silverware and cups will be provided. Golf carts (with experienced drivers) will be available to chauffeur you and your lawn chair/picnic food from the parking area to the Worship area. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbors and enjoy an out-door Worship Service, great fellowship and a myriad of good food.

DON'T FORGET...In the foyer is the July and August Congregational Project (collecting school supplies for the Shenandoah Schools) is the Collection Box! The supplies need to be delivered by Mid-August so **PLEASE**, remember to purchase 1, 2, or maybe even 3 items for the box.