

Emmanuel and St Paul's **November 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Standing on a Sure Foundation

Jesus told His disciples, "Upon this Rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." That 'rock' – is Faith, which God placed in Peter's heart that day. We expect the promise of faith to continue for us because our Lord guarantees it. And God continues to work faith in us, it just manifests in ways we don't expect or control.

We desire for our church to remain configured as we presently enjoy it, for other people of our social station to join us, especially younger families. Why don't they? Do we need to adjust?

The season us upon us to make a serious self-assessment of how we are church and what our faith is directed toward. COVID did its best to isolate us, get folks out of the 'habit' of being fed God's love through participation in church, and became the root of social division.

This is God's church, and "all the powers of hell will not conquer it;" yet the forces of evil are active in our community, culture, and even religious organizations, largely unchecked. Fear suppresses our thoughts, words, and actions. Fear suppresses faith and is the devil's most effective tool, but God entrusts and protects our souls with truth the darkness cannot overcome. So, evil employs additional tactics. It distracts us, offers substitutes which appeal to our entertainment and pleasure, yet these can only provide temporary assurance.

What distracts you from daily devotion and time in prayer to our Lord, regular worship?

Though God's love is infinite and unceasing, our time is not. Each of us know we must intentionally allocate our time. Just ask anyone who is retired, if I had a dollar for every time I have heard, "I'm busier in retirement than when I had a regular job", it would be noticeable in the offering. What might you reschedule, so you can influence your church family on Sunday morning, be personally fed by God's word and prayer?

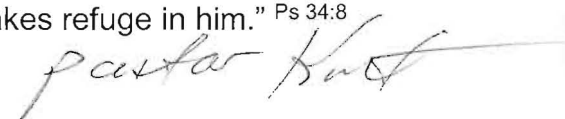
Barbara and I are immensely blessed through our daily devotions, individually and together. If I start complaining she is quick to ask, "are you praying about it?" It is a pastor's joy to hear the ways you are also blessed through prioritizing time to be present with our Lord, for Him to speak to you, through scripture, in prayer, hymns, and worship.

Because many are numbed by worldly fulfilment I distinguish between an intellectual appreciation of a distant god and an engaging relationship with the living God who speaks to us in wondrous ways. You cannot hear "peace", "be not afraid", and "I love you" from God in a sunset, or in moment of danger, unless you have been talking with the one who loves to hear from you. Speaking to God in your heart, and out loud, words of longing and trust, bringing your fears and doubts, concerns for specific loved ones to the Lord.

In the community of believers, where our faith is in God alone: ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Jesus declared: ²⁴ "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." Matthew chapter 7

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Ps 34:8



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting – September 12, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Marilyn Holmes, Mike Koval, Dave Wiebold, Dan Hansen, Joel Bashaw, Barbara Hoover, Susan Maxine, Linda Wolfe, Pastor Kurt Hoover, Ron Oestmann. **Absent:** Jessica Bosley, Karen Erickson. **Call to Order.** Council/Congregational President Marilyn Holmes. **Devotions:** Pastor Kurt Hoover. **The Agenda was changed for an update by Ron Oestmann.** At the Teresa Crossman Memorial Service on August 25, while setting up the Fellowship Hall, it was noted that the Sanctuary was not cooling like it should. After investigating the problem it was found that the battery in one of the thermostats was dead. It was replaced and the AC came on and began cooling the Sanctuary. The question was raised, "How can we make sure this does not happen again with the AC or the heat?" Discussion followed. It was decided that at the end or beginning of each year, the office will change all the batteries in every thermostat to insure this will not happen again. **Secretary's Minutes:** Reviewed, moved, seconded; Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** Revised copies of the Financial Reports were passed out for review. Before the reports were reviewed, Treasurer Mike Koval had left the meeting; the August 8 reports will be discussed at the September Meeting. **Pastor's Report/Mutual Ministry Report:** 1) Pastor had visited with a few members from a decommissioned Church who commented that they were looking for a home Church but didn't want to join a Church with so few members in the pews. 2) Bishop Lorna Halaas had written an article in the Synod NEWSLETTER noting that the ELCA is about love; love is God's action. Everyone needs to roll up their shirt sleeves to do God's work. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Worship and Music:** 1) We will be singing "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" as the Hymn of Praise until Advent. 2) It was noted that Pastor Jeff Schirle was well received in Pastor's absence and is available to do the Church Service if we need him again. **Christian Education:** 1) The Church families with Sunday School Children are being contacted by the Sunday School Coordinators. **Church Property/Parsonage Property:** 1) The front marquee (sign) is up and running. 2) The Parking lot lights will be fixed. **Finance and Stewardship:** 1) The Committee will meet to discuss the Emmanuel 2023 Budget before the St. Paul's and Emmanuel Financial Committees Budget Meeting in October. **Membership Committee:** 1) 84 people were served at the Teresa Crossman Memorial Service Dinner. The Committee would like to Thank everyone who helped set up, bring food, serve and clean-up; 2) A sign-up sheet for workers at the Shen-Fest Pie Sale will be on the foyer table. **LYO/Youth:** No report. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES: Altar Guild:** September Committee – Teresa Roberts and Marcia Johnson. October: Theresa Swank and Melaine Prokop. **Funeral:** August 25, 2022 – Teresa Burroughs Crossman with dinner following the Memorial Service with Military honors. **Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **WELCA:** The September 21, 2022 Bible Study/Business meeting will be held at church with Linda Wolfe as hostess at 2:00 p.m. **OLD BUSINESS:** 1) The Judy Anderson 80th Birthday Open House was held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 10. 2) The Clover Kids will not be using the Fellowship Hall this year but the 4-H Club will continue to use it from 5:30-7:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **NEW BUSINESS:** 1) Secretary Linda Wolfe will be out of the office from September 26 thru September 30. 2) The Fellowship Hall is reserved on Monday, October 3 for a meeting. 3) With the holidays approaching, the Community Food Pantry will be needing extra food items. 4) A water pressure concern was noted at the Memorial Service by the kitchen helpers. This will be checked into to see why it has dropped in pressure. **Adjournment and Closing:** There being no further business to conduct, it was moved, seconded to adjourn; Council approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. and closed with *The Lord's Prayer* led by Pastor Hoover.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

The October 19 WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Schumacher (Farragut); meet at 1:35 p.m. at the Church to car pool. The lesson will be on the Disciple Philip – John 6:1-13 (the feeding of the 5,000). 12 baskets of food leftover after all had eaten their fill; 12 Disciples... is that significant – something to think about!

On September 28 and October 10 the Quilters held two all day Quilting Blitzes". They pieced several quilt tops together in preparation of tying them in the upcoming months. Fellowship and food was involved in these events. The ladies involved now know how to sew the tops. It was a very special day of service.

REMEMBER, on November 20th at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Church Service the annual WELCA "Thank Offering" collection will be taken up. Every female at Emmanuel is considered a member of WELCA who drops in their Thank Offering collection cans their "Thankful for _____" All of this collection will be sent to the WELCA Synod for women and children's programs.

See you all on October 19 for a most interesting Bible Study on Philip.

Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer

EMMANUEL INFORMATION and EVENTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Newt and Marcella Heaton
- 29 Matthew and Melanie Houchin



The Membership Committee is tallying the final amount of the Shen-Fest Congregational Pie Sale, deducting the expenses and publishing the proceeds. If you checked off the "donate \$30.00 instead of baking 2 pies" it would be very much appreciated if you get that donation to Marilyn Holmes. Thank You!

NOVEMBER ASSISTANTS

- Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
- Altar Committee: Barb Peterson and Linda Wolfe
- Acolytes: Ali Hansen and Maren Bosley (6)
Lilly Wittmer (13)
Megan Bosley (20)
Ali Hansen (27)
- Readers: Carla Morrow (6)
Jessie Bosley (13)
Marcia Johnson (20)
- Thanksgiving Eve: Karla Koval (23)
undesigned (27)

Ushers and Greeters (undesigned 6, 13, 20, 23,27)

DECEMBER ASSISTANTS

- Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
- Altar Committee:
- Acolytes: Megan Bosley and Lilly Wittmer (4)
Ali Hansen (11)
Lilly Wittmer (18)
- Christmas Eve: undesigned (24)**
Maren Bosley (25)
- Readers: Marcia Johnson (4)
Jessie Bosley (11)
Karla Koval (18)
- Christmas Eve: Undesignated (24)**
Christmas Day: undesigned (25)

Ushers and Greeters (undesigned 4,11,18,24,25)

The **BOLD TYPE** dates are when assistants are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the foyer table OR contact the Church Office (246-3287) to volunteer. Thank You to all who have signed up to be the Worship Assistants.

When you get to Church on Sunday morning, what is uppermost on your mind? Number 1: experiencing an hour of worshipping with your fellow parishioners through the Word and Songs as we praise God for seeing us through the week behind us and anticipating his help through the week ahead of us. Sitting amongst our family and friends within the peace of the Sanctuary is a blessing. BUT what about the time before the Worship? Number 2: THE COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - 30 minutes to greet your fellow Emmanuel-ites and visitors over a cup of coffee and a cookie, bar, or donut; either meeting someone for the first time or enjoying listening what has happened to our members over the last week. This is where your help is needed! A sign-up sheet is on the foyer table for you to take one (or more) Sunday (s) to fix the coffee and/or bring a treat. We have such good cooks within our Church; show off your skills – bring a new or old favorite treat OR delicious store bought treats to enjoy. Do we really want this important part of our lives to go by the wayside? Help keep this going - this is a wonderful ministry within our Church!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – November 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Barb Peterson Linda Wolfe	“Noisy Offering” Adopt-a-Family Food Cards	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2	3	4	5
6 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i>	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 5:00-7:00pm Soup and Pie Supper with FREE entertainment at 7:00 pm “ <i>Bill Sons Family</i> ”
13 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship – Communion after Worshop 5:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for 4-H <i>23rd Sunday of Pentecost</i>	14 9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Council Meeting	15	16 2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study/Business – Mary Alice Johnson - Hostess	17	18	19
20 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship WELCA Thankoffering Sunday /Thankoffering Collection during Worship <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	21 6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting	22	23 Thanksgiving Eve Service (to be announced)	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	25	26
27 9:45am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	28 9:00am Quilting	29	30	Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 9:00-12:00 noon Church Phone: 1-712-246-3287 E-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com		

ST. PAUL'S NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2022

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

Mabel Baker has returned to her home from her stay in the hospital. If you would like to send a card to her, you can send it to her address: Mabel Baker, 3059 E. Avenue, Northboro, Iowa 51647

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, Faye Rolf and Peg Griffey. They continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

There will be no coffee at St. Paul's until further notice. Work has resumed on the basement and as soon as it is completed, we will have coffee and fellowship once again.

OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 30 – MISSION FEST Sunday; the special benevolence offering goal is \$1,900.00.

Sunday, October 30 – Reformation Sunday observed

Monday, October 31 – Reformation Day

NOVEMBER:

Tuesday, November 1 – All Saints Day

Thursday, November 3 – **12:00 noon** Bible Study

Sunday, November 6 – **9:00 a.m.** All Saints Worship; Daylight Savings Time Ends; Sunday School meets after Worship

Sunday, November 13 – **9:00 a.m.** Worship; WELCA Meeting after Worship

Sunday, November 20 – **9:00 a.m.** Christ the King Worship; Thank Offering Sunday – parishioners are asked to bring food items for the local food pantry. This year, the donated items will go to the Tarkio Food Pantry; Sunday School meets after Worship

Thursday, November 24 – **Thanksgiving Day**

Sunday, November 27 – **9:00 a.m.** Worship; 1st Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with the Sacrament of Holy Communion



The beautiful new banner on the south wall is In Memory of Mary Walter Patience. It was created by Kathy Athen and incorporates retired Church Paraments; it will be dedicated in the future.

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

November: Steven Middaugh December: Dallas Prather January 2023: Sharon Gilbert

November Altar Committee: Mary Beth Bredensteiner

November Cleaning Schedule

Kathy Athen (5)
Blu Dow (12)
Nancy Middaugh (19)
Patty Bredensteiner (26)

November Acolytes Schedule

Toni Comstock (6)
Deb Ratliff (13)
Deb Ratliff (20)
Shannon Gilbert (27)

November Readers Schedule

Mary Beth Bredensteiner (6)
Penny Bredensteiner (13)
Penny Bredensteiner (20)
Dallas Prather (27)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Mary Beth Bredensteiner		1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2	3 12:00 noon Bible Study	4 BIRTHDAY: Peg Griffey	5 Church Cleaner Kathy Athen
6 9:00am Worship R: Mary Beth Bredensteiner A: Toni Comstock Sunday School after Worship <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	7 BIRTHDAY Keaton Lundquist	8 BIRTHDAY Mame Dow <i>Election Day</i>	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 Church Cleaner Blu Dow 5:00-7:00pm Soup and Pie Supper at Emmanuel followed by 7:00pm FREE entertainment by "The Bill Sons Family" Sponsored by the Emmanuel Membership Committee
13 9:00am Worship R: Penny Bredensteiner A: Deb Ratliff WELCA Meeting after Worship <i>23rd Sunday of Pentecost</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19 Church Cleaner Nancy Middaugh ANNIVERSARY Ida and Tanden Van Scyoc
20 9:00am Worship R: Penny Bredensteiner A: Deb Ratliff ***Thank Offering Sunday (see below) Sunday School after Worship <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	21	22	23 BIRTHDAY Camryn Comstock	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Emmanuel Office Closed</i>	25	26 Church Cleaner Patty Bredensteiner
27 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion R: Dallas Prather A: Shannon Gilbert <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	28	29	30	Emmanuel Hours: 9-12:00 noon; Monday thru Thursday Emmanuel Phone: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel e-mail: emmlutheran@yahoo.com		

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**PURCHASE A POINSETTIA PLANT
FOR THE ADVENT SEASON
ORDER FORM**



The Emmanuel Worship & Music Committee and the Altar Guild is inviting you to help 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 **\$12.00**. 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 **November 20**. They will be arranged in the Sanctuary for the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27. 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.

Please return the form below with your money by November 20, 2022.

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Purchased by: _____

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).**

IN MEMORY of: _____

IN HONOR of: _____

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
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Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Our September 2022 "Noisy Offering" was designated to the Page County Sheriff's "National Child Safety Council Program" which includes visiting schools and daycares to promote Child Safety and Anti-Drug Education. \$100.00 was sent to Sheriff's Office in Clarinda to insure this program continues. Thank You for your donations.

Our October 2022 "Noisy Offering" has been designated to the "Shop with a Cop" Shenandoah Police Christmas Program. The collection will be in the FOYER for the month of October so please, consider dropping in a donation so children who can't purchase a gift for a sibling or parents can be proud to buy them a gift using their own money. What a wonderful ministry for our Church to participate in.

Fall is fast approaching and the Membership Comm. has been preparing for their Annual "Soup and Pie Supper". Soon flyers will be all over town and surrounding area advertising to come to Emmanuel on **November 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** for a warm and delicious assortment of soups and a variety of pies (free will offering) and stay for the FREE 7:00 p.m. "Bill Sons Family" musical program. **A sign-up sheet will be on the foyer table with ways and items you can help with to make this an outstanding evening for you, your family, your relatives, your neighbors to enjoy.**

Emmanuel's November and December "Noisy Offering" is designated to our Adopt-a-Family. The collected donations will be used to purchase food gift cards for the family. We have been doing this kind of a donation the last few years because of COVID and have found it well accepted by the congregation. The collection can will be in the foyer for November and December. Help if you can to make sure our Adopt-a-Family has a great Christmas Dinner and well into the New Year!