

Emmanuel and St. Paul's *March 2023 NEWSLETTER*

LENTEN BLESSINGS:

The question, purpose, usefulness of Lent is to answer, in/for this season of your life: "Am I ready for resurrection day?" The day of Jesus return, the final Easter; the great Easter when all the dead in Christ are raised.

God's proclamation: "Your sins are forgiven" informs our viewpoint for answering this question. The fruit of the victory Jesus Christ has won for us, over the Devil, sin, and death, through His death and resurrection. By faith the Holy Spirit works in us we believe this is true and given to us in love despite our fallen nature. Salvation from God calls us to rise above and resist the sinful nature which dwells within, to live the blessed lives the Lord desires for all, and rewards us with peace beyond understanding.

We put into the season of Lent prayerful self-reflection, fasting from comforts and excess, enact God's justice by giving aid to those in need, and join with fellow Christians to correct the systems which impoverish and oppress fellow humanity.

What is most challenging about the season of Lent is accessing our own sinful nature and complicities with the sins of our culture in attitude and benefits for some at the neglect of others. Before you become too hard on yourself and succumb to the Devil's accusations, remember God knows you fully and loves you – forgiving your sins. Accessing your sin gives you a measure of how merciful God is to you. We all share in common the base line that we are sinners in need of God redemption so that we, with mutuality may live as good stewards of God's blessings and one another.

¹⁸ Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

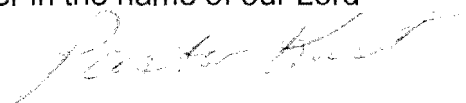
¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

²⁰ God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. ²¹ So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:18-21

The Good News is God has acted through Jesus, the Beloved Son, spotless Lamb, to redeem fallen humanity from the power of the Devil, sin, and the fear of death. We are not saved by being good people, rather freed to be good representatives of God's merciful grace because we have ourselves received and are clothed in God's grace.

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.

¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:15-20



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Marilyn Holmes, Karen Erickson, Dan Hansen, Joel Bashaw, Barbara Hoover, Susan Maxine, Linda Wolfe, Secretary, Mike Koval – Treasurer, Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Absent:** Dave Wiebold, Jessica Bosley. **Call to Order:** Council President Marilyn Holmes. **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Kurt Hoover. **Secretary's Minutes:** December 12 Minutes reviewed, moved, seconded; Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed by Mike Koval; moved, seconded; Council approval. **Pastor's Report/Mutual Ministry Report:** 1) Pastor wrote a brief explanation about the Resolution which will be voted on at the February 5 Annual Meeting for the Annual Meeting Booklet. 2) Pastor has written a brief statement as to why a 2nd vote is needed for the revised Emmanuel Constitutional vote to be included in the Annual Meeting Booklet (It is required by the ELCA Constitution). 3) Informational meetings will be held following the January 22 and January 19 Worship Services to further explain the Resolution before the Annual Meeting. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Worship and Music:** 1) Another Tech Person to run the projector at the Worship Service is needed. 2) Pastor noted that he occasionally changed the Worship Service and that those changes are placed in the bulletin and on the screen not page for page in the Hymnal. **Christian Education:** 1) 2 children regularly attend Sunday School 2) Sunday School is being held in the upstairs meeting room. **Church Property/Parsonage Property:** 1) The parsonage sink/faucet order was cancelled by the vendor as they could not get it. Another choice will be made. **Finance and Stewardship:** 1) Kim Swank will contact the Auditing Committee to set a date. **Membership Committee:** Did not meet. **LYO/Youth:** Did not meet. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES:** **Altar Guild.** Altar Committee: January – Kris Sherman and Deb Burroughs. February – Carla Morrow and Barb Hoover. **Cookbook, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No Reports. **Funeral:** Marcella "Sally" Bateman was held on Tuesday, January 10 @ 10:30 a.m. No meal served; coffee/water/cookies provided by Emmanuel at the Church for the family following the burial. **WELCA:** January 18 @ 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Alice Johnson. **OLD BUSINESS:** 1) February "Noisy Offering" designation – (SPaRC) Shenandoah Pregnancy & Resource Center. **NEW BUSINESS:** 1) Treasurer. Accounting Firm contacted for a pricing to prepare payroll, tax deposits, W2s. Additional duties with additional costs include post receipts and disbursements from bank statement, provide quarter reports, provide the service of printing checks. Services would not include handling money, preparing bank deposits, tracking pledges or providing charitable contribution statements or receipts. The Accounting Firm will be contacted to further discuss the options. By consensus it was decided to amend the 2023 Budget to include an Accounting Services line to cover the costs of the projected Accounting Firm. 2) Discussion held on the wording of the Pastoral Cost Sharing Resolution. Karen Erickson moved to change "work out a shared ministry" to "consider a shared ministry" to take to the Annual Meeting, seconded by Susan Maxine; Council approval. 3) By consensus, when all the information is in about the Crock Pot Soup Heifer International Competition Fund Raiser Emmanuel will take part. 4) An updated demonstration video was located on line and a link sent to all Council members to review in case our AED is needed for more people to be able to use it correctly. 5) Moved by Dan Hansen to approve the presented Agenda to be placed in the Annual Meeting Booklet; seconded by Joel Bashaw; Council approval. 6) Notification of the Annual Meeting as required by the Constitution will be mailed to members to include the date and time of the Annual Meeting, the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes and the 2023 Budget. 7) The new and current Council Members will be installed at the Sunday, February 12 Worship Service. **Adjournment and Closing:** Moved, seconded; Council approval to adjourn the meeting – 8:40 p.m. Pastor Kurt led the Council in *The Lord's Prayer*. Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

Thank You to Karen Erickson for hosting the February 15th 2:00 p.m. Bible Study and Business Meeting. Following the most interesting Study of Nathanael led by Pastor Kurt Hoover, Karen served a delicious raspberry filled cut up angel food cake mixed together with whipped cream, Valentine Dove chocolates, nuts and coffee. A wonderful time was had by all. The March WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting will be held at the Church on **March 15th at 2:00 p.m.** with Nanci Roberts hosting where we will study Judas Iscariot – Matthew 26:14-30, 47-50; 27:1-10 and learn why he was considered the betrayer of Jesus or was he merely misunderstood. A bit of trivia to think about: His name always appears last in every list of the Disciples Interesting.

The quilters continue to spend hours creating the beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Graduations, and Local Use. Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate good used sheets to use as middles and backings. Without your dedication and donations, the quilters could not do this most needed project.

Everyone is invited on March 15 at Church for the WELCA Bible Study and 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 9:00 a.m. for quilting or come about 10:15 a.m. for coffee/treats.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, WELCA Treasurer and Contact Person.

EMMANUEL INFORMATION and EVENTS

March Birthdays

6 Marlene Bashaw
7 Jane Gowing
Kevin Tiemeyer
10 Jonathan Fizette
11 Nancy Wilson
12 Jonathan Sturm
15 Connie Buesing
17 Jim Clark
18 Jackie Holmes
19 Robert Holdridge, Jr.
22 Brian Martin
23 Emmna Franzen
24 Linda Whitehill
25 Brianna Holmes
Evan Holmes
Susan Maxine
28 Mary Beth Gowing
29 Rob Iske



March Anniversary

Craig and Angie Holmes

March Assistants

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee: Tammy Grebert and Jessie Bosley
Acolytes: Gavin Wittmer and Ali Hansen (5)
Lilly Wittmer (12)
Megan Bosley (19)
Maren Bosley (26)
Reader: Marcia Johnson (5)
Jessie Bosley (12)
undesigned (19)
undesigned (26)

Ushers and Greeters: undesigned

April Assistants

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Megan Bosley and Lilly Wittmer (2)
Ali Hansen and Maren Bosley (9)
Gavin Wittmer (16)
Lilly Wittmer (23)
Megan Bosley (30)

Ushers and Greeters: undesigned

What are you doing on Sunday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m.? Have I got an event for you! 4 Shenandoah Churches: St. John's Episcopal, 1st Congregational, 1st Presbyterian and Emmanuel Lutheran are sponsoring a "Crock Pot Soup Cook-off Fundraiser for Heifer International". The event will be held in the 1st Presbyterian Fellowship Hall – 200 W. Clarinda Ave, Shenandoah. Simply bring a crock-pot of soup/chili to be sampled (everyone gets a cup to sample as many as they want) and vote for your favorite soup by placing a donation in the container by the soup that you really, really like or ones you judge runner-ups (it's designated to a very worthwhile cause to eradicate poverty and hunger worldwide). A sign-up sheet is on the foyer table to indicate if you can bring a crock pot of soup to this event at **4:30 p.m.** to set up.. Lots of soups are needed so bring your personal best soup **OR** just come, enjoy all the soups and have a wonderful fellowship.

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) **OR** emmlutheran@yahoo.com to volunteer.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who attended the Sunday, February 5 2023 Annual Meeting. The meeting began at 11:21a.m. following an abbreviated Worship Service. The Agenda. Last Year's Minutes, Financial Reports, Audit Report and the 2023 Budget were all approved. New Council Members were nominated and voted for: Chuck Richardson and Russ Burroughs accepted to serve a 3-year term. Marilyn Holmes will be filling the 3rd seat. Discussion was held and approved on a Resolution to authorize a committee of members to engage in conversation with St. John's (Essex) and St. Paul's (Northboro) to consider a shared ministry agreement with the primary purpose of sharing Pastoral Service and expenses. St. John's is losing their Interim Pastor this summer. A Committee of volunteers was called for – 6 members have volunteered as of this printing. The Emmanuel revised Constitution 2nd vote was approved. Attendees were encouraged to read all the reports in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m. (If you didn't get a Booklet and would like one, contact the Emmanuel Church Office – 712-246-3287.

At the February 8, 2023 Council Meeting, Dan Hansen was elected Council President and Chuck Richardson was elected as Vice-President.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Tammy Grebert Jessica Bosley	Emmanuel Hrs. 9:00-12:00 noon Monday thru Thursday	Emmanuel # 1-712-246-3287 e-mail emmlutheran@ yahoo.com	1 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Emmanuel	2	3	4
5 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	6	7	8 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Emmanuel	9	10 5:00-7:00pm Fish Fry at Emmanuel	11
12 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship with Communion following 5:00-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for 4-H Club 5:00pm Crock Pot Soup Fundraiser (refer to article) Daylight Savings Time Begins <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	13 9:00am Quilting 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (NOTE Date Change)	14	15 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Emmanuel	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	20 6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting (if needed) 1st Day of Spring	21	22 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Emmanuel	23	24 5:00-7:00pm Fish Fry at Emmanuel	25
26 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	27 9:00am Quilting	28	29 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Emmanuel	30	31	March "Noisy Offering" Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief through LWR

ST. PAUL'S EVENTS and INFORMATION FOR MARCH – 2023

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

It is with sadness for our loss, and gratitude for the length of her life with us (109 years), that we share news about Mabel Baker. She passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 8, at the hospital with her family close by. She had a great impact on our lives and had a lot of years to make an impression. We will miss her. Although she hadn't been able to attend church with us for the past several months, her loyalty, support and presence continues to play a role in our family at St. Paul's.

MARCH

Thursday, March 2 – 12:00 noon Bible Study at the Church; Host – Deb Ratliff

Sunday, March 5 – 9:00am Worship – Sunday School follows

Sunday, March 12 – 9:00am Worship – WELCA meeting following the Worship Service **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Friday, March 17 – *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

Sunday, March 19 – 9:00am Worship – Sunday School follows

Monday, March 20 – **FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!**

Sunday, March 26 – 9:00am Worship – Tractor Blessing Sunday. Coffee: Mission Community Co-chrs. Dallas & Nancy.

HYMN SELECTIONS for each month will be made by the following parishioners: **March** – Faye Rolf

April – Penny Bredensteiner **May** – Nancy Middaugh **June** – Deb Ratliff **July** – Mary Beth Bredensteiner

MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE - Dallas Prather

The basement is ready to go! We would like to THANK Penny Bredensteiner for all the hard work she did cleaning the basement. Several parishioners also contributed to the task, but Penny was the driving force. Thank you all so very much.

BLESS THE TRACTOR SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, March 26. The service will be held outside, weather permitting. There will be coffee served following the Church Service in the basement of St. Paul's OR outside depending on the weather. The Mission Community Committee will be in charge of the coffee: Dallas Prather & Nancy Middaugh.

There are a few items still available from the "renovation" sale. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Middaugh or Penny Bredensteiner.

Again, we are taking bids on mowing St. Paul's Cemetery. If you are interested, you can e-mail Shane Bredensteiner @ fshbrd@gmail.com or text him at 660-744-4895. Bids will be accepted until March 15, 2023.

The Cemetery Board is still working on getting the 501C reinstated. Shane Bredensteiner is looking into having the bushes trimmed. He will contact Grounds Control who have done it the last few years.

We are looking into replacing several Veteran's markers in the cemetery. It was decided to purchase the bronze markers rather than the plastic markers. We are getting prices from a local VFW and will make a final decision at that point.

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

MARCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nancy Middaugh (4)

Patty Bredensteiner (11)

Penny Bredensteiner (18)

Sharon Gilbert (25)

MARCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Deb Ratliff (5)

Tim Bredensteiner (12)

Shane Bredensteiner (19)

Keely Bredensteiner (26)

MARCH READER'S SCHEDULE

Nancy Middaugh (5)

Nancy Middaugh (12)

Patti Rolf (19)

Mary Beth Bredensteiner (26)

If you have anything you would like in the NEWSLETTER, please contact Mary 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. The Church Council is requesting if you have changed your e-mail address, please send it to Penny Bredensteiner at borerinn@iamotelephone.com or Nancy Middaugh at sm25midd@gmail.com. These e-mails will be used to communicate with Church Members and to send the NEWSLETTER out.

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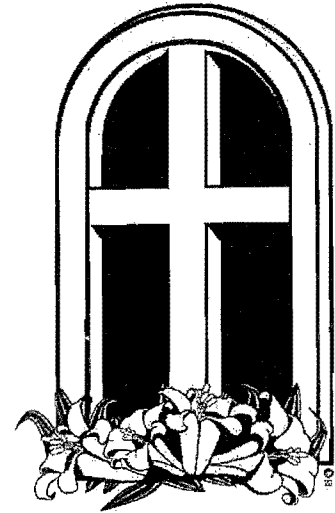
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The Emmanuel Worship and Music Committee and the Altar Guild Committee are asking for your assistance in decorating the Emmanuel Sanctuary with Easter Lilies to celebrate the risen Lord.

The Committee will purchase and deliver the lilies to the church so they will be in place for the Easter Sunrise Service.

Each Easter we have such a beautiful display honoring our Lord.



The cost for each lily is **\$15.00** Please fill out the form below and return the form and your money to the Church **OR** Marilyn Holmes by **Sunday, April 2, 2023** Please make your check to: **Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**

There will be a collection basket on the entrance table **OR** you can mail it to Marilyn Holmes, 204 Southview Blvd., Shenandoah, Iowa 51601 **OR** call Marilyn at 246-2981 to reserve your Easter Lily.

Thank You for helping decorate the Church for Easter.

(Return the form below with your money by Sunday, April 2, 2023)

Purchased by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please fill out the following additional information if you are donating a lily
IN MEMORY of someone (s) and/or IN HONOR of someone (s).



In Memory of _____

In Honor of: _____

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