

# *Emmanuel and St. Paul's* *April 2023 NEWSLETTER*

**This changes everything, let your faith be in this, what God has done for you!**

Hebrews 2:14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Don't we fear so much more than dying? Because of our fear of scarcity, and harming tenuous relationships, we and the truth of God's healing love suffer. I know myself that I have been hesitant to expand the conversation with loved ones to be encompassed by God's all sufficient love and grace for us all. The necessary events preceding Easter's revelation of new and eternal life were God's suffering and death to break the power of the devil and the fear of death, to enslave us. By faith we cloth ourselves in this radiant truth of **all** the One True God, creator of heaven and earth, has done for us in the person of the Son. For us, our salvation and freedom, the second person of the Trinity humbled Himself and was born in human flesh.

<sup>16</sup> We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Our faith and trust in God is strengthened when tested, so God allows us to be tested that we may acknowledge and rely on God's gifts and presence in and for our lives. It is not unlike becoming dangerously thirsty while crossing a desert. The canteen we carry is filled with holy water (that is water that has been blessed by a pastor or priest) and we superstitiously feel we don't dare drink it to save our life. How difficult do we make it for ourselves to embrace and be empowered by the holiness of the redemption from sin Jesus has won for us?

By faith in God's goodness and mercy, grace for us, we are made holy – sanctified. We truly are strangers living in a strange land who one day will be reunited with our King and loved ones in God's glorious heaven. In the meantime you wouldn't be wrong to quip, "that and \$5.50 will buy you a coffee at Scooters." Holiness is not currency, it provides the sustenance of peace and hopefulness God alone can give.

When is the right time and place to talk about, celebrate the forgiveness of our sins, the healing and sustain power of personally knowing God's love and grace for you? Or, how and when is it real and redeeming for you? Because we don't talk about it doesn't mean we don't believe, yet because we believe we are blessed to have people and places where we can talk about and be nurtured in the powerful truth of God's love and real salvation.

It is not my challenge, rather God's gift to us that we should and are blessed to deepen our faith through Bible study, conversation, and worship. As we live beyond Easter morning, in the radiant light of the Cross and empty tomb, Jesus is with and among us through the Word, Holy Spirit, and in Christian community we are blessed sustain and be nurtured in.

As encouragement, with faith in His work in us, Jesus told us how to be in the world: <sup>Matthew 5:13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

*Pastor Ruff*

## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Marilyn Holmes, Dave Wiebold, Jessica Bosley, Karen Erickson, Dan Hansen, Joel Bashaw, Barbara Hoover, Secretary Linda Wolfe, Pastor Kurt Hoover and newly elected Council Members Russ Burroughs and Chuck Richardson.

**Absent:** Susan Maxine. **Call to Order:** Council President Marilyn Holmes. **Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Hoover.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Reviewed, moved, seconded; Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Wolfe organized the Financial Report. Financial Report reviewed. Suggestion: that the Budget amount vs the monthly offering as Linda Wolfe does in the bulletin be also placed on the monthly Financial Report. Moved to continue constructing the report in this format with the offering amount included and for Linda to continue filling out the checks and keeping track of the finances until a new Treasurer is found, seconded; Council approval. **Pastor's and Mutual Ministry Reports:** **1)** It was noted that Emmanuel, St. Paul's and St. John's (Essex) have passed the resolution and the 3 churches committees will soon meet. **2)** Chuck Maxine, Carla Morrow, Marlene Bashaw, Chuck Richardson, Marilyn Holmes and Dan Hansen have volunteered to be on Emmanuel's Steering Committee; a few more members are needed to fully represent the congregation. **3)** Jessica Bosley will manage the electronic sign remotely from her home and will change items as needed for seasonal information and upcoming events. **STANDING COMMITTEES: Worship and Music – 1)** Due to an error on their part, Concordia is no longer sending our colored bulletins. Other companies are being looked into. **2)** Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services are being finalized. **Christian Education – 1)** 2 children are meeting each Sunday for Sunday School. **2)** VBS meetings will begin meeting soon. **Church Property/Parsonage Property – 1)** Mark Johnson has volunteered to be the head of the Property Committee. **2)** The new Parsonage dishwasher circuit board was installed but was found to be defective. A new circuit board is being investigated. **3)** Chuck Richardson and Steve Richardson will install a bike rake at the front entrance. **4)** Bids will be collected for the 7 year old Copy Machine that is beginning to develop problems. **5)** Chuck Richardson will rent a scissor lift to replace the sockets/bulbs in the beam over the Pulpit and Lectern. **Finance and Stewardship, Membership Committee, LYO/Youth Committee –** Did not meet; no reports. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES: Altar Guild:** February (Barb Hoover and Carla Morrow), March (Tammy Grebert and Jessica Bosley). **Cookbook, Funeral, Hospitality, Wedding:** Did not meet; no reports. **Memorial:** \$250.00 into the Sally Bateman Memorial Fund. **WELCA:** Karen Erickson will host the Wednesday @ 2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting on February 15 at Church. **OLD BUSINESS: 1)** \$100.00 was sent to the Community Food Pantry for the January "Noisy Offering". By Council consensus, it was decided to put the "Noisy Offering" collection at the front of the church the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday where donations can be dropped in at the beginning of the service then it will remain for the month in the foyer. **2)** Emmanuel will take part in the Heifer International Project "Soup Cookoff" at the Presbyterian Church. **3)** AED Children's pads were installed. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** The offering plates will once again passed among the congregation. **2)** The waving at the beginning of the Service will be dropped in favor of handshakes at each person's discretion. **3)** "Noisy Offerings" March (Earthquake Relief through Lutheran World Relief.) April – (May Mentoring). **4)** Elections: Council President – Dan Hansen; VP – Chuck Richardson. **5)** Treasurer's Duties: President/VP will review and sign all checks. Council Minutes will be taken to Bank Iowa stating that President/VP will be on the Signature Cards giving them the authority to sign the checks for the 4 Bank Accounts. **Adjournment and Closing:** Moved, seconded; Council approval to adjourn. Pastor Kurt led the Council in *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Secretary

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

The March 15 @ 2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting was held at Church hosted by Nanci Roberts with the assistance of Mary Alice Johnson. Yummy cake, chocolates, nuts and drinks were served. The Bible Study on Judas Iscariot was an outstanding and thoughtful study with in-depth discussions. The April Study will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at Church with Susan Maxine as host where the final lesson of the present Bible Study (*The Twelve Disciples*) will be led by Pastor Kurt. It will be on Luke 18:18-30 *Three Others; Faithful to the End* – James the younger, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Thaddaeus. There is not much written about these three but they are included in the scenes that involve all the disciples and are on "the list". The lesson will give us a look at "the rest". Begin humming the Gilligan's Island theme!

After this lesson, a new Bible Study will be decided upon (Ladies, suggestions will be discussed on what to begin studying next). The May 17 Bible Study host will be signed up at the April Bible Study.

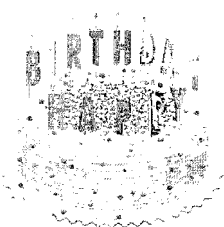
The quilters been busy and what beautiful and can I say "brightly colored" quilts are being made. Some are "crazy quilts" and some are some subdued and regal colored quilts. Our ladies do wonders with fabric. **NOTE:** Garage Sales are here and if you find any good, used sheets with no holes, rips or tears, pick them up for the quilters. Any size (twin on up), any color, plain or pattern can be used. See you at the Bible Study with your "next study" ideas.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, WELCA Treasurer and Contact Person

## EMMANUEL INFORMATION and EVENTS

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Isaac Barton  
6 Linda Monroe  
7 Jeremy Barton  
8 Trey Houchin  
9 Pat Elliott  
13 Jim Wolfe  
19 Cindy Sturm  
28 David Ray  
30 Linda Erickson  
Steve Jensen



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

21 Jacob and Amber Vrbsky Hamilton



**HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!** The last day to order your Easter Lily is Sunday, April 2-the forms are on the Foyer Table **OR** contact the office [emmlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com) OR 246-3287 to purchase one. The congregational Easter Lilies make such a beautiful display at the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service after which you can take your lily home with you to enjoy the pure white flowers and the fragrance.

### APRIL ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes  
Altar Committee: Karen Erickson and Lisa Holmes  
Acolytes: Megan Bosley and Lilly Wittmer (2)  
Ali Hansen and Maren Bosley (9)  
Gavin Wittmer (16)  
Lilly Wittmer (23)  
Megan Bosley (30)  
Reader: **undesignated (2) – Palm Sunday**  
Carla Morrow (6) Maundy Thursday  
**undesignated (7) Good Friday**  
Jessie Bosley (9) Easter Sunday  
Marcia Johnson (16)  
Lisa Holmes (23)  
**undesignated (30)**

**Ushers and Greeters: undesignated (2,9,16,23,30)**

### MAY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes  
Altar Committee: Marlene Bashaw and Kathy Wiebold  
Acolytes: Maren Bosley and Lilly Wittmer (7)  
Megan Bosley (14)  
Gavin Wittmer (21)  
Ali Hansen (28)  
Reader: Marcia Johnson (7)  
Jessie Bosley (14)  
**undesignated (21)**  
**undesignated (28)**

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

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](mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

**IF YOU DIDN'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE MARCH 10 OR MARCH 24 FISH FRYs...YOU MISSED SOME REALLY GREAT FOOD!** Special THANKS to all who helped out... from the organizational skills of Theresa Swank (assisted by husband Kim) ...to Fish Fryers Russ Burroughs, Dave Wiebold and Mark Johnson... to the servers, Chuck Richardson, Chas Richardson, Nanci Roberts, Pastor Kurt, Nick Bosley, Chuck Maxine and others who stepped in and heaped on the "perfectly fried" fish, the creamy mac and cheese, the baked beans, the corn bread and corn muffins and the scrumptious potato salad for everyone to enjoy. Susan Maxine and Jessica Bosley made sure each person had drinks and helped people carry their food, etc. to their table. And to everyone who provided the desserts: chocolate brownies, peanut butter brownies, Rice Krispie bars and cookies; a wonderful way to end the meal. We can't forget all the wonderful members who cleaned up after the supper was finished. When the money is tallied, the proceeds are to be designated to the Robert Holmes Cancer Center. **THANK YOU ALL** for making these two suppers a success. So many good comments were made by the attendees.

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church – April 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Committee</b> <b>Karen Erickson</b> <b>Lisa Holmes</b>	<b>Emmanuel Hrs.</b> <b>9:00-12:00 noon</b> <b>Monday thru</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>Emmanuel #</b> <b>1-712-246-3287</b>	<b>Emm. e-mail</b> <b><a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">emmlutheran@</a></b> <b><a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">yahoo.com</a></b>	<b>April</b> <b>“Noisy Offering”</b> <b>May Mentoring</b>		<b>1</b> <b>12:00-3:00pm Fellowship</b> <b>Hall reserved for Meeting</b>
<b>2 9:15am</b> Sunday School <b>10:00am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Worship with Holy Communion  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>3 1:30 -3:00pm</b> Fellowship <b>Hall reserved for Meeting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 8:00pm</b> Maundy Thursday <b>Service with Communion</b>  <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>7 7:00pm</b> Good Friday <b>Service</b>  <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>10:00am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Worship with Holy Communion  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>10 9:00am</b> Quilting	<b>11</b>	<b>12 6:30pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 9:15am</b> Sunday School <b>10:00am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Worship  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>17 6:30pm</b> Worship and <b>Music Committee Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Membership Comm. <b>Meeting (if needed)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 2:00pm</b> WELCA Bible <b>Study/Business Meeting</b> <b>Susan Maxine – Host @</b> <b>Church</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <i>Earth Day</i>
<b>23 9:15am</b> Sunday School <b>10:00am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Worship  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</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 <b>10:00am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Worship  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>						

## ST. PAULS EVENTS and INFORMATION FOR APRIL – 2023

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

**IT WAS COLD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26** so the "Blessing of Seeds, Tractors and Farmers" was held inside where it was warm with a coffee following.

### APRIL

**Sunday, April 2 – 9:00am** Palm Sunday Service. The children will place palms on the Altar in honor of this day. Sunday School follows.

**Thursday, April 6 – 12:30 pm** Bible Study; Host - Faye Rolf @ church.  
**6:30 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Communion Service

**Sunday, April 9 – 9:00am** Easter Sunday Service; Easter Egg Hunt follows (Each family is asked to bring 1 dozen eggs for the Egg Hunt)

**Sunday, April 16 – 9:00am** Worship; WELCA Meeting after the Church Service.  
Sunday School follows the Worship Service.

**Sunday, April 23 - 9:00am** Worship

**Sunday, April 30 – 9:00am** Worship; Coffee after the Church Service. Mission Action Committee; Kymm and Blu Co-chairs.

*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.*

*We would like to express our thankfulness for Patty Bredensteiner's recovery after a serious medical threat. Prayers go out to Patty and her family.*

*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.*

**APRIL ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Patti Rolf

**HYMN SELECTIONS** for each month will be made by the following parishioners:

**APRIL** – Penny Bredensteiner

**JUNE** – Deb Ratliff

**MAY** – Nancy Middaugh

**JULY** – Mary Beth Bredensteiner

### APRIL CLEANING SCHEDULE

Kymm Bredensteiner (1)

Kerra Ratliff (8)

Toni Comstock (15)

Carole Hamilton (22)

Jill Gilbert (29)

### APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Deb Ratliff (2)

Ty Ratliff (9)

Ty Ratliff (16)

Shaye Snyder (23)

Keely Bredensteiner (30)

### APRIL READERS' SCHEDULE

Ida Van Scyoc (2)

Penny Bredensteiner (9)

Ida Van Scyoc (16)

Alise Snyder (23)

Toni Comstock (30)

If you have anything you would like in the NEWSLETTER, please contact Mary Beth at [marybeth@tarkio.k12.mo.us](mailto: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 [borrerinn@iamotelephone.com](mailto:borrerinn@iamotelephone.com). these e-mails will be used to communicate with Church Members and to send the NEWSLETTER out.

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church – April 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Committee: Patti Rolf</b>						<b>1 CHURCH CLEANER</b> Kymm Bredensteiner
<b>2 9:00am</b> Worship R: Ida Van Scyoc A: Deb Ratliff Sunday School follows  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 BIRTHDAY</b> Dallas Prather	<b>6 12:30 pm</b> Bible Study Host: Faye Rolf  <b>6:30pm</b> Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	<b>7 BIRTHDAY</b> Ida Van Scyoc  <b>7:00pm</b> Good Friday Service at Emmanuel	<b>8 CHURCH CLEANER</b> Kerra Ratliff
<b>9 9:00am</b> Worship R: Penny Bredensteiner A: Ty Ratliff <b>***Easter Egg Hunt following the Worship Service</b>  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 CHURCH CLEANER</b> Toni Comstock
<b>16 9:00am</b> Worship R: Ida Van Scyoc A: Ty Ratliff Sunday School after Worship WELCA Meeting after Worship  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 BIRTHDAY</b> Nancy Middaugh	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 CHURCH CLEANER</b> Carole Hamilton
<b>23 9:00am</b> Worship R: Alise Snyder A: Shaye Snyder  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 CHURCH CLEANER</b> Jill Gilbert
<b>30 9:00am</b> Worship R: Toni Comstock A: Keely Bredensteiner Coffee after Church; Mission Action Comm. Kymm and Blu Co-chrs. <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>Emmanuel #: 1-712-246-3287</b> <b>Emmanuel e-mail: <a href="mailto:emmlutheran@yahoo.com">emmlutheran@yahoo.com</a></b> <b>Emmanuel Hrs: 9-12:00 noon; Monday-Thursday</b>					

**\*\*\* REMINDER: Each Family is asked to bring 1 dozen eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt**

## April 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

At LSI, we work tirelessly to provide crisis childcare, in-home visits and parenting classes to families across Iowa through our Early Childhood Services. In these services, we provide Iowa parents the support they need to provide a healthy, stable home for their children.

Through our Family Centered Services, we help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable. We also provide therapy services to adults, children and families to help build healthier, more secure homes.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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### **Thanks to the support from faith-based organizations across Iowa...**

...a young mom now has the education and resources she needs to create a better life for her and her family,

...a person with a disability learned to be a little more independent,

...a former refugee found a new home in Iowa and has found new ways to successfully support their family.

All of these successes are possible with the support we receive from congregations and people like **you**! LSI is proud to provide these essential services to people all across Iowa.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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