

Emmanuel and St. Paul's

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Embracing Renewal

Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, who gives showers of rain to you, the vegetation in the field to everyone.
Zechariah 10:1

As we step into the vibrant embrace of April, we are reminded of the beauty of renewal and the promise of new beginnings. Just as nature puts down its wintry cloak to welcome the blossoms of spring, so too are we called to shed our old selves and embrace the possibility of transformation in our spiritual journey.

In this season of growth and rejuvenation, we are given the opportunity to pause to reflect on the significance of renewal in our lives. We can seek out the areas where we are able to prune away the unnecessary and nurture the seeds of hope and faith planted within us. May we open our hearts to the gentle whispers of the Divine, guiding us toward a deeper connection with God and one another.

As we navigate the joys and challenges of this season, let us draw strength from the assurance that God is continually at work within us, shaping us into vessels of love, grace, and compassion. We come together to embrace the opportunities for growth and change, knowing that with each step forward, we are drawing closer to the abundant life God desires for us.

In the spirit of renewal, we can see ourselves together in this journey of faith, walking hand in hand as a community of believers. Together, as we see in each other each and every day let us continue to sow seeds of kindness, cultivate fields of peace, and bloom with the joy of knowing that we are beloved children of God.

This April is a time of profound spiritual renewal for each of us, and the light of God's love shines brightly in our hearts and lives.

Joyfully,

Pastor Lisa

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
(This meeting was held before the Emmanuel Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Service)

Present: Dave Monahan, Karen Erickson, Dan Hansen, Kim Swank, Susan Maxine, Russ Burroughs, Marilyn Holmes, Council Secretary Linda Wolfe. **Absent:** Joel Bashaw, Chuck Richardson, Pastor Lisa Johnson. **Call to Order:** Council President Dan Hansen. **Devotion/Prayer:** Pastor Lisa Johnson was at the St. Paul's Ash Wednesday Service. **Secretary's Minutes:** Moved, seconded: Council approval to accept the January Minutes. **Treasurer's Report:** Interim Treasurer reviewed the January Finances. Moved, seconded; Council approval to accept the report as printed. **Pastor's Report:** No report. **Council President's Report:** 1) The 3-Church Meeting will be having a meeting in February or March. 2) The Southwest Iowa Abundant Fields Conference will meet on February 18 in Essex. This is open to any member – contact Dan Hansen. 3) Discussion on if we will be do one/two Fish Fries this year. Availability of getting fish and organizing 2 suppers will be checked into but at this late date and early Easter, it might not be possible. **STANDING COMMITTEES:** **Worship and Music:** 1) Pr. Jeff Schirle will do the service at St. Paul's and Emmanuel on February 25. 2) Ali Hansen and Lilly Wittmer will be confirmed on March 31 during the 10:30 a.m. Service. **Christian Education:** No report. **Church Property/Parsonage Property:** 1) A new bike rack will be installed closer to the Church building out of the way of the snow plow. 2) The HP Computers are on sale and Dan Hansen will check the prices for the Church and Pastor's Offices. **Finance and Stewardship:** No report. **Membership Committee:** No report. **LYO/Youth:** No report. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES:** **Altar Guild:** 1) February Altar Committee: Marcia Johnson and Barb Peterson. 2) Easter Lilies are ordered and Palms fronds have been ordered. **Cookbook, Hospitality, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **Funeral:** 42 people were served at the Ron Orme Funeral on February 1, 2024. **WELCA:** The February 21 @ 2:00 p.m. Bible Study/Business Meeting will be held at Church with Karen Erickson hosting. **OLD BUSINESS:** 1) Workman's Comp: The Audit of employees has been completed and sent to the Company. 2) Custodian Karen Whitslar has knee problems and might be having surgery. Until she is able to return, the congregation will step in to vacuum, etc. Linda Wolfe will continue to pick up the trash and place in the garbage container and keep the bathrooms stocked and clean. **NEW BUSINESS:** 1) Annual Meeting: Dan Hansen and Dave Monahan (outgoing Council Members) volunteered to remain on the Council for another 3-year term at the Annual Meeting. Council Officers Election: Dan Hansen was nominated to continue as Council President for 2024, seconded and Council approval. Chuck Richardson will be asked to remain as Vice-President for 2024 at the March Council Meeting. The Council will be installed at the February 18 Worship Service. 2) Call Committee: The "Site Profile" is being worked on and when finished, the committee will see that the Council gets the profile that will be sent to the Synod. 3) Karen Erickson was Thanked for her work on the Council as her term is up. Adjournment and Closing: Moved, seconded; Council approval. Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

The March 20 @ 2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting was held at Church with Nanci Roberts hosting. The Business Meeting/WELCA Finances report was given before the Bible Study by Treasurer Linda Wolfe. The Chapter 6 Lesson was led by Nanci Roberts on Mark 9:14-19. It was a very thought provoking lesson. We Thank Nanci for leading the lesson and Pastor Lisa for her interpretative skills on the questions; it gave us the opportunity to immerse ourselves in a "how would you feel" situation.

The April 17 Bible Study/Business Meeting will be @ 2:00 p.m. with Mary Schumacher hosting. The Chapter 7 Lesson, "Facing an Impossible Situation" – John 6:1-15 (hint: 5,000 guests for dinner).

The quilters remain very busy at Church on the 2nd and 4th Mondays as they construct and tie the quilt tops that the ladies sew together. It is FASINATING to watch them quilt. This is a wonderful program and a great Fellowship for the ladies. Want to see them at work? Come around 10:00am for watching AND a cup of coffee. Who knows, you might be so enthralled that you become a Quilter.

The April, May and June *Word in Season* Daily Devotionals have arrived. If you reserved a copy, they have been placed in your Narthex Mail Boxes. If you didn't reserve one, don't worry, there are plenty on the console by the Church Office; the ones with the pretty pink-flowered covers. They are furnished by the Church and free to be taken by anyone (regular and large print). The 5 minute devotion and short story is a great way to begin your day, or end it. Be sure to pick up a copy. Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer

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



APRIL ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee: Carla Morrow and Kris Sherman
Acolytes: Andy Hansen (7)
Lilly Wittmer (14)
Ali Hansen (21)
Gavin Wittmer (28)
Readers: Carla Morrow (70)
Marcia Johnson (14)
undesigned (21)
undesigned (28)
Ushers and Greeters: **undesigned**

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

21 Jacob and Amber Hamilton



Confirmed on March 31, 2024 at the 10:30
Easter Sunday Worship Service were:

Alisyn Hansen,
daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Hansen.

Lillian Wittmer,
daughter Nathan and Crystal Wittmer.

MAY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Lilly Wittmer (5)
Ali Hansen (12)
Gavin Wittmer (19)
Andy Hansen (26)
Readers: **undesigned (5)**
Marcia Johnson (12)
undesigned (19)
undesigned (26)
Ushers and Greeters: **undesigned**
The **BOLD TYPE** are the dates when Readers
are needed. If you can help, please sign up.

Our sympathies to Marlene Bashaw, children Elizabeth Bashaw, Heidi Eide, and Todd Bashaw and families on the February 24, 2024 passing of husband, father and grandfather, Joel Bashaw. His "Service of Remembrance" was held on Thursday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m. with Words of Comfort by Pastor Lisa Johnson. Following the service, a meal was held in the Fellowship Hall. His family designated Memorials to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Organ Fund) OR the Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center. Joel was a 4th generation farmer and served on many Community Boards and Emmanuel was blessed having him on the Emmanuel Church Council. Joel will be missed by his Emmanuel Family and a great many friends in Shenandoah and the surrounding area.

Our sympathies to Russ and Deb Burroughs and Cara and Zach Wiig, Ellis and Hazel on the March 17, 2024 passing of Russ's father, Ben Burroughs at age 89. His "Celebration of Life Memorial Service" was held on Thursday, March 28, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nishna Valley Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to the Burroughs family for the purchase of a Memorial Bench to be placed at Rapp Park. Farmer, painter, wall paperer and doing construction work all fell into his expertise. Fishing, watching the Nebraska Cornhuskers, cars, guns, Air Jordans and marbles were areas and pastimes that he enjoyed. A great guy who many of us knew him of simply "Benny" when we greeted him out and about. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – April 2024

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Pastor Lisa Johnson 1-712-242-6713

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Carla Morrow Kris Sherman	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion The "Noisy Offering" will be collected.	8 9:00am Quilting	9	10 6:30 pm Council Meeting	11	12	13
2nd Sunday of Easter 14 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship, Comm. follows the service 5:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall reserved for 4-H Club	15 6:30pm Worship and Music Meeting (if needed) 6:30 pm Membership Comm. Meeting (if needed)	16	17 2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study and Business Meeting Mary Schumacher hosting	18	19	20
3rd Sunday of Easter 21 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	22 9:00 am Quilting	23	24 5:30-7:00pm *Room at the Table* Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church- Everyone WELCOME to join with the Community and enjoy supper, speaker and door prizes!	25	26	27
4th Sunday of Easter 28 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	29	30	Emmanuel Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00-12:00 noon Emmanuel Telephone: 1-712-246-3287 Emmanuel Email: emmlutheran@yahoo.com			
5th Sunday of Easter						

NOTE: The April "Noisy Offering" is designated to the Shenandoah Parks and Recreation Programs" The "Noisy Offering" will be taken up on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at the beginning of the Worship Service.

ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2024
Services begin at 9:00 am at St Paul's each Sunday.

THE BASEMENT WALLS ARE FINISHED AND THE BASEMENT LOOKS VERY NICE. WE STILL NEED A RAILING INSTALLED COMING DOWN THE RAMP ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH.

A bid for mowing the church and cemetery grounds was accepted from Go Green Lawn Care and Cleanup.

APRIL 4 - BIBLE STUDY at the church at 12:00 pm. Faye Rolf will host..

APRIL 7 - BLESS THE TRACTOR SERVICE AT 9:00 AM. The service will be held outside, weather permitting. Be sure and bring lawn chairs or blankets. Donuts, coffee and juice will be served.

APRIL 14 - WELCA meeting immediately following church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

APRIL 28 - THERE WILL BE COFFEE FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE. The MISSION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE will be in charge. Co-chairs: Nancy and Dallas

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

APRIL - PENNY BREDENSTEINER

MAY - NANCY MIDDAUGH

JUNE - FAYE ROLF

JULY - CAROLE HAMILTON

APRIL ALTAR COMMITTEE: PATTI ROLF - Responsibilities: Communion clean-up, Trim Candles, Provide Altar Flowers, Change Paraments.

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

APRIL CLEANING SCHEDULE

4/06/24 MARY BETH BREDENSTEINER
4/13/24 KATHY ATHEN
4/20/24 BLU DOW
4/27/24 NANCY MIDDAUGH

APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

4/07/24 TREY RATLIFF
4/14/24 RIVER DOW
4/21/24 TY RATLIFF
4/28/24 SHAYE SNYDER

APRIL READERS' SCHEDULE

4/07/24 PENNY BREDENSTEINER
4/14/24 PENNY BREDENSTEINER
4/21/24 MARY BETH BREDENSTEINER
4/28/24 ALISE SNYDER

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 email address, please send it to Penny Bredensteiner at borerinn@iamotelephone.com or Nancy Middaugh at sn25midd@gmail.com . These emails will be used to communicate with church members and to possibly send the newsletter out.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – April 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Patti Rolf				4 12:00 pm Bible Study Host: Faye Rolf	BIRTHDAY Dallas Prather	Church Cleaner Mary Beth Breidensteiner
7 9:00am Worship "Bless the Tractor Service" Outside – weather permitting R: Penny Breidensteiner A: Trey Ratliff Sunday School follows BIRTHDAY : Ida Van Soyoc						13 Church Cleaner Kathy Athen
2nd Sunday of Easter 14 9:00am Worship R: Penny Breidensteiner A: River Dow WELCA Meeting follows						20 Church Cleaner Blu Dow
3rd Sunday of Easter 21 9:00am Worship R: Mary Beth Breidensteiner A: Ty Ratliff Sunday School follows						27 Church Cleaner Nancy Middaugh
4th Sunday of Easter 28 9:00am Worship R: Alise Synder A: Shaye Snyder Coffee follows: Mission Community Committee Nancy and Dallas, Co-chairs						
5th Sunday of Easter						

Emmanuel Hrs: Monday-Thursday; 9:00-12:00 noon
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April 2024 – From Sheep to Shepherd: An LSI Early Childhood Services Story

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a mother, recently released from treatment, found herself in her new empty apartment with her son. She felt lost and needed a shepherd to guide her. So, Hali contacted LSI's Early Childhood Services, and Gretchen O'Brien, a Family Support Worker, answered the call. Gretchen began virtual home visits using the Healthy Family America home-visiting model.

For the next three years, Gretchen connected Hali and her son to community resources, served as a support system and a shoulder to cry on, and celebrated Hali's sobriety milestones with her. Even when Hali doubted herself, Gretchen guided and believed in her.

"I just remember sitting in that empty apartment crying, but I had Gretchen on the phone. You guys believed in me when nobody else did," shared Hali.

Today, Hali serves on the Healthy Family America (HFA) National Parent Advisory Committee, the first of its kind. The group is composed of 10-12 parents from around the country who have graduated from their local HFA program, each participant with their own story to share.

Hali needed a shepherd in her time of trouble and self-doubt, and Gretchen answered that call. Now, Hali serves as a shepherd to thousands of parents through the National Parent Advisory Committee. The LSI Early Childhood team couldn't be more proud of Hali and Gretchen.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN SPRING CLEANING IS
FIRST AND FOREMOST ON EVERYONE'S MIND...**

When you open your linen closet, we want you to think of the Quilters. In order to do the wonderful work they do when they gather to quilt for distribution to programs, **SHEETS ARE NEEDED!** If you find some good clean sheets that you no longer need or that no longer go with your color scheme, the Emmanuel Quilters can use them as middles to their quilts and if they are in great shape, could possibly used as backs. Any size, any color, any pattern ...somehow they can be used. If you find yourself at a white sale, think about purchasing a couple of new sheets to be used as backs to coordinate with their quilt tops. Thank You for helping them continue this project where it is needed!