

# Emmanuel News

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Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship—10:00 AM

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the hardest things for a pastor is when he receives a call to a different church and has to determine if it's time to move on. In November I unexpectedly received a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Van Meter, IA and found myself having to make that decision. After a couple of weeks praying, meditating and talking to my family, I decided that God's not done with me here at Emmanuel. I am richly blessed to be here, not just because of your support and kindness, but because I think, by God grace and with His help and guidance, Emmanuel will do great things for His Kingdom.

In November I went to the Rural and Small-Town Ministry Conference in Kansas City and I came back energized about the future of Emmanuel and in the coming months I will share some of the things I learned. The first thing I want to do is to shift our thinking. What I mean by this is that too often we look around us and focus on the negatives: our congregation is getting older, our town isn't growing, the youth are moving away, it's not like it used to be, et cetera.

However, let's look at what we do have: a friendly congregation, the blessings of new members, baptisms, healthy finances, fantastic leadership, faithful volunteers, great facilities, we're part of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (one of the most faithful denominations in the United States), God's favor, and most importantly, we have the Word of God which forgives sins, comforts the grieving, gives hope to the hopeless and joy for the future. When you look at it this way, doesn't that give you a different perspective? I know it did for me and I can't wait to walk into the future with you!

Now, this doesn't mean everything will always go smoothly. We still have to contend with Satan, the sins of others, a hostile culture, mistakes, and our own selfish sins. None of these are new though, the Church has dealt with them since Christ ascended into Heaven, and yet, God's Church has always (and will always) persevere. The slogan of the Reformation says it perfectly, *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*, and it will because it's God's Word and it's His Church.

Thank you for all your support and if you ever want to talk about Emmanuel, her future, or you want to share your own ideas, please do! In the meantime, pray for our congregation, give thanks to God for His blessings, and let us walk with Him into the future

In Christ,

Pastor



**Ladies Aid:** The Ladies Aid met Nov. 9. Bible study was about Being Thankful, led by Judy Kramer. Roll call was answered by 14 members, with Ancestor's Country. Quilting was discussed as well as "Advent By Candlelight, and volunteers are needed to make desserts for this.

Also volunteer sheet was passed around to make 2 dozen cookies each for the Dec. 9. Christmas celebration at the Legion Hall.

Ladies is in charge of the Chicken soup to be served at the supper following the Sunday School Christmas program.

Joining with Dorcas society was discussed. It was agreed to wait until summer to join together and choose new officers

**Dorcas:** Christmas Party December 14th at 7:00.

**Daughters of Emmanuel:** Meeting was hosted by Donita. President Jennifer Peterson called the meeting to order in the fellowship hall with 12 members in attendance.

**Secretary report:** Roll call with dream vacation; last meeting's minutes were read and approved

**Treasurer report:** Balance of \$1,012.40

Deposits: \$73.19 mites, \$45 offering

#### Committee Reports

Mission Servant – Londa is working on baby layettes/burial gowns for infant loss, can be any muted color/fabric, Joyce Bettin has a group to knit hats to go with outfits; DOEs' knitted hats for IO-WAY are coming in, we can send the donation any time

Decorating – church decorating is November 26  
Kitchen – need to replenish cocoa and apple cider drink mixes

#### Old Business

Missions

Pill Bottles – drop off in box in downstairs kitchen  
Knitting hats – Jackie put buttons in the kitchen cupboard; Jackie was given \$250 from Thrivent for group's knitting needs

Elections

Julie will continue as treasurer

Need someone for vice president

Cookie Walk – December 3

Bring 2-pack containers if haven't already

Signed up cookies

Proceeds will go to two local families

#### New Business

Poinsettias – order 16 Jen will contact Mollie  
Helga and Londa will serve as point people for orders/collecting money

Christmas Party – December 3 at 4:30 at Angelina's house  
Bring munchies to share

Optional gift exchange - \$20 max

SS kids' books – Londa will look and we'll vote on December 3; give out at Christmas program

SS mailboxes – monthly host on second Sunday; Angelina December

Mites calendar will be in mailboxes later this month

Collected mites and offerings

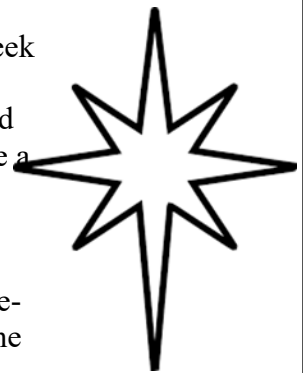
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

**Next meeting:** December 3 Christmas party

Rachel Hemer, secretary

## Behold the Light!

The theme for this year's Midweek Advent services is Light. We'll hear about the Light of the World and how He transforms us. Take a break from the busyness of the season and come to Wednesday services at 7:00. You'll be refreshed by God's Word and be reminded of the true purpose for the season.



## Sunday School Christmas Program & Soup Supper

Join us Sunday December 17th at 5:30 PM for the Annual Sunday School Christmas Program.

Then plan on staying for the soup supper sponsored by the Board of Christian Ed.

Remember to have your children to practice December 9th and 11th from 9-11 AM.



## Emmanuel Council Meeting - November 8, 2017 Minutes

Those Present: Pastor Peterson, Ross Moeller, Craig Wallace, Jackie Wallace, Pat Smith and Deb Stehr

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved after an addition was made. There was no cost for students to attend the Youth Gathering. The cost was split between Thrivent Dollars and Youth Activities Scholarships. The financial report for October was given. Ross Moeller made a motion, seconded by Craig Wallace to approve the October financial report. The motion passed.

ELDERS REPORT: there was nothing to report at this time.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Craig fixed the bathroom fan in the parsonage.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor made 3 hospital/sick visits and 7 shut-in visits. JIF and LYF are going very well and both of their last meetings were well attended. The LYF discussed the show 13 Reasons and the suicide theme. A new Bible Study will be starting November 26<sup>th</sup> on the book of Hebrews. There is a new edition of Luther's Small Catechism and Explanation which costs \$14.50. Pastor will order 20 of them and the church will pay for them. Paula Addison will be brought into Emmanuel on November 12<sup>th</sup> through adult confirmation. Three of the four candidates nominated for Circuit Visitor each received 4 votes, so there will be another election at the District Convention in June. Reformation Sunday went well, and attendance was fantastic. Trunk or Treat was poorly attended due to cold weather and other activities going on in the community. The JIF Youth Gathering to Des Moines went well. Chase, Gunner, Ethan and Reed attended.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The open enrollment for Health Insurance is now. It will be going up about \$107 a month.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary.

### Annual Meeting

Emmanuel Lutherans Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday December 10th following the Worship Service.

Plan now to attend, we will be electing Offering counters, a Trustee, and a Council Secretary.



### Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who helped fill shoeboxes, pack them, and donated towards them. A big thank you to our coordinator Gary for his hard work.

As a drop off point, we packed over 200 boxes! That's fantastic! Our boxes have been delivered to Mexico and impoverished children on the Native American Reservations here in the United States.

Make plans now for next year's campaign.

### Electronic Giving

As you begin to budget for the new year, I want to thank you for your support of Emmanuel this past year. We are richly blessed by your gifts of time, talents, and offerings.

This is also a good time to enroll in the electronic giving option that Emmanuel offers. There are frequently asked questions sheets available in the Narthex.

Contact Pastor with questions and Jackie Wallace or Pat Smith to sign up.

# Happy Birthday To You !!!

## December 2017



12-3 Jon Stehr

12-6 Jodi Pieken

12-7 Josh Hanke

12-9 Faye Kruse

12-10 Craig Wallace  
Brigit Frank

12-12 Ames Boedecker  
Joann Clausen  
Chris Nelson  
Cindy Shelp

12-17 Jeffrey Huisenga  
Tommy Gross  
Eric Schultz

12-18 Wayne Pluckhahn  
Renee Huisenga

12-19 Kennedy Reaman

12-20 Robert Tegels  
Tami Moeller  
Denise Woltman

12-26 Ruth Green  
Corey Bundt

12-28 Alice Koessel  
Melissa Frye

12-29 Brenda Bengtson

12-31 Judy Malone

# December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00 PM Advent By Candlelight
3 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 11 DOE's Cookie Walk 4:30 Doe's Christmas	4 7:00 PM Bible Study	5 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee	6 3:45 Confirmation 7:00 PM Advent Service 7:45 Council Mtg.	7	8	9 9:00-1100 Children's Pro- gram Practice 2-4 Lake View Christmas
10 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION Annual Meeting	11 7:00 PM Bible Study	12	13 3:45 Confir- m. 7:00 PM Advent Service	14 12:00 PM Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Dorcas Christmas Party	15	16 9:00-1100 Children's Pro- gram Practice
17 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 Children's Program & Supper	18 7:00 PM Bible Study	19	20 3:45 Confir- m 7:00 PM Advent Service 7:45 LYF Christ- mas Party	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Worship 11:00 PM Candlelight	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 10:00 Christmas Worship	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION						

### Elders:

December 3: Craig Wallace—606-584-3221  
 December 6:  
 December 10: Ross Moeller—712-267-3159  
 December 13:  
 December 17: Lannie Miller—712-661-9216  
 December 20:  
 December 24: Dave Woltman—712-660-3532  
 December 25:  
 December 31: Craig Wallace—606-584-3221

### Greeters

Reggie & Faye Rohbeck  
 Larry & Barb Bundt  
 Roger & Rita Peters  
 Lyle & Lori Tegeles  
 Lyle & Linda Schuknecht  
 Lance Peters  
 Bob & Twila Cleveland  
 Jennifer Peterson  
 Mike & KLee Naberhaus

### Acolytes

Dec. 3 & 6: Weston Drost  
 Dec. 10 & 13: Ayden & Layne Huisenga  
 Dec. 17 & 20: Greeley Schlepp & Brylea Wessels  
 Dec. 24: Morning, 2 night services—Volunteer  
 Dec. 25: 10:00 AM Volunteer  
 Dec. 31: Caroline Reaman & Kierstin Carrol

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**Emmanuel's Values** Jesus Christ, our Savior, leader and teacher has bonded these values to guide us ever forward in expanding God's kingdom to all people. Therefore these values are the foundation and future of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

- **God's Vision** – Discipling that all people may be saved (Matthew 28:18-20)
- **God's Grace** – A gift to all from Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8-9)
- **Prayer & Praise** – We honor God through prayer and praise (Philippians 4:4-7)
- **Stewardship** – Using the time, talents, and treasures God has given us to serve Him (Matthew 25:14-28)
- **People** – We are committed to the Christian Education and Spiritual growth of all (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Compassion** – Sharing a life of care, concern, love, and kindness for all (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

*The following are stations and times for the Lutheran Hour:*

KTLB	Fort Dodge	105.9 FM	Sun	8:00 A.M.
KJYL	Newell	96.3 FM	Sun	6:00 P.M.
KSCJ	Sioux City	1360 AM	Sun	8:30 A.M.
KICD	Spencer	1240 AM	Sun	10:30 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	Sun	10:00 A.M.

*You can also listen to the Good Shepherd Hour each **Sunday**.*

KSCI	Sioux City	1360 AM	8:00 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	10:30 A.M.
	Storm Lake	101.7 FM	10:30 A.M.
KVFD	Fort Dodge	1400 AM	8:00 A.M.

**President:** Gary Kruse      **Secretary:** Deb Stehr  
**Elders:** Ross Moeller, Lannie Miller, Dave Woltman, Craig Wallace  
**Trustees:** Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Jeff Frank  
**Treasurer:** Pat Smith      **Financial Secretary:** Jackie Wallace  
**Board of Christian Education/Youth:** Jennifer Peterson, Tami Moeller, Helga Gross, Brigit Frank, Rachel Hemer, Tara Reaman, Angelina Huegerich  
**Sunday School Superintendent:** Tara Reaman

**Submit articles to Londa by December 27**  
**for the January Newsletter.**  
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