



# Emmanuel News

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Worship—10:00 AM

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## Church Membership

Over the last twenty years or so, organizations have seen a drastic change in their membership. Anyone who is part of the American Legion, Kiwanis, or the Rotary will tell you that people aren't joining organizations anymore. It used to be that people would join long-term organizations that had a wide focus; the American Legion is for all those who have served their country. In recent years though, people have exchanged joining organizations with wide focus for short term organizations with a limited focus. So instead of joining the Kiwanis, they might join an organization that was formed to address health care issues in a particular county, and when those issues are no longer a concern, the organization disbands. People are joining organizations, they're just joining different kinds of organizations.

This is all interesting, but what does this mean to the Church? What does this mean to Emmanuel? It means that we're seeing the same changes in our "organization". Church membership across the nation is diminishing as many people do not see church membership as essential. They are still Christians and they may agree with what the Church teaches, they're just not joining. At least, they think they're not joining.

What Christians must realize is that, whether they like it or not, they are part of the Church. All Christians are part of the body of Christ and this is a good thing! The Church is unlike any other organization and membership in the Church is unlike any other kind of membership. When we are baptized, we are brought into God's adoptive family and this means there is no such thing as a "me and Jesus" relationship that is separated from others. There's a reason why Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father" and not "My Father." As Christians, we need each other, even if some of our adopted brothers and sisters drive us nuts. A child doesn't have any say if his parents have a child and he becomes a sibling. All he can do is to be best sibling he can, and this goes for Christians as well. As members of the Church, how do we best live out our faith as members of Christ's body? One way we do this is by being active in the a congregation, which is the local and visible representation of the Church.

This is the first in a series of articles in which we will discuss the Church and membership, and I want to end it with encouragement. Kiwanis and the VFW can do more when their members attend meetings and work together, and the same thing goes for the Church. The Body of Christ can accomplish so much when its members regularly meet and support one another. Emmanuel can accomplish so much when its members regularly meet and support one another. As God says in the book of Hebrews, **"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."**

We are blessed to be members of the Church and to have all the adopted brothers and sisters who make up the Body of Christ. So, as we enter the new year, plan to attend the "weekly" meetings of our "organization" where we are fed by Christ and support one another.

In Christ, Pastor



**Ladies Aid:** Dec. 14, 2017 Roll call answered by 14 members “First Gift you Remembered”. Pastor was remembered with a Christmas Gift. It was agreed to give \$100 to school for gift drawing for 13 children. Some missing quilts were asked about. Given to the needy. The meeting was held after a potluck Christmas luncheon in Judy Kramer’s home.

**Dorcas:** Christmas Party

**Daughters of Emmanuel:** December 3rd Christmas party hosted by Angelina and Brigit at Angelina’s house. President Jennifer Peterson called the meeting to order with 10 members in attendance.

**Secretary report:** Roll call with Christmas list; read one correspondence item

**Treasurer report:** Balance of \$1,133.64

**December Birthdays** – Brigit and Melissa

#### Committee Reports

Kitchen – Rachel will check into labeling cupboards and ergonomic rugs in front of the sinks

#### Old Business

Elections

Julie Kraft - treasurer; Angelina Huegerich – vice president

Cookie Walk

Estimated profit of \$626

Will split the funds among three families/ individuals in our church

Next year – bump the cookie walk and Christmas party back one week to December 9

Poinsettia sales

Have sold eight of 16

#### New Business

Next year’s meeting date changes

February 28 – Lenten dinner

March 18

May 22

January mites calendar will be in mailboxes

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Christmas games and party

**Next meeting:** January 24

Rachel Zehnder, secretary

## Family Fun Night

Make plans to join your Emmanuel family on January 21st at 5:00 pm!

There will be games galore; including Wii games, cards, board games, and yes, it’s true, Bingo is making an encore appearance.

Last year’s was a great success and we’d love to see you all again.



## Advent By Candlelight

Proceeds from Emmanuel's Advent by Candlelight were split between the Wheatland Fund assisting students at East Sac County and purchasing diapers and wipes for the Sac County Outreach Center for families in our area. Pictured are \$400 worth of diapers and wipes which were delivered to the Outreach Center in time for families' Angel Tree needs.

Thanks to all the women of Emmanuel who decorated and hosted the 16 tables, who made the delicious desserts, and who helped in the kitchen. Their efforts plus two Thrivent Action Grants made these generous donations to the Sac County Outreach Center and the Wheatland Fund at East Sac County Schools possible.



## Emmanuel Council Meeting - December 6, 2017

Those Present: Pastor Peterson, Gary Kruse, Lannie Miller, Dave Woltman, Graig Wallace, Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Pat Smith, Jackie Wallace and Deb Stehr.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Gary Kruse called the meeting to order. The minutes from the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. The November financial report was given. Dave Woltman made a motion, seconded by Lannie Miller to accept the financial report. The motion passed.

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

TRUSTEES REPORT: A contract was done for propane. Randy Drost will do snow removal again this year. Larry Bundt will no longer be able to trim the bushes next year.

EVANGELISTIC Report: 208 boxes were done for Samaritan's Purse. An ice cream social will be held in January and a fish fry in March.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor made 1 counseling/special visit, 5 hospital/sick visits and 6 shut-in visits. A new Bible Study has started on the book of Hebrews. The ladies bible study is going well with good attendance. The Sunday school Christmas Program is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with a soup supper to follow. The Rural and Small Town Ministry Conference was fantastic and pastor will share information in the coming months. Pastor will have a couple of more congregational meetings after the first of the year on having communion every Sunday. Dick Meyer's funeral was November 28<sup>th</sup>. Lake View Christmas is this Saturday 2-4. Emmanuel is serving cookies and hot cocoa again. LYF went Christmas shopping for three needy children on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor's housing allowance was discussed. Churches must designate a portion of a pastor's compensation as a housing or parsonage allowance by December 31 in order to receive the full benefit of a housing allowance exclusion for 2017. Jackie Wallace made a motion, seconded by Deb Stehr to approve \$6,000 as Pastor's housing allowance. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: The election of officers was discussed. Deb Stehr is going off and Jodie Pieken will be on the ballot for Secretary. Marlin Johnson will be on the ballot to replace Jeff Frank as Trustee and Lannie Miller will stay on as Elder. We will need to find people to count offerings. The Annual Voter's meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor passed out a list of possible Missions to support. Having a responsibility meeting of council and other committee chairpersons was discussed. The storage shed was discussed. It is getting bad and should be replaced. The storage area under the steps should be cleaned out this spring before spring clean-up.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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## Emmanuel Annual Meeting - December 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Gary Kruse.

The minutes from January 8, 2017 were read and approved.

The financial report was given. Our finances are very healthy this year and we continue to be blessed. We have \$21,395.83 in checking, \$43,497.06 in Savings and \$14,723.99 in the Endowment Fund at Thrivent Financial. The Chicken Dinner proceeds this year went into a youth scholarship fund. Minard Peterson made a motion, seconded by Craig Wallace to accept the financial report. The motion passed.

The 2018 budget was presented. There were only minor changes made, Pastor's raise and increases in Mission donations.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: The storage shed will need to be replaced and we will be having spring clean-up for the church.

Bob Cleveland made a motion, seconded by Tom Reaman to approve the budget. The motion passed.

The ballot was presented with Elder, Lannie Miller, Treasurer, Pat Smith, Trustee, Marlin Johnson and Secretary, Jodi Pieken. Volunteers for the Financial Committee were asked for. Don Cole and Mary Meyer volunteered.

Craig Wallace made a motion to adjourn.

Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary

# Happy Birthday To You !!!

## January 2018

Jan. 1	Tami Auen Brynn Boeckman Jan Langbein	Jan. 17	Ashton Racobs William Clausen
Jan. 2	Donita Mork	Jan. 18	LaVon Freese
Jan. 3	Macy Monahan	Jan. 19	Raymond Larsen Garry Leonard
Jan. 6	Lois Meyer Jeff Sharp	Jan. 21	Richard Schultz
Jan. 9	Robert Freese Michael Stehr Marni Roth	Jan. 24	Nancy Fertig Layne Huisenga
Jan. 10	Larry Bundt Lisa Garrels	Jan. 26	Charles Wollesen Janine Waldrop
Jan. 11	Sue Frank	Jan. 29	Michael S Mohr
Jan. 13	Tom Shelp	Jan. 30	Rickie Nelson
Jan. 15	Ryan Page	Jan. 31	Craig Meyer Lily Peters
Jan. 16	Darlene Mohr		

# January 2018

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		7:00 pm Exchange- lism Committee Meeting	3:30 Confirmation 7:00 PM LYF			
7 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Undecorate Church	8 7:00 PM Bible Study	9	10 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 PM Council Meeting	11 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Dorcas	12	13
14 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION Officers Installed	15 7:00 PM Bible Study	16	17 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 PM LYF	18	19	20
21 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Family Fun Night	22 7:00 PM Bible Study	23	24 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 PM DOE's	25	26	27
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January 7: Craig Wallace—606-584-3221  
January 14 : Ross Moeller—712-267-3159  
January 21: Lannie Miller—712-661-9216  
January 28: Dave Wolman—712-660-3532

### Greeters

Charles & Pam Wollesen  
Ron & Joyce Betfin  
Judy Kramer & Karen Wetstein  
Bob & Twila Cleveland

### Acolytes

January 7: Ethan Peters & Reed Musselman  
January 14: Alex Hauser & Chaysse Strouse  
January 21: Brody Boekman & Gunnar Stock  
January 28: Weston Drost

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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:** Jodi Pieken  
**Elders:** Ross Moeller, Lannie Miller, Dave Woltman, Craig Wallace  
**Trustees:** Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Marlin Johnson  
**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 January 24  
for the February Newsletter.**  
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