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Worship—10:00 AM

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Church Membership—Part 3

The last two months we've delved into the nature of the Church. We've discussed how all Christians are part of the Church and how the Church is living because it's part of the body of Christ with Jesus as the head. As we continue our discussion this month, we'll talk about some flaws with a common cliché about church membership.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm a spiritual person but I don't believe in organized religion"? Have you even said it yourself? What does this phrase really mean? We're all spiritual because God created us with bodies and souls. Because we're spiritually dead before we are reborn in baptism, the only way to be spiritual is to have faith in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Buddhists, Hindus, New Age adherents and others may claim to be spiritual, but the gods they worship or commune with are non-existent, so they really aren't spiritual. God makes us spiritual when He brings us to faith and forms a relationship with us that is rooted in Christ's death and resurrection.

The second part of the cliché, "I don't believe in organized religion" is commonly voiced by Christians, but it's flawed because the person has a flawed view of the Church. Let's look at it this way. As most of you know, I'm a huge Minnesota Viking fan. I buy souvenirs and have a closet full of purple. What I haven't done yet is joined a Vikings Fan Club. Does that mean I'm not a fan? Of course not! Failing to join a fan club doesn't determine whether I'm a fan or not. I've just chosen to not join with likeminded Viking fans in an organization. When someone says they don't believe in organized religion, what they mean is that they're a fan of Jesus, they just don't want to join the Church (the club).

The mistake is that the Church isn't a Jesus Fan Club. It's the body of Christ comprised of individual Christians. To say that you're a fan of Jesus but opposed to the organized Church is like saying you're a football player who doesn't believe in organized sports. In this case, would you be a football player? Not really. You're just someone who knows the game. In the same way, to be a Christian is more than just being spiritual or to be in a "Me and Jesus" or "Me and God" relationship. Christians are to be part of a local church and to regularly worship where they are fed and supported.

Here on earth, the Church must be organized if it is to accomplish the mission given to it by Christ, ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*** (Matt. 28:19-20) Yes, the Church has flaws because it's made up of sinners. That doesn't change the importance of it though, nor does it change the necessity of belonging to it in its visible form, the local congregation. God has given us "organized religion" for our good and the good of the community around us and the world. I pray God will continue to bless Emmanuel and the work He does through our organized congregation.

One thing I forgot to mention in January is that the foundation for my articles comes from the book *Connected to Christ* by Peter Speckhard and published by Concordia Publishing House.

In Christ,
Pastor



Ladies Aid: A short meeting was held February 8, 2018 of the Emmanuel Ladies Aid. It was called to order by Judy Kramer, president with eight members that answered roll call with the title of a hymn with the word "love" in it. The devotion was read by Janet Langbein. The treasurer's report was given. A "thank you" from Pastor was passed around. Emmanuel LWML groups are to host the spring rally. "How Great God Is" is the theme. DOE's will be in charge of decorations; Ladies Aid in charge of the meal. Judy suggested a salad bar, but is open to other ideas. Ladies Aid will be serving the second Lenten service and passed around lists of what members are to provide. A First Aid kit to be fastened to a wall was discussed to use some of the Lois Meyer memorial money. Lunch was served by Darlene Wolleson.

Dorcas: No Meeting

Daughters of Emmanuel: Serving Lenten Supper February 28th. Easter lilies are available for \$12 from Helga Gross or Londa Haukap in the church office.

A recent survey revealed the following statistics about Christians' knowledge of (or lack of) the Bible:

- 12% think Joan of Arc was married to Noah.
- 50% of high school seniors think Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.
- Less than 50% can name all four Gospels.
- 60% can't name 5 of the 10 Commandments.
- 82% think "God helps those who help themselves" comes from the Bible.
- 37% don't know Genesis is the first book in the Bible.
- 30% (approx.) don't believe Jesus was sinless.
- A large number said Billy Graham preached the Sermon on the Mount.

These statistics are disturbing to say the least. 80% of households own a Bible but 32% of Christians never read it. As Christians, this should discourage us and we should make it our mission to change these numbers for ourselves and our families.

It can be hard, It can be overwhelming to think about picking up the Bible and starting to read. So do you know a good place to start?

Come to Bible Study! Sunday mornings and Monday evenings are great opportunities to learn the Bible, ask questions, and grow in your faith. Attending Bible Study is a small step with big dividends. So give it a try! I can't wait to see you!



Voter's Meeting

There will be a meeting following service on March 18th to vote on Emmanuel's transition to celebrating the Lord's Supper weekly.

There are informational packets available in the narthex. Call Pastor for more information.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (Mar 25) - 10:00 am w/Communion
- 11:00 am Breakfast served by the LYF.

Maundy Thursday (Mar 29) - 7:00 pm w/Communion

Good Friday (Mar 30) - 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service
(Candlelight)

Easter Sunday (Apr 1) - 7:00 am Sunrise Service w/ Communion
- 9:00 am Easter Pageant
- 10:00 am w/Communion



Anyone who is a member of the LCMS can join and take advantage of great rates on loans, credit cards, and savings accounts.

Online banking/deposits are offered, but if you prefer to work in person, you may visit Dupaco Community Credit Union in Carroll to withdraw cash, make loan payments or make deposits.

Visit www.lutheranfcu.org or call 314.394.2790



Emmanuel Council Meeting - February 14, 2018

Those present: Pastor Peterson, Lannie Miller, Craig Wallace, Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Jodi Pieken, Marlin Johnson, Pat Smith, Dave Woltman

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Lannie called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Jan. 10 meeting were read. Minutes were approved. The financial report for Jan 2018 was given. Dave made a motion, seconded by Randy to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Trustee Report: A few of the church pews need to be looked at for small repairs

Elder Report: There was a discussion on replacing all of the red carpet in the church. This was tabled until a later date. There was discussion on moving communion down so that people won't be walking up the steps. This was also tabled until a later date.

Pastors Report: Visits: 6 hospital/sick, 7 shut in. Pastor will put together policy/procedure packets together for the council to review. The vote for weekly communion has been set for March 18th. Pastor passed out job descriptions for each council member.

Evangelism Committee Report: The fish fry has been rescheduled for March 18. Freewill donations will be given to the Wheatland Student Support Fund at ESC. Fun night went well and was well attended.

Old Business: Dave explained the need for the cardiac monitor for the LV Ambulance and how it works. They are looking for donations to help pay for it. After discussion Marlin motioned seconded by Randy to give \$1000 of Thrivent money to be used toward the cardiac monitor. Motion passed. There was discussion one for the church. People would need to be CPR certified to use it. Council will find out if there is any interest in getting CPR certified before we decide to purchase one.

New Business: Dave motioned, and Roger seconded to renew our membership to the LV Community Club. Motion passed. There was a request from the LV Police Department for a donation to help sponsor child safety and drug education program materials. Randy motioned, and Roger seconded to give them \$50. Motion passed. The council will be in charge of the Lenten dinner on March 21. They will be serving pulled port sandwiches, baked beans, and chips.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary



Come One, Come All!

The next Emmanuel Fun Night is Sunday March 18th at 5:00.

There will be Fish, Cole Slaw, and Bars, and we'll follow up the delicious fish with Bingo, Wii bowling, cards, board games, or just pleasant conversation with others. We had a blast last time and can't wait to do it again!



Serving IDW Congregations: Camp Okoboji is committed to reaching out to and serving the congregations and members of Iowa District West. It is your lake-front property in the beautiful and entertaining Okoboji area.

Lodging Availability: Call to reserve personal time in a Family Ministry Cabin.. You can also get your group together for a weekend retreat or family time.

Call 866-449-3326 for reservations or more info.



Happy Birthday To You !!!

March 2018



March 2	Duane Petersen	March 17	Gina Schlepp Emmett Hemer
March 3	Beth Hatch		
March 4	Dianne Barry	March 18	Travis Roth Myrna Kruse
March 5	Mallory Williams Lori Tegels	March 20	Aaron Tjaden Byron Goslar
March 6	Laryn Sharp	March 22	Julia Reaman
March 7	Mollie Scott	March 23	Stuart Bohm Jean Mohrhauser Ryan Barry
March 10	JoDee Sharp		
March 11	John Bogue Christian Reaman	March 24	Barb Bundt
March 12	Charles Bohm Waunita Tegels	March 25	Joan Vohs
March 14	Vanessa Swenson Kierstin Carroll	March 27	Jennifer Peterson
March 15	Jesse Werkmeister	March 31	Jon Reaman

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4 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship	5 7:00 PM Bible Study	6 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee	7 3:30 Confirm 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	8 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Dorcas	9	10 Remember to put your clocks ahead 1 hour
11 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	12 7:00 PM Bible Study	13	14 3:30 Confirm 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Council Mtg.	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Voter's Meeting DOE's 5:00 PM Fish Fry	19 7:00 PM Bible Study	20 7:00 PM LWML Board Meeting	21 3:30 Confirm 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	22	23	24
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Elders:

Lannie Miller—712-661-9216
 Ross Moeller—712-267-3159
 Dave Wolman—712-660-3532
 Craig Wallace—606-584-3221

Greeters

George & Jean Mohrhauser
 Brigit Frank
 Mike & K'Lee Namberhaus
 Ivadel Huisenga
 Larry & Barb Bundt
 Lance Peters
 Lyle & Lori Tegels
 Jim & Norma Wallace
 Lyle & Linda Schuknecht

Acolytes

March 4 & 7: Alex Hauser & Chayse Strouse
 March 11 & 14: Brody Boeckman & Gunnar Stock
 March 18 & 21: Weston Drost
 March 25, 29, 30 & April 1 Volunteers

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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, LuAnn Norris, Helga Gross, Brigit Frank, Rachel Hemer, Tara Reaman, Angelina Huegerich
Sunday School Superintendent: Tara Reaman

**Submit articles to Londa by March 21 for
the April Newsletter.**
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