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Worship—10:00 AM

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Church Membership—Part 4

This month we will continue the discussion about the church by addressing some of the objections that Christians raise when it comes to church membership and attendance. You may have heard people say these kinds of things, and maybe you may have said these things yourself. Either way, I'd like to give you some food for thought.

The Church is hypocritical.: To be a hypocrite means to be two-faced and Christians are two-faced. We generally don't try to be, but we live in a world that challenges our faith with temptations and we often don't exhibit our faith to others the way that we should. Our daily activities will sometimes appear at odds with our faith. Saint Paul put it this way, "*For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*" (Rom. 7:19) Paul is describing the tension that's in all of us. We're human so we sin, and it's for this reason we attend the Divine Service. We come before God, repenting of our sin and seeking forgiveness. We come as sinners, leave as saints, and do our best to let Christ shine through our lives and interactions with others.

The Church is judgmental.: I know you've heard this accusation and it's true that members of the church (including ours) have hurt others by not speaking the truth of God's Word with love. We're quick to condemn and slow to forgive and encourage. God's Law judges sin and as His people we can't turn a blind eye to sin by allowing it to exist unchecked in others. However, we pray that when the Law is proclaimed in a loving way without anger or venom, the person will be stirred to repentance. When people repent, they get to hear the soothing words of the Gospel. Let our words be loving and our lives exhibit faithfulness.

All the Church wants is money.: There is no doubt that preachers in the past have done a disservice to Christ and His Church by emphasizing offerings while taking most of it for themselves. This is sinful! On the other hand, sharing with God some of the income He has given us is an important part of the Christian's faithfulness. Jesus warns about treasuring physical blessings over spiritual blessings for a good reason. We cannot serve both God and money so as stewards of what has been entrusted to us, we give back to God a portion of our income. A good rule of thumb is ten percent of your income, but any gift given from the heart is pleasing to God. God uses your offerings for the support of Emmanuel and the Church around the world. The Church isn't about money. It's about what God does for us and we respond by sharing with God some of the blessings He has given us.

Dislike of the pastor or people.: Because all of us are sinful, we're going to hurt each other occasionally. It would be perfect if Christians treated each other with respect, kindness, and love. It would be perfect if Christians never sinned against others. Alas, we don't live in a perfect world! We must remember that we're all sinful and no one is perfect. We forgive, we seek to move past the hurt, and we don't keep a record of wrongdoings. Holding on to anger over past wrongs or disagreements serve no purpose. Come be forgiven and extend that forgiveness towards others.

Disagreement with decisions.: The Church is seen visibly in congregations, so decisions have to be made on a variety of topics. When it comes to budgets, worship styles, communion practices, and the like, the congregation relies on those who have been entrusted to make the decisions. We each have our own opinions and we're entitled to share them. But when a decision is made we don't like or we disagree with, the answer isn't cutting ourselves off from God or the congregation. Rather, we accept that, while we may disagree, the decisions were made in good faith and with the best interests of all in mind. The Church is made up of a lot of people and we're not all going to see eye to eye, but we trust God to handle the future as we do our best in the present.

These are just some reasons people stay away from the church, but none of them are worth cutting yourself off from God and your congregation. As always, feel free to drop me a line or swing by to talk (I love to talk!).

In Christ,
Pastor



Ladies Aid: March 8, 2018 Judy Kramer, president brought meeting to order. Ivadell Huisenga read the devotion. Roll call—"Favorite Lenten Hymn" was answered by 7 members.

The upcoming LWML Rally was discussed. Menu is to be "white" lasagna, frozen apricot salad, and 4 layer chocolate dessert. St Peter's LWML will help with registration.

The first Thursday after Easter was set to tie quilts. LaVon Freese and Nancy Fertig are the April hostesses. Judy read the closing devotion.

Dorcas: No Meeting

Daughters of Emmanuel: March 18, 2018 Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall and hosted by Angelina. President Helga Gross called the meeting to order with 7 members in attendance.

Secretary report: Roll call; January minutes were read and approved; read two correspondence items

Treasurer report: Balance of \$1,460.63

March Birthdays – Beth, Mollie, Jennifer

Old Business

Pill bottle mission/Hat mission – still collecting in boxes downstairs

Poinsettia sales – need one more payment

Lenten dinner – served 58

\$227 – will decide where to donate proceeds later
Meat was still cold – serve in crockpot next year?; go down 2 or 3 lbs. next year

Have leftover boats, Keep French dressing, Keep cheese at 5 lbs., Lots of lettuce leftover – had 10 bags

Lily sales—Have sold 8

Jen wants to remove pollen from lilies before putting on altar to help allergies

New Business

Spring Rally – April 17

Theme is Ephesians 3:18—Planning for 80 people
Decorating Monday, April 16 at 5:00 in variations of blue—Favors – retractable tape measure

Lilies – giveaways; Beth will order

Rally Booklet assembly – date TBD

Young Women's Representative—Melissa will apply, Rachel will write recommendation

Prom – talk to Rachel or Amanda Miller to see who needs financial assistance

Mission ideas—Easter baskets for shut-ins

Cancer kits

Homeless shelters— Everyone continue thinking

Mites calendar in boxes by Easter

Collection of Mites and offerings

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: April 25th

Bible Study—It's for You

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!

Holy Week Services

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



Emmanuel Council Meeting - March 14, 2018

Those present: Pastor Peterson, Lannie Miller, Randy Drost, Roger Pieken, Jodi Pieken, Marlin Johnson, Pat Smith, Ross Moeller

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Lannie called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Feb 14 meeting were emailed to all council members. Minutes were approved. The financial report for Feb 2018 was given. Roger made a motion, seconded by Ross to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Trustee Report: Pastor needs a new faucet for the kitchen in the parsonage. The women's bathroom in the church basement needs a new toilet. Randy will get the toilet and put it in. Council is aware, and discussion was held on the repair work that needs to be done on the front steps.

Elder Report: Minard has some veneer to patch the pews that he will give to the council. Marlin will do the repairs.

Pastors Report: Visits: 8 hospital/sick, 5 shut in, Ray Frank funeral was held Feb. 24. The church policy/procedures have been sent to an attorney to be evaluated. Reminder: the vote for weekly communion is March 18th.

Evangelism Committee Report: Reminder the fish fry and fun night is March 18. All are encouraged to attend.

Old Business: We got a quote for a defibrillator for the church. Ross motioned, and Randy seconded to purchase the defibrillator at a price of \$1325.46. Motion passed. It was amended that Thrivent money will be used to purchase it. Motion passed. Quite a few members are already CPR certified and several show interest in taking the CPR class.

New Business: No new business

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

Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

Voter's Meeting Results—

At the March 18th Voter's Meeting it was voted on to have Communion every week. The results are 56 Yes—19 No. Weekly Communion will start Sunday, April 1st. Please keep in mind that while this is a change from what many of you have practiced in the past, this is a good change. The Lord will bless us through a more frequent reception of His Holy Body and Blood.

Communion Set Up

The transition to weekly communion means additional work for the ladies of the Altar Guild. To help them out, we're looking for volunteers to prepare the elements for Communion.

Volunteers fill three trays of individual cups and put the bread in the host box. It usually only takes about 30 minutes and can be done Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Please contact Pastor (830-5017) or the Church Office (657-3324) to volunteer.

Camp Okoboji

Volunteer Weekend

Spring

May 3-5, 2018

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a fun-filled weekend. Thursday, May 3rd through Saturday May 5th



We will conclude Saturday May 5th with a dinner. You are welcome to stay overnight and enjoy helping on Sunday May 6th with an Omelet Brunch from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a free will offering going for camp

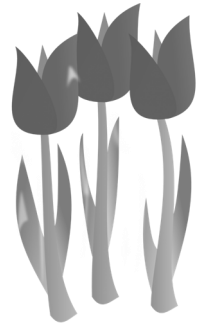
projects and the annual fund.

Please call ahead for reservations for housing and meals.

712-337-3325 or email
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Happy Birthday To You !!!

April 2018



4-1 Lynn Mohr

4-17 Reed Musselman

4-5 Jim Stock

4-19 Darlene Wollesen

Michelle Leonard

4-8 Peggy Busch

Matt Mork

4-9 Wayne Smidt

4-20 Elaine Frank

Jennifer Bohm

4-13 Chayse Strouse

4-23 Landon Graff

4-15 Lavon Karstens

4-26 Doris Larsen

4-16 Susan Petersen

4-27 Kevin Schmidt

Rena Schmidt

Jason Phillips

4-29 Sydney Murillo

As Christ's children who have been redeemed by His blood, we are so filled with joy and awe that we must share with others what He has done for us!

The men who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us . . . and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)



April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 AM Sunrise 9:00 AM Easter Pageant 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	2 7:00 PM Bible Study	3 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting	4 3:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM LYF	5 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Dorcas	6	7
8 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	9 7:00 PM Bible Study	10	11 3:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	16 7:00 PM Bible Study	17 3:00 PM Serve @ BHLCC Carol Hanke & Darlene Mohr 5:30 LVMML Rally @ Emmanuel	18 3:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM LYF	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	23 7:00 PM Bible Study	24	25 3:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM DOE's	26	27	28
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Elders:

April 1: Dave Wolman—712-660-3532
 April 8: Lannie Miller—712-661-9216
 April 15: Ross Moeller—712-267-3159
 April 22: Craig Wallace—606-584-3221
 April 29: Dave Wolman—712-660-3532

Greeters

Tom & Julie Reaman
 Lannie & Judy Miller
 Reggie & Faye Rohbeck
 Charles & Pam Wollsen
 Karen Wetzstein & Jan Stock

Acolytes

April 1: Volunteers
 April 8: Greeley Schlepp & Brylea Wessels
 April 15: Caroline Reaman & Kierstin Carroll
 April 22: Ethan Peters & Read Musselman
 April 29: Alex Hauser & Chayse Strouse

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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 April 25 for
the May Newsletter.**

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