

Emmanuel News

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Worship—10:00 AM

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Church Membership—Part 5

As we continue the discussion about Church Membership, I want to start by asking you a question. Are you ready? Here it is: Why do you attend church services? Go ahead and think about it for a few minutes, I'll wait. Do you attend to be entertained? To praise God? To see family and friends? Because it's a habit? To hear God's Word? Because you like the songs? Because you woke up early? Because Pastor is awesome (okay, maybe not)? Because there's nothing else going on? Here's another question for you and it's a little harder for me to ask: Why don't you attend church services? You don't like the songs? You're made at someone? It's the only day to sleep in? Because it's the one day where you can do what you want? The service isn't exciting? The kids have games/practice/dance? Pastor is boring (nah, that can't be it)? You don't get anything out of it?

When our reasons for attending or not attending services are based on us or what we want or don't want, we're missing the point of the Divine Service. And the point of the Divine Service is that God (the Divine) comes to serve you. This is why attending church services is the single most important thing for Christians to do. What happens on Sunday mornings occurs nowhere else in the life of the Christian. Sure, you can read your Bible at home (which I hope you do), you can say prayers in the car, and you can listen to hymns while you work, but none of these things are meant to stand on their own. Instead, God calls us to gather as often as possible in His house where He comes down to feed us with His Word, His Body and Blood. The purpose of Church is for God to act on you. You're passive. Sundays are all about what God does for you – He forgives you! That's why we gather! We gather to be forgiven and that forgiveness encourages you to live as a Christian in a sinful world until you gather again the next Sunday. Sunday services are all about God's love and forgiveness for you for the sake of Jesus Christ.

We judge all service according to their purposes. Movies are to entertain, if one doesn't, it wasn't good. Doctor visits are for healing, if you aren't healed, it wasn't a good visit. You get the point. If they do what they were supposed to do, we're pleased. But you can't judge a church service by how you feel it met the purpose you assigned to it. Your sins are forgiven whether you feel they are or not. You have been fed by God in Holy Communion whether you feel fed or not. The sermon gives you God's Word whether it was boring or exciting. Holy Absolution forgave your sins. In this way, a Divine Service is only bad when it doesn't give you Christ and the forgiveness of your sins!

People who frequently say that church is boring or they don't get anything out of it are missing the purpose of church. When we compare what happens at Emmanuel on Sunday mornings to playing golf, shopping, and watching the latest blockbuster movie, the argument could be made that other things are more exciting. However, you can't compare what occurs in the Divine Service to other activities. Activities outside of church are entertainment while the Divine Service is not about being entertained. It's about being served and cared for by God. We also come to learn, pray, and praise God, but these are all in response to what God has first done for us. The purpose of the Divine Service is to give you all the gifts of God, and this is why we gather in God's church.

In Christ, Pastor



Ladies Aid: April 12, 2018 Pastor Peterson led the Bible study “Comfort My People” from the Quarterly. President Judy Kramer called the meeting to order with roll call “The color in your bedroom” answered by 10 members.

April 23rd was set for tying quilts.

Donna, Gert and Sheryl made out the work list for the LWML Spring Rally. The \$5 fund involves those members not contributing food for the supper. Table decoration will be African artifacts supplied by the speaker. Donna and Sheryl volunteered to take quilts to be loaded in May. Karen made the motion to send “love” offering to Ray for donating truck transportation.

LWML member are encouraged to run for LWML office for election this fall.

The May breakfast will be May 10th at 9:30 AM at Judy Kramer’s home. The June meeting will be June 14 at 1:30 PM at the church.

Dorcas:

Daughters of Emmanuel: April 25, 2018— President Helga Gross called the meeting in the fellowship hall to order with 8 members and Pastor in attendance.

Secretary report: Roll call with favorite prom dress; March minutes were read and approved; read one correspondence item

Treasurer report: Balance of \$1,120.45

Deposits: \$164 lilies, \$20 Feb/Mar offering, \$32.01 Feb/Mar mites

Payments: \$25 Zone (activity money), \$369.19 Zone (March 2017-April 2018 mites), \$15 Zone (love money), \$147 Hilltop Greenhouse

Upcoming payment: \$21.40 to Helga for African Violets (Rally)

Committee Report:

Kitchen – will label cabinets after ensuring all items are in correct locations.

Old Business

Pill bottle mission – Helga will mail in May; we will keep collecting

Lily sales – sold 17, all have paid

Rally recap

Food and decorations were great
Had 63 attend

In-gathering items: new bra, new wash cloths, travel size toothpaste, travel size men’s deodorant, \$5 McDonald’s gift cards
Will collect these (not the gift cards – Angelina and Rachel will be point people) in the basket in the fellowship hall. Rachel will put in bulletin

New Business

Board Meeting recap

Quilt pick-up May 7

Pay activity money in spring

Pound sale (see below) – at least one per organization

District LWML Convention – June 28-30 – On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Melissa will serve as Young Women’s Representative (Zone pays registration)

Rachel will serve as DOEs delegate (DOEs pays registration)

DOEs voted to give \$25 to each of the three suggested groups – Rachel will take to Convention

Lutheran Family Services – Remembering Hope for Caregivers

Lutheran Heritage Fund

Hong Kong Missions – VBS

Mighty Mites Pound Sale

Wrap up a pound of something and put a hint on the package

All one-pound packages will go on a silent

auction with proceeds going towards missions

Mission ideas

Easter baskets for shut-ins

Cancer kits

Homeless shelters

Everyone continue thinking and bring ideas to

the September meeting

Bible Study with Pastor – Christians and Depression

May mites calendar distributed

Collection of Mites and offerings

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 22nd

Rachel Zehnder, secretary

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.

Emmanuel Council Meeting - April 11, 2018

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

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Lannie called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Mar 14 meeting were emailed to all council members. Minutes were approved. The financial report for Mar 2018 was tabled until the next meeting.

Trustee Report: The new toilet was installed in the women's bathroom in the basement. Pastor picked up a faucet for the kitchen at the parsonage and will contact MGM to come and install it.

Elder Report: No Elders Report

Pastors Report: Visits: 3 hospital/sick, 6 shut in, counseling 1. Judy Malone funeral was held Mar 19. The Lenten meals and services were well attended.

Evangelism Committee Report: The Fish Fry and Easter Egg Hunt were both well attended and went very well.

Old Business: The communion vote passed 56 yes, 19 no. Beginning April 15 communion will be weekly.

New Business: Discussion was held on how communion will run once its brought down to the new railing. It will run similar to Peace in Wall Lake and Pilgrim in Lake City. It should actually make communion run quicker. When communion is moved down we will be able to use the current privacy shields that are in the front. Kneelers will be made. The front couple rows of pews will need to be removed. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to help prepare communion each week. Pastor will be going to a conference in Wisconsin July 30-Aug 1 for his continuing education. The topic for this conference is Pastoral Ministry. The conference is free, and council voted to cover hotel costs for Pastor while at the conference. Dave made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Randy. Motion passed. Due to Pastor being asked to speak at the senior baccalaureate the next council meeting will be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday May 8th.

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

Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

News from Camp Okoboji



When the Walther League purchased Camp Okoboji in 1939, they had no idea how wonderful a tradition they were creating for so many individuals and families. On April 7, Camp Okoboji held its annual meeting with 15 Board Members, 52 Delegates, 21 Auxiliary Members, 20 guests, and five staff members present. Everyone at the meeting shared a true love for Camp and a passion to keep it growing into the future.

The Board put forward a vote to make slight changes to Articles of Incorporation. Some highlights from the vote: Article I – the name Iowa West Walther League Summer Camp Association has been changed to Camp Okoboji Lutheran Association. Article V – Board of Directors will consist of nine members rather than 18. The nine members will

include three ordained ministers, one commissioned minister, and five lay members. Article VI – a congregation's delegate does not need to be a layperson and now can be the pastor.

With the downsizing of the Board, Delegates voted with three separate ballots to create a new Board. Current members are Reverends Benjamin Dose, David Lyons, and Robert Zellmer; Laypersons Kenneth Bishop, Joy Brown, Tom Chapman, Scott Ebel, and Marc Lansink; and Commissioned Minister Rhonda Mohr.

The Auxiliary report included Theme Basket silent auction results (which will go to sheet sets) as well as 2017's successful efforts: new mattresses, new shuffleboard cover, financial assistance to complete the picnic shelter, kitchen supplies and grocery shower, new playground sand, six Cub Week camperships, dining hall décor, Discover Center furniture and signage, ten picnic tables, landscaping and rain garden at the Discover Center, and an outdoor walk-in freezer. This year's Quilt Auction will be July 7. Quilts need to be to Camp by May 28.

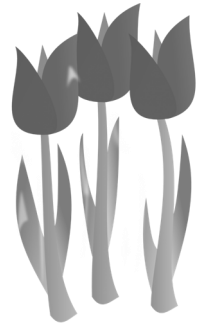
Retiring Executive Director Doug Kading reported on his past 30 years of service and thanked everyone for their support. Kirk Warnke was installed as the new Executive Director. The two will work together for the next four months to ease the transition.

In 2017, Camp Okoboji hosted 22,213 campers. Their summer *and* winter schedules are full of terrific camps for kids and families to experience Jesus at the Lake. Call 866.449.3326 or visit campokoboji.org for information about all of the camps and schedule your visit!

Rachel Zehnder, Emmanuel Delegate 2018

Happy Birthday To You !!!


May 2018



5-1	Kenneth Lucht	5-19	Robert Mohr
5-2	Alice Werkmeister Alexander Hemer	5-23	Laura Rugaard
5-3	Kathryn Drost	5-24	Reggy Rohrbeck Todd Peters Tom Wilcke
5-4	Alex Hauser	5-26	Connor Tegels John Wollesen
5-5	Alan Kruthoff	5-28	Ayden Huisenga Larry Rix
5-9	Miley Monahan	5-29	Merrison Schlepp
5-10	Deb Stehr	5-31	Jeffrey Ross
5-11	Shelly Pankau		
5-14	Brianna Boeckman		
5-17	Kaleb Mork		
5-18	Lyle Tegels		

May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 4:00 PM Confirmation Party 7:00 PM LYF	3	4	5
6 Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	7 7:00 PM Bible Study	8 7:00 PM Council Meeting	9	10 9:30 AM Ladies Aid Breakfast @ Judy Kramer's 7:00 PM Dorcas	11	12
13 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION Graduate Reception	14 7:00 PM Bible Study	15	16 7:00 PM LYF	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION	21 7:00 PM Bible Study	22	23 7:00 PM DOE's	24	25	26
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Elders:

May 6: Lannie Miller—712-661-9216
May 13: Ross Moeller—712-267-3159
May 20: Craig Wallace—606-584-3221
May 27: Dave Wolkman—712-660-3532

Greeters

Bob & Twila Cleveland
Bob & Waunita Tegels
Wayne & Donna Smidt
Roger & Rita Peters

Acolytes

May 6: Brody Boeckman & Gunnar Stock
May 13: Weston Drost
May 20: Greeley Schlepp & Brylea Wessels
May 27:

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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 Zehnder, Tara Reaman, Angelina Huegerich
Sunday School Superintendent: Tara Reaman

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