

EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:00 (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays 10:00 (Sep-May)

Sundays 9:00 (June-Aug)



From the Pastor's Study

One of my assignments while I was at seminary was to complete a time map which detailed how much time I spent on activities during the week. In some areas the results weren't surprising; a seminary student spends a lot of time in class and studying. Time spent sleeping and eating were also about what you'd expect. The eye-opening figures revealed that I watched too much television and spent too much time surfing the Web.

Keep in mind, this was fifteen years ago when about the only way to access the Internet was through a computer attached to a wall and cellphones only made phone calls (imagine that!). In the decade and half since, the use of smartphones and tablets has exploded so that 77% of Americans own smartphones and 50% own tablets. The average American spends 4 hours a day on their phone and checks it every 10 minutes!

I think we're all aware of the fact that too much time on mobile devices is having a negative effect on the social interaction within families and on each individually. The problems brought on by our phone addiction is a topic to be addressed another day and won't be fixed with a pastor's newsletter article.

But as long as we're talking about how we spend our days, check out these figures:

To read the entire Bible in one year requires you to read 12 minutes (!!) a day,

To read the New Testament twice a year takes 6 minutes a day,

Seven minutes a day enables you to read the Gospels and the book of Acts in 3 months,

In 30 minutes a day you could read Romans in 2 days or the Psalms in 10 days,

If you only have five minutes a day, you could read Philippians in one day or all the Epistles and the book of Revelation in just 3 months.

I'm not saying that you can't watch T.V., play games on your phones, or laugh at silly videos on Facebook. There's nothing sinful about those activities; they just tend to take up more of our time than we realize. Imagine how our personal lives and the life of the Church would be impacted if we used a small amount of time each day to focus on the Bible. The Bible is a gift from God! In it we learn of His love, our forgiveness, and His involvement in history. From it we learn to pray, to confess, and what God has done and will continue to do for us.

If you're always on the run, download a Bible to your phone and you'll be able to read it when you have a few minutes of downtime. Keep a Bible next to your bed and read a few minutes before you go to sleep. Read some Bible accounts ("story" makes the accounts sound imaginary) to your children before bed or after supper.

From Pastor's Study (con't)

Have them read to you while you're in the car heading from one thing to another. There are also audio versions available for when you're in the car or working around the house.

There are a variety of plans available that suit everyone. Some plans start in Genesis and end in Revelation, while others have a shorter reading from the OT, the NT, and one of the Psalms. You can also come up with one of your own. One last encouragement: read the Bible to learn and be strengthened, not just to get through the daily readings.

Let's make 2019 the year of the Bible at Emmanuel and experience the joys of being in God's Word (even if it is 7 minutes a day).

In Christ, Pastor

Church Council Minutes – December 14, 2018

Those present: Jodi Pieken, Pat Smith, Pastor Peterson, Jackie Wallace, Craig Wallace, Lannie Miller, Roger Pieken, Randy Drost, Gary Kruse, Marlin Johnson

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Gary called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Nov. meeting were emailed to all council members. Minutes were approved. The financial report for Nov. 2018 was given. Marlin made a motion, seconded by Randy to approve the financial reports. Motion passed.

Trustee Report: Nothing to Report

Elder Report: Nothing to Report

Evangelism Report: The turnout was fantastic for cookies and cocoa at the Lake View Holiday Celebration. Reservations are slowly coming in for the Christmas dinner that will be served at Emmanuel on Christmas day.

Pastors Report: Visits: 1 hospital/sick, 10 shut in. The Sunday School Christmas program is Sunday, December 16 at 5:30. Teachers are working hard to get the kids ready. LYF members went shopping and purchased toys and clothes for a struggling family with 3 young children. Private confirmation instruction has begun with Cole Frank and is going well. The Church Safety Committee has had 2 meetings where we've discussed Sunday school and church facilities. Eric Schultz has requested a transfer to Peace Wall Lake. Craig motioned to approve the transfer and Marlin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lucas, Kalyn, and Kellan Johnson have requested a transfer to Emmanuel from St. Paul's in Sac City. Lannie motioned to approve the transfer and Roger seconded the motion. Motion passed. Welcome to Emmanuel Johnsons.

Old Business: The ballot for the annual voters meeting on Sunday will be as follows: President Wes Drost, Elder Lyle Tegels and Dave Woltman, Trustee Randy Drost, Financial Secretary Jackie Wallace, Board of Ed Rachel Zender, Angelina Huegerich, Jennifer Peterson, Counters Charlie Bohm, Kim & Wes Drost, Julie Kraft. Pastor will make some calls to get more counters to add to the ballot so that we can have 3 rotations of counters.

New Business: We reviewed the 2018 budget line by line and adjusted as needed for 2019. The final budget is \$143,710.00. Marlin motioned to approve the 2019 budget, seconded by Randy. Motion passed. \$6000 of Pastors salary will be designated for his housing allowance.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Craig to adjourn the meeting. Next council meeting will be January 9, 2019.

Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

DID YOU KNOW?

We stand during the last stanza of a hymn if it specifically praises the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These stanzas are called *Trinitarian* and can be identified either by the little triangle next to the stanza number in the hymnal or by the pastor standing up.

It's that time when Thrivent members need to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the church or charity of their choice. In essence, Thrivent makes a donation to the charity in your name based on the types of accounts you have as Thrivent members.

Emmanuel is blessed to receive funds from many of you. Funds have been used to provide scholarships for youth gatherings, as a donation towards the AED device for the Sac County Ambulance, and for evangelism and outreach.

To designate funds call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice", then press "1" to direct your dollars. A representative will help you. You may also designate online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice



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Join the members of Mary and Martha to tie quilts on Monday, January 14th 9:30-1:30. Men and women are invited to come help. There will be a potluck at 12:30.



Enjoy Bingo, games, and conversation while eating delicious ice cream!

Annual Voters' Meeting – December 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Gary Kruse.

The minutes from the Dec. 2017 annual voters meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report was given by Jackie Wallace:

\$17,002.18 in checking

\$49,259.53 in savings

\$15,541.67 in the Endowment Fund

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Minard Petersen. Seconded by Jim Wallace. Motion passed.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Don Cole asked about the carpeting for the church. Pastor informed the congregation that carpet was put on hold until after the first of the year with decisions to be made by March 2019.

2019 Budget was presented by Gary Kruse. Wes Drost made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget. Seconded by Bill Riley. Motion passed.

The Ballot was presented as follows:

President: Wes Drost

Elders (2 needed): Lyle Tegels and Dave Woltman

Financial Secretary: Jackie Wallace

Trustee: Randy Drost

Board of Education (3 needed): Rachel Zehnder, Jennifer Peterson, Angelina Huegerich

Financial Committee (5 needed): Wes & Kim Drost, Charlie Bohm, Julie Kraft, Christina Schmidt, Paula Addison.

Motion to approve the ballot was made by Roger Peters. Seconded by Tami Auen. Motion passed.

A Christmas gift was presented to Pastor along with a thank you for all that he does for the congregation. Gary talked to the congregation about more people being involved in the Evangelism Committee.

A motion was made by Jim Wallace to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wes Drost

Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary



Lutheran Church Extension Fund is a financial organization that empowers ministry and has been serving LCMS members for 40 years. Through the dollars invested by over 50,000 individuals, congregations, schools, organizations and businesses, LCEF assists ministries with customized loans and ministry support services that help leaders respond to growth and community needs.

To meet future loan demand and help support growing ministry opportunities, we need to raise an additional \$100 million. Which is why we invite you to a special, limited-time investment opportunity: our 40-month 40th anniversary note at 4%. Call 800-843-5233 or visit lcef.org/40month

Safety Committee Minutes – December 20, 2018

Present: Helga Gross, Faye Rohrbeck, George Mohrhauser, Lannie Miller, Pastor Peterson (Absent: Dave Woltman)

Background checks: Because protecting children is the number one priority of Emmanuel, a new policy regarding background checks has been instituted. All adult Sunday school and Confirmation teachers will have background screenings. The checks will not be all encompassing background checks but only run against the sex offender registry. All the teachers have been contacted and think the screening is a good idea. A clean screening will be a requirement for teaching beginning January 2019. Pastor will be the first to undergo the screening.

Sunday School Update: The teachers have requested a male presence downstairs during the Sunday school hour. The volunteer isn't a teacher but will be downstairs in case of emergency. Parents and members of the congregation will be encouraged to serve. Information forms will be given to all Sunday school families in the fall of 2019. Forms will ask for contact information, food allergies, permission for offsite activities, etc.

First Aid Kit: Dave will put together a first aid kit to be stored in a readily available location.

Fire Prevention: Lannie and George will map out the location of the fire extinguishers and smoke detectors and post maps.

Security Cameras: The committee decided that these aren't necessary at this time.

Next Meeting: January 10th at 6:30 pm

A New Year – New Opportunities

Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the JANUARY calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things.

God doesn't necessarily call us to do great things, however. He asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end He gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet – and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities – that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One Who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.



LWML Minutes - December 2018

Mary & Martha— Mary and Martha met December 13 for a Christmas luncheon at the home of Judy Kramer with 21 in attendance. After answering roll call with their favorite Christmas carol a delicious pot luck lunch was enjoyed.

During their brief business meeting they presented Pastor Peterson with a gift and decided to send to their usual Christmas Charities: Bethesda, Dakota Boy's Ranch, Lutheran Family Service, and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

After hearing information sent from Ellie Menz about the total destruction by fire of Our Savior Lutheran Church and parsonage in Paradise, California they voted to contribute \$600 from the Velma Meyer and Gladys Hawks memorial funds. This will purchase two "start up tubs" for two families affected by the disaster.

In addition, they collected funds individually to be a Secret Santa for the pastor's family at Our Savior. They lost everything except the memory books of their three young children.

The Chrismons to be given out at Christmas Day worship were made by Joyce Bettin, Carol Roth and Pat Smith. Donna Smidt sewed new offering bags for the Sunday School. Donna Smidt, Gert Drost and Judy Kramer are making soup for the Sunday School Program.

It was decided to not have a January meeting but to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Monday, January 14th, at 9:30.

Phyllis Brus became a new member. Alice Koessel was recognized for her 90th birthday in December.

The luncheon concluded with a Christmas devotion given by Pastor Peterson and the singing of several Christmas carols with LaVon Freese accompanying.

Daughters of Emmanuel—The DOEs Christmas party was held at Beth's house with Beth and Helga co-hosting. President Helga Gross called the meeting to order with seven members, Pastor, and one guest in attendance.

Secretary's report: Roll call with Christmas list; November minutes read with one correction – we sent **80** hats to IOWAY; read one correspondence item

Treasurer's report: none; will have three upcoming bills – rolls, poinsettias, bulletin covers

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Brigit, Melissa; Rachel/Kevin

Old Business- Hats for IOWAY, Next collection date will be January 13

Christmas books for SS kids, LuAnn will make labels

New Business

Cookie Walk Proceeds - \$385—\$100 to Wheatland Fund—\$285 to Emmanuel family

Poinsettia sales – have sold five

Signed up for hosting 2019

Meeting date changes: November 20; December 8 – cookie walk and party

Mites calendar will be in mailboxes

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Rachel Zehnder, secretary

Birthdays

Name	Date
Tami Auen Janet Langbein	Jan. 1
Donita Mork	Jan. 2
Macy Monahan	Jan. 3
Jeff Sharp	Jan. 6
Marni Roth	Jan. 9
Larry Bundt Lisa Garrels	Jan. 10
Sue Frank Brynn Boeckman	Jan. 11
Helga Gross	Jan. 14
Darlene Mohr	Jan. 16
Bill Clausen Ashton Racobs	Jan. 17
Lavon Freese	Jan. 18
Raymond Larsen Garry Leonard	Jan. 19
Rich Schultz	Jan. 21
Nancy Fertig Layne Huisenga	Jan. 24
Chuck Wollesen Janine Waldrop	Jan. 26
Craig Meyer Lily Peters	Jan. 31

Anniversaries

Raymond & Doris Larsen January 31 (68 years)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office so our records can be updated.

Serving in God's House

Elders:

January 6: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
January 13: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321
January 20: Lannie Miller (712) 661-9216
January 27: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532

Greeters:

January 6: Mike & K'Lee Naberhaus
January 13: Judy Kramer & Jan Stock
January 20: Larry & Barb Bundt
January 27: Lyle & Lori Tegels

Acolytes:

January 6: Brody Boeckman
January 13: Brylea Wessels & Lily Peters
January 20: Greeley Schlepp
January 27: James Stock & Landon Graff

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January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service	7 7:00 PM Bible Study	8 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee	9 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 No Mary and Mar- tha 6:30 PM Safety Committee	11	12
13 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service	14 9:30-1:30 Tie Quilts for World Relief 7:00 PM Bible Study	15	16 3:30 Confirmation 5:30 PM JIF 7:00 PM LYF	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service	21 7:00 PM Bible Study	22	23 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 PM DOE's	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service 5p Ice Cream Social	28 7:00 PM Bible Study	29	30 3:30 Confirmation	31		