

EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School: 9:00 (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays 10:00 am
Sundays 9:00 (Memorial Day through
Labor Day)



From the Pastor's Study

I remember hearing when I was a kid to never turn down something free. As I grew older, I realized that's not very good advice. Sure, some freebies are nice: grocery store samples, undeserved gift certificates from the congregation for Pastor Appreciation Month (thank you by the way!!), and the affection of a newborn baby (or puppy or kitten). Other freebies aren't all that wonderful. Who would accept a free "knuckle sandwich" or who among our veterans appreciated the free admission to the military via the draft?

One of the problems I see in society is that people want things for free that can't possibly be free: college education, healthcare, and money (as California is offering). Please believe me when I say that I'm not trying to start a political holy war, and if we lived in a perfect world we could have all these things for free, but we're not, so we can't. College, healthcare, and money for nothing aren't really free. While they're free to the recipients, there's no magical money tree so somebody must pay for them. The Communists, the old school Socialists, and the Democratic Socialists have all tried systems of free things, and what did it get them? Starvation, unemployment, high taxes, soaring prices for non-free things, corruption, and incredibly long waits for basic and emergency medical care. We've all heard the sayings "there's no such thing as a free ride" or "nothing in life is free", maybe it's time we heed them.

There's also another familiar saying "the best things in life are free." Time with our family, games with our children, the satisfaction of a job well done, and forgiveness. Now, there's a question, is forgiveness free? Saint Paul says it is: "If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:17). On the other hand, as we heard above, there's no such thing as a free ride, so while forgiveness is free to you, somebody must pay for it. Martin Luther said that Jesus didn't pay for our forgiveness with gold or silver, rather He paid with His holy, innocent, and precious blood. There is no money tree, but there is the lifegiving tree of the cross, and it's there that Jesus paid for your sins. By paying for all your sins (yes, all of them) Jesus now offers you the free gift of righteousness (a right standing before God). You are forgiven and you don't have to pay a thing. You don't pay for good freebies, they're gifts, and there's no greater freebie than freedom from your sins and an eternity in the presence of God.

As I've grown older, I've realized that sometimes it's okay to turn down appealing freebies. I don't need another can koozie or another knick-knack from a garage sale. The forgiveness of sins though is something I will never turn down! I need it bad and so do you. Don't try to bribe God to forgive you and don't offer to pay Him back. Just receive the free gift and stand before God righteous and holy. And every day repent of your sins, receive the free gift, and praise Christ for the boundless love that is always free for you.

In Christ, Pastor

Emmanuel Council Minutes—October 14, 2020

Those present: Pastor, Craig Wallace, Jackie Wallace, Beth Hatch, Jodi Pieken, Roger Pieken, Marlin Johnson, Wes Drost

Wes called the meeting to order, Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary's report for Sept. was emailed to all council members. No changes were made. The financial report for Aug. & Sept. was given. Marlin made a motion, seconded by Roger to approve both. Motion approved.

Elder Report: Nothing to report

Trustee Report: We will try to go without turning on the heat to the steps to try and preserve the work that has been done. Pastor is having issues with his garage door. Council told Pastor to call someone and have them come and look at it.

Evangelism Report: Trunk or Treat is Oct. 30 from 5-6 pm. Still looking for more people to have trunks there. Emmanuel will be the collection point for donations Nov. 15-21 for Samaritan's Purse.

Pastors Report: Pastor visits: shut-ins 3, counseling 3. With pastor covering the vacancy at Saint Paul in Sac City there will be no Sunday adult Bible class at Emmanuel. The service in Sac will be Sunday mornings at 8:30 so that Pastor can make it back for 10:00 service at Emmanuel. Confirmation location is yet to be determined. The 11:30 service at Emmanuel will continue for the time being. Funerals: Alice Koessel Sept. 26 & Robert Tegels Oct. 10. Pastor will be on vacation Nov. 2-8. Pastor Riggert will be covering for him. Offering will change a little bit. The plate will still be in the back of the church for people to place their offering in and the Elder will bring the plate upfront during service for blessings. Rev. Simon Yiech, a pastor from Sudan serving at The Sudanese Lutheran Church in Des Moines died on Oct. 11. He was bi-vocational (working various PT and FT jobs) and paid very little by the congregation. His widow and children face substantial funeral and family expenses. Craig motioned, seconded by Roger to approve sending \$500 to his family. Motion approved. Jackie motioned, seconded by Craig to approve the transfer of Matt Mork and 3 kids to Saint Paul in Sac City. Motion approved.

Old Business: The front steps are done.

New Business: The rafters in the church need to be cleaned. There will be a sign-up sheet for people to come in and assist the custodians with this. Wes will talk to Dave to figure out a date to do this. The office computer is old and needs to be replaced. Pastor will contact Jeremy at Iowa Computer Depot. Craig motioned, seconded by Marlin to approve paying for the yarn that is used to make the hats. Motion approved. Council will be taking over the Book Scholarships from Mary and Martha. October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Beth to adjourn the meeting. Next council meeting will be Nov. 11th, 2020.

Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary



Turkey Drive

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a TURKEY DRIVE to benefit the Wheatland Food Pantry for the East Sac School District. There is a real need to help members of our community during these hard times. The number of families being served through the pantry has increased to 58, up from 23 families last year. We will be collecting money for turkeys like we did last year. In addition, canned fruit and vegetables, mac and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, and paper products, like toilet paper and paper towels are very much needed. Please give money for turkeys to Marlin or Jackie, and place items in Fellowship Hall. Marlin and Jackie will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 8th to collect any remaining money and donations. Our deadline is **Sunday, November 8th** so we can get the turkeys purchased and to the Food Pantry for distribution on the 18th.

LWML Minutes



Mary & Martha—Mary and Martha met October 8 with 9 members present. Devotions by Judy Kramer -”Steadfastness in suffering.” Pastor led the topic from Quarterly “The Power of Words.” Roll call was your favorite bird. Secretary and Treasurers reports were read and approved. Mites collected from LWML Sunday was \$91.92, shared with the DOE’s. Pastor will bring up Book Scholarship with the Council at the next meeting.

A motion to give \$50.00 to the LWML Sac Zone as an offering to meet expenses from the canceled Zone Rally. Bring in-gathering items to the church by Oct 15-19. Irene Thayer will pick them up.

Officers elected for the coming year are:

President—Donna Smidt

Vice President—Sheryl Huisenga

Secretary—Gert Drost

Treasurer—Karen VanMeveren

We will assemble Christmas Chrismons at the November meeting.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Gert Drost, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel— October 28, 2020

President Jennifer Petersen called the meeting in the fellowship hall to order with six members and Pastor in attendance.

Secretary report: September minutes read and approved; one correspondence item

Treasurer report: Balance of \$906.37 -Deposits: \$114.22 mites, \$36 offering, \$45.96 LWML Sunday mites

Payments: \$23.40 to JP for Christmas books, \$100 to Zone activity fund, \$48 for eight Quarterlies

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Londa; Tami/Mark

Committee Reports:

Mission Servant: Londa shared an email from Ellie Menz at IOWAY for Moulton Elementary in DSM needing warm winter gear; Rachel moved to donate \$200, Helga seconded, motion approved; Londa will find out where to send the money

Decorating: Christmas decorating is November 29 after church, need to check if anything needs replaced

Kitchen – Rachel checked supplies and will restock next week

Christian Leadership – no report

Old Business—Sunday School mailboxes – monthly host fills the box on the fourth Sunday

Zone election – new president and secretary

New Business—Thanksgiving baskets – 14 baskets; 1 couple - Signed up to bring items; looking for a special item that DOEs will purchase

Elections – we need a VP and secretary

Poinsettias – will check with Mollie about purchasing 20; LuAnn is going to price check at Thistle Down

Cookie Walk – December 6 - Each member please purchase a couple packages of containers

· Christmas party – December 6 at 4:30 at Jennifer’s

T-shirt tote bag mission project - From Ellie Menz at IOWAY - Make bags from t-shirts for the food pantry at school or the Food Bank of Iowa, and include a note of encouragement in the bag. Rachel will check with Gail Eischeid to see if the school pantry needs bags.

DOEs, bring to the January meeting: tshirts to cut and sew, cardstock or scrapbook paper

Passed out Mites calendar – a month of thankfulness, collection of Mites and offerings

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting: November 18 (one week early) at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to assemble Thanksgiving baskets

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Zehnder for Melissa Frye



Dear Supporters of Iowa West Branch, Orphan Grain Train,
We want to thank you for your support of Iowa West Branch, Orphan Grain Train over the years. It is gifts like yours that keep us going along with volunteers who come and work. We operate strictly on donations, memorials, Thrivent Choice Dollars and grants from LWML IWD. Our shipment in September, which is on its way to Kyrgyzstan, was an expensive one. We have pretty much depleted our funds now. Before we can do another shipment in three or four months, we will need to raise more money. We cannot apply for another grant from the LWML IWD until the summer of 2022. We know this has been a difficult year for everyone and for most organizations. If the Lord moves your hearts to again financially support the Iowa West Branch, it would be greatly appreciated.
In our loving Savior, Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager

Stewardship and Thanksgiving

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

Keeping Iowans Warm:

YOU are invited to be part of an exciting IOWAY outreach to hundreds of children and parents at Moulton Elementary School in Des Moines, Iowa. Of the nearly 500 students at Moulton Elementary (K-5), a large majority of the students are refugees and immigrants from many countries. There are currently 30 languages spoken in the school.

Hundreds of students are coming to school with poorly fitting or no coats. Their parents do not have the finances to purchase the needed items. I delivered over 500 knit hats to Audri, the Community School Coordinator at Moulton. After asking how we can help, she shared the following needs in sizes: 4/5, 5/6, 7/8 and 10/12. • Coats • Snow boots • Gloves or mittens • Warm scarfs • Quilts or blankets (sizes can vary but in the range of 36" x 48" or 50" x 60") • Sweatshirts and sweatpants • Underwear • Socks

Contact Audri at 515-556-6410 or Audriana.LuUhlken@dmschools.org before dropping off items. Please deliver items to: Moulton Elementary School 1541 8th St Des Moines, IA 50314

Questions? Contact Ellie Menz 515-370-1159 or ellie@iowadistrictwest.org

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship	2 Pastor on Vacation November 2-8	3	4 7:00 PM LYF	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	9 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	10 7:00 PM Evangelism Comm. Meeting	11 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM Council	12 1:30 PM Mary & Martha	13 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	14
15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship	16 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	17	18 3:45 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM LYF 7:00 PM DOE's	19	20 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	21
22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship	23 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	24	25 7:00 PM Thanksgiv- ing Service	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	28
29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 Christmas Decorating	30 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study					



Birthdays

Name	Date
Dan Mork	November 1
Kyle Norris	November 6
Jesse Carroll	November 7
Bruce Leitz	November 9
MaKena Liechti	November 10
Addison Phillips	November 12
Michael Miller	November 13
Kalyn Johnson	November 14
Brooklyn Boeckman	November 16
Chad Schlepp	November 17
Heidi Swenson	November 17
Talon Graff	November 18
Bill Riley	November 19
Brittany Liechti	November 19
Jordin Carroll	November 20
Gary Kruse	November 21
Dakota Werkmeister	November 21
Claire Wallace	November 21
Roger Petersen	November 24
Karen Wetzstein	November 25
Taylor Wessels	November 25
Linda Schuknecht	November 30
Brody Boeckman	November 30

Anniversaries

Bob & Wanda Freese	November 8 (59 years)
Jon & Tara Reaman	November 11 (19 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:

November 1:	Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
November 8:	Lannie Miller (712) 661-9216
November 15:	Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321
November 22:	Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
November 29:	Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Acolytes:

Nov. 1:	Jordin Carroll & Paige Zimmerman
Nov. 8:	Kyler Snider & Landon Graff
Nov. 15:	Kennedy Reaman & Lily Peters
Nov. 22:	Adam Frank & Xander Hemer
Nov. 29:	Jordin Carroll & Paige Zimmerman

Worship Online

Facebook.com/LakeViewEmmanuel— Sunday services will be shown live and a recording will be available.

www.lakeviewemmanuel.com—click on the box with a video camera. The video here is not live but directs to the recorded Facebook video (you do not need a Facebook account to watch the video).

Call (844) 605-2344 and listen to the service live or call later and listen to the recorded service.

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