

EMMANUEL NEWS

Sunday School: 9:00 (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00 am (Memorial Day
through Labor Day)
Sundays at 10:15 am



From the Pastor's Study

There's an old adage which says you can tell when a Lutheran parishioner likes a pastor's jokes because he smiles as big as he can. Okay, that's not entirely true, but we're not the most boisterous Christians, are we? Some Pentecostal denominations have speaking in tongues and dancing in the aisle. Some Southern Baptist congregations have people shouting "Amen!" and "Hallelujah!" On the other side of it, Missouri-Synod Lutherans would probably have a heart attack if someone yelled out "Preach It Brother!"

Is our reserved nature a bad thing? Not at all! Our reserved nature is found in the DNA of both our bodies and culture. It's just the way we are, and that's okay. If we were to become a little more vocal in worship, where would we start? I love the enthusiasm I get during the Easter season with "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" That's great for the Easter season, but what about the rest of the year? Is there an appropriate place that we can be a little more excited? I think we should give it a shot with our "Amens".

The word amen means, "Yes, it shall be so!" It means we agree with what we just heard, and we believe it to be true. Take the invocation for example. We begin service by saying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" to which the congregation responds with Amen. How often though is that response kind of muted? Every week, right? Shouldn't we be a little more excited to be in God's presence? Here we are, about to receive God's gifts, and all we can say is a monotone Amen.

Or how about after you hear the absolution when I proclaim and promise that your sins are forgiven. This is the greatest gift God could possibly give you, there's nothing more important than the forgiveness of your sin and guilt. And how do we respond? With nothing more than a bored Amen.

When we gather in the name of God to receive His gifts, when we raise our prayers to His ears, when we hear the precious words of absolution, when we leave church refreshed, forgiven, and blessed, shouldn't we be raising the rafters? That might be too much, but you know what I mean!

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God says you're forgiven – so let Him hear your joy. God says to go in peace – so let your Amens resound as you announce to those in hearing range that you believe it to be true!

God has forgiven me! AMEN! God has heard my prayers! AMEN! God has blessed me with His gifts and presence! AMEN! It's okay if we get excited now and then. We'll never dance in the aisle and I'm perfectly fine with that. But an Amen to God's glory with a few more enthusiasm and a few more decibels, that would be great.

So, I say to you: God loves you! God forgives you! Jesus died for you! To which the whole congregation responds with a joyful, wholehearted, boisterous, and rafter shaking AMEN!

In Christ,
Pastor

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

May 8, 2024

Present: Wes D, Marlin J, Randy D, Jon R, JoDee, Sheryl H, Craig W, Pastor Peterson, Deanna C

Secretary Report: March meeting notes read and approved.

Financial Report: read and approved by Marlin J and 2nd by Randy D. It was also discussed how the decrease in offerings has impacted budget.

Elders Report: none

Evangelism Committee: Easter bags were not handed out due to having more kids than bags. Marlin has ordered roses to be handed out on Mother's Day.

Trustees Report: discussed crab grass removal in yard. Randy will leaves out from around bushes.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be attending the Spring Conference in Greenville. Conference is \$100 and Motel is \$67. Randy D made motion to approve covering the expenses and Craig 2nd it.

Free Stewardship Workshop with Zoom option. Registration closes 4/15. Please contact Pastor if interested. Confirmation: questions on 4/28 and confirmation on 5/4.

Old Business: It was discussed about having additional options/bids and possible other colors. Color should be reflected that the Church is God's House. Wes D volunteered to go to Wall Lake to pick up additional colors/samples.

New Business: Letter from Blackhawk Lake Preservation asking for donations. It was decided to leave donations up to individuals.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes taken and submitted by Deanna C, Council Secretary



Starting on June 23rd, Sunday services will move to 9:00 am.

On September 8th, service will return to 10:00 am.

Mary & Martha Meeting Minutes

Mary & Martha met May 9th with 13 in attendance. Judy called the meeting to order and minutes and financial reports were given and approved. Judy passed around thank you notes and birthday cards for everyone to sign.

Spring Rally was April 23rd at Peace was very nice and the speaker was very interesting.

Quilters will tie quilts on June 17th.

Orphan Grain Train clothes will be collected from June 23rd to July 7. A group will go to help in Ida Grove on July 9th.

Karen Wetzstein is our delegate and group voted to send \$25.00 each for the convention offerings. A motion by Vicki and 2nd by Karen Van Meveren passed. We need ideas for the convention silent auction. Convention is June 13-15.

Deb Stehr was our May birthday.

A quilt of valor is planned for Memorial Day weened.

Closed with Lords Prayer and table prayer. Submitted by Pam Wollesen, Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel Meeting Minutes

No meeting was held in May. DOEs are currently working on 2 summer projects that the congregation is welcome to assist with..

1. Birthday Boxes: The Birthday Box is a “party in a box” that is available to children who may not otherwise have a celebration on their special day. We are collecting: cake mixes, frosting, candles, wrapping paper, books, cards, small prizes, decorations
2. Child Safety kits: These kits are for police departments to have for situations when they must care for small children. We are collecting: baby blankets, pacifiers, bottles, diapers, small stuffed animals and kids clothes to 4T.

There are baskets in the Fellowship Hall for each collection and we will be collecting all summer.

Thank you! Daughters of Emmanuel

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

ILSTO assists students who wish to attend one of Iowa District West’s 14 Lutheran schools.

For the 2024 tax year, the legislature has allocated \$20,000,000 for Tuition Tax Credits for the STO program across the state of Iowa so ILSTO will have \$861,151 in tax credits to distribute to donors and has set a goal to raise \$1,148,202. We are currently at 2% of our goal. We need your help to raise this money.

Donors receive a 75% tax credit on Iowa income tax. This means you could donate \$1000 and receive a \$750 reduction on your Iowa Income Taxes. Donations also qualify as a Charitable Deduction on your Federal Tax Return. Current tax laws have changed so please consult your tax preparer for the impact on your tax situation.

Contact Dewey Torkelson for more information at 712-260-2991.



Come Join the Fun

Emmanuel VBS June 3-7 9-11:15 am

Money and the Great Commission

Jesus' parting command was: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we *"test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others"* (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:15 Worship	3	4	5	6	7 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	1 8
9 10:15 Worship	10	11 7:00 pm Council Meeting	12	13 9:30 am Mary/ Martha Guest Breakfast	14 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	15
16 10:15 Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 WORSHIP TIME CHANGE! 9:00 Worship	24	25	26	27	28 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	29
30 9:00 Worship						

Pastor on vacation

VBS WEEK

LWML District Convention at

Birthdays

Name	Date
Lance Peters	01
Donna Smidt	02
Ryli Racobs	03
Vicky Fagerland	04
Tawna Gross	04
Courtney Bostwick	05
Faye Rohrbeck	08
LaVerna Schoneboom	10
Angelina Huegerich	10
Tom Reaman	11
Jaxon Carroll	12
Jerry Kruse	13
LuAnn Norris	15
K'Lee Naberhaus	15
Emilee Drost	17
Kristen Drost	25
Elizabeth Drost	25
Mark Auen	30
Paula Addison	30

Anniversaries

Jim & Kathy Carroll	50
Ross & Tami Moeller	35
Wayne & Donna Smidt	57
Rev Don & Jennifer Peterson	29
Ben & Melissa Wallace	11
Jim & Phyllis Leitz	52
Chuck & Pam Wolleson	57
Bill & Christina Caton	4

If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list, please contact the church office so we can add you to our list.

Serving in God's House

Elders:

June 2: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
June 9: Marlin Johnson (712)210-0879
June 16: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3221
June 23: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
June 30: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Acolytes:

June 2: Emmett Hemer
June 9: Braxton Graff, Talon Graff
June 16: Macy Monahan, Katie Ryan
June 23: Evan Brockman, Konnor Snider
June 30: Brynn Boeckman, Kylie Rudd

Counters:

June 2: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden & Julie Reaman
June 9: Judy Miller and Dale & Lynda Wiebers
June 16: Brigit Frank, Karen Van Meveren, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson
June 23: Christina Caton, Amber Hadden & Julie Reaman
June 30: Judy Miller and Dale & Lynda Wiebers

Greeters:

June 2: Wes & Kim Drost
June 9: Lyle & Lori Tegels
June 16: Wuanita Tegels & Joyce Bettin
June 23: Lannie & Judy Miller
June 30: Donna Smidt & Jan Stock

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