

EMMANUEL NEWS

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: 9:00 am (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00 am
Sundays at 10:00 am (Sept-May)



From the Pastor's Study

It's estimated that during his missionary journeys Saint Paul traveled between 10,000 and 15,000 miles. If we stick with the estimate at the low end, that's still a ton of miles, most of which he walked. He visited royals and commoners, city dwellers and country folk, professionals and laborers. Every place he went was different and yet his message was always the same. He says, "***For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins***" (I Cor. 15:3). That sums up the Gospel perfectly. What do we need to know more than anything? Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins! Not some of them, all of them! The most important thing fills the pages of the Holy Bible! The Old Testament points to the Savior to come, the New Testament tells us about the Savior who has come. I'm sure Paul addressed a variety of topics when he was teaching, but it would've been a waste of time had he left out the most important thing.

The most important thing Paul taught is the most important thing I try to faithfully teach. I'm not a tenth the writer or orator Paul was, but I give it my best shot. Every Sunday I pray that you hear the Law which reveals your sin (or the impact of sin on the word) and the Gospel. I don't want anyone to ever leave service asking themselves if they've been forgiven! I want you all to believe it! There's nothing more important than repenting of your sins and then hearing that great news that Jesus died for our sins.

Sometimes I worry that this thing of first importance goes in one ear and out the other. We all know what it's like to hear the same stories again and again from our relatives to the point that we stop listening. Does that happen in church? Do you sit there thinking, "Yes, Pastor I know all this"? I'll bet it does! And you know how I know it does? Because it sometimes happens to me when I'm listening to other pastors. I'll be the first to admit that my lack of focus is a sin. I'm blocking out God's Word for simply being boring or old hat. What a terrible thing to say out loud! God forbid we ever get tired of hearing the beautiful Gospel. If God tells us that it's the most important thing, He wants us to know it right? Believe it? Trust it? Share it? All the above, right?

May God defend us from ambivalence when it comes to hearing what Christ has done for us, and may God stir up our hearts this month as we gather to celebrate the death and resurrection of His Son for us. The Gospel message of forgiveness is the message of first importance handed down to us in God's Word, and I pray that this is a message you always cherish in your hearts.

In Christ,

Pastor

Council Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2026

Attending: Wes Drost, Craig Wallace, Lyle Tegels, Marlin Johnson, Dave Woltman, Randy Drost, Jon Reaman, Jon Frank, Sheryl Huisenga, Jodee Sharp, Deanna Cole, Pastor Peterson

Meeting opened with prayer led by Pastor Peterson Secretary's Report approved

Treasurer's/Financial Report: an increase utilities was noted d/t a cold January plus door to small refrigerator sealing unless closed firmly. \$1000 in donations from memorials was placed in the Celebration Fund.

Elder's Report: Lenten Supper on Ash Wednesday 2/18 hosted by Mary and Martha with free will donation.

Evangelism Committee: Souper Bowl Lunch was a success, serving 138 with \$1896 in proceeds.

Trustees' Report: will continue to monitor water usage.

Pastor's Report: a decrease in shut ins visits d/t deaths or decline for need. Kathryn and Carter Broderson requested transfer of membership to Saint Paul's in Carroll, moved and passed. Getting a new dishwasher installed at Parsonage with the seller doing the install for \$50.

Old Business: It has been noticed that lights have been left on, Please be mindful in turning off lights when you leave a room.

New Business: none

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer

Deanna Cole/Church Council Secretary

Mary/Martha Meeting

February 12, 2026

Mary & Martha met Jan 8, 2026 with 9 in attendance. Minutes and financial reports were approved.

Old Business: Judy reported 138 were served at Super Soup Luncheon

New Business: Work sheets for Lenten Lasagna Supper were passed out.

*Quilters will tie quilts in March.

*Will be re-doing the funeral work sheets.

*Spring Zone Rally will be in Sac City April 28th

Closed with Lords Prayer

Submitted by Pam Wollesen, Secretary

LYF meeting – February 11, 2026

LYF met in the fireside room to plan upcoming events.

Upcoming events

Lenten dinner

March 4

Serving maidrites, party potatoes, salads, desserts

Signed up for what to bring; will send the food list out asap

Proceeds will go to Camp registrations

Camp Okoboji

July 19-25 – Youth Week

Early bird registration discount is available until March 1

Juniors and seniors can volunteer to be counselors at Cub Weeks

Also looking for summer staff – check their website

Spring event with Peace

Pickleball tournament, bowling, sand volleyball and grill out

Tied a fleece blanket

Next gathering: March 4 to serve Lenten dinner

Daughters of Emmanuel Meeting

February 18, 2026

DOEs met in the Fellowship Hall with 11 members in attendance. Secretary and financial reports were read and approved.

Mission Servant: We will do the 40 day challenge again this year. Jen will calendar and DOES booklets in boxes this weekend.

Kitchen-Kim will order some divided plates

Old Business: Super Luncheon was well attended and raised \$1896 for furnace/ac repairs.

New Business: Next meeting March 18th

Lenten Dinner March 18th-sign ups went around

Easter baskets for shut ins will be assembled March 18th

Easter lilies-\$15.00 ea and Helga will be point person

Spring Rally-April 28th at St Paul.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Helga Gross, Secretary

Stewardship Under the Cross

Why should I Tithe?

We do not make God poor when we fail to give money to Him properly, but we do make ourselves poor if we do not give according to the standards He sets for us in His Word, the Bible. God does not need our money, but we need to give the way the Bible tells us to in order to overcome the negative influence money and the things of this world can have on us.

Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24

Some of the teachings of the Bible are more difficult than others. For many the teachings about money, possessions and offerings are among the most difficult. But God’s instructions are for our good, not for our harm. If we follow His instructions, we will be free and content. Jesus said in John 8:36 **“If the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free.”** We also read in 1 Timothy 6:6 that **“...godliness with contentment is great wealth.”** That is God’s desire for His people: freedom, godliness, and contentment. That is also the desire of this church for its members and associates.

Here are some points to consider:

TO WHOM DOES OUR MONEY BELONG? King David said to God, *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!”* (1 Chronicles 29:14)

GOD DESIRES US TO GIVE OUR OFFERINGS WILLINGLY - *“You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.”* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

THE LORD WANTS US TO MAKE OUR MONEY OFFERINGS TO HIM FIRST. HE IS NOT PLEASED WHEN WE GIVE HIM LEFTOVERS. *“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first part of everything your land produces. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with the finest wine.”* (Proverbs 3:9-10)

THE LORD WANTS US TO MAKE OUR MONEY OFFERINGS TO HIM REGULARLY, THAT IS, WHENEVER WE HAVE INCOME, WHETHER WE ARE ABLE TO GO TO CHURCH THAT WEEK OR NOT. *“On the first day of every week, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. Don’t wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.”* (1 Corinthians 16:2)

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THE LORD TELLS US THAT IT IS NOT THE AMOUNT ITSELF THAT IS IMPORTANT. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE MAKE OUR MONEY OFFERINGS PROPORTIONATELY. IN OTHER WORDS, WE SHOULD GIVE A GENEROUS PERCENTAGE OF THE INCOME THE LORD ENABLES US TO EARN THROUGH OUR WORK AND INVESTMENTS. *“On every Lord’s Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. Don’t wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.” (1 Cor 16:2)*

OUR MONEY OFFERINGS TO THE LORD SHOULD ALSO BE MADE GENEROUSLY. “Now I want to tell you, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done for the churches in Macedonia. Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich *generosity*. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the gracious privilege of sharing in the gift for the Christians in Jerusalem.” (2 Cor 8:1-4)

WHAT EXACTLY IS “TITHING” AND WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT IT? “To tithe” literally means “to give 10%.” The *command* about tithing was part of the Old Testament laws for the nation of Israel. So what God said in the *Law* is no longer a requirement, although the principle remains. (The principle in the Bible is that offerings *begin* at 10%.) But the Lord’s *promises* never change. And consider this promise about tithing:

Mal. 3:10-11 “**Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not shrivel before they are ripe,’ says the Lord Almighty.**”

IS IT TRUE THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TITHING AND IT DIDN’T WORK FOR THEM? If that’s true, then God’s Word is not true. We should remember that the Bible does not say that tithing can be done without sacrifice. But God *does* say that the blessings will far outweigh any hardship if the tithing is done consistently and from the heart.

IS GETTING A BLESSING FROM GOD MY MOTIVATION FOR TITHING? No, the motivation is His amazing love for me. *“I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)*

2026 Lenten Midweek Service Schedule

Wednesday March 4th: Emmanuel

LYF serving Maidrites, chips, salads and desert

Wednesday March 11th: Peace

Peace LYF. Serving maid-rites, potato salad and chips

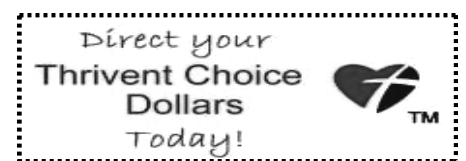
Wednesday March 18th: Emmanuel

DOEs: serving Walking tacos, salads and desserts

Wednesday March 25th: Peace

Fish Fry Dinner

Now is the time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Emmanuel! When you do so by March 31st, Emmanuel receives a donation from Thrivent to assist us in our ministry.



Emmanuel is richly blessed by the Thrivent members who regularly direct their dollars to our church, and I thank you!

If you have any Thrivent products you may be able to direct funds to Emmanuel (this doesn't come from your account).

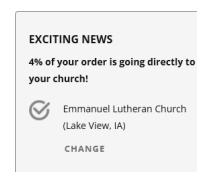
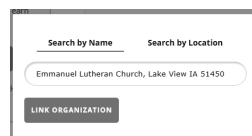
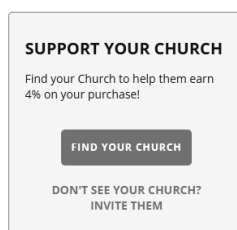
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Birthdays

Name	Date
Brianna Garms	03
Lori Tegels	05
Laryn Sharp	06
Mollie Scott	07
JoDee Sharp	10
Christian Reaman	11
Waunita Tegels	12
Charles Bohm	12
Carter Huergerich	13
Vanessa Swenson	14
Kiersten Carroll	14
Gina Schlepp	17
Emmett Hemer	17
Carson Rudd	19
Julie Reaman	22
Jean Mohrhauser	23
Stuart Bohm	23
Barb Bundt	24
Joani Vohs	25
Jennifer Peterson	27
Jon Reaman	31

Anniversaries

Reggie & Faye Rorhbeck	13	50yrs
Craig & Jackie Wallace	14	45yrs
Gary & Myrna Kruse	15	50yrs
Jon & Brigit Frank	28	17yrs

Serving in God's House

Elders:

March 1: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
March 8: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)
March 15: Lyle Tegels (712)830-7151
March 22: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
March 29: Marlin Johnson (712-210-0879)

Acolytes:

March 1: Ryder Siebrecht
March 8: Brynn Boeckman and Cora Maddix
March 15: Konnor Snider
March 22: Keely Swenson and Bennett Swenson
March 29: Carter Huegerich and Kellan Johnson

Counters:

March 1: Kalyn Johnson and Karen Van Meveren
March 8: Brigit Frank and Mark Kruthoff
March 15: Amber Hadden and Julie Reaman
March 22: Kalyn Johnson and Karen Van Meveren
March 29: Brigit Frank and Mark Kruthoff

Greeters:

March 1 : Charles and Pam Wollesen
March 4: Brigit Frank and Jan Stock
March 8: Roger and Rita Peters
March 15: Lori & Lyle Tegels
March 18: Lyle & Linda Schuknecht
March 22: Brigit Frank and Jennifer Peterson
March 29: Judy Kramer and Joyce Bettin

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

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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	2	3	4 3:30 Confirmation 6pm LYF supper 7pm Lenten	5	6 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	7
8 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship Board of Ed Meet	9 7:00 pm Ladies Bible study	10	11 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service (Peace) Council after Service	12 1:30 pm Mary/Martha Meet	13 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	14
15 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	16 7:00 pm Ladies Bible study	17	18 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 DOEs dinner 7:00 Lenten	19	20 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	21
22 9:00 SS & Bible study 10:00 Worship	23 7:00 pm Ladies Bible study	24	25 3:30 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service (Peace)	26	27 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	28
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