

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE HERALD

*Come to Faith, Honor God's Word
To be inspired and reconnected to God's Word and God's people,
to share the message of the cross, and to bring God's love
and healing to people in need.*

February 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This month, I want to share with you some thoughts about where God might be leading our church in the future. At the end of last year, our Council approved new Vision and Mission Statements. I want to share these with you so that you can learn them and pray about them. These statements were created so that you might better understand our purpose as a church, what we are doing to fulfill that purpose and how you can become involved in that work.

Our Vision Statement is easy to remember, but packed full of important insights! It's only six words, so it's not hard to memorize: "Come to Faith, Honor God's Word." Our church's reason for being is twofold: First, we are called by the Holy Spirit to put our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved." And we are not only called to come to faith ourselves, but we are encouraged to share that message so that others might come to faith in Jesus as well. This faith provides a full life here on Earth and also an eternal life with God in heaven.

When we come to faith, we are also filled with the Holy Spirit so that our lives are changed. We begin to honor God's Word in many different ways. God opens our eyes to see those in need all around us, "We love because He first loved us." The Bible becomes a guiding light for our lives and we start wanting to learn more about it. Hearing God's Word preached starts comforting us during difficult times and challenging us to live in a more Christ-like manner. Finally, we start seeking to glorify God because we have been witnesses to God's saving grace, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Come to Faith, Honor God's Word.

Everything our church does should be in service to this vision. Before we start a

program, or begin a worship service or support a ministry, we can ask ourselves some questions: "Will this help people come to faith?", "Does this ministry honor God's Word?" and "Does this ministry help us honor God's Word?"

Next, our Mission Statement explains WHAT we do as a church and HOW we accomplish the vision of coming to faith and honoring God's Word. It's a little longer, but I hope that you will join me in learning it. As a church, our mission is: "To be inspired and reconnected to God's Word and God's people, to share the message of the cross, and to bring God's love and healing to people in need."

We seek to inspire people and reconnect people to Jesus and the Bible in many different ways. Sermons, Praise songs, GROW lessons, Bible studies, hymns, newsletters, and devotions for example. Whether you come to in-person services or watch worship online, we are always working to communicate Jesus' message of justice, mercy and faithfulness to your life. But the church would not be the church without connecting to a community as well as learning from others and being inspired by their examples. This is why we have done all that we could to re-open church services as soon and as safely as possible and why we have tried to reconnect through "Thinking of You" cards and pastor's phone calls throughout the pandemic. What else might we do to inspire and reconnect to one another?

After learning about how much God loves you, it is only natural to desire to share the message of the cross with others. We seek to spread the message of Jesus' forgiveness both in person and through online resources such as the Facebook Live Bible study and GROW videos. What are some other ways we might reach out and share this message to people who have never

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E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—12/13/2020

The regular meeting was held in the parish hall. President George Fezell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present were George F., Raedeen Bigelow, Lynn Christensen, Matt Gross, Bill Ernst, Iris Westphal, Dan Dreher, Pastor Steven Broers, and Roland Purdy. Absent was Nellie Griffith.

Pastor Broers led us in devotions.

The Secretary's Report was read by Roland Purdy. Motion by Raedeen B. to approve the minutes as read. 2nded by Iris W. Carried.

Treasurer's Reports were given by Bill E. and George F. Motion by Matt G. to approve the reports. 2nded by Iris W. Carried. The council has submitted a form applying for loan forgiveness for the \$20,118.35 PPP CARES Loan, since it is a "forgivable loan", when used properly. The \$8,000 EIDL Loan will be paid back.

Motion by Iris W. to approve writing checks for 4th quarter benevolence before the end of the year, basing December's benevolence on the first three Sundays offering and projecting for the month. 2nded by Matt G. Carried.

Pastor Broers presented his monthly mileage/activities report. Motion by Bill E. to approve the report. 2nded by Raedeen B. Carried.

Emergency Benevolence: None

Committee Reports:

1. Women of ELCA—they are meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month. There were 6 women at the last meeting.
2. Altar Guild—poinsettias are ordered and should be at the church by next Sunday. All Christmas decorations are up at the church.
3. Property—the parsonage yard has been cleaned up. Matt G. asked for a list of projects still needing done at the parsonage.
4. Music & Worship—the Praise Team is practicing on Sunday nights for Christmas services, and is practicing social distancing and wearing masks.
5. Outreach—gift cards for \$10 each are being sent to local nursing home staff members in Fontanelle and Greenfield. There are a combined total of 96 staff members so the goal is to raise \$960. As of today \$595 had been raised.

6. Children's Ministry Report—December 2020

-GROW -The GROW kids have finished their journey through the Old Testament for the year and are beginning in the New Testament with the birth of Christ.

-Confirmation

-The Confirmation kids just finished oral testing of the Ten Commandments.

-High School

-The Broers kids put up the Christmas tree this year so that social distancing and masks wouldn't be an issue.

-Bible study continues.

-Children's Ministry

-Kristy and Sophia are currently working on something that can be played as a "Christmas Program" during the traditional service.

-There is no G.R.O.W./Confirmation/High School Bible Study during winter vacation.

7. Stewardship—a stewardship letter is being sent to all active church members in December.

Old Business:

1. In-person-church services—bulletins will now be printed for both Sunday morning services.
2. Vision/Mission statements—the council decided on new statements:

** Vision Statement

--Come to Faith, Honor God's Word

** Mission Statement

--To be inspired and reconnected to God's Word and God's People, to share the message of the cross, and to bring God's love and healing to people in need.

3. Pastor evaluations—are due this week (Dec. 13-19). The Executive Committee will meet to review.
4. "Buster and the Beans"—a children's book written by Jill (Weinheimer) Ellsworth. Motion by Dan D. to purchased 50 copies of the book for \$8 each and offer them for sale to members of the church for \$10 each. 2nded by Iris W. Carried. The expectation is for Jill to donate \$4 back to our church for each book sold, as a fundraiser for the church.
5. Pastor's Cell Phone—Pastor Broers has been in contact with Verizon to have the company explain the increase in monthly charges. The old cheaper plan is no longer available.

New Business:

1. Survey results—the council reviewed the results of member surveys. Most member feedback was positive. The council supports Pastor Broers wearing a mask during his sermons until the coronavirus is no longer an issue.
2. Nominating Committee—the three council members whose terms are up at the end of the year are George Fezell, Lynn Christensen, and Roland Purdy. The Council will search for candidates for council elections to be held in January 2021 at the Annual Meeting.
3. Annual Meeting January 17, 2021—will be held between services that Sunday morning.

Motion by Iris W. to adjourn. 2nded by Bill E. Carried. We adjourned at 7:54 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be January 10, 2021

Roland Purdy, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Buster and the Beans Book Available - \$10

Jill Ellsworth (daughter of Leo and Leone Weinheimer) has written a children's book and Emmanuel is selling them to help raise money for the church. The cost is \$10 a piece. You can leave your money outside the office door. Please write "book" in the memo for checks. Thanks to Jill for her generosity!



Financial Peace University

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Tuesday nights at 7:00 starting February 16th and running through April 13th. The cost of the class is \$59.99. This price covers a 3-month subscription to Dave Ramsey's site where you are able to watch the videos on your own and then we will be meeting online over Zoom for 45 minutes each week to answer questions and work through real-life problems. The group meetings help us to hold one another accountable so that we all save, pay off debt and build wealth! If you have any questions or would like to sign-up, please contact Pastor Steven Broers who will be leading the class at [641-745-7648](tel:641-745-7648). Thanks! Deadline to sign up is February 9.



Health Care Worker Outreach and Donations

Thank you to everyone who wrote thank-you notes and donated to support the Nursing Home workers last Christmas. We have heard lots of positive comments from the people who received these gifts! Because the response from our congregation was so encouraging, we wanted to see if we could share that same appreciation and generosity with the health workers at the Greenfield Hospital. There are a total of 115 workers, so our goal is to raise \$1150 to give them each \$10 worth of Greenfield Chamber bucks. The deadline for donations is February 14th so that we can share with them how much we LOVE them and all that they do for our community! Please mark "hospital" in the memo for checks and leave a note on cash donation envelopes. Thank you!



All information needs to be in the office by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings for the bulletins.

Fund Balance Report

31-Dec-20

General Fund	\$53,698.64
Children's Ministry	
Grow	\$688.82
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00
Other	\$64.99
Total	\$753.81
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$8,780.21
Designated Building	\$6,020.00
Designated Mission	\$7,725.00
Total	\$22,525.21
TOTAL	\$76,977.66



ELC WOMEN
February 3, 2021
1:00PM-Meeting

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Hannah Circle
Bible Study: Pastor
Business Meeting: Hannah Circle
Birthdays
Lord's Prayer
Table Prayer
Refreshments:
Kitchen Committee:





Thank you, God, for G.R.O.W.! We have spent January working through the beginning of the story of Jesus. During the first week we celebrated the arrival of the three wise men who came to worship the Christ child and bring three very specific gifts. Next we learned about Jesus, age 12, talking with the teachers in the temple while His parents searched for Him. We spent the third week learning about Jesus's cousin, John the Baptist, and about how He prepared the way for Jesus and baptized Him! Lastly we learned about Jesus being tempted by the devil while in the wilderness for 40 days and how He did not fall to temptation. We have learned some really important lessons!

Our theme for G.R.O.W. this year is TRUST. We feel like

there are so many things going on in the world and the lives of our G.R.O.W. kiddos and we want them to know that through it all, God can be trusted. The verse for the whole year is from Psalm 56:3, "**When I am afraid, I put my trust in You**". The memory verse of the month is from Isaiah 26:4 - "**Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.**". It is our prayer that by memorizing these verses as a family, the kids might be able to rely back to these verses when they face problems.

Please keep the G.R.O.W. children and families in your prayers as we continue this year. We want to see seeds planted, lives changed, families brought closer to You, and God shining through all of us. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS



HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Katie Duran, Chelsea Payne, Bill Raasch, Sonja LaBarge, Lynn Bohling, Darry Chiles, Virgene Martin, Quentin Schultz, Barb Queck

GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENTS

June Eshelman, Shirley Jorgensen, Ruth Rohner, Lyle Miller, Donna Grothen, Joyce Herr, Della Marckmann, Maxine Baudler, Bernard Baudler, Zola Westphal

HOMESTEAD OF CRESTON RESIDENTS

Harold Nelson

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Lucas Queck, Clint Eshelman, John Sidey and Trent Jameson (grandson of Rex and Karen Hight), Zac Scar, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Tucker Wambold, Reba Lonsdale, Clint Powell, Brett Schafroth, Jesse Johnson, Curtis Darr

GREENFIELD REHAB CENTER RESIDENTS

Ralph Lane, Linda Hohertz, Eileen Sorensen, LaVerne Estell, Frances Gross

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson



ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday Service*

Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Services*

Wednesdays

February 21—March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service

April 2, 7:30 p.m.

*High School Bible Study is canceled Wednesday, February 17, due to the Ash Wednesday service. High School Bible Studies for the remainder of Lent will take place following the Wednesday services.

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	February 7, 2021	February 14, 2021	February 21, 2021	February 28, 2021
Keyboard	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
Drums	Malachi	Matt	Dan	Malachi
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Pastor	Dave, Pastor	Brian, Dave
Female Vocalists	Kendalyn, Sophia	Ann, Sophia	Kendalyn	Ann, Sophia
Greeters/Ushers	Brian and Sam	Kathy	Nellie and Jeanne	Brian and Sam
1st Reading	Kendalyn	Brian	Dave	Ann
2nd Reading	Dave	Ann	Kendalyn	Brian
Gospel Reading	Dave	Ann	Kendalyn	Brian
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Count Offering (*Council Member)	George	Lynn	Dan	Nellie
Sound	Rollie	George	John	John
Cameras	Earlene	John	George	George
Pro Presenter	George	Tammy	Matt M.	Tammy
Organist	Kathy	Jane	Jane	Karen
Greeters/Ushers	Arlene	Raedeem	Sherol	Sandy
1st Reading	Bill	Raedeem	Sherol	Iris
Psalm Reading	Bill	Raedeem	Sherol	Iris
2nd Reading	Arlene	Iris	Rollie	Sandy
Offering	Rollie and Bill	Raedeem and Iris	Rollie and Bill	Raedeem and Iris
Sound/Cameras	Rollie	Matt G.	John	George
Pro-Presenter	Tom T.	Sherol	Sophia	Tammy

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heard about Jesus?

Finally, we want to love others in practical ways. This can happen both monetarily, through benevolence money for example, as well as doing things that let them know that they are loved such as the recent thank-you cards to our community healthcare workers. We want to continue helping people through healing prayer, emotional support and spiritual care. Because people won't want to listen to our thoughts about Jesus until they know how much we care about them first. I would love to hear your

ideas on how we might share God's love and healing with our community even during this pandemic.

I hope that you can see that our new Vision and Mission Statements are a powerful witness to how God is currently working in our church and a call to action for how we might work in our community in the years ahead. Please pray about how God might be encouraging you to join us in ministry as we seek to come to faith and honor God's Word in the future. Thank you.

FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00a FB Bible Study	10:00a Pastor to GSC	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:00p ELC Women 6:00p Confirmation, GROW 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship	10:00a FB Bible Study	10:00a Pastor to GSC	7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00p Confirmation, GROW 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship Hospital Worker Donation Deadline	10:00a FB Bible Study 5:00p Council Agenda Deadline	10:00a Pastor to GSC 7:00p Financial Peace Online	7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00p Confirmation, GROW 7:30p Ash Wednesday Service	9:00a Prayer Group	5:00p Newsletter Deadline 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 5:30p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study	10:00a Pastor to GSC 7:00p Financial Peace Online	7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00p Confirmation, GROW 7:30p Lenten Service 8:00p HS Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
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7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 2:00p Altar Guild Mtg 6:30p Praise Team Practice						

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 2/1 Lexi Ford
2/2 Ronald Kinney, Jennifer Hoskins,
Kellie Sickles
2/3 Kain Queck, Christine Gross,
Joseph Herr, Jorand Feazell, Shelby
Venteicher
2/4 Taylor Sloth, Brian Gettler
2/5 Jason Feick, Brian Fox, Michelle Mensing
2/6 Amy Thompson, James Dreher
2/7 Jill Allegri, Reece Johnson, Gloria Martin,
Mary Dodson
2/8 Samantha Jorgensen, Kirk Sackett
2/9 Teresa Feick, Connie Hohertz, Susan
Pollard, Nathan Venteicher, KateLynn Scar
2/10 Abygail Gross, Marie Pickrell
2/11 Richard Erbes, Matt Raasch, Braxton
Wallace
2/12 Aaron Bakerink, Slade Gettler
2/13 Renee Preedy, Olivia Funke, Vega Ritchie
2/14 Michael Homan, Barbara Queck
2/15 Jason Anderson, Sophia Grull, Aria Bigelow
2/16 Brenda Zimmerman, Sarah Boehm
2/17 Marie Baudler Warner, Stanley Herr, Lane
Schwartz, Kayla Sproul, Dakota Ernst
2/18 Patrick Funke, Brett Thompson
2/19 Sonja LaBarge
2/20 Lucas Crawford, Jeffrey Erbes, Evelyn
Purdy
2/22 Georgia Crawford
2/25 Heather Bigelow, Rob Stringer,
Lynn Christensen
2/26 Amanda Benton, Derek Perkey,
Wendy Feazell
2/27 Gene Martin, Lane Johnston

BAPTISMS

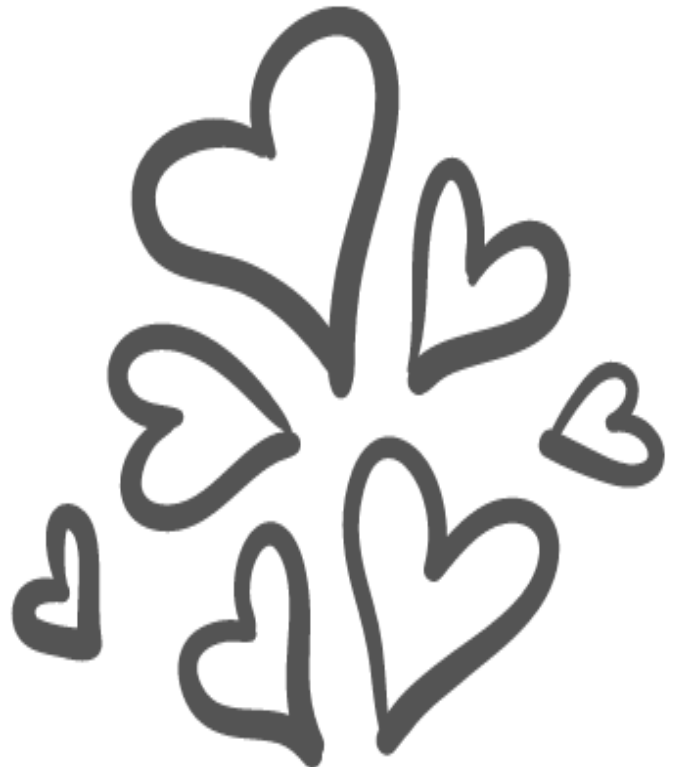


- 2/2 Sue Rohner
2/3 Allie Herr
2/9 Gena Ward
2/10 Clel Herr, Noel Herr
2/11 Marlan Herr, Aria Bigelow
2/12 Nellie Nelson
2/14 Ashlee Christensen
2/15 Rob Stringer
2/19 Treva Rohrig
2/22 Lynn Christensen
2/23 Margy Helm
2/25 Rachel Held
2/26 Mandy Baudler
2/27 Blake Lund

ANNIVERSARIES



- 2/4 Richard & Donna Erbes
Ty & Marti Christensen
2/11 Ed & Kathi Christensen
2/14 Richard & Daisy Antidel
Jeff & Sonja LaBarge
2/28 Robert & Tracy Jacobson



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Come and Worship With Us

Sunday Contemporary Service—8:30 a.m.
Sunday Traditional Service—10:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 17—7:30 p.m.
Lenten Service, Feb. 24—7:30 p.m.