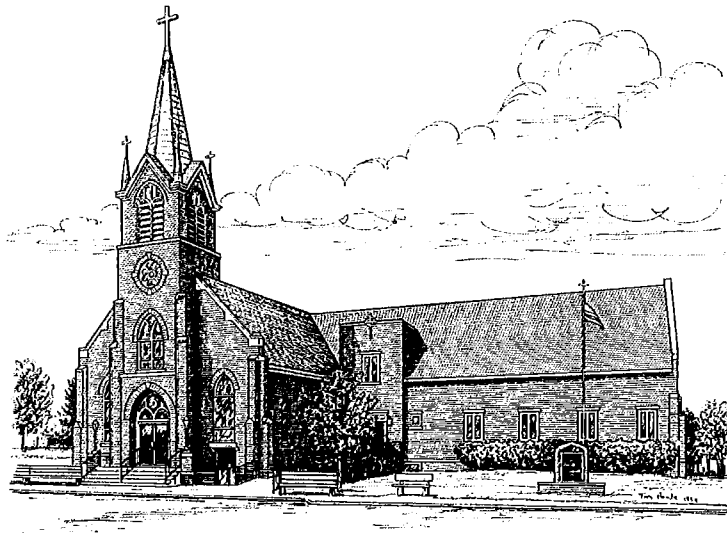


Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Annual Meeting
January 19, 2020**



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
January 19, 2020
1:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – President George Fezell
 - A. Opening Devotions
 - B. Adoption of Order of Business

- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT**

- III. TREASURERS’ REPORT**
 - A. General – George Fezell
 - B. Approval of Treasurers’ Reports
 - C. Vision Report

- IV. REVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Elections: Council, Nominating Committee (4 congregational members)
 - B. Election of Delegates (LCMC Annual Gathering October 4 - 7 in Arden Hills, MN)
 - C. Discussion - Locking the Church

- VII. ADJOURNMENT** – Lord’s Prayer

Appreciation is expressed to all who have served our Lord Jesus Christ through our Congregation in any way, great or small, during the year 2019, and we ask His blessing and inspiration upon all who have been asked to serve Him in His Church during 2020.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Meeting

July 14, 2019

The Semi-Annual meeting was held in the nave of the church. It was called to order at 12:30 PM by President George Fezell.

Council members present were Bart Boehm, Raedeem Bigelow, Iris Westphal, Leo Weinheimer, Lynn Christensen, George Fezell, Roland Purdy, Pastor Steven Broers, and Vicar Tony Scalis. Council members absent were Judi Raasch and Amy Perkey.

A quorum of voting members was present.

Devotions were read by Pastor Broers.

Motion by Brenda Plymnesser to Adopt the Order of Business. 2nded by Stan Brown. Carried.
The Secretary's Report was read. Motion by Craig Plymnesser to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2019 Annual Meeting as read. 2nded by Sherol Brown. Carried.

Treasurer's Reports were presented by George F. Motion by Bruce Westphal to approve the reports. 2nded by Craig Plymnesser. Carried.

President's Report:

Council President George Fezell provided a brief history of our church's building(s) and property, from our congregation's original purchase of real estate in Fontanelle, Iowa—September 22 1873, building of the first church in the spring of 1874, dedication of that church on May 26, 1874, to the present day church. This history was included in the Semi-Annual Meeting report.

Old Business:

Sewer Repair—Bart Boehm reported:

The sewer gas problem has been solved by replacing old broken sewer pipes with new PCV pipes.
The basement hot water heater has been replaced and the small water heater under the kitchen sink has been removed. Other projects to be completed are plaster repair of the walls and ceiling in the nave of the church and brick and mortar and caulking around windows at the parsonage.
Bart was thanked for all his work on the church property.

Intern Update—A thank you and well wishes to Vicar Tony Scalis! who's internship ends on July 31st. A pot luck lunch will be held in his honor on July 28th.

New Business:

George F. presented the proposed 2020 annual budget for congregational approval. Motion by Bruce Westphal to approve the budget. 2nded by Craig Plymnesser. Carried.

George F. called for a vote on ratification of the name change for our church to be "Emmanuel Lutheran Church" on all documents, including the church constitution, bylaws, tax forms, and property deed. Motion by Stan Brown to ratify the name change. 2nded by Ed Christensen. Carried.

Motion by Arlene Schwartz to adjourn. 2nded by Bruce Westphal. Carried. We adjourned at 1:10 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Roland Purdy, Secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT

Our Church's Vision says that *Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be a place filled with the Holy Spirit where people are Coming in to be Sent Out. Focused on changing hearts and changing lives for a better world.*

I am proud of the wonderful ministries that have been happening throughout the last year at Emmanuel. It was a great blessing to have Vicar Tony serve our congregation and inspire us with new ideas. We have had so many volunteers step up and lead in worship, GROW and with our Junior and Senior High Youth. We have had great interest in our Alpha Course and in Stephen Ministry as well multiple people stepping up and helping take care of our various property projects. But one of the questions I have wrestled with throughout this year is this, "How can we send people out when they are not "coming in" to church like they used to be?"

As I have had conversations with people of all ages, the concept of attending church "regularly" has changed meanings. In the past, it meant coming to church just about every week. Now, regular church attendance might mean coming once a month or even less. Obviously, that affects our worship attendance negatively, but it also affects our giving, our volunteering and how our message is spread throughout the rest of the community. It affects how we feel about one another and the relationships we have together. And yet that is our reality. We can mourn the past, but we also need to step into the future and move forward to solve the problems set before us. The question is this: if our church is still filled with the Holy Spirit, where is our church (the people) located now so that they can be empowered and sent out to make a difference for others?

In 2019, almost 80% of Americans had a social media profile of some type such as Twitter, Instagram or Facebook. Facebook had 170 million users, 120 million for Instagram and 80 million for Twitter. According to Gallup polls, 40% of people attend church regularly (132 million); however, when they actually tracked how many people actually attended (not just said they do), they found that the number was actually closer to only 18% (52 million). Either way, if we want to reach out to people both who are members of our church and who might be interested in following Jesus, we need to recognize that they are not "coming in" to our church the same way they used to. We need to reach them where they are which, in many cases, means connecting to them online somehow. This is especially the case for the younger people in our congregation.

This is why we have started doing much more online in the past months including starting a YouTube channel, providing our worship services on "Facebook Live" and doing more on both Instagram and Twitter. Pastor Broers has been doing a daily devotion and is hoping to do more in depth videos in the coming months as well as starting an online Bible study for those who are interested. We would also like to encourage people to commit to giving online so that even when you are unable to make it to church, you can still support the ministry without having to write a check.

I know that there have been some questions about whether it is good to stream our services online because then people might not come to church and decide to stay home and watch instead. I think that this is a good question to ask, but I believe there are several reasons to continue to offer this option. For example, the very first week we went "live" on Facebook, we didn't let anyone know it would be happening and yet we still had ten people comment that they had watched the service! This tells me that they weren't coming to church anyway, but were able to engage with the service after all which is a good thing! Also, with winter weather coming soon, many of our members may have a difficult time coming to church and decide to stay home. The same thing happens if someone is sick. Now, these people will still be able to be a part of the service. Our church has some AMAZING ministries and we want to find ways to encourage people to become not only observers and encouragers but actively involved in them. A greater online presence will definitely help us to get this done.

One of the amazing things about the gospel of Jesus Christ is that once you have been inspired by His message of love and forgiveness, you suddenly find that you WANT to start meeting other Christians. Even though you COULD watch online, you begin wanting to praise God with other believers in person. To meet with other people just like you and encourage one another more and more. You yearn to discover ways to reach out to others and learn about their God stories so that you can recognize how God is working in your own life. We want to meet people where they are so that we might send them out into the world in new and exciting ways. We are still Coming in to be Sent out and we want to continue to finding new ways of spreading the kingdom of God to all those in the world. Amen.

**Pastor Broers – Ministry Tasks Accomplished
January – December 2019**

WORSHIP

Worship Services – 93

1 Ash Wednesday service, 1 Maundy Thursday service, 1 Good Friday service

2 Christmas Eve services, 1 Christmas Day service

5 Lenten services

1 Confirmation service

1 Easter Vigil service

1 Worship in the Park service

1 Baccalaureate Worship Service

1 Ecumenical Candlelight Service

Contemporary Worship Planning – 12

Traditional Worship Planning – 11

Baptisms - 7

Pre-baptism meetings – 7

Funeral Services – 12

Graveside Service – 2

Funeral Planning meetings – 8

Wedding Services - 2

Pre-marital counseling meetings – 3

Wedding Rehearsal – 2

PASTORAL CARE

Hospital Visits – 27

Visits to Hospice House - 1

Home Visits - 36

Nursing Home Visits (One-on-one) - 88

Good Samaritan devotions – 34 (10 with communion)

Sunday Worship at Nursing Homes – 10

Phone Counseling calls/Office calls – 63/6

Phone calls about Deliverance - 3

COUNCIL

Meeting with Council President – 10

Council Meeting – 11 (Reorganizational Meeting – 1)

TRAINING

Stephen Ministry Supervision – 6

Stephen Ministry Training Classes – 3

Led Alpha Course - 8

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Altar Guild Meeting – 1

Children's Ministry Meeting – 1

Stewardship Meeting – 3

Worship Discussion – 1

Insurance Meeting – 1

Outreach Meeting – 1

Nominating Ministry Team Meeting – 2

Women's Bible Study - 8

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Praise Team Practices – 27
Prayer Group – 39

STAFF

Weekly meeting with secretary – 38

INTERNSHIP

Vicar Support Team Meeting – 1

Weekly meeting with Vicar Tony – 20

Helped move Vicar Tony out of apartment

Attended Alpha Course led by Vicar Tony –7 + Saturday Workshop

Attended Bible Study led by Vicar Tony – 1

Attended Tony's Ordination Service

CONNECTING TO THE GREATER CHURCH

LCMC National Convention – 3 days

LCMC Leadership Conference – 1

LCMC Quarterly Pastor's Gathering – 1

Ministerial Association Monthly Meeting – 8

Met with Benevolence Recipient – 2

Meeting with Pastor Underkofler

Attended Meeting with LCMC Iowa District Representative – 2

YOUTH

ELEMENTARY

Acolyte Training – 1

First Communion Classes - 5

GROW training – 1

Fun Run – 1

Participated in opening/closing Worship with VBS

Helped lead VBS Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Confirmation Classes – 26

Confirmation Parent Meetings – 2

Attended Confirmation Trip to Omaha

Confirmation Trip to Okoboji Recharge

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Bible Study – 25

Helped Youth Set up Christmas Tree

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Annual Meeting – 1

Semi-Annual Meeting – 1

Special Congregational Meeting – 1

God at the Movies -1

Performed at Valentine's Day Praise Team Performance – 1

Led Opening Prayer at Iowa House of Representatives – 1

Led Art of Marriage (Unattended) – 1

ALTAR GUILD REPORT FOR 2019

The Altar Guild of Emmanuel Lutheran Church meets six times per year. Serving as officers in 2018 were:

Co-Presidents: Iris Westphal
Secretary: Sandra Stewart
Treasurer: Gini Herr

The members continue to serve by preparing the worship space at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We do the set-up for communion for the Contemporary and Traditional services and take care of the clean-up afterwards. We change paraments and get banners ready for weddings, funerals, and baptisms. We care for the altar linens, the altar appointments, and candles. We coordinate weddings, provide an annual program at the Good Samaritan Society, handle arrangements for Holy Week (including ordering the Easter Lilies), decorate for the harvest season, and prepare for Advent and Christmas (including ordering the Poinsettias).

We also oversee the sale of greeting cards. Specialty cards may still be ordered by contacting Nancy Pettit.

Committees for the year were:

Altar Linens/Baptisms/Confirmation: Iris Westphal
Banners: Lynn Christensen
Sale of Cards: Nancy Pettit and Gini Herr
Communion Preparation: Sandra Stewart, Sue Rohner, Carmen Homan
Flowers: Wanda Johnson
Candles: Diane Clayton
Paraments: Heidi Sorenson-Rohrig

The Altar Guild thanks you for purchasing cards. This is our only income resource. We purchase communion linens, as needed, flowers for the altar, stoles for confirmands, baptism cloths and blankets (if needed) and palm fronds for Easter.

We have no new members for 2020 as Heidi, Carmen, Iris and Wanda have decided to stay for another term, and we would like to thank all of them for committing to another term.

ALTAR GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

by Virginia Herr

Balance on hand January 1, 2019	\$ 967.75
Donation for Flowers	\$ 725.00
Income from card sales	<u>\$ 317.48</u>
Total funds available	\$2,010.23
Less Expenses	
Cards & supplies	\$ 211.51
Supplies	\$ 138.00
Flowers purchased	<u>\$ 301.63</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 2019	\$ 1,359.09
Savings account balance January 1, 2019	\$ 878.98
Interest	<u>\$ 2.86</u>
Savings account balance December 31, 2019	\$ 881.14

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019
Paul Bigelow, Treasurer

Beginning Balance 1-1-2019	\$17,883.28
Memorial Deposits	\$6,804.76
Interest Earned	70.37
Total Income	<u>\$24,758.41</u>
Expense:	
Organ	\$400.00
Christmas Tree	\$965.43
Ceiling Repair	\$1,500.00
Large Print Bibles	\$48.11
Total Expense	<u>\$2,913.54</u>
Ending Balance 12-31-2019	\$21,794.87

Memorial Designations
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Open	\$7,231.67
Organ Maintenance	\$708.00
Bell Music	\$65.30
Mural Protection	\$759.00
Parish Nurse	\$2,268.49
Sunday School	\$20.00
Landscaping	\$900.00
Youth Bibles	\$1,000.00
Burrack Endowment	\$6,592.41
Basement Floors	\$2,300.00
	<u>\$21,844.87</u>

Memorial Committee: Paul Bigelow, Roloen Chiles,
 Ed Christensen, Nancy Pettit, & Peggy Lewis

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY TRANSFER OR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TRANSFER REQUESTED

MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH

(including funerals conducted by Pastor)
(m=member)

03/01/2019	Lisa Sickles
04/06/2019	Larry Buckner
05/13/2019	Larry Freeman (m)
06/14/2019	Evelyn Rater (m)
06/17/2019	Bryland Erb (m)
07/25/2019	Kevin Funke (m)
10/12/2019	Ralph Gruber (m)
10/19/2019	Ray Sorensen (m)
11/19/2019	Mollie Lamborn (m)
12/07/2019	August Gross (m)
12/16/2019	Marilyn Jacobson (m)

BAPTISMS IN 2019

PARENTS' NAMES

BORN

BAPTIZED

James Walter Dreher	Dan & Alyse Dreher	02/06/2019	03/31/2019
Khloee Jayde Nicole Byrum	Ashlee Christensen & Keegan Byrum	01/18/2019	04/07/2019
Ryan Eldon Huff Siedelmann	Katie Huff & Alan Siedelmann	04/03/2019	05/19/2019
Bryland Emmanuel Erb	Rhonda Erb	03/27/2019	06/08/2019
Adaline Marie Johnson	Jarek Johnson & Lauren Griffith	04/16/2018	06/16/2019
Mary Josephine Hall	Kelly & Rachel Hall	04/04/2019	06/23/2019
Clara Ann Berg	Dan & Mandy Berg	03/03/2019	07/14/2019
Adalynn Anne Warrior	Brody Warrior & Mandy Berg	11/20/2012	07/14/2019
Carver Douglas Ferguson	Lisa Sickles & Dustin Ferguson	04/14/2018	12/07/2019
Sara June Foster	Adam & Deborah Foster	08-14-2019	12/15/2019

MEMBERS CONFIRMED IN 2019

06/09/2019

Madison Fry, Emma Perkey, Brandon Raasch

MARRIAGES IN 2019

Cassie Young & Justin Mareckmann	05/04/2019
Abbey Murphy & Paul Queck	12-21-2019

2019 PAROCHIAL REPORT

Total baptized membership, January 1, 2018	898
Total confirmed membership, January 1, 2018	652
Members received by baptism in 2018	5
Members received by transfer or affirmation of faith	0
Members lost by death	6
Confirmed Members Transferred to another church	0
Baptized members transferring to another church	0

AFTER STATISTICAL ADJUSTMENTS:

Total baptized membership, December 31, 2018	897
Total confirmed membership, December 31, 2018	646

AVERAGE YEARLY ATTENDANCE:

135 (2018)

Previous Years: 133 (2019), 135 (2018), 134 (2017), 151 (2016), 154 (2015)

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFASTS REPORT

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Beginning Balance 1-1-2019	\$1,368.81
Deposits	\$4,861.50
Expenses	<u>\$4,341.20</u>
Ending Balance 12-31-2019	\$1,625.12

The men's group was started in September of 2016 to raise money for projects and other things. The men's group tries to have at least 4 breakfasts a year, the meal in the park with the Methodist Church in September and Thanksgiving Dinner. The group has used the money for some tables, hot plates, Devotion books, toaster, griddles, roaster, supplies for the kitchen, Roses for Mother's Day Service, ceiling repair, food pantry, Shoebox postage, Praise Team for a new keyboard. The Men's Group would like to thank everyone that comes to our meals and supports them.

**Luther League
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Annual Report 2019**

Balance 12/14/18	\$5,487.68
Deposits	
Valentine Lunch	\$490.00
Easter Breakfast	\$366.00
Total deposits	<u>\$856.00</u>
Expenses	
Valentine Lunch	\$247.36
2018 Luther League Trip	\$1,704.73
Easter Breakfast	\$91.79
Christmas Children's Bags	\$48.00
Total expenses	<u>\$2,091.88</u>
Balance 12/13/19	\$4,251.80

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget

	Actual 2019	Budget 2019	Proposed 2020
RECEIPTS:			
Giving:			
General	\$162,586.21	\$190,000.00	\$189,000.00
Designated Giving			
Children's Ministry	\$10,713.96	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Vision Fund	\$30,545.00		
Miscellaneous:			
Rent	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other Income	544.7		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$204,489.87	\$196,000.00	\$195,000.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Benevolence:			
LCMC Benevolence 1%	\$1,655.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,890.00
Local Benevolence 7%	\$11,573.00	\$13,300.00	\$13,230.00
World Benevolence 9%	\$9,900.00	\$17,100.00	\$17,010.00
Total Benevolence	\$23,128.00	\$32,300.00	\$32,130.00
Ministry:			
Pastor's Salary	\$49,354.44	\$49,500.00	\$50,500.00
Pension	\$6,160.68	\$6,700.00	\$7,000.00
Insurance	\$15,917.06	\$14,400.00	\$16,000.00
Vehicle Mileage & Expenses	\$2,287.97	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Cell Phone	\$1,379.40	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Ministry	\$75,099.55	\$75,100.00	\$77,500.00
Payroll:			
Custodial	\$2,742.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,000.00
Organist	\$3,840.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Secretary	\$9,948.89	\$14,500.00	\$11,500.00
Taxes	\$16,766.00	\$1,690.65	\$1,453.50
Total Payroll	\$33,296.89	\$23,790.65	\$20,453.50
General Administration:			
Printing & Reproduction	\$7,792.11	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Church Supplies	\$1,031.38	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$1,124.11	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$1,128.84	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Professional Services	\$5,661.25	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Other	\$772.75	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total General Admin	\$17,510.44	\$20,500.00	\$20,000.00

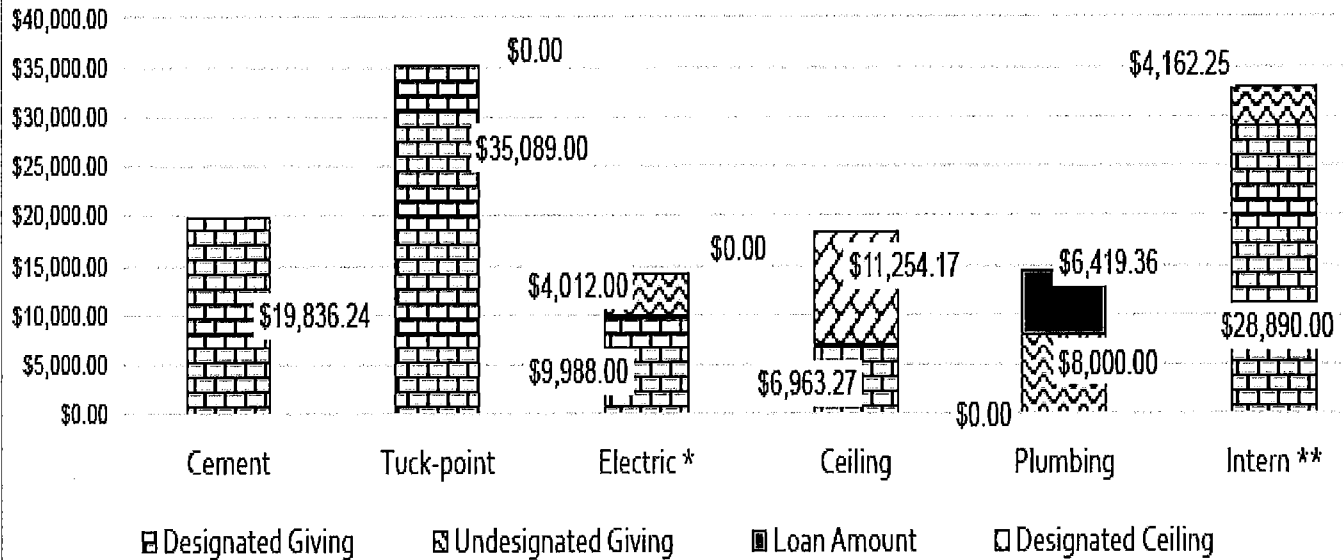
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget

Actual Budget Proposed
2019 2019 2020

	2019	2019	2020
Children's Ministry:			
GROW	\$3,280.77	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	\$87.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Summer Camp	\$3,268.98	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Confirmation	\$2,507.01	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other	\$1,951.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Children's Ministry	\$11,095.70	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Worship and Service:			
Altar	\$299.82	\$500.00	\$500.00
Visiting Pastors	\$901.20	\$500.00	\$500.00
Adult Ministry	\$2,306.84	\$500.00	\$500.00
Music Ministry	\$855.10	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Outreach Ministry	\$283.90	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies	\$758.76	\$800.00	\$800.00
Other	\$3,116.71		
Miscellaneous	\$8,522.33	\$5,800.00	\$5,300.00
Total Worship & Service	\$8,522.33	\$5,800.00	\$5,300.00
Church and Parsonage			
Building, Equip. & Maint.	\$14,314.67	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Utilities	\$8,923.71	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
Telephone	\$3,232.66	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
Insurance	\$1,438.34	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Services	\$7,349.19	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Total Church & Parsonage	\$39,405.37	\$30,000.00	\$31,500.00
Loan Payment			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$208,058.28	\$195,490.65	\$194,883.50
NET	(\$3,568.41)	\$509.35	\$116.50

A Financial Review was made December 17, 2019 by Gini Herr
along with Barb Lemke, Booking Plus.
A copy of this review is available.

Vision Giving Projects
Emmanuel Lutheran
01-12-2020



Project	Building					Mission	Total
	Cement	Tuck-point	Electric *	Ceiling	Plumbing	Intern **	
Designated Giving	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$9,988.00	\$6,963.27	\$0.00	\$28,890.00	\$100,766.51
Undesignated Giving			\$4,012.00		\$8,000.00	\$4,162.25	\$16,174.25
Loan Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$6,419.36		\$6,419.36
Designated Ceiling				\$11,254.17			\$11,254.17
Total Project Cost	\$19,836.24	\$35,089.00	\$14,000.00	\$6,963.27	\$14,419.36	\$33,052.25	\$123,360.12

* Electric Work - New Service and Kitchen Circuits

** Intern Pastor - Funded through cash giving, not debt.

4-year CD \$10,813.18
Designated for ceiling repair

5-year CD \$28,035.88
Designated endowment for the bell tower

	TOTAL	
	Total	\$23,522.25
	Designated Mission	\$2,800.00
	Designated Building	\$18,363.87
	Undesignated	\$2,358.38
	Vision Fund	
	Total	(\$1,995.79)
	Other	(\$5,813.52)
	Sponsor A Sheep	\$3,100.00
	Grow	\$717.73
	Children's Ministry	
	General Fund	\$30,228.01
As of December 31, 2019		
Fund Balance Report		

Simply follow these easy steps:
 Visit the church website at www.fontanellelutheran.org, click on the "Give Online" button, click on the "Create Profile" button, then follow the onscreen instructions to create an account profile and schedule you recurring contributions.

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council would like to remind everyone you can manage your online giving! This allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and review your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	TOTAL
Local	\$2,423	\$3,050	\$2,600	\$3,500	\$11,573
Emergency (Families-in-need)	\$700	\$800	\$100	\$500	\$2,100
Adair County Food Pantry	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$1,950
Presbyterian Church - Hygiene	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$1,950
Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$1,950
Teen Challenge	\$200	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$1,750
Hope Ministries	\$200	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$1,750
Cub Scout Religious Award	\$123				\$123
World	\$1,100	\$1,300	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$5,000
Vision Mission	\$550	\$500	\$420	\$600	\$2,070
St. Jude	\$550	\$500	\$420	\$600	\$2,070
Salvation Army	\$550	\$500	\$420	\$600	\$2,070
Operation Blessing - wells	\$550	\$500	\$420	\$600	\$2,070
Lutheran World Relief - agriculture	\$550	\$500	\$420	\$600	\$2,070
Iowa City Children's Hospital	\$3,300	\$3,900	\$3,200	\$4,500	\$14,900
LCMC	\$380	\$415	\$360	\$500	\$1,655

Children's Ministry Report

We are very blessed with our Children's Ministry program here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We are especially blessed to have children to serve and love in Christ's name! Since it is difficult to have my report reflect just the 2019 year as our year coincides with the school year, I have included brief details from the 2018-2019 spring semester and the 2019-2020 year as it stands currently.

-Kristy Broers, Children's Ministry Team Leader

-Children's Ministry

-VBS – Kristy Broers continued as coordinator for the 2019 VBS and Holi Weston continued as a partner at the Fontanelle Methodist Church. This year VBS was held at the Methodist Church. Vicki Brown helped run VBS since Kristy was away at a class much of the week. Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp sent 2 female & 2 male counselors to teach 29 total children. We were blessed with many youth and adults who served as helpers, 2 host families (Dave & Kendalyn Huff and Bob & Tracy Jacobson), Deb Bauer and Nancy Stringer who taught Pre-K, and the many ladies who made snacks for the kids. Again this year we enjoyed snacks that were a healthy alternative that went with the lesson theme. We had a good turn-out for the VBS program on Thursday night.

-Children's Christmas Program – This year's program was directed by Kristy Broers. A total of 10 children and 5 confirmation youth took part in the program on Christmas Eve. Practices took place between services on Sunday mornings in Nov. & Dec. The program was a great success! We may have to change the way things are done for next year and involve older kids and/or adults as it was difficult to get enough kids to take part in this year's program.

-G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays)

-2018-2019 (Spring semester news)

-We had a Family Fun night in February called February-Fest. This is a night we take each year to step away from our learning in the middle of the winter and gather with the whole family to make some memories as a G.R.O.W. family and just have fun! This year's theme revolved around the Zoo.

-Fun Run – We had a wonderful turn-out for our end of the year celebration/potluck which was held at the Greenfield Lake, even though it was quite chilly. Before eating, we enjoyed running races. Calvin Johnson and Kynnady Van Eaton had their names drawn to throw a pie at Pastor & Kristy's faces. 😊

-G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays)

-2019-2020 (as of Jan. 12th)

-62 Sheep Sponsored

-57 Total kids have attended the G.R.O.W. program

-42 kids on an average week over 16 weeks

-23 adult volunteers on an average week

-71 total volunteers helped by teaching, helping, making food, bringing treats, running technology, or planning activities.

-148 shoeboxes packed for Operation Christmas Child and delivered by Louise Johnson.

-5th & 6th Grade made a quilt to be donated to Lutheran World Relief or to another cause.

-Confirmation

-3 Youth were confirmed in 2019

-This year's Confirmation class consists of 3 - 7th graders & 8 - 8th graders. Jeremy Rohner served as the helper. The parents continue to provide the meals each week.

-2019-2020 curriculum focus is on going through the Bible in a year. The curriculum focus alternates every other year with Luther's Small Catechism.

-In December the confirmation class took their annual trip to go caroling and bring cookie plates to the Good Samaritan Center.

-2 of our Confirmation youth are involved with singing in the Praise Team.

-The confirmation students held a fundraiser breakfast in October. They used the funds raised to attend Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for their Recharge event in October.

-High School Ministry

-There continues to be a weekly High School Bible Study that meets at Pastor & Kristy's house on Wednesday nights at 8 PM. Attendance averages around 6-10. Kathy Thompson & Louise Johnson alternate each Wednesday night as a second adult volunteer.

-The high school youth held their annual Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser.

-The high school youth held their annual Easter Breakfast.

-The Luther League put up the Christmas tree and packaged treat bags for the Christmas Eve service.

-9 high school students help on a regularly scheduled basis with G.R.O.W. with others serving as substitutes.

-2 high school students are involved with the Praise Team.

Children's Ministry Team

-Brenda Plymesser

-Kristy Broers

-Lynn Christensen

-Raadeen Bigelow

-Steven Broers

-Vicki Brown

-Wendy Feazell

V.B.S. Volunteer List (2019)

-Ashlyn Beaman

-Ashlyn Gutierrez

-Bob & Tracy Jacobson

-Brenda Plymesser

-Cindy Grantham

-Dave & Kendalyn Huff

-Deb Bauer

-Holl Weston

-Jayden Rohner

-Joelene Sivadge

-Kristy Broers

-Kynna Young

-Kyrin Young

-Maddie Weston

-Madison Fry

-Marie Pickrell

-Nancy Stringer

-Pastor Cathy Nutting

-Pastor Steven Broers

-Phyllis Jacobson

-Slade Gettler

-Terra Gettler

-Tyler Cooper

-Vicar Tony Scalisi

-Vicki Brown

O.C.C. Volunteer List (2019)

-Aaron Bigelow

-Addie Stringer

-Alden Stringer

-Alyse Dreher

-Ashlyn Beaman

-Barb Queck

-Becky Dreher

-Brenda Plymesser

-Brian Fox

-Charles Rudolf

-George Feazell

-Heather Bigelow

-Iris Westphal

-Jacob Mangels

-Jayden Rohner

-Jeff Johnson

-Jeremy Rohner

-Jane Langguth

-Jordan Feazell

-Jordan Kreager

-Judy Nelson

-Kendalyn Huff

-Kennady Perkey

-Kristin Ladd

-Kristy Broers

-Levi Gettler

-Madison Fry

-Malachi Broers

-Marie Pickrell

-Mike Mangels

-Raadeen Bigelow

-Sam Gettler

-Sherol Brown

-Sophia Broers

-Steven Broers

-Tammy Jensen

-Terra Gettler

-Tiffany Johnson

-Tracy Jacobson

-Tristan Rando

-Tucker Rohrig-Sloth

-Vicki Brown

-Wendy Feazell

G.R.O.W. Volunteer List (2019-2020)

1. Alyse Dreher

2. Amy Sandin-Sivadge

3. Amy Perkey

4. Ann Rohner

5. Arlene Schwartz

6. Ashlyn Beaman

7. Barb Queck

8. Brandon Raasch

9. Brenda Plymesser

10. Brian Fox

11. Carmen Homan

12. Cindy Sickles

13. Danielle Steele

14. Dave Huff

15. Denise Grandgenett

16. Diane Clayton

17. Diane Subbert

18. Emma Perkey

19. George Feazell
20. Heather Schneider
21. Iris Westphal
22. Itha Carns
23. Jalene Sandin-Sivadge
24. Jane Langguth
25. Jeff Johnson
26. Jordan Kreager
27. Judy Nelson
28. Katelynn Scar
29. Kathy Gross
30. Kellie Mangels
31. Kendalyn Huff
32. Kennedy Perkey
33. Kim Nelson
34. Kristin Ladd
35. Kristy Broers
36. Lena Gerber
37. Leone Weinheimer
38. Linda Steele
39. Linda Van Eaton
40. Lisa Anderson

41. Lucas Queck
42. Lynn Christensen
43. Madison Fry
44. Mandi Eisbach
45. Mardell Martin
46. Matt Mangels
47. Mike Mangels
48. Nancy Stringer
49. Nellie Griffith
50. Patty Queck
51. Peggy Lewis
52. Rachel Hall
53. Raedeen Bigelow
54. Rhonda Boehm
55. Roleen Chiles
56. Ruth Buenting
57. Sam Gettler
58. Sandy Stewart
59. Sherol Brown
60. Sophia Broers
61. Steven Broers
62. Tammy Jensen

63. Terri Raasch
64. Terrin Gettler
65. Tiffany Johnson
66. Tony Scalisi
67. Tracy Jacobson
68. Vicki Brown
69. Vicki Weinheimer
70. Wanda Johnson
71. Wendy Feazell

Christmas Program Volunteers

- Clella Buckner
- Cody Jacobson
- Earlene Purdy
- Jeremy Rohner
- Kathy Thonpson
- Kellie Mangels
- Kristy Broers
- Rollie Purdy
- Sophia Broers
- Steven Broers

Confirmation Volunteers

- Jeremy Rohner

High School Bible Study Vol.

- Kathy Thompson
- Louise Johnson
- Steven Broers

Outreach Report

We do not have an Outreach team, but our church has found many innovative ways to spread the message of Jesus to our community and the world around us.

Vicar Tony introduced us to the Alpha Course last Spring which was a great success. It involves meeting together as a small group, having a small meal together, watching a video on a spiritual topic and discussing as a group afterwards. The first class was a great success and helped many people grow in their faith. We repeated the class again in the Fall with Pastor Brothers leading and had another good group. As we continue offering the Alpha Course, I hope that we can invite others from outside our church to come and enjoy this awesome experience.

Another way that we are reaching out to the surrounding community is through increasing our online presence. We started our own YouTube channel and have been doing a lot more with Facebook as well. We began streaming our services onto Facebook which has been a blessing to those who are out of town or unable to join with us on Sunday mornings and we have received many good comments about people enjoying watching the services in this way.

Currently, we have 299 followers and 286 people who have "liked" our page. These people are the ones who then receive notifications when we are live-streaming a service. It is a quantifiable way to see the engagement of the community onto the page.

Also, Pastor Brothers has been recording videos to share with our community through Daily Devotions, Sermon Previews and a Topical Video as well. At this point, he is focusing on the Devotions only, but would like to expand the videos to include other people sharing their faith as well. We currently have 25 subscribers who get notified when a new video is put on the channel. Of the 11 devotion videos that have been made, they average 38 views each with the most views being 73 for a video and the fewest being 23. Some people have shared these videos over Facebook as well which has helped get the message out to even more people.

Finally, I have been happy with how our God Stories have become a more consistent part of the Worship Service. We have just recently added it as part of the Traditional service as well. I hope that it is inspiring to hear other congregation members share their experiences of God with you and that it helps you think about how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others. I also pray that you are feeling a little more comfortable sharing these stories with other people in your life.

If you are interested in organizing the Outreach ministry as a team leader, I am sure that there are plenty of people interested in sharing ideas and providing resources and help to make things happen!

Adult Ministry

We do not have an organized Adult Ministry team here at Emmanuel at this time, but are always hopeful that someone will want to step up and organize a team so that more and more spiritual growth can happen. We do have many volunteers who offer different courses throughout the year, events or programs based on interest from the congregation.

Vicar Tony offered a Bible study at the Olive Branch throughout the year on the book of Romans which was enjoyed by several people. He was a very good teacher and helped people grow in their faith lives.

We also offered a Stephen Ministry Training Course for four of our members. This course lasted four months and gave training in topics such as Listening, Process Oriented Care, Helping People Through Loss and Mental Health Resources. They were commissioned in February. We have also been consistently providing supervision for our many Stephen

Members both new and current which has been both a blessing for our faith community and our wider community of influence.

The ELW meets monthly for a Bible study and fellowship and they are a wonderful group of people to spend time with. The men's group continues to meet to read the Bible at 6:00am on Wednesday mornings and then eat breakfast together at the Bridgewater Café. Also, thank you to George Feazell who has been leading our Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. He and a handful of committed attendees have been studying the gospel of Luke for many months, but have now been focused on the book of Acts for a several lessons. Please feel free to join any of these great Bible study opportunities for great learning and fellowship!

Stewardship Ministry

The Stewardship team has met to discuss how to encourage people to give of their time, talents and treasures a few times this year. Thank you to Brenda Plymesser who led the team since we started a couple of years ago, but who has stepped down from this leadership role. If you have a heart for serving as a leader for this ministry, please contact Pastor Broers for more information. We have been happy with the increased number of people who turned in their estimate of giving cards because this will really help the Council plan this year's budget based on good information rather than simply guessing. Also, thank you to everyone who has signed up to give online since this helps create a steady flow of funds even when you are sick, out of town or unable to make it to church with your offering envelopes due to bad weather.

We have been grateful for everyone who has been giving to the Vision Fund: Property and so much has already been accomplished this year! We feel like people have been very generous to give so much to maintain and improve our church. We have also met to discuss what direction our church should move in the Mission area of our Vision now that Vicar Tony has left and begun ministry on his own. Thank you to everyone who gave to the Vision Fund: Mission which allowed us to pay Tony throughout the year that he served here! At our last meeting, we encouraged the Council to use Mission funds to support a more robust online presence through Facebook, YouTube videos and streaming our church services online, but the costs of this ministry ended up not being as expensive as was originally thought since most everything so far has been done with Pastor's phone, Facebook Live and a simple Tripod. If there are expenses in the future, some Mission money can go toward supporting that ministry.

We also discussed supporting a mission start church in Des Moines, but as of right now, the pastors that would be leading that effort are unable to begin that ministry. However, starting this summer conversations around this possible ministry will hopefully begin again and we will have more discussions about that when that time comes.

Thank you so much for your continued passion and generosity when it comes to the ministries of Emmanuel Lutheran and for helping us to reach out to those in our community!

ELC Property Report

I wanted to provide the congregation with a 2019 year-in-review church property maintenance update. Our church is blessed to have an active Church Property committee that is comprised of Matt Gross, Bob Queck, Bob Jacobsen, Craig Plymesser, Bill Raasch, Dary Chiles, Dan Berg, and myself. 2019 was a busy repair and maintenance year in terms of the number of projects completed. As I don't want our Emmanuel Congregation to gloss over these repairs and considerations moving forward, I want to detail them below. February – June 2019 – Basement Sewer Gas Elimination Project. Fieck Plumbing used smoke bombs, water flow tests, and camera-scoped the sewer and cast iron drain lines servicing each bathroom located in the Sanctuary/office basement, Parish Hall, and Sunday School wing. Fieck's last test revealed a rotten cast iron sewer pipe section in the basement supply closet area in the line servicing this upstairs, Sunday School bathroom. This pipe had to be pulled out

using an excavation and drain because the rotten/used pipe lay beneath the Parish Hall concrete ramp. A new PVC pipe was pushed in its place. To prevent future sewer gas releases through rotten cast iron sewer piping from the Parish Hall restroom, all cast iron piping was replaced with PVC. We also replaced the old, on-demand water heater in the basement after we learned the temperature controller was bad.

May 2019 - Handicap parking spots repainted by Bill Raasch

June 2019 - Parsonage Exterior Brick / Masonry Window Fill. Due to the installation of a new shower in the parsonage bathroom, the original bathroom window was eliminated and the exterior needed to be bricked to fill in the window spot. Bill Raasch and George Feazel assisted the masonry contractor with selecting bricks/coloration of bricks to match as closely as possible the existing, weathered bricks – no small task!. The masonry fill job turned out great.

December 2019 - Sanctuary Plaster Crack Repair. Jerry Holan of Holan Construction started work on the west side of the sanctuary in early December in the area formerly known as the "hole". Jerry's plaster crack repairs are limited to the lower level as this is high as he is comfortable. This means that Emmanuel will still need bids/contractor to complete the "high arch" crack repairs. Jerry renovated 3 sections on the West Side prior to December 1st; this leaves 2 more front sections on the West Side to complete in January 2020. East Side Sanctuary plaster crack repair started on January 6. "Progress" on the East Side's cracks is more involved due to working around / protecting sound booth equipment. Many thanks go out to everyone that has helped with moving pews, cleaning up dust, and resetting scaffolding as each section's cracks are chipped out, filled, sanded, textured, and painted. Extra special thanks needs to go to Matt Gross for his ingenuity at protecting stained glass windows, minimizing dust, and overall daily/hourly help of Jerry during the plaster crack repair process.

Thank you all for your continued patience as we continue to work through these property items in 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bart Boehm

Lutheran Church Women 2019

The Lutheran Women of the Church meet the first Wednesday of the month in the church parish hall. Officers are Arlene Schwartz - Vice President, Mardell Martin - Treasurer, and Roleen Chiles -Secretary. We have Bible study from a subscription to Gather, led by Pastor Broers, with all participating. A business meeting is held with old and new business discussed. Items designated as Project of the Month are the following:

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| 1. | \$ 25.00 | LAMP |
| 2. | \$ 50.00 | Neighborhood Center (2 Donations of \$25.00 each) |
| 3. | \$ 50.00 | G.R.O.W. Donation |
| 4. | \$ 100.00 | Book Friends International |
| 5. | \$ 100.00 | Emmanuel Lutheran Bible School |
| 6. | \$ 100.00 | Okoboji Bible Camp for Quilt Auction |
| 7. | \$ 50.00 | Emmanuel Lutheran Church for Backpacks |
| 8. | \$ 100.00 | G.R.O.W. Donation |
| 9. | \$ 50.00 | G.R.O.W. for Christmas Boxes |
| 10. | \$1,000.00 | Emmanuel Lutheran Church for Plaster Repair |
| 11. | \$ 25.00 | Lutheran Services of Iowa |
| 12. | \$ 25.00 | Fontanelle Good Samaritan Center |
| 13. | \$ 25.00 | Greenfield Rehab and Health Care Center |

We prepared, packed, and sent via G&H (who does not charge us) the following Lutheran World Relief:

1. 23 health kits
2. 45 school kits
3. 8 sewing kits

We prepared Christmas cookie plates that were taken to church members at the nursing homes.

We also prepare and serve funeral dinners.

A collection was donated and we closed the meeting with prayers, and sing the table prayer before lunch is served.

Praise Team Emmanuel Lutheran Praise Team (Lutheran Messengers)

Balance 12/18/2018	\$ 5,478.90
Deposits	
T-shirts	\$ 600.00
Donations	\$ 950.00
Funeral	\$ 150.00
Total deposits	\$ 1,700.00
Expenses	
Keyboard	\$ 4,129.04
Trailer license	\$ 20.00
T-shirts	\$ 727.60
Total expenses	\$ 4,876.64
Balance 12/18/2019	\$ 2,302.26

Ministry Leaders – 2019

Ruth Buenting & Frances Gross	Traditional Service
Kellie Mangels	Contemporary Service
TBA	Outreach Ministry
TBA	Adult Ministry
Kristy Broers	Children's Ministry
Bart Boehm	Property Ministry
Peggy Lewis, Nancy Pettit	Memorial Committee
V.P. Arlene Schwartz, Treasurer—Mardell Martin,	Women of the Church Ministry Leader
Sec. – Roleen Chiles	Hospitality Ministry
Nancy Stringer & Rhonda Boehm	Altar Guild
Iris Westphal	Stewardship
TBA	Policy
Craig Plymesser	

Church Committee Members

Current Council Members:

President: George Feazell
Vice President: Judi Raasch
Treasurer: vacant
Secretary: Rollie Purdy
Music & Worship: Iris Westphal
Children's Ministry: Lynn Christensen
Property: Bart Boehm
Outreach: Raedeen Bigelow
Adult Ministry: Leo Weinheimer

Delegates:

Ed & Kathi Christensen

Praise Team

Leader-Kellie Mangels
Bob Jacobson
Pastor Steven Broers
Dan Dreher
Tracy Jacobson
Brian Fox
Ann Rohner
Louise Johnson
Matt Jensen
Kathi Christensen
Dave Huff
Sophia Broers
Matt Mangels
Malachi Broers
Kim Nelson (Back up)

Policy Committee

Roger Jensen
Myrna Gundel
John Baudler
Craig Plymesser
George Feazell
Pastor Broers

Property

Bart Boehm
Craig Plymesser
Bob Queck
Bob Jacobson
Bill Raasch
Dan Berg
Matt Gross

Employees

Pastor Broers
Secretary: Clella Buckner
Custodians: Mike Mangels Cris Queck
Bookkeeper: Barb Lemke

Stewardship:

Darry Chiles
Iris Westpahl
Vicki Brown
Heather Scar
Ed Christensen
Brenda Plymesser
Pastor Broers

Memorial Committee

Peggy Lewis
Ed Christensen
Paul Bigelow
Nancy Pettit
Roleen Chiles

Benevolence

Judi Raasch
Rollie Purdy

Men's Group

David Sickles
Jim Dickerson
Brian Gettler
George Feazell
Ed Christensen
Jeff Labarge
Bob Queck
Dave Huff
Stan Brown
Bill Raasch

Men's Bible study

Bob Queck
Bruce Westphal
Stan Brown
Ramon Jacobson
Gene Held
George Feazell
Craig Plymesser

Altar Guild

Presidents: Iris Westphal
Secretary: Sandra Stewart
Treasurer: Gini Herr
Members:

Carmen Homan
Nancy Pettit
Sandra Stewart
Heidi Sorenson-Rohrig
Sue Rohner
Diane Clayton
Lynn Christensen
Wanda Johnson

Tech Committee

Rollie Purdy
Dave Huff

Media Team

Propresenter:

Tammy Jensen
Celia Buckner
Sophia (Traditional/GROW)
Matt Mangels (GROW)
George Fezell (GROW)
Sound:

John Baudler
Matt Gross

George Fezell
Ed Christensen
Rollie Purdy
Bob Jacobson

Bob Queck (funerals)
Video/Cameras:
Ed Christensen
Earlene Purdy

Traditional Service

Handbells:

John Baudler
Handbells
John Baudler
Roger Jensen

Long Term Planning Team

Tammy Jensen
Dave Huff
Denise Kuhns
Craig Plymesser
Rollie Purdy

Handbells

Darla Baudler
Cindy Lundy
Rollie Purdy
Judy Nelson
Earlene Purdy
Becky Stuva
Barbara McKibben
Sherol Brown
Paula Millikan
Kathy Thompson
Nancy Pettit
Tammy Jensen (Substitute)
Renea Livingston (Substitute)

Organists:

Nancy Pettit
Karen Schulteis
Shirley Meisenheimer
Becky Stuva
Kathy Thompson

Worship Ministry Team:

Irma Jacobson
Peggy Lewis
Francis Gross
Ruth Buenting

Contemporary Worship Team:

Kellie Mangels
Pastor Broers
Ann Rohner
Vicki Brown

Luther League

Kendalyn Huff

Confirmation

Pastor Broers

Vicar Support Team

Brenda Plymesser
Roleen Chiles
Judt Raasch
Judy Nelson
Steve Scar
Ed Christensen

Vision Statement

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be a place filled with the Holy Spirit where people are coming in to be sent out: Focused on changing hearts and changing lives for a better world.

Mission Statement

Coming in to be inspired and reconnected with God's Word and God's people.

Coming in to be empowered to serve.

Sent out to share the message of the cross.

Sent out to be God's disciples in His global kingdom.

Sent out for missions.

Sent out to bring God's love and healing to people in need

