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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.*

August 2023

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A few months ago, I was listening to a podcast that talked about starting a gratitude journal. The idea was that you would write down three things that you were thankful for each day. The speaker explained that, at first, she found it difficult to come up with three things but after about a week she was having to choose from many possibilities. I thought that it sounded like an interesting idea and started to do it myself. And just like she said, at first, I really had to think about three things that I could write down; however, after a couple of weeks, I had a whole list each night that I had to whittle down to three. I must admit that I don't always write down my list anymore, but I feel like getting into the habit of writing down what I was thankful for during that period of time has helped me to notice the positive things going on in my life every day since.

While I was at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp this summer with some of our Confirmation students, one of the daily lessons was about our faith being founded in joy. The skit that day dealt with the difference between happiness and joy. Being joyful doesn't always mean being happy because, as the scripture above puts it, we are called to be joyful always and, let's be honest, life doesn't always send us things to be happy about. Saint Paul wrote about being joyful even though he was put in prison for talking about his faith and experienced all kinds of problems ranging from shipwrecks to being stoned. But we can find joy even during difficult times by finding things that we are thankful for in our life. God is always at work

in our lives whether we are happy or we are sad; therefore, we can find joy in our lives in all circumstances and at all times.

Recently, I was running and not enjoying myself very much. It hurt, I was hot and sweaty and I wasn't going very fast. However, then I noticed the trees around me and the beautiful blue sky. I thought about my son, Stephen, and how much difficulty he has even walking around and how he would give anything to be able to do what I was doing right then and there. I thought about all the times I have been injured and been unable to run and, at that moment, I realized that I had a lot to be thankful for even on a difficult running day. I could find joy in my circumstances because God's gifts were still all around me. I just hadn't been able to notice them before.

I do not know what you are going through right now. It might be a terrible time in your house or a pretty happy time. You might easily be able to think about things to be thankful for or you might not be able to come up with three right now. But whatever your situation, I believe that it is worth it to pay attention to the blessings in your life so that you might be able to find the joy of the Lord as He is working in your life. We may not always see Him at work and we might not always notice His presence, but Romans 8:28 says, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." You might even start a gratitude journal to get in the habit of thanking God in all the circumstances that you find yourself in. I am thankful for each and every one of you reading this newsletter, for the church I serve here at Emmanuel and for a life blessed in countless ways by God who loves us and died for us so that we could live with Him in heaven forever. Amen.

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# E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—06/11/2022

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Huff. Present: David Huff, Dan Berg, Samantha Gettler, Roger Jensen, Craig Plymessenger, Louise Johnson, and Pastor Steve Broers.

Absent: Rhonda Boehm, Iris Westphal, Gini Herr  
 Guests: Denise Bridges, George Feazell, Kristi Broers

Pastor Steve presented the devotions centered on building disciples. He focused on Genesis, Chapt 2, and the importance of communications and speaking so that all understand.

Craig Plymessenger read the minutes from the May 12 council meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read was made by Dan Berg and seconded by Roger Jensen. Motion carried.

George Feazell presented the Treasurer's report. George reported that new computers had been purchased for the office.

Samantha Gettler moved to approve the treasurer's report and Dan Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no requests for emergency benevolence funds.

Pastor gave his report. Motion to approve report and expenses by Roger Jensen, seconded by Louise Johnson. Approved

## **Ministry Reports:**

**Women of the ELC:** Discussions on organization of Circles.

**Altar Guild:** Gluten free wafers will be available for communion and handled by completely isolating those wafers.

## **Property:**

He also reviewed applying epoxy paint to the basement floors is scheduled for July.

Toilets upstairs will be repaired after VBS, waiting on parts. Kristi Broers presented repairs that need to be completed in the parsonage. After much discussion on how to best approach those repairs, Pastor was encouraged to complete those repairs and turn in receipts for expenses. It was also suggested Pastor contact Marty Daino for larger repairs to better facilitate scheduling.

**Music and Worship:** N/R

**Children's Ministry:** Her full report will be in the newsletter. 32 are registered thus far for VBS. Their mission project will be to support Operation Christmas Child with a goal of 125 boxes.

GROW will kick off on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Adult Ministries: Grief Counseling has been taking place.

**Memorial:** N/R

**Stewardship:** N/R

**Outreach:** Disciple huddle meetings have started.

## **Old Business:**

Record retention was discussed. It was suggested that Judy Raasch and Brenda Plymessenger assist staff in sorting hard copy records.

George Feazell is working with Sheryl Brown to obtain

new insurance for the council to review. An appointment with the American Church Grows (Brotherhood Mutual) has been set for June 26.

## **New Business:**

Dan Berg motioned, seconded by Samantha Gettler, that the semiannual meeting will be held July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am. Agenda items include discussing automatic doors for the Parish Hall, the 2024 budget, delegates for LCMC, and discussion on finding new insurance.

Dan Berg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roger Jensen. Motion carried.

President Huff closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Plymessenger  
 Secretary

## **Fund Balance Report As of June 30, 2023**

General Fund	\$71,900.56
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$14,331.57
Designated Mission	\$1,395.00
Designated Building	\$0.00
Total	\$15,726.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,627.13</b>

## **General Giving As of June 30, 2023**

Budget	\$111,000.00
Actual	\$98,412.42
	<b>(\$12,587.58)</b>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



### Furniture Moving Volunteers Needed—Wed., Aug. 9

Volunteers are needed to help move furniture in the basement so that an epoxy floor can be laid. ***This is a great opportunity for high school students who can earn Silver Cord Hours!*** Volunteers should plan to meet at 7:00 p.m. It will take approximately one hour, depending on the number of volunteers available. Volunteers will then also be needed to help return furniture to their original place once the floor has dried — date and time are TBD. Contact Roger Jensen at 641-745-5957 with questions or concerns. Thank you!



### Basement Floor Work

Epoxy work will be done on the basement floors the week of August 14. Please be aware and do not enter any spaces that are being worked on. The epoxy will take several days to dry. Offices will be open. If you have questions, please contact Roger Jensen at 641-745-5957.



### Back-to-School Sunday—Aug. 20

We will be celebrating Back-to-School Sunday on Sunday morning, August 20. Please have your child bring their backpacks for a special time of prayer and to receive a special gift to remind them that Jesus is with them wherever they go. Attend either service!



### Confirmation Meeting—Wednesday, Aug. 30

If your child will be entering 7th or 8th grade and they are interested in being part of our Confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Broers at sbroers001@luthersem.edu or 641-745-7648. There will be a Confirmation meeting for ALL incoming and returning students and parents at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, in the Confirmation room at church.



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



### God Story & Thank You by Kristy Broers

Recently I got up and shared a God story about how our family has been going through several trying things and difficult decisions have had to be made. However, in the midst of it all we have found great blessing in following where God is leading us in the hard. When we do things our way, so often we don't get anywhere. When we choose to follow God, even when things don't make sense to us, He provides success for us and provides what we need. God is good and He can be trusted!

Fast forward to the following week. We received an envelope with our names on the outside and a \$100 bill on the inside. What's written on the bill? **In God we trust.** The following week another \$100 bill showed-up in an envelope with the same words - **In God we trust!** We have no idea who felt God call them to be so generous, but we are so thankful and continue to be amazed at how God provides! Another day recently we decided to splurge and go out to eat at Los Altos and when it came time to pay for our bill it had already been taken care of. We feel so blessed and so loved! Thank you to those of you who blessed our family so tremendously and, in doing so, shared Jesus with us! In God we trust!



### ELC WOMEN August 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

**Hymn/Devotions/Meditation:** Dorcas Circle  
**Bible Study:**  
**Business Meeting:** Dorcas Circle  
**Birthdays**  
**Lord's Prayer**  
**Table Prayer**  
**Kitchen Committee:** Naomi Circle



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

I want to share with you a few summer items from my July Council report and then it will be time to move into fall.

- VBS has come and gone with a wild week of fun and learning. This year we had an average of 50 per day. The pre-school class was 20-22 per day and we averaged 28-29 per day from 1-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Riverside sent 3 male counselors this year and it was a pleasant change. They were right in tune with the kids.

-Thursday night, 6/22, was our closing program at 7 p.m. We had over 125 parents, kids, and family members. The kids and counselors reviewed the week, sang some songs, and we ended the night with ice cream and cookies.

-For VBS this year our mission project was to support boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The kids brought in a

variety of items to start collecting and filling our boxes. As a church, I am planning to get the congregation involved for the fall months leading up to November when we will be filling the boxes.

-Camp has now happened. We had 6 HS and 5 Confirmation kids registered. The kids all made it through the week and reports are all had great weeks.

-We are going to be kicking off our fall programs on August 30. That first night will be a back-to-school event with families invited to attend. Dinner will be served; games and activities will be planned, and it will allow us to have a short parent meeting on expectations and schedules.

As always, my door is always open, I welcome input and suggestions. Denise Bridges



## Why Do We Need Children's Ministry like G.R.O.W. in the Church?

In a few short weeks we will be starting another year of our children's programs here in the church. Not only do we need to be here for our kids, we will also will

be needing help from the adults and teens in the church. I will be sharing with you over the month of August some reasons and ideas why we all need to think about being here on some Wednesday nights.

\*We Need Children's Ministry Because Children Matter to God.

\*We Need Children's Ministry Because Children Need to Learn About God.

\*We Need Children's Ministry Because It's Biblical.

\*We Need Children's Ministry Because It Provides for The Future.

\*We Need Children's Ministry Because It's the Best Investment We Can Make.

Join me in praying for our coming year and be in prayer for how God can use YOU to be a part of it.

Denise Bridges



## Movie Night at Emmanuel!

Please join us **Friday, August 11th, from 6:00-7:30** for **fun snacks** and a VeggieTales Movie Night at **Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fontanelle!**

**Fun for friends and the whole family! Invite your friends!**



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...



Dorene Feick, Chelsea Payne, Vicki Brown, Amanda Symns, Phyllis Hanke, Clella Buckner

**Greenfield Rehab Center Residents** – Ralph Lane, LaVerne Estell, Norma Finck, Harold Nelson, Irma Jacobson, Charlene Baudler, Irma Mitchell

**Assisted Living Residents** – Larry Hohertz, Deloris Plymnesser, Margaret Marckmann

**Remember Our Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad** – Special prayers for Lucas Queck, Austin Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Curtis Darr, Colton Hernandez (great-grandson of Phyllis Hanke), Brett Schafroth (Lori and Brian Fox's nephew)



# AUGUST WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Ann R.
<b>Keyboard</b>	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie	Kellie
<b>Drums</b>	Dan D.	Malachi B.	Dan D.	Malachi B.
<b>Rhythm Guitar</b>	n/a	Pastor Broers	Pastor Broers	Pastor Broers
<b>Male Vocalists</b>	All	All	All	All
<b>Female Vocalists</b>	All	All	All	All
<b>Acolytes</b>	Levi G.	Micah B.	Malachi B.	Jack B.
<b>Greeters/Treats</b>	Brian & Sam G.	Bob & Barb Q.	Kathy G., Jane L.	Nellie G., Jeanne J.
<b>Hospitality Host/Hostess</b>	Ed & Kathi C.	Thad & Denise B.	Kurt & Rhonda B.	Ann & Jeremy R.
<b>1st Reading</b>	Rhonda B.	Deb T.	Alyse D.	Jeremy R.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Kurt B.	Kiley H.	Kathi C.	Ann R.
<b>Gospel</b>	Wanda J.	Brenda P.	Jim D.	Jack B.
<b>Confession/Forgiveness</b>	Guest Pastor Stephen Anenson	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
<b>Prayers</b>	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Ann R.
<b>Communion Helpers</b>	Lori F., Levi G., Wanda J.		Jim D., Jorand F., Darla B.	
<b>Count Offering (*Council</b>	Gini H., Rhonda B.	Craig P.	Dave H.	Dan B.
<b>Sound</b>	Rollie B.	Ed C.	Ed C.	Jayden R.
<b>Cameras</b>	John B.	Micah B.	John B.	Kelly H.
<b>Pro Presenter</b>	Tammy J.	George F.	Tammy J.	Tammy J.
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy T.	Shirley M.	Karen S.	Karen S.
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Rae & Paul B.	Darry & Roleen C.	Rollie & Earlene P.	Pat & Iris W.
<b>Acolytes</b>	Rae B.	Malachi B.	Micah B.	Malachi B.
<b>1st Reading</b>	Paul B.	Micah B.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
<b>Psalms Reading</b>	Paul B.	Micah B.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Rae B.	Malachi B.	Amy H.	Iris W.
<b>Communion Helpers</b>	Paul B.		Rollie P.	
<b>Offering</b>	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.	Iris W.
<b>Sound/Cameras</b>	Rollie P.	Matt G.	Ben H.	Matt G.
<b>Pro Presenter</b>	Tom T.	George F.	Nate H.	George F.

# AUGUST 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	7:00a Men's Bible Study <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice  <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	10:00a FB Bible Study 11:00a Contemporary Worship Planning 4:00p LCMC District Mtg 5:00p Council Agenda Deadline		7:00a Men's Bible Study 12:00p-1:00p NV Ministerial Mtg (Parish Hall) 1:30p ELC Women 7:00p Basement Furniture Moving	9:00a Prayer Group 10:00a Traditional Worship Planning	6:00-7:30p Kids' Movie Night (Parish Hall)	5:00-8:00p Private Event - Parish Hall/Kitch
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 5:00p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study  <i>Basement Epoxy Work</i>	Secretary's Office Closed  <i>Basement Epoxy Work</i>	7:00a Men's Bible Study  <i>Basement Epoxy Work</i>	9:00a Prayer Group  <i>Basement Epoxy Work</i>	  <i>Basement Epoxy Work</i>	  <i>Basement Epoxy Work</i>
<b>Back-to-School Sunday</b> 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study		7:00a Men's Bible Study 5:00p Sept. Newsletter Deadline 	9:00a Prayer Group 12:45p Secretary's Office Closes Early		
27	28	29	<b>GROW Kick-Off!</b> 30	31	Sept. 1	Sept. 2
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship 5:30-6:30p GROW Training (Kitch/Hall) 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study		7:00a Men's Bible Study 6:00p-7:30p GROW Kick-Off 7:00p Confirmation Student and Parent Meeting	9:00a Prayer Group		

# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS



- 8/1 Rachel Crees
- 8/2 Allie Herr, Kristy Broers
- 8/3 Brian Eisbach
- 8/4 Alison Mostaert
- 8/5 Scott Brown, Nancy Estell,  
Madeline Chiles
- 8/8 John Baudler, Bart Boehm, Aaron Wilson
- 8/9 Sarah Paris, Earlene Purdy, Leland Schwartz,  
Austin Lundy, Ty Christensen, Zayden Jonas
- 8/10 Mike Mensing, Kristin Ladd, Walker Sturtevant
- 8/11 Kevin Baudler, Patty Jacobson,  
Ryan Laughery, Zoey Groves
- 8/13 Tim Gross, Ray Sorensen II,  
Glen Hanson
- 8/14 Norbert Engles, Jaxson Stringer, Sara Foster
- 8/15 Kay Raper, Milini Matzie
- 8/17 Cory Queck, Judi Raasch, Matthew Nelson,  
Parker Manning
- 8/18 Donna Erbes, Myles Boehm, Liberty Sorensen
- 8/20 Daisy Antisdell, Nancy Stringer
- 8/21 Christina O'Hare,  
Cynthia Sickles
- 8/23 Clover McHargue, Vanessa Ritchie
- 8/24 Matz Jungmann, Jacob Baudler
- 8/25 Melissa (Jensen) Vorrie, Tucker Bigelow
- 8/26 Sam Hoover, Denise Bridges
- 8/27 Sherry Herr, Dave Rectenbaugh, Cash Crees
- 8/28 Nicole Engles, Mark Feick
- 8/29 William Hohertz, Judy Nelson, Janice Herr  
Blanchard, Allyson Pickrell, Nolan Leiss,  
Daxton Leiss
- 8/30 Joshua Johnson

## CONFIRMATIONS

- 8/6 Robert Queck
- 8/16 Tucker Rohrig



## ANNIVERSARIES



- 8/5 Matthew & Megan Emerson  
Matt & Julie Raasch
- 8/6 Zach & Karina Jacobson
- 8/7 Mick & Cindy Baudler  
Phillip & Gena Ward  
Gabriel & Kallie Galanakis
- 8/8 Jordan & Sarah Johnson
- 8/9 David & Diane Jungmann
- 8/12 Steve & Patti Bricker  
Bobby & Crystal Dabb
- 8/14 Jim & Ruth Buenting  
Mark & Kim Nelson
- 8/17 Darrell & Roleen Chiles
- 8/19 Brad & Anne Nelson
- 8/24 Tim & Carol Gross
- 8/25 Greg & Stephanie Ennis  
Matt & Denise Kuhns
- 8/30 Dave & Audra Rectenbaugh

## BAPTISMS

- 8/1 Mary Nelson, Aaron Bakerink
- 8/5 Meghan Andersen, Eric Nelson
- 8/9 Logan Queck
- 8/10 Kylie Nelson
- 8/11 Sean Fox, Jacqueline Baudler, Charley Oder,  
Sophia Beard
- 8/13 Alex Kopaska, Kody Bigelow
- 8/16 Zoe Marckmann, Robert Queck,  
Ryker Tonderum
- 8/17 Tymothy Christensen, Cade Fenster
- 8/19 Andrew Martin
- 8/21 Lucas Held, Ashlyn Lund
- 8/23 Tucker Bigelow, Stella Johnson
- 8/25 Jessica Martin
- 8/28 Earlene Purdy
- 8/31 Nolan Powell



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