# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

August 2024

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, I informed the congrega- has worked through GROW to help many chiltion at Emmanuel that I will be resigning as the pastor here in Fontanelle and accepting a new call to Saint John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars, lowa as their senior pastor. I will continue to serve as the pastor here throughout the month of August, but I will begin serving in Le Mars at the beginning of September. My last Sunday here will be September 1<sup>st</sup>.

I want you all to know how difficult this decision has been. I have loved being the pastor here at Emmanuel for the last fourteen years and it has been hard for me to even imagine serving anywhere else. However, I have felt for a while that God was telling me that my time here might be coming to an end. Last September, I began interviewing at churches, but the process of finding a new call has been tough partially because it is so hard to find a church that feels as much like home as this one does.

Emmanuel is blessed to have a vibrant youth program, an inspiring praise team, and many people who are willing to step out in faith and lead. In addition, many of you have truly cared for me and my family over the years which makes leaving that much harder. You all have become our family and we have grown deep roots here. I believe that my older children especially will always think of Fontanelle as their hometown and the memories and friendships they have made here will never fade away. For Micah, Stephen and Zoe, they have never known any other home. It has been a wonderful place to raise a family and to grow in our faith.

Over the years, we have done some fantastic things together. I thought it would be fun to list a few ways that I have seen God at work over the years:

Starting God Rocks On Wednesdays (GROW) has been such a blessing! Through this ministry, many adults have witnessed to their faith and so many children have been fed both physically and spiritually. The Holy Spirit

dren nurture a desire to be baptized and join the family of God!

Many people gave generously through the vision fund for our building to renovate both the outside and inside of the church in projects such as tuckpointing as well as replacing the cement and plaster. In addition, it was through the vision fund for mission that we trained an intern pastor, Anthony Scalisi, supported over twenty counselors with stipends one summer for our Bible camps and hired the first youth minister at Emmanuel, Denise Bridges.

The praise team will always be a ministry that I will remember with joy as well. So many of our youth have been involved over the years which has been a real blessing. Also, it is truly inspiring to have such dedicated instrumentalists and singers to lead worship every week. One of the most difficult things to find in a small town is a strong contemporary worship service with a wonderful praise team.

Over the last fourteen years, some of my most precious memories will be the funerals that I was honored to be a part of as well as the celebrations of weddings, baptisms and confirmations! You have let me become a part of your families and for that I will forever be grateful to God for you. It's really hard for me to say goodbye because you mean so much to me. You were always much more than my congregation—you have been my family. I truly cherish you and thank God for letting me be a part of your lives for so long.

Jesus is still here and always will be. We are all called to follow Him and let His light shine brightly through us. The Holy Spirit is the one in control. God will call another pastor to serve you because He has a plan and a purpose for this church. I will be praying for you and will hopefully have the chance to say goodbye in person over the next month to many of you. It has been an honor to serve you. - Pastor Steven Broers

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## E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES— JUNE 16, 2024

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by President Roger Jensen. Present: Judy Albers, George Feazell, Raedeen Bigelow, Rhonda Boehm, Iris Westphal, Gini Herr, Roger Jensen, John Baudler, and Pastor Steven Broers. Absent: Louise Johnson. Visitor: Denise Bridges.

Pastor Broers led devotions from Hebrews Chapter 1 and God leading people.

John moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> as corrected and Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

George gave the treasurer's report for the month of May. Gini moved to approve the treasurer's report and Raedeen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor presented his monthly reports and noted the increase in mileage to visit nursing home visits. Gini moved to approve Pastor's reports and George seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no emergency benevolence requests in May.

### Ministry Reports presented:

The Children's Ministry report was given by Denise and can be reviewed in the newsletter.

Raedeen reported for the property committee that Bubba Sorensen donated his labor to paint the scene behind the statue in the sanctuary and that Memorial funds were used to purchase a floor mat. A new American flag will be purchased to replace the torn one.

Rhonda reported the Adult Ministry team sponsored a free movie "Unsung Hero" at the Grand Theatre and 139 people attended.

The Outreach Ministry reported the potluck supper before the Finish choir concert was well attended and appreciated by our visitors.

### Old Business:

Rhonda reported the Carillion has been delivered and the wiring is done. Electricians are also looking to improve the lights in the sanctuary.

Denise reported the Finish choir group appreciated the hospitality shown during their stay and they will be donating to the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation tornado relief fund.

Many thanks to those who completed their Time and Talent sheets. Denise will update the volunteer lists.

Pastor Broers reported available dates to meet with Pastor Jon Rollefson tor council training. Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. was selected.

Pastor Broers led discussion on Long Term planning.

#### **New Business:**

Pastor Broers, Denise, Kathi Christensen and George Feazell will be attending the LCMC Annual Convention to be held September 29-October 2 in Cedar Rapids.

The semi-annual meeting will be Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The 2025 annual budget and council nominating committee will be on the agenda.

Denise spoke with the lowa United Methodist Disaster Team that will be coming to provide assistance for long term housing needs in Greenfield. They need a place for volunteers to stay and a place to park their trailer which will need electricity and gray water disposal. Rhonda moved to approve assisting the Disaster Team contingent on city approval of the trailer parking at the church. Judy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Kids for Christ/Luther League bank account signature card needs to be updated. George moved to authorize Pastor Broers and Denise Bridges to be authorized signers for the account. Raedeen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Jensen closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gini Herr, Secretary

### Ministry Reports – June 2024

**ELCA Women -** The ELCA women did not meet in June but did provide assistance with supplies and snack foods for the VBS week, June 17-20. The women of the church are always invited to attend the monthly meeting and bible study at 1:30 on the second Wednesday of each month.

Altar Guild - no report

**Property Committee –** Painting was completed in the front of the church by Bubba Sorensen. Thanks were offered to him for updating area around Jesus. A new American Flag will be ordered and will replace the current flag outside the church.

Music and Worship - no report

Children and Youth Ministry – Highlights: The biggest highlight this month was a very successful visit from the Kallavesi Lutheran Church from June 6-10. It was a very filled week of sightseeing, visiting, meals and singing. I really enjoyed being able to assist them with their visit.

-Another year of Vacation Bible School from Riverside Camp took place the week of June 17-20<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Cultivate Life" with scripture from John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

**G.R.O.W. News:** The week of VBS we have great weather and only a little bit of rain. Our attendance was down this year, about half of our normal attendance. I contribute that to the events in Greenfield. I know that we have families that are currently living in other towns, kids that are with grandparents for the summer and other reasons. I sent out letters to all of our current GROW kids and past VBS kids and heard from several families this was a difficult year. I am praying and staying in touch with as many families as I can.

-This year's attendance for VBS was about 15 pre-school kids and 29 for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. We had 15 very dedicated adults and teens that helped and we could not have done it without them. Our group of counselors from Riverside were very well prepared and the kids loved having them here. I really enjoyed their excitement and way with our kids. Brittany Bridges and her helpers did an amazing job with the preschool kids and other than a few bandaids made it through the week with no problems.

-On July 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 we are having a VBS follow-up Veggie Tale night at the church, with a movie, snacks, a craft project and just plain fun! Letters have been sent out to all families inviting them to join us.

**Confirmation Class News:** The week of June 9-14, we had 5 boys from the Confirmation class go to camp at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Pastor Broers took them and spent the week with them at

Ministry Reports Continued on Page 3

## E.L.C. MINISTRY REPORTS — JUNE 2024

### **MINISTRY REPORTS (Continued)**

the camp. There were no major accidents and I know from several of the mom's they all had a great week.

High School Group News: We had several students assist us with VBS and we are hoping they help us with Veggie Tale night also. This will be a rebuilding year and a younger high school group coming up this fall, with 7 of our kids graduating this past May. I am working on a kick off for them as we get closer to the start of school.

-The NV Ministerial Association will be planning and putting on  $3-5^{th}$  quarter nights after home football games in the fall at the Gathering Place. We will be working with the other churches to provide a place for the kids to have fun and spend time together. We are planning on games and food for the kids.

**Congregation:** Attended the Outreach Meeting at the church

- -Attended the ELC Women's Bible Study here at the church.
- -Attend and participate in the weekly prayer meeting on Thursday mornings in the church.

**Community/School Outreach:** Have attended several mental health meetings in Greenfield

- -No June NV Ministerial Association this month
- -Attended school events and games and library programs.
- -Working with 4H club on fair and events in the community

**Current Projects:** Developing the calendar for 2024-2025 GROW and Confirmation programs.

- -Writing and preparing the weekly lessons for Grow
- -Working with Pastor on the scheduling and lessons for Confirmation

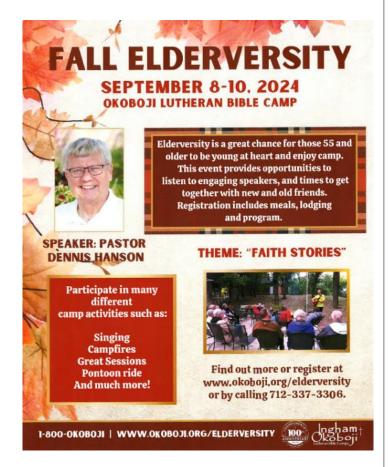
**Memorial Committee** – A new welcome mat was purchased and installed inside the front doors of the sanctuary.

Adult Ministry - no report

Stewardship Committee - no report

**Outreach Committee** – The Outreach Committee met on June 5<sup>th</sup> with 6 people attending. Pastor opened with a devotion on Galations 6:2. The agenda contained items on how we can support the Greenfield Tornado victims. The Tornado Relief Application from GGCF was shared and applications are being accepted until July 15<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the application will be available at church by the mailboxes. Additional opportunities of assistance were shared with all. Additional resources for Behavioral needs were shared by Raedeen. Cards and letters are being sent now to all victims from the Cup of Cheer Ministry. A discussion followed with ideas and ways that we can look to help victims in the long term and also members of our church.







## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Can you believe it, school is just around the corner...

### Back-to-School Sunday— Aug. 18th

We will be celebrating Back-to-School Sunday on Sunday morning, August 18. 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!

### Methodist Meals for Storm Recovery

A huge thanks to all who without any hesitation helped serve, provided food and baked goodies for the meals at the Methodist Church the last 2 weeks. We served over many



meals both days and they were well received. Watch for more opportunities to serve and continue praying for our friends and family as we stay Greenfield Strong.



LOOKING TO HELP:

The initial stages of disaster relief are underway and surrounding communities are asking how they can assist.



TO DONATE ONLINE: greenfieldiafoundation.org Click on the Donate Now link to donate directly through PayPal. Please note "Tornado Relief" in the memo.

Minimal processing for applied.

### TO DROP OFF A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION:

Participating banking institutions and branches are:





Checks may be made out to Greater Greenfield Community Foundation noting "Tornado Relief" in the memo line.

Cash donations will be converted to cashiers checks by the participating banks to the organization and deposited directly into an account at either of the two banks where the foundation holds accounts.



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



Fund Balance Report As of June 30, 2024

 General Fund
 \$75,806.07

 Designated Funds
 \$15,272.63

 Property
 \$15,272.63

 Benevolence
 \$4490.00

 Total
 \$19,762.63

 TOTAL
 \$95,568.70

General Giving As of June 30, 2024

Budget \$108,500.00 Actual \$117,752.77 \$9,252.77



### Thoughts and Prayers for the Family of Reggie Sickles

Our prayers go out to his family and friends during this time. His funeral was held here at Emmanuel on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever.

### Thoughts and Prayers for the Family of Ralph Lane

Our prayers go out to his family and friends during this time. Please lift up the Lane family in prayer.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Copies of the Semi-Annual meeting that was held on July 21st. are available on the table by the mailboxes, if you would like one. If you would like a copy emailed to you let the office know at:

elcsecretrary@gmail.com.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ELC WOMEN
August 14 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Executive Committee

Bible Study: Pastor
Business Meeting: Roleen Chiles
Birthdays
Lord's Prayer





Get ready for school with your friends and enjoy another night of games, snacks, and a veggie tale movie. Join us on Wednesday, August 14th from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Drop off the kids or stay and have a

Hope to see you there!

family night.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRAYER REQUESTS HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...

Dorene Feick, Austin Drake (Karen Schulteis' nephew), Lana Adams-Herr (wife of Galen Herr), Chris Buckner, Noah Reed (Chris Baudler's grandson), Steve Scar

Thoughts and Prayers to many families in our church and community who have lost homes, are experiencing major damage to their home and have other prayer needs.

Greenfield Rehab Center Residents – Please keep these people in special prayers as it has closed for repairs and their residents have been moved to local area facilities, LaVerne Estell, (Guthrie Center), Harold Nelson (Griswold), Irma Mitchell (Atlantic Specialty), Ray Stewart (Azira Winterset), Margaret Marckmann (Stuart)

Assisted Living Residents - Larry Hohertz

Homestead of Chariton, IA - Phyllis Hanke

**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), Zachary Scar



## 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 am sharing with you some of the reasons and ideas why we all need to think about being here on some Wednesday nights.



\*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.

Fall startup is coming fast, Volunteer Training will be Sept. 4th and our first week with kids will be September 11th. Call Denise today, we have several open spots that need to be filled to have a successful year full of God's Love!



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July was a busy month at Emmanuel. We celebrated July 4th in Fontanelle with the parade and church in the park. Moved on to the Adair County Fair in Greenfield and celebrated with the Praise Team. And finally spent some time playing in the church with our kids and Veggie Tales. Summer is not over yet and we hope everyone continues to enjoy the weather, family and friends.





## August & September 2024 Worship Responsibilities

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1	
Worship Leader	Brian F.	Rhonda B.	Dave H.	Denise B.	Brian F.	
Keyboard	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	
Drums	Matthew M.	Dan D.	Malachi B.	Kim N.		
Rhythm Guitar		Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	
Male Vocalists	All	All	All	All	All	
Female Vocalists	All	All	All	All	All	
Acolytes	Ally P.		Hayden G.	Jack B.	Denise B.	
Greeters/Treats	Nikki N. & Marie P.	Al & Judy A.	Cody & Nellie G.	Deb T. & Kiley H.	Jane L. & Kathy G.	
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Deb T. & Kiley H.	Thad & Denise B.	Wanda J. & Wendy F.	Ann & Jeremy R.	Rhonda & Kurt B.	
1st Reading	Heather S.	Tammy J.	Nancy S.	Deb T.	Dave H.	
2nd Reading	Marie P.	Lisa H.	Brittany B.	Kendalynn H.	Wanda J.	
Gospel	Nancy S.	Kathi C.	Brian F.	Alyse D.	Lori F.	
Confession/Forgiveness	Denise B.	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	
Prayers	Brian F.	Rhonda B.	Dave H.	Denise B.	Brian F.	
Communion Helpers	Lori F., Jim D., Wanda J.		Dan B., Denise B., Vicki B.		Lori F., Tammy J., D. Tindle	
Count Offering (*C. Member)	Rhonda B. & Gini H.	Louise J. & Roger J.	John B. & Rhonda B.	Roger J. & George F.	Rhonda B. & Gini H.	
Sound	Ed C.	Kim H.	John B.	Jayden R.	Ed C.	
Cameras	John B.	George F.	George F.	George F.	John B.	
Pro Presenter	George F.	Micah B.	Micah B.	Micah B.		
Traditional Service						
Organist	Kathy T.	Shirley M.	Karen S.	Karen S.	Kathy T.	
Greeters/Ushers	Rollie & Earlene P.	Denise & Brittany B.	Mike & Dixie S.	Matt & Heidi R.	Margy H. & Carla L.	
Acolytes	Brittany B.	Brittany B.	Raedeen B.	Paul B.	Denise B.	
1st Reading	Brittany B.	Denise B.	Amy H.	Taylor R.	Rollie P.	
Psalm Reading	Brittany B.	Denise B.	Amy H.	Taylor R.	Rollie P.	
2nd Reading	Iris W.	Kristy B.	Kristy B.	Paul B.	Denise B.	
Gospel	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	
Communion Helpers	Paul B.		Denise B.		Rollie P.	
Offering	Iris W. & Raedeen B.	Iris W. & Raedeen B.	Iris W. & Raedeen B.	Iris W. & Raedeen B.	Iris W. & Raedeen B.	
Sound/Cameras	Matt G.	Micah B.	Nate H.	Matt G.	Matt G.	
-	Rollie P.	Sherol B.	Ben H.	Micah B.	Tom T.	
Pro Presenter	Kollie P.	Sneroi B.	Reu H.	ivilcan B.	iom I.	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	Pastor Vacation 2	Pastor Vacation 3
				9:00a Prayer Group		
Pastor Vacation 4	Pastor Vacation 5	Pastor Vacation 6	Pastor Vacation 7	Pastor Vacation 8	Pastor Vacation 9	Pastor Vacation 10
7:30a Praise Team Warm- Up 8:30a Contemporary Wor- ship 9:30a Hospitality (Kitch/Hall) 10:30a Traditional Worship	<b>5:00p</b> Council Agenda Due		<b>7:00a</b> Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group		
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	Sept. 1
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## **AUGUST CELEBRATIONS**



8/9

Rachel Crees

8/2 Allie Herr, Kristy Broers

8/3 Brian Eisbach

Sarah Paris, Earlene Purdy, Leland Schwartz, Austin



8/4	Alison Mostaert		
8/5	Scott Brown, Nancy Estell,		
	Madeline Chiles	8/6	Robert Queck
8/8	John Baudler, Bart Boehm, Aaron Wilson	8/16	Tucker Rohrig

Lundy, Ty Christensen, Zayden Jonas Mike Mensing, Kristin Ladd, Walker Sturtevant 8/10

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 Antisdel, Nancy Stringer

Christina O'Hare, 8/21 Cynthia Sickles

8/22 Al Albers

8/23 Clover McHargue, Vanessa Ritchie Matz Jungmann, Jacob Baudler 8/24

8/25 Melissa (Jensen) Vorrie, Tucker Bigelow

8/26 Sam Hoover, Denise Bridges

Sherry Herr, Dave Rectenbaugh, Cash Crees 8/27

8/28 Nicole Engles, Mark Feick

8/29 William Hohertz, Judy Nelson, Janice Herr Blanchard, Allyson Pickrell, Nolan Leiss, Daxton

Dave & Audra Rectenbaugh

8/30



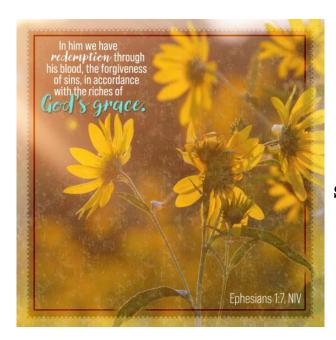
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