

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting
January 15, 2023



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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.

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
January 15, 2023
9:30 a.m.

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

- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Craig Plymesser

- III. TREASURERS’ REPORT**
 - A. General – Gini Herr
 - B. Approval of Treasurers’ Reports

- IV. REVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Approve Revised Budget

- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Elections: Council (Rhonda Boehm, Roger Jensen, Iris Westphal), Nominating Committee
 - B. LCMC Delegates

- 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 2022, and we ask His blessing and inspiration upon all who have been asked to serve Him in His Church during 2023.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

July 17, 2022

The Semi Annual meeting of Emmanuel Lutheran Church was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by President Matt Gross with 33 members of the congregation present.

Pastor Broers led opening devotions with Psalm 150.

Council Members present: Matt Gross, Craig Plymesser, Bill Ernst, Samantha Gettler, Dan Berg, Dan Dreher, Gini Herr, and David Huff.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Neil Ernst, 2nd by Vicki Brown, and approved.

Secretary Craig Plymesser read the minutes of the semi-annual meeting. Motion to approve by Sherol Brown, seconded by Neil Ernst and approved as corrected (name change).

Treasurer Gini Herr presented the treasurer's report and reviewed the proposed 2023 budget. Vicki Brown made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read, 2nd by Roleen Chiles, and approved.

Motion to approve the 2023 budget by Darry Chiles, 2nd by Clella Buckner, and approved.

President Gross asked for volunteers to attend the 2022 LCMC Annual Gathering in Minneapolis. Brenda Plymesser and Kathy Christensen commented on the value of the Annual Gathering. George Feazell volunteered to attend. We still need one more volunteer.

President Gross asked for 2 volunteers to join the nominating committee. George Feazell and Brenda Plymesser volunteered to join Iris Westphal, Nellie Griffith, and Raedeen Bigelow in selecting candidates for the next council election.

Roleen Chiles motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Clella Buckner, and was approved.

Kathy Christensen requested that the upcoming annual meeting be broadcast live on Facebook.

Pastor Broers closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Craig Plymesser, Secretary

Pastor's Report

By Pastor Broers

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Those are the words from my favorite hymn and, if I allowed myself, I would probably pick it as one of our hymns every Sunday of the year! The message this hymn gives seems to go with every message I want to share at church. It is a good reminder of why we gather as a Christian community. We gather to confess our sins. We gather to hear God's Word and put our trust in Him. And no matter how much money we receive in offerings, no matter how many programs we provide at Emmanuel and no matter how many people attend here on a weekly basis, if our church is not focused on coming to faith in Jesus and honoring God's Word in our lives, then the foundation of our church is going to fall away and crumble beneath our feet. The foundation of our church must always be Jesus Christ.

However, I am happy to say that our church seems to be growing not only in numbers but most importantly in faith! While I cannot see within each and every heart within the congregation, the signs of faith are prevalent wherever you look. As I mentioned in a letter sent out to our congregation in December, our finances have been a highlight this year. In the midst of a difficult economy and a tough year of farming, you all really stepped up and allowed ministry not only to continue at Emmanuel but to grow! This allowed us to hire a new youth minister part time and show our community both inside and outside of the church that we are looking toward the future and not simply content with maintaining what we have accomplished in the past. Thank you for your monetary gifts, no matter how big or small. We will continue to use these gifts to the best of our ability as a church to help foster growth among Christians young and old as well as to reach out to others within our community who do not know the love of God and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

In addition, we are finally seeing a return to some of our pre-pandemic attendance numbers in several different areas of the church. Throughout April and May, we were back at our weekly attendance marks that we had seen before 2020 and, even on weeks where we still fall short, we have around twenty people watching church at home on our live stream. Thank you for making worship attendance a part of your life and for finding a way to worship God even when you are unable to make it to in-person church. Also, a big thanks to the people who work in the sound booth, doing cameras, sound and the church slides. Without these people committing to their work every week, we wouldn't be able to share our services with people both inside and outside of the church building.

Our youth programs are also growing with attendance numbers back up at VBS, GROW, Confirmation and our High School group-KFC (Kids for Christ). We made a big transition this year as we thanked Kristy Broers for her eleven years as a volunteer leader for Children's Ministry and hired Denise Bridges as a part-time youth minister on staff. The month of December highlighted the year with nineteen youth involved in the Christmas Program and having one-hundred and thirty-two people at our Christmas Family Night! Our high-schoolers also adopted a family at Christmastime and bought gifts using their Luther League money for a mom and her two children. We are looking forward to a great Spring with many more events and lessons to help us grow in our faith in Jesus.

This upcoming year, I want to focus on getting us all into the Bigger Story of the Bible. All of our programs for adults and youth only matter if we are helping people grow in their faith and the foundation of that faith is in the Bible. We need to learn how the Bible points to Jesus and find out what it has to say to us. I hope that you make every effort to join us on Sunday mornings to worship God and to hear His Word for you and that you gain a hunger for reading your Bibles at home as well. The more we hear from God, the more we have something to say to others to help them know God as well.

Finally, I believe that making disciples should be our top priority as Christians so that others might know His love in their lives. One way that I hope to help us grow in this area is to focus on patterning our lives after Jesus' life. Jesus had an intimate relationship with His Father. This might be considered the "upward" dimension of His life. How much time do you spend speaking to God and listening to Him? Coming to worship is one great way to grow in this "upward" dimension, but daily prayer time and Bible study is also very important.

Jesus spent a lot of time building relationships with twelve disciples. Are you a part of a small group of other Christians where you can find encouragement and accountability? At the end of last year, a group of young adult women got together and are trying to meet regularly for both fun time and devotional time. Starting in January, a group of families with little children are going to start meeting to grow in their faith and to find support from one another. Are you involved with some type of small group within our church where you can talk with other Christians about your faith life? This would be a wonderful way to grow in this "inward" dimension of life.

Finally, Jesus was always engaging with people who did not believe in Him and were not yet part of the family of God. He expected His disciples to do so as well. We all have people in our lives who we know are not connected to a church. Would you feel comfortable sharing a God story with them? How are you sharing God with others where you work, live, study and play? This "outward" dimension of life can help us remember the true purpose of why Jesus came to die on the cross: not just for our personal salvation, but to seek and save the lost.

Thank you for partnering with me in the ministry of the gospel here at Emmanuel. I feel like the Holy Spirit is truly doing something special here and I am excited that I continue to get to be a part of it. God bless you!

– Pastor Steven Broers

Pastor Broers – Ministry Tasks Accomplished
January – December 2022

TASKS	TOTAL 2022
<i>Worship Services</i>	
Worship Services	92
First Communion Service	1
Confirmation Service	1
Ash Wednesday Service	1
Lenten Service	5
Candlelight Memorial Service	1
Christmas Eve Service	1
Christmas Day Service	1
Contemporary Planning	12
Traditional Planning	12
Baptisms	10
Pre-Baptism Meetings	4
Funeral Visitations	1
Funeral Services	13
Graveside Services	9
Funeral Home Service	1
Funeral Planning Meetings	17
Wedding Services	5
Pre-Marital Counseling Meetings	11
Wedding Rehearsals	5
<i>Pastor Care</i>	
Hospital Visits	20
Home Visits	28
Nursing Home Visits	103
Good Samaritan Devotions	27
Good Sam with Communion	4
Nursing Home Worship Services	10
Phone Counseling	256
Office Counseling	28
Benevolence Trips	8
Police Station (Advocate)	1
Women's Shelter (helped someone get there)	1
Phone Call with DHS (Advocate)	3
Meeting with DHS	1
Court Hearing	2
<i>Weekly Meetings</i>	
Praise Team Practices	62
Prayer Group	49
Weekly Meeting With Secretary	52
Secretary Evaluation	1
Weekly Meeting With Youth Minister	18

<i>Online Outreach</i>	
FB Bible Study	39
<i>Youth – Elementary</i>	
First Communion Classes	5
GROW Fun Run	1
VBS Days	4
VBS Counselor Meeting	1
Operation Christmas Child	1
Family Fun Night	1
<i>Youth – Middle School</i>	
Confirmation Meeting	2
Confirmation Class	30
Confirmation Camp Days	5
Recharge (weekend)	1
<i>Youth – High School</i>	
HS Bible Study	29
HS Valentine's Dinner	1
HS Des Moines Trip	1
HS Okoboji Camp Days	5
HS Movie Night	1
HS Golf Outing	1
HS Lock-In (Sat-Sun)	1
HS Recharge (weekend)	1
Set Up Christmas Tree with HS Youth	1
<i>Youth - Interview</i>	
Interview for Youth Minister	1
<i>Ministry Meetings</i>	
ELC Women's Bible Study	7
Young Ladies Group Meeting	1
Outreach Team Meeting	3
Audio/Visual Team Meeting	1
Stewardship Team Meeting	2
Young Family Meeting	1
<i>Training in the Church</i>	
New Member Class	4
Acolyte Training	2
<i>Connecting to Larger Community</i>	
NV Ministerial Mtg	8
Mtg With Pastor Melinda (UMC) & Denise	1
Baccalaureate Service	1
God at the Movies	1
Quarterly LCMC Meeting	2
Call with LCMC Liaison	1
Call with LCMC Pastor	1
LCMC District Coordinator Phone Call	1
LCMC District Rep Call	1
LCMC Gathering (days)	4

IA District Board Meeting	1
LCMC Annual IA District Meeting	1
Certification Interview	1
Call with NVMA/Related to NVMA	4
Area Pastor Phone Call	1
Meeting at Presbyterian Church	2
Riverside YMT Meeting	1
<i>Congregational Life/Other</i>	
Annual Mtg	1
Semi-Annual Meeting	1
Council Meeting	10
Meeting With Council President	7
Reorganizational Meeting	1
Phone Call With Wellmark	1
Riverside Camp Phone Calls	3
Okoboji Phone Call	1

Due to his hiring date, Pastor Broers' sick and vacation days are calculated April 11-April 10. Therefore, Pastor's days are broken down for 2022 by those dates.

Sick – January through April 2022 = 6

Sick – May through December 2022 = 10.5

Vacation – January through April 2022 = 8

Vacation – May through December 2022 = 14

2022 Parish Report

MEMBERSHIP: TRANSFERS REQUESTED (IN OR OUT)

Mandy Berg	+1
Morgan Hale (Subbert)	+1
Carole Weinheimer	+1
Jordan, Sarah, and Levi Johnson	-3 (transfer requested out)
Dennis and Joann Davis	-2 (notified of transfer requested out)
Brittany Bridges	+1
Thad, Denise, and Bellamy Bridges	+3
	+2 (+7, -5 overall)

MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH

(including funerals conducted by Pastor of non-members that were held at church or Pastor performed elsewhere)

m = member ~~ m* = member by baptism (-12m/m* lost)

Donna Lee Grothen (m)	01/01/2022	Larry David Gross (m)	05/20/2022
Jay Lavern Zimmerline (m*)	01/13/2022	Jerry Ray	07/31/2022
Eileen Marie Sorensen (m)	01/29/2022	Tom Lamborn (m)	08/08/2022
Linda Lucille Hohertz (m)	02/03/2022	Glenette Rohner (m)	07/26/2022
June Janelda Eshelman (m)	02/08/2022	Cheryl Schroder	09/16/2022
Joyce Marie Herr (m)	03/03/2022	Richard Hoepker	10/11/2022
Ramon Dean Jacobson (m)	03/23/2022	Dustin Blanchard (m*)	11/16/2022
Lyle Robert Miller (m)	03/24/2022	James "Jaime" Campbell	12/01/2022
Deborah Sue Bakerink (m)	05/04/2022	Bernard "Bernie" Gundel (m)	12/20/2022
Steven Bakerink (m)	05/15/2022		

BAPTISMS IN 2022

(+12 baptized members)

<u>BORN</u>	<u>BAPTIZED</u>	<u>PARENTS' NAMES</u>
Wendy Seddon	9/3/2022	
Wesley Michael Warrior	2/16/2022	5/29/2022 Brody Warrior and Elizabeth Beitz
William (Liam) Kenneth Huff	1/13/2022	4/9/2022 Whittney Reinier and Kenneth Huff
Violet Ann Huff	2/21/2021	4/9/2022 Whittney Reinier and Kenneth Huff
Ryan Fynn Ladd	6/8/2020	4/3/2022 Kristin Ladd
Kristin Nicole Ladd	8/10/1984	4/3/2022
Emberlyn Faye Sickles	3/24/2020	4/3/2022 Zak and Kalyn Sickles
Everett Ray Sickles	7/20/2016	4/3/2022 Zak and Kalyn Sickles
Miley Mae Leeper	6/27/2013	4/3/2022 Zak and Kalyn Sickles
Kalyn Denea Sickles	10/13/1911	4/3/2022 Louie and Mary Leeper
Amelia Lenore Novak	4/19/2021	3/19/2022 Christopher Jacob and Vlista Esther Novak
Levi Jericho Johnson	12/31/2021	3/5/2022 Jordan and Sarah Johnson

MEMBERS CONFIRMED IN 2022

06/05/2022

Isabelle Eisbach, Jacob Fry, Slade Gettler, Kylie Nelson, Matthew Rudolf, Parker Schnieder

MARRIAGES IN 2022

<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
*Shianne Michelle Thompson	Judd Eugene Martin	12/3/2022
*Cheyenne Marie Spahr	Nicholas James Fox	10/29/2022
Morgan Hale	Shane Subbert	10/8/2022
*Karina Sue Wentworth	Zachary Clayton Jacobson	8/6/2022
Jordan Christensen	Nathan Ardent	6/4/2022

**held at locations other than Emmanuel*

2022 Parochial Report

Total baptized membership, January 1, 2022	897
Total confirmed, transferred, or affirmed membership, January 1, 2022	624
Members received by baptism in 2022	12
Members received by transfer or affirmation of faith.....	7
Members lost by death	12
Confirmed members transferred to another church	3
Baptized members transferred to another church	2

AFTER STATISTICAL ADJUSTMENTS:

Total baptized membership, December 31, 2022	892
Total confirmed, transferred, or affirmed membership, December 31, 2022	614

AVERAGE IN-PERSON YEARLY ATTENDANCE EACH SUNDAY: 110

*Previous Years: 86 (2021*Covid-19), 52 (2020*Covid-19), 133 (2019), 135 (2018), 134 (2017), 151 (2016)*

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Proposed 2023
RECEIPTS:			
Giving:			
General	\$200,478.51	\$190,500.00	\$222,000.00
Designated Giving			
Children's Ministry	\$7,924.30	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Vision Fund	\$22,402.91		
Miscellaneous:			
Rent	\$53.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Other Income	\$542.43		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$231,401.15	\$196,000.00	\$227,500.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Benevolence:			
LCMC Benevolence 1%	\$2,010.00	\$1,890.00	\$2,220.00
Local Benevolence 7%	\$14,077.36	\$13,230.00	\$15,540.00
World Benevolence 9%	\$12,050.00	\$17,010.00	\$19,980.00
Total Benevolence	\$28,137.36	\$32,130.00	\$37,740.00
Vision Mission	\$6,035.00		
Ministry:			
Pastor's Salary	\$53,355.08	\$51,500.00	\$54,750.00
Pension	\$6,510.72	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Insurance	\$17,160.51	\$17,000.00	\$18,000.00
Vehicle Mileage & Expenses	\$2,364.57	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Cell Phone	\$1,883.25	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total Ministry	\$81,274.13	\$80,000.00	\$83,750.00
Payroll:			
Youth Minister			\$20,500.00
Custodial	\$2,310.57	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Organist	\$3,960.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Secretary	\$8,625.03	\$10,000.00	\$8,500.00
Taxes (+Youth Minister)	\$9,040.54	\$1,338.75	\$2,792.25
Total Payroll	\$23,936.14	\$18,838.75	\$39,292.25
General Administration:			
Printing & Reproduction	\$7,616.69	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Church Supplies	\$1,206.95	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00
Office Supplies	\$1,844.49	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$1,093.77	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Professional Services	\$5,520.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,750.00
Other	\$1,348.10	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total General Admin	\$18,630.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Proposed 2023
Children's Ministry:			
GROW	\$4,087.67	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	(\$310.66)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Summer Camp	\$3,813.14	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Confirmation	\$4,254.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Other	\$1,501.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Children's Ministry	\$13,346.14	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
Worship and Service:			
Altar	\$299.83	\$500.00	\$500.00
Visiting Pastors	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Adult Ministry	\$119.08	\$500.00	\$750.00
Music Ministry		\$750.00	\$750.00
Outreach Ministry	\$392.87	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies		\$800.00	\$800.00
Other	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$15,585.84		
Total Worship & Service	\$16,997.62	\$3,800.00	\$4,300.00
Church and Parsonage			
Building, Equip. & Maint.	\$30,853.57	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Utilities	\$9,105.38	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00
	\$3,969.56	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Telephone	\$2,409.36	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
	\$1,368.04	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$7,670.95	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Services	\$1,793.68	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total Church & Parsonage	\$57,170.54	\$32,000.00	\$34,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$239,491.93	\$194,268.75	\$227,082.25
NET	(\$8,090.78)	\$1,731.25	\$417.75

A Financial Review was made by Bill Ernst and George Feazell
along with Barb Lemke.

A copy of this review is available.

CDS and Designations

Carillion CD \$30,432.08

Ceiling Repair CD was cashed in for ceiling work.

Fund Balance Report

As of December 31, 2022

General Fund	\$89,522.06
Children's Ministry	
Grow	(\$193.56)
Sponsor Our Sheep	\$2,000.00
Other	(\$5,079.01)
Total	(\$3,272.57)
Vision Fund	
Undesignated	\$21,047.21
Designated Building	\$4,466.91
Designated Mission	(\$460.94)
Total	\$25,053.18
TOTAL	\$111,302.67

ONLINE GIVING

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.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.fontanellelutheran.org.
2. Click on the "Give Online" button.
3. Click on the "Create Profile" button.
4. Then follow the onscreen instructions to create an account profile and schedule you recurring contributions.

Benevolence 2022

<u>Local</u>	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total
Emergency (Families-in-need)	\$654	\$1,154	\$295		\$2,102
Adair County Food Pantry	\$685	\$460	\$565	\$645	\$2,355
Ingham-Okobojoji Bible Camp	\$685	\$460	\$565	\$645	\$2,355
Riverside Bible Camp	\$685	\$460	\$565	\$645	\$2,355
Ronald McDonald House	\$685	\$460	\$565	\$645	\$2,355
Hope Ministries	\$685	\$460	\$565	\$645	\$2,355
LCMC - Iowa District				\$200	\$200
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	\$4,079	\$3,454	\$3,120	\$3,425	\$14,077
<u>World</u>					
Vision Mission	\$1,750	\$1,475	\$1,340	\$1,470	\$6,035
St. Jude	\$660	\$590	\$535	\$585	\$2,370
Salvation Army	\$660	\$590	\$535	\$585	\$2,370
Operation Blessing - clean water	\$660	\$590	\$535	\$585	\$2,370
Lutheran World Relief - agriculture	\$660	\$590	\$535	\$585	\$2,370
Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine	\$200				\$200
Iowa City Children's Hospital	\$660	\$590	\$535	\$585	\$2,370
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	\$5,250	\$4,425	\$4,015	\$4,395	\$18,085
LCMC	\$585	\$490	\$445	\$490	\$2,010
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	\$9,914	\$8,369	\$7,580	\$8,310	\$34,172

2022 Property Report

- Plaster work and paint in the sanctuary was completed in mid-March. Reeves Construction did the work and did an excellent job!
- Matt Gross spear-headed the door project that separates the sanctuary and the parish hall. He had assistance from Bill Ernst, Craig Plymesser, Dan Berg, George Feazell, Davis Sickles, Rollie Purdy, Bob Queck, Pat Westphal, Bob Jacobsen and Dan Dreher.
- Fagan Fencing from Casey has been hired to build a privacy fence and remove the brush around the parsonage.
- The Men and Women of the church replaced the ovens in the kitchen! Big thanks to those groups for their generosity
- The family of Bill Raasch has requested to plant a tree in memory of Bill in the lawn south of the parish hall and was approved to do so by the council.
- Matt Gross, Dan Berg and Dan Dreher tiled the down spouts for the parsonage to the city sewer drain.
- Schultz plumbing repaired the basement bathrooms plumbing so both toilet drains are working appropriately.

Submitted by Dan Dreher, Property Council Representative

Memorial Committee Report 2022
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Beginning Balance 1-1-2022	\$31,196.67
Memorial Deposits	\$12,596.09
Interest Earned	<u>\$ 26.73</u>
Total Gross on Hand	\$43,819.89
Expenses	
Adult Ministry (TV, DVD, stand)	\$ 609.87
Outreach Ministry (Grief Share)	\$ 135.86
Sunday School – GROW	\$ 20.00
Parish Hall Stack Doors	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 3,265.73
Ending Balance 12-31-2022	\$ 40,553.76

Memorial Designations

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Open	13,731.68
Vacation Bible School	2,704.00
Organ Maintenance	708.00
Bell Music	110.30
Mural Protection	759.00
Grief Counseling	2,106.95
Youth Bibles	1,000.00
Burrack Endowment	16,133.83
Basement Floors	2,300.00
Building Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$40,553.76

Memorial Committee: Paul Bigelow, Roleen Chiles, Ed Christensen, and Nancy Pettit

Treasurer: Paul Bigelow

Financial Review: George Feazell

Altar Guild Report 2022

The Altar Guild of Emmanuel Lutheran Church meets as needed. Serving as officers in 2022 were:

President:	Iris Westphal
Secretary:	<i>vacant</i>
Treasurer:	Iris Westphal

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. This past year, we serviced 5 funerals, 2 weddings, and 4 baptisms. We care for the altar linens, the altar appointments, and candles. We coordinate weddings, 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.

Committees for the year were:

- Altar Linens/Baptisms/Confirmation: Iris Westphal
- Banners: Lynn Christensen
- Sale of Cards: Iris Westphal and Raedeen Bigelow
- Communion Preparation: Carla Leeper, Gloria Ernst, Carmen Homan
- Flowers: Brenda Plymesser
- Candles: Iris Westphal
- Paraments: Heidi Sorenson-Rohrig

The Altar Guild thanks you for purchasing cards, Easter lilies, and Christmas poinsettias as this is our source of income. We purchase communion linens, as needed, flowers for the altar, stoles for confirmands, baptism cloths and blankets (if needed) and palm fronds for Easter.

Sandra Stewart stepped down from communion prep last year and Carla Leeper stepped in to take her place. Everyone else remains in their current jobs. I appreciate every one of these ladies for their help!

By Iris Westphal

ALTAR GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

By Iris Westphal

Balance on hand January 1, 2022	\$ 1,196.38
Donation for flowers – poinsettias & lilies	1052.00
Income from card sales	<u>230.20</u>
Total funds available	\$ 2,478.58
 Less Expenses	
Cards	\$ 104.60
Poinsettias and Lilies	820.66
For the Altar	<u>145.52</u>
Balance on hand 12-31-22	\$ 1,407.80
 Savings account balance 1-1-22	\$ 883.05
Interest added	<u>0.55</u>
Savings account balance 12-31-22	\$ 884.04

Men's Group Breakfasts Report

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Beginning Balance 1-1-2022	\$ 3676.26
Deposits	\$ 5838.14
Expenses	<u>\$ 6054.61</u>
Ending Balance 12-31-2022	\$ 3459.79

The Men's Group had 3 breakfasts, walking tacos for Cinco de Mayo, Ham and Bean and Vegetable Beef Soup dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner and helped served at the Grow Family Fun Night. We will be planning on having more breakfasts and dinners in 2023. Thanks to everyone that comes and supports us.

Report of Women of Church for 2022

The Emmanuel Lutheran Women meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. We have a Bible Study led by Pastor Broers followed by a brief meeting. We have a project every month which we contribute to and we also funded one of the new stoves in the church kitchen and we shared the cost of the new refrigerator with the Men's Group.

We welcome any and all women who would like to join us.

By Roleen Chiles, Treasurer

Checking Account

Balance on hand 1-1-22	\$2,665.33
Income from funeral lunches	3,370.00
Donations	<u>842.31</u>
Total funds available	\$6,878.31
Less expenses	
For funeral lunches	\$2,455.64
Misc. expenses and donations	1062.81
Contributions towards stove and fridge	2,416.14
Deposits into savings account	<u>286.35</u>
Balance on hand 12-31-22	\$657.37

Savings Account

Savings account balance 1-1-22	\$1,939.09
Deposits (from checking and direct deposits)	1186.35
Interest	<u>1.41</u>
Savings account balance 12-31-22	\$3,126.85

Emmanuel Lutheran Praise Team

(Lutheran Messengers)

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Balance 12/18/2021	\$ 2695.76
Deposits	
Donations (Christmas Eve/Funeral)	<u>\$ 430.00</u>
Total deposits	\$ 430.00
Expenses	
Trailer license	\$ 23.00
Service charges	<u>\$ 38.52</u>
Total expenses	\$ 61.52
Balance 12/18/2022	\$ 3064.24

K.F.C. (Kids for Christ) Report

(formerly the Luther League)

This has been a really great year for our high schoolers! We began the year with between four and five students attending our weekly Bible study consistently and by the end of the year we are generally seeing around seven every week which is a great improvement! The year has been filled with several fun events as well as some great work focused on helping people in need. During the first part of the year, Pastor Broers and Kathy Thompson led the group and they joined with Pastor Melinda Stonebraker at the Methodist church in Greenfield to plan several events so that our youth might make more connections with other Christian youth and we might have more people involved in the planning.

In January, we sent several youth to Winter Jam in Des Moines and then in February, we hosted the annual Valentine's Dinner at church. On Palm Sunday, five of our youth performed a Reader's Theater about Jesus' journey to the cross and crucifixion which was REALLY well done! Over the summer, we went to package meals at Meals for the Heartland for a couple of hours and then, after getting some food, we played around at Spare Time for Laser Tag and other games.

Our new youth minister, Denise Bridges, started leading the group at the end of August and has done a terrific job organizing events and leading Bible studies with Pastor Broers. We meet once a week on Wednesday nights after GROW and play a short game. Then we focus on a discussion surrounding a topic or biblical passage. We try to set up at least one event each month for the youth outside of our weekly time together.

Denise took some youth to a concert in Griswold where Contemporary Christian artist Colton Dixon played and they said it was awesome to have front row seats! In October, we held a lock-in at Emmanuel and twenty-six students attended from both Emmanuel and surrounding churches, which was a lot more than we expected but made it a lot of fun! In November, we took seven high schoolers to Okoboji Lutheran Bible camps for a Recharge weekend and then in December we had a Christmas party where we wrapped the gifts the high schoolers bought for a family they adopted and then played games.

During the first half of the year, pastor Broers tried to focus on how to get the youth involved at church rather than just sitting and watching. Many youth began working in the sound booth area or helping with communion after this. In the Fall, the group chose the name "K.F.C. (Kids for Christ)" as the name of their group and we are hoping to have shirts made in the future to bring more attention to this group and what they are all about. Finally, we are planning on having future fundraisers be focused not just on raising money for the students but also for a charity or some type of benevolence so that they can learn more about what it means to share blessings with the world. Thanks for your support of this group and the work they are doing to learn what it means to both believe in Jesus and to serve Him.

By Pastor Broers and Youth Minister Denise Bridges

Luther League Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1/1/22 -	\$4710.76
Expenses:	
Des Moines Trip in July -	\$ 186
Grand Theater Outreach Movie -	\$ 200
Okoboji Camp for High School -	\$ 758
Golf/Lock-in/Wednesday Supplies -	\$ 350.75
Adopt-a-Family GMU -	\$ 50
Adopt-a-Family gifts/Christmas Party -	<u>\$ 440.97</u>
Ending Balance 1/1/23 -	\$2725.04

Children's Ministry Report

Our Children's Ministry program here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church had an amazing year. It was a huge step forward and nice to get back to our normal routine in the Spring. Kristy Broers was the Children's Ministry Director for the Spring semester and throughout the summer. Denise Bridges joined Emmanuel in the middle of August and the children's program was successfully transitioned over to Denise. It should be recognized that through Kristy's leadership the transition went very well and we are blessed to have children and the community to serve and love in Christ's name!

Children's Ministry

Ministry Team

The Ministry Team met several times throughout the year to plan and discuss needs and plans for the various children's programs. Moving into 2023 the team will be meeting quarterly with the youth minister to look at future plans, needs, and programming. All members of the congregation are welcome to be a part of the team.

Team Members

Kristy Broers

Brenda Plymesser

Raedeem Bigelow

Terrin Gettler

Gini Herr

Steven Broers

Iris Westphal

Sam Gettler

Vicki Brown

Kendalyn Huff

Vacation Bible School – June 20-23, 2022

Kristy Broers continued as coordinator for the 2022 VBS. This year VBS was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Riverside sent 5 female counselors to work with 54 total children with an average of 48 kids in the building for the 4 days of VBS. In addition to the camp staff, we had 17 volunteers from the church and community help daily. Also, Gini Herr served as a gracious host to the camp staff, Denise and Brittany Bridges taught Pre-K, and Pastor Broers helped with the music. Thursday night that week we held a closing program for the kids, parents and community.

VBS Volunteers

Kristy Broers

Micah Broers

Denise Bridges

Cindy Grantham

Brenda Plymesser

Diane Subbert

Kylie Nelson

Kadisha Symns

Iris Westphal

Steven Broers

Malachi Broers

Brittany Bridges

Vicki Brown

Ashlyn Beaman

Ally Pickrell

Steve Herr

Erma Reed

Children's Christmas Program – December 24, 2022

This year's program was called "One Night in Bethlehem". We had 19 children involved in the program and 4 students from the Confirmation Class help with the readings. The children performed 2 songs and a fingerplay poem. The cast of Mary and Joseph, Shepherds, Angels and the Three Kings were amazing. Brittany Bridges, Kendalyn Huff, and Kim Nelson helped to direct the program.

G.R.O.W. (God Rocks on Wednesdays) - 2022

Information from the Spring semester and fall semester.

- 40 Sheep sponsored at \$50.00 a sheep
- 51 Total kids have attended the G.R.O.W. program
- 40 Kids on an average week for fall semester
- 20 Adult volunteers on an average week
- 46 Total volunteers helped by teaching, helping, making food, bringing treats, running technology, planning activities, or buying groceries.

In November, 96 Shoeboxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child during a G.R.O.W. night and delivered by Denise Bridges to our local collection spot in Stuart.

This fall the 5th & 6th grade class made a quilt to be given to a child at their baptism.

G.R.O.W. Volunteers

Ann Rohner	Arlene Schwartz
Alyse Dreher	Amanda Symns
Amy Hoover	Bill Ernst
Brailyann Coffman	Brenda Plymesser
Brian Fox	Carla Leeper
Cindy Sickles	Dave Huff
Denise Bridges	Denise Grandgenett
Diane Subbert	George Feazell
Heather Schneider	Iris Westphal
Jane Langguth	Jayden Rohner
Jeff Johnson	Jeremy Rohner
Jorand Feazell	Judy Nelson
Kathy Edwards	Kathy Gross
Kendalyn Huff	Kim Nelson
Kristy Broers	Kyrin Young
Malachi Broers	Mardell Martin
Marie Pickrell	Melissa Buckner
Nancy Stringer	Patty Queck
Rachel Hall	Raedeen Bigelow
Rhonda Boehm	Roleen Chiles
Sam Gettler	Sherol Brown
Sophia Broers	Steven Broers
Terri Raasch	Terrin Gettler
Tiffany Johnson	Vicki Brown
Wanda Johnson	Wendy Feazell
Payden Manning	Ben Hoover
Kylie Nelson	Mandy Berg
Jacob Fry	Brittany Bridges
Lisa Anderson	Gini Herr

Confirmation

-6 Youth were confirmed in 2023

-This year's Confirmation class has 13 total students that consist of 6 - 7th grade, 6 - 8th grade and 1 - 9th grade students.

-2022-2023 curriculum focus is on memorizing and learning the content of Luther's Small Catechism. . The curriculum focus alternates every other year with the catechism and going through the Bible in a year.

-In October the confirmation students held a fundraiser breakfast. The funds raised were used to help with the cost of attending Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp's Recharge event in November.

-This past summer 9 youth attended Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for Confirmation Camp in July.

-In November, 9 of the 13-youth attended Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for a Recharge weekend. The theme this year was "All In" and focused on Psalm 24:1 about living out our faith.

Confirmation Volunteers

Louise Johnson

Heidi Rohrig

Rachel Crees

Kim Nelson

Brittany Bridges

By Youth Minister Denise Bridges

Outreach Report

The Outreach team only met a few times this year, but many people stepped up and spear-headed multiple events to help invite people to the church and reach others in the name of Jesus. Many of the various ministries at Emmanuel have Outreach events even though they do not fall under the umbrella of this team such as Operation Christmas Child and the Family night led by the Children's Ministry Team or the Thanksgiving Dinner led by the Men of the Church.

We continue spreading the message of Jesus online through Sunday worship services and live-streaming funerals. Many people have commented about how important this ministry is to them especially when they cannot make it to the church. In addition, Pastor Broers also offers a Facebook Bible study that meets every Monday. Several people have told him that they watch throughout the week even though they do not show up for the live recording. Another important part of Outreach is the work that is done through the church to help people who are in need through Emergency Benevolence and other community programs such as adopting families through Matura. This last Christmas, we adopted two families (with a total of twelve family members) as a church and the high school youth group (Kids for Christ) adopted another family of three as well. Part of our mission is to be sent out to bring love and healing to people in need and this outreach to the community is an important part of that.

Craig and Brenda Plymesser led a Bible study on *The Chosen* TV series that has been met with a lot of interest. It is a bible-based look at how Jesus picked some of his disciples, the times in which they were living, and the challenges the disciples were facing. The group viewed two DVD shows per session and followed a discussion guidebook during October (5 sessions). The group has decided to continue the study with *The Chosen II* beginning January and continuing through February and to start another *The Chosen I* group if there is enough interest.

Finally, after the LCMC National Convention this past October, Pastor Broers wants our church to be more focused on how we can be making disciples as individuals. As part of this effort, we have been working on getting some community groups together of people who can encourage one another in their faith. In December, we began a group for young adult ladies who are planning on getting together regularly throughout the coming year and, in January, we will be starting a group of families with younger children for time together. The Outreach team hopes to continue to encourage everyone in our church to focus not just on their own personal relationship with God, but to think about how to share the message of Jesus with the people in their lives with whom they already work, study, play and live with.

By Pastor Broers

Stewardship Report

The main ministries that the Stewardship team is involved in at Emmanuel is to encourage people to give of their time, talents and treasures and to recommend to the church council where to invest money from the Vision Fund for Mission.

Throughout this last year, giving and participation was up substantially, so the Stewardship team met a few times throughout the year primarily to discuss possible projects to support with the money raised in the church's Vision fund for mission. Early on in the year, it was recommended to the Council that our church support up to thirty Junior Counselors and Junior Cabin Leaders from Ingham-Okoboji and Riverside Lutheran Bible Camps with leadership stipends so that we might encourage these young people of the church to follow God's call to serve at camp. By the end of the year, we had helped twenty-five young men and women serve God as counselors. In addition, the Stewardship team recommended that some of the money from the Vision fund for Mission be used to hire a Youth Minister to serve Emmanuel and we were thrilled to be able to see that become a reality in August!

Looking back over the last year, it is really wonderful how invested people have become in attending and participating in Emmanuel's church activities. In addition, the congregation as a whole has invested a lot of their money in the work of the church which is exactly what the Stewardship team has been praying for over the past few years. We want to thank the congregation for their support and are looking forward to seeing what God can do with the resources we offer here at church in the future.

By Pastor Broers

Ministry Leaders - 2022

Traditional Service	Ruth Buenting
Contemporary Service	Kellie Mangels
Outreach Ministry	Louise Johnson
Adult Ministry	Dan Berg
Children's Ministry	Kristy Broers & Denise Bridges
Property Ministry	Dan Dreher
Memorial Committee	Paul Bigelow
Women of the Church Ministry Leader	V.P. – Arlene Schwartz, Treasurer– Roleen Chiles, Sec. – Roleen Chiles
Hospitality Ministry	Nancy Stringer & Rhonda Boehm
Altar Guild	Iris Westphal
Stewardship	<i>Vacant</i>
Policy	Craig Plymesser

2022 Church Committee Members

Current Council Members

President: Matt Gross
Vice President: Bill Ernst
Treasurer: Gini Herr
Secretary: Craig Plymesser
Music & Worship: Dave Huff
Children's Ministry: Samantha Gettler
Property: Dan Dreher
Outreach: Louise Johnson
Adult Ministry: Dan Berg

LCMC Delegates

Craig Plymesser, George Feazell
Brenda Plymesser (non-voting)

Praise Team

Kellie Mangels – Leader
Brittany Bridges
Pastor Broers
Malachi Broers
Sophia Broers
Kathi Christensen
Dan Dreher
Brian Fox
Dave Huff
Kendalyn Huff
Bob Jacobson
Tracy Jacobson
Louise Johnson
Kylie Nelson
Kim Nelson
Ann Rohner

Policy Committee

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

Property

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

Employees

Pastor Broers
Secretary: Amy Hoover
Youth Minister: Denise Bridges
Custodians: Mike Mangels, Cris Queck,
Patty Jacobson
Bookkeeper: Barb Lemke
Pianist: Kellie Mangels
Keyboardists: Kellie Mangels, Kim Nelson
Organists: Karen Schulteis, Jane Petri,
Shirley Meisenheimer, Kathy
Thompson

Stewardship

Raedeen Bigelow
Pastor Broers
Vicki Brown
Ed Christensen
Iris Westpahl

Memorial Committee

Paul Bigelow
Roleen Chiles
Ed Christensen
Nancy Pettit

Benevolence

Bill Ernst
Louise Johnson

Aesthetics Committee

John Baudler
Ed Christensen
Myrna Gundel
Tammy Jensen

Men's Group

Dan Berg
Stan Brown
Ed Christensen
Jim Dickerson
George Feazell
Brian Gettler
Dave Huff
Jeff LaBarge
Bob Queck
David Sickles

