



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Senior Pastor

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is seeking a strong teacher/preacher to provide spiritual and pastoral leadership to our church family in order to fulfill our mission and purpose as the body of Christ.

We pray God is calling you to be a part of Emmanuel Lutheran Church's ministry. Please submit your resume to rolliepurdy73@gmail.com or contact the Call Committee Chairman, Roland Purdy at (641)221-0088.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is located in Fontanelle, Iowa, Adair County.

- Centrally located between Des Moines and Council Bluffs
- 45 minutes southwest of Des Moines, capital of Iowa
- Active members from several area communities

We are an active congregation that contributes our time and talents regularly to numerous community organizations and charities. Emmanuel Lutheran Church also offers KFC (Kids For Christ), GROW (God Rocks On Wednesdays), first communion and confirmation classes for children/youth. We are blessed with a part-time youth minister that leads youth activities.

We are praying for a pastor who will "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2.

Our congregational survey indicated the following traits to be the most important to our congregation:

1. **Worship Leadership** by placing a high value on carefully planned and well conducted worship services.
2. **Preaching** by both law and gospel as it applies to the lives of people.
3. **Ministry to Youth/Young Adults** by teaching, working with and relating well with high school youth and young adults.
4. **Evangelism** by reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ.
5. **Visitation** by supporting and nurturing persons, visiting with them in settings other than church functions.

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSINGS

Current and Historical Statistics:

- Fontanelle is located in Adair County in the beautiful, rolling hills of Southwest Iowa.
- Population of Fontanelle is about 675; Adair County has about 7,500 people.
- Our Average Sunday attendance is 100+.
- Mailing List Membership is 300+.
- GROW (God Rocks On Wednesdays) program for preschool—6th grade (Program includes supper, Bible lesson, activity, and lots of love.)
- KFC (Kids For Christ) High School Group/Bible Study
- Confirmation Classes, First Communion Classes
- Two Church services (Contemporary Service 8:30 AM / Traditional Service 10:30 AM) on Sunday mornings
- Up to 4 Part-Time Staff
- Vacation Bible School led by Riverside Bible Camp
- Services live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube
- Annual outdoor worship in the park
- Small Groups (Cup of Cheer, Men's Group, Men's Breakfast/Devotions Group, ELC Women, Altar Guild, Outreach Committee)
- Praise Band
- Active congregation sharing time and talents
- Church entrance is handicap accessible.

Financial:

Thanks be to God our church operates on a balanced budget. The congregation has been very supportive of our budget goals and special projects.

- Debt Free
- Budget Expense for 2024 \$221,545; Budget Income \$222,250
- Budget annual contributions to local and international missions/outreach/benevolence
- Bible Camp Scholarships
- Congregation is updated monthly on budget goals and has been very supportive of special projects as needed. Memorial committee also assists as needed.

Facility:

- Beautiful brick church built in 1914
- Sanctuary capacity 150-200
- Attached Parish Hall (handicap accessible)
- Sunday school rooms upstairs and downstairs
- Well maintained inside and out (continuously maintained)
- Carillon
- Majestic Pipe Organ
- Outdoor playground equipment
- Brick, ranch style modern, 4 bedroom parsonage with full basement, double garage, central heat/air, fenced back yard, recent kitchen renovation/October 2024, located directly across street from church



Congregational Information

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Call Committee Chair: Roland Purdy

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Three events or developments that are important from the history of our congregation:

1. Emmanuel Lutheran was established in 1874 with services spoken in German.
2. 1914 the present brick church was built and in 1952 the Parish / Education unit was added on.
3. The congregation approved changing to Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) in 2010.

Construction Date of the Church Building: 9/20/1914

Continuous action for maintenance and upkeep of the church and parsonage



Significant Congregational Demographics: Adair County is located in Southwest Iowa and has a population of about 7,500 people.

Attendance at our church services is gradually increasing up to pre-Covid levels and average attendance in 2023 was 108 people per Sunday.

Congregation's Constitution was last updated: 7/14/2019.

Ministry Practices, Structure, and Future

Congregation's present program/practices:

- Worship
Contemporary service with Praise Team band at 8:30 AM and a Traditional service at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings / Communion twice/month
- Education
Youth GROW (God Rocks On Wednesdays), Confirmation Education, KFC (Kids For Christ), Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study
- Evangelism:
Ecumenical participant in 5th Quarter for secondary students, along with other events as they come up
- Special Ministries
Cup of Cheer, Operation Christmas Child, Men's Group, ELC Women, Altar Guild, Outreach Committee, Adult Ministry, Memorial Committee



Our Congregation's service ministries, community involvement, and partnerships:

- Nodaway Valley Community School
- Nodaway Valley Ministerial Association
- LCMC Iowa district

In the past five years our congregation has not conducted a review of its ministry/goals.

The church entrance is handicap accessible.

Our Congregation's Needs and Strengths:

Needs:

- Provide visits, support, and outreach for congregational and community members in time of need
- Reach out to inactive members
- Develop small groups/Bible studies

Strengths:

- Confirmation
- Community involvement
- We provide two strong church services on Sunday mornings (contemporary and traditional) that are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.
- GROW (God Rocks On Wednesdays)
- Praise band
- Our congregation responds to the needs of our church and community with their time, talents, and financial support.
- We were blessed to have our last pastor for 15 years. We are excited to have another successful, long-term relationship with our next pastor.

SENIOR PASTOR PROFILE

The members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church are praying for God's choice for our church family located in Fontanelle, Iowa. The individual should have:

- A clear sense of calling to the ministry
- Strong biblical foundation
- Preponderance of prayer and maturity in faith
- Ability to deliver spiritual and inspirational servant leadership
- Skills to lead meaningful worship services
- Ability to support and nurture by visiting those in need

The individual should possess personal qualities enabling them to:

- Interact with all ages
- Communicate effectively within the congregation and community
- Mentor youth, encourage youth leadership, and work closely with youth ministry

The individual should be excited to work with:

- Traditional and contemporary worship services
- Music in worship
- The community at social events and activities

The individual will exercise general oversight and leadership over the general operations of the church including church staff and ministry activities in partnership with the Church Council. Direct reports would include:

- Part time Secretary
- Part time Youth Minister
- 2 Part time Custodians
- 3 Organists/Pianist
- 1 Praise Band Leader/Keyboardist

Education and Experience

- Master of Divinity Degree
- LCMC certified or be willing to become certified

OUR COMMUNITY

Fontanelle, Iowa is located in Southwest Iowa, in Adair County with nearby Greenfield being the county seat. The Nodaway Valley School District includes the towns of Greenfield, Fontanelle, Bridgewater, and Orient. Fontanelle is conveniently located 19 miles off of Interstate 80.

More than 700 farms covering 311,678 acres, and some of the best gardens create the backdrop for art, culture, history, and recreation in Adair County. Challenge your mind. Enrich your spirit. Soothe your soul. Feed your body. It's all here—along with friendly folks.

Dine on fresh local foods at Adair County eateries. Buy produce at Farmers and Garden markets. Tour farms and explore native woodlands and prairies.

You can golf and swim, hunt, fish, and camp, hike, or go for a morning run, have a picnic in the park, and watch the sunset over the lake. Or you can shop, take in a museum or gallery, or relax at a spa.

For evening entertainment, there are stage shows, live music, movies, bowling, a walk around a quiet community, or a drive through the country. Adair County will leave you enriched, refreshed, fulfilled.

ADAIR COUNTY WEBSITES

www.visitadaircounty.org

Attractions, etc

www.visitadaircounty.com

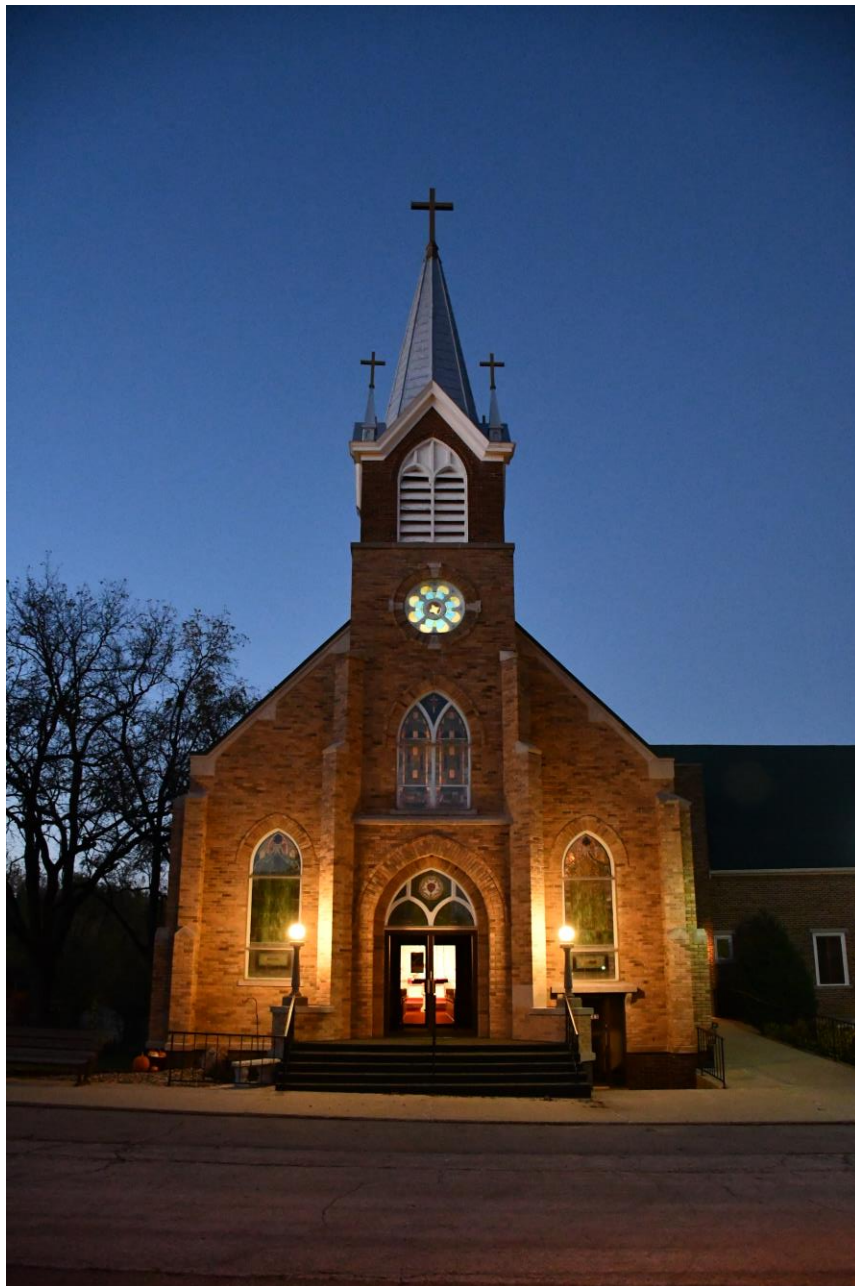
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Adair County Tourism



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