

Emmanuel and St. Paul's

January 2025 NEWSLETTER

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 King James Version

We have been waiting for a year to once again hear those words spoken at Christmas. When I was in High School, our Music Teacher chose for the choir to sing a portion of the Messiah by Georg Friedrich Händel. The above King James Bible verse was adapted by Händel and placed in Part 1; scene 3; #12 and along with the Hallelujah Chorus are two of the most remembered sections of his "*Messiah*".

But now that Christ is born, do we remember what was said in verse 7? *"His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!"* Isaiah 9:7 New Living Translation

I read quite a few translations of this particular verse and our Pew Bible seemed to be one of the easiest to understand. *"His ever-expanding **peaceful** government will never end."* *"Of the increase of his government and **peace** there shall be no end"*. Each version I read included the words "Peace" and a great many included "Commitment" and "Promises".

These words written by the prophet Isaiah between 740 BC and 690 BC (found in the Old Testament) convey the hope of the coming Messiah, who will win salvation for all individual people and the whole world. Isaiah promises that in God's own time he will send his Messiah. His writings reveal that God's promises will be fulfilled through the gift of God's Son, who will be born as a human child; one of Isaiah's many prophecies about the coming Savior unmistakably referring to Jesus Christ.

So now Jesus has been born, now what? Do we stop at the celebration of his birth? He is our gift and not unlike children who receive a gift and play with it daily as they remember who gave it to them, we as believers received Jesus Christ as our gift and we need to continue daily to remember who and why we were given this gift. Jesus lived a life of only 33 years. Each Sunday we hear about the man he became through our readings at Church, learning about his life, his teachings, and his miracles.

"His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!" NLT In this ever-changing world...go into the New Year with these two lines and remember the promise given to us when God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ. As the angels foretold...*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors."* NLT Luke 2:14

Linda Wolfe

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes – November 13, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Justin Marshall, Kim Swank, Susan Maxine, Russ Burroughs, Marilyn Holmes, Chuck Richardson, Dan Hansen, Dave Monahan, Teresa Roberts (via ZOOM from Arizona), **Council Secretary Linda Wolfe.** **Absent: none.** **Call to Order: Council President Dan Hansen.**
Secretary's Minutes: October Minutes: Moved, seconded, Council approval. **Treasurer's Report:** October: Moved, seconded, Council approval. **Pastor's Report/Mutual Ministry Report:** Reported by Dan Hansen. **1)** The 3-Church Committee (St. Paul's, Emmanuel, St. John's) continues to meet. **2)** Making arrangements for Supply Pastor's to serve St. Paul's and Emmanuel. **STANDING COMMITTEES: Worship and Music: 1)** No Thanksgiving Eve Service at Emmanuel. **Christian Education:** No report. **Church/Parsonage Property: 1)** The old refrigerator in the Parsonage garage was moved to the curb and picked up by Shenandoah Sanitation. **2)** Chuck Richardson picked up the pallet of bricks from Omaha for the front planter box. **Finance and Stewardship: 1)** Working with St. Paul's to find a date to set the 2025 Cost Sharing Budget. **2)** Refund from Portico was received. **3)** The Church Financials will be audited in January. **Membership Committee: 1)** Soup and Pie Fundraiser Supper will be held on November 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. Free Musical Concert by The Hunter Family. **LYO/Youth: 1)** Waiting to hear about the Adopt-a-Family information and the number of children in the family. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES: 1) Altar Guild –** November: Theresa Swank and Melaine Prokop; December: Rose Walter and Lisa Holmes. **Cookbook, Funeral, Memorial, Wedding:** No reports. **Hospitality:** A meal was taken to Ron and Bev Oestmann. **WELCA:** November 20 @ 2:00 p.m. at Church. Karen Erickson hosting. **OLD BUSINESS:** Reported on during the Committee Reports. **NEW BUSINESS: 1)** Pastor Kim McSheehy will lead the November 17 Communion Service. **2)** The annual Worker's Comp Audit is due; Dan Hansen will fill out the report and send it in. **ADJOURNMENT and CLOSING:** Moved and seconded to adjourn the November 13 Council Meeting; Council approval. Adjourned at 7:05 p.m. and closed with *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wolfe, Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (WELCA)

No Bible Study/Business Meeting was held in December. Linda Wolfe has ordered the new Bible Study Books. The Bible Study books should be here before the 2:00 p.m. January 15 Bible Study at Church hosted by Mary Schumacher.

I know I brag on the quilts that are being assembled but they are beautiful and we should all Thank the quilters for their outstanding work. It takes time to piece the tops together and assemble them into a quilt (i.e. top, middle, back, tying, and sewing them into a finished quilt). It is amazing the way these ladies can take different fabrics and make a cohesive (and sure to be loved) quilt. If you stop by at around 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, you can see for yourself and have a cup of coffee with the ladies.

Emmanuel received a Thank You from the Adopt-a-Family Committee. 56 families were adopted this year and extra money donations made it possible to give each family a certificate for a ham or turkey for a Christmas Meal. Also, they were able to provide the elementary school with several pair of snow pants and snow boots in multiple sizes for children who weren't included in the Adopt-a-Family program. Thank You to the Congregation for being so generous this year and purchasing the gifts for our two children. 5 garbage bags of wrapped toys and quilts were delivered to the collection site along with \$270.00 in food gift cards for Christmas Dinner and into the New Year.

\$187.50 was collected in the November ThankOffering which was sent to the Ladies Synod for programs for women and children (along with ThankOffering collections church-wide) will go a long way to ensure these programs will continue.

See ya'll at the January 15 Bible Study. Linda Wolfe, WELCA Contact Person/Treasurer

EMMANUEL INFORMATION and EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Draven Pedersen
Andy Hansen
6 Mary Jo Tillman
7 Merrill Whitehill
9 Connie Holmes
Andrea Swank
10 Courtney Ryan
11 Tina Wigington
12 Alex Catherine Holmes
16 Chuck Richardson
19 Ryan Grebert
20 Dan Hansen
Levi Kinnison
Malachi Kinnison
28 Gordon Sherman
29 Keely Bouska
Carter Houchin



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Chuck and Susan Maxine
31 Howard and Pat Elliott



JANUARY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee: Deb Burroughs and Miriam Houchin
Acolytes: Lilly Wittmer (5)
Ali Hansen (12)
Gavin Wittmer (19)
Andy Hansen (26)
Readers: Marcia Johnson (5)
Lisa Holmes (12)
Marcia Johnson (19)
undesigned (26)
Ushers and Greeters: volunteers on Sunday

FEBRUARY ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Marilyn Holmes
Altar Committee:
Acolytes: Ali Hansen (2)
Gavin Wittmer (9)
Andy Hansen (16)
Lilly Wittmer (23)
Readers: Marcia Johnson (2)
undesigned (9)
Marcia Johnson (16)
undesigned (23)

Ushers and Greeters: volunteers on Sunday

The **BOLD TYPE** are the dates when Readers are needed. If you can help, please sign up so we can fill the slots. Thank You!

UN-DECORATING THE SANCTUARY AND FELLOWSHIP HALL is scheduled for Saturday, January 11 @ 10:00 a.m. If you can help, it would be very much appreciated. It only took a little over 1 ½ hours to decorate so it should be a very short amount of time to un-decorate. Many hands make quick work so circle your calendar and help your church.

The Church Council would like to know if the congregational members who receive the monthly NEWSLETTER by mail would like to begin receiving it to your email address instead. Presently, 35 NEWSLETTERS are being sent by email and 66 NEWSLETTERS are being sent by postal mail. Not only postage might be increasing but also the cost of paper is up. If you would like to receive your NEWSLETTER by email, just send the office: emmlutheran@yahoo.com your request to add your address to the email list. But don't worry, some of us enjoy holding the NEWSLETTER, reading it, and posting the calendar on the refrigerator to remind us of what is happening for the month so let us know and you will continue to get your NEWSLETTER send to you by postal mail so you can stay in contact with your church!!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2025

400 East Pioneer Avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601 www.emmanuel-lutheran.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Deb Burroughs Miriam Houchin	Emmanuel #: 1-712-246-3287 emmlutheran@yahoo.com	Emmanuel Hrs. Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00 noon	1 New Years Day Emmanuel Office Closed	2	3	4
5 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	6	7	8 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9	10	11 10:00 am Un-decorate the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
2nd Sunday of Christmas 12 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	13 9:00am Quilting	14	15 2:00pm WELCA Bible Study/Business Meeting @ Church – Mary Schumacher hosting	16	17	18
1st Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Our Lord						
19 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	20 6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting (if needed) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting (if needed)	21	22	23	24	25
2nd Sunday after Epiphany 26 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	27 9:00am Quilting	28	29 5:30pm-7:00pm "Room at the Table" @ Presbyterian Church. Supper furnished by Emmanuel	30	31	
3rd Sunday after Epiphany						

St. Paul's Information and Events – January 2025

Services begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's each Sunday.

Sunday School will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Thursday, January 2 – 1:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Church – Mary Beth Bredensteiner hosting

Sunday, January 5 – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 2nd Sunday after Christmas
Sunday School follows the Worship Service

Sunday, January 12 – 9:00 a.m. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Church Basement with the Congregation providing breakfast items. A short Worship Service will be held in the basement prior to the Annual Meeting.
Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Sunday, January 19 – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday School follows the Worship Service

Sunday, January 26 – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Our prayers go out to those members and past members of St. Paul's who are unable to worship with us at the present time: Waddy Coffman, Faye Rolf, Trevor Whipple, Danny Michel, and Peg Griffey. They continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

REFRESHMENTS FOR COFFEE FOLLOWING CHURCH ON SPECIFIED SUNDAYS WILL NOW BE SUPPLIED BY WELCA AS ONE GROUP. The assigned Committee for that day will be in charge of serving.

JANUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE

Toni Comstock (4)
Carole Hamilton (11)
Jill Gilbert (18)
Dallas Prather (25)

JANUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Nancy Middaugh (5)
ANNUAL MEETING
Mame Dow (19)
Keely Bredensteiner (26)

JANUARY READER'S SCHEDULE

Sharon Gilbert (5)
ANNUAL MEETING
Kymm Bredensteiner (19)
Kathy Athen (26)

HYMN SELECTION for each month will be made by the following parishioners:

JANUARY – Sharon Gilbert

JANUARY ALTAR COMMITTEE: Penny Bredensteiner and Faye Rolf.

Responsibilities: Communion clean-up, Trim candles, Provide Altar Flowers, Change Paraments.

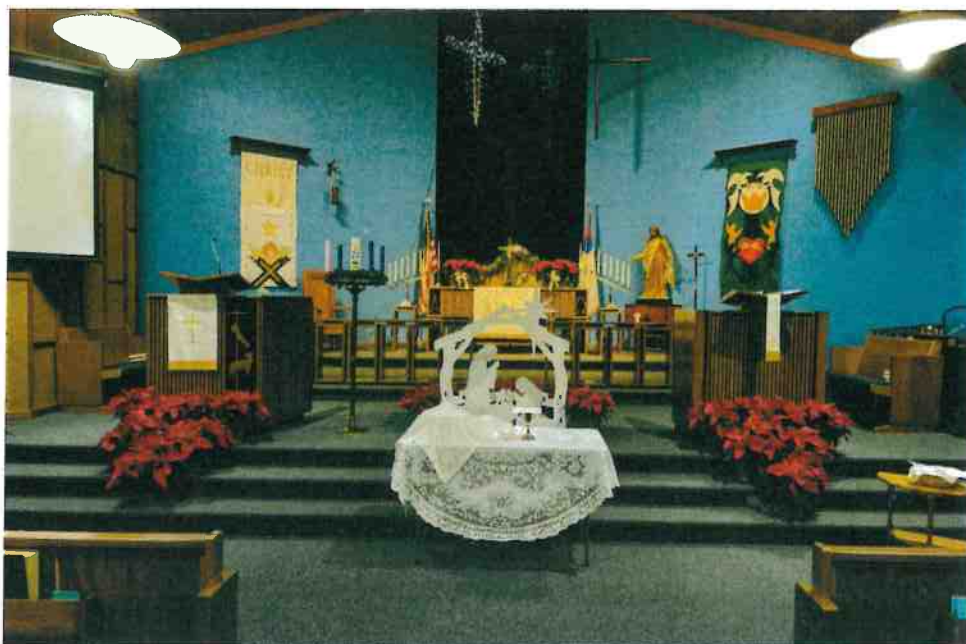
If you have anything you would like in the NEWSLETTER, please contact Mary Beth at mbbredensteiner@gmail.com by the 2nd Sunday of the month OR get the information to Nancy or Penny so they can forward it on. You can also text or call 660-623-0093.

The Church Council is requesting if you have changed your email address, please send it to Penny Bredensteiner at borerinn@iamotelephone.com OR Nancy Middaugh at sn25midd@gmail.com. These emails will be used to communicate with Church members and to send the NEWSLETTER out.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2025

3055 – 410TH Avenue, Northboro, Iowa 51647

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Committee Penny Bredensteiner Faye Rolf		Emm. #: 1-712-246-3287 Emm email: emmlutheran@yahoo.com Emm. Hours: 9-12noon; Mon.-Thurs.	1 New Years Day Emmanuel Office Closed	2 1:00 pm Bible Study @ Church/Mary Beth Bredensteiner hosting	3	4 CHURCH CLEANER Toni Comstock
5 9:00am Worship Sunday School follows R: Sharon Gilbert A: Nancy Middaugh	6	7	8	9	10	11 CHURCH CLEANER Carole Hamilton
<i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i> 12 9:00am Annual Meeting Short Worship Service and Annual Meeting will be held in the basement. Congregation providing breakfast items.	13 BIRTHDAY Faye Rolf	14	15	16	17	18 CHURCH CLEANER Jill Gilbert
<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>						
19 9:00am Worship Sunday School follows R: Kymm Bredensteiner A: Marne Dow	20 BIRTHDAY Dalton Weiss	21	22	23	24	25 CHURCH CLEANER Dallas Prather BIRTHDAYS Steven Middaugh Dillon Dow
<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	28	29	30	31	
26 9:00am Worship R: Kathy Athen A: Keely Bredensteiner						
<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>						



Sharing their Poinsettia this Advent/Christmas Season:

The Altar Poinsettia are given by the Women of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church **IN MEMORY** of the Past WELCA Members and **IN HONOR** of the Present WELCA Members;

Tony and Cathy Ballain **IN MEMORY** of Our Parents and **IN HONOR** of Our Children and Our Grandchildren;

Karen Erickson **IN MEMORY** of Byron Erickson and **IN MEMORY** of Kim Leftwich;

Geneve Fienup **IN MEMORY** of Steve Fienup, **IN MEMORY** of Don & Phyllis Fienup and **IN MEMORY** of Charles & Sophia Fienup;

Mary Beth Gowing **IN MEMORY** of John & Eldora Gowing and **IN MEMORY** of Sally Gowing;

Dennis and Tammy Grebert **IN MEMORY** of Terry and Marcene Johnson and **IN MEMORY** of Penny Sievers;

Newt and Marcella Heaton **IN MEMORY** of Our Parents;

Marilyn Holmes **IN MEMORY** of Bob Holmes and **IN HONOR** of My Grandchildren: Ali, Matt, Audri, Alex, Andy, Austin and Samantha;

Gene and Miriam Houchin **IN MEMORY** of Our Parents and **IN HONOR** of Our Children and Our Grandchildren;

Mark and Marcia Johnson **IN MEMORY** of Howard and Mary Alice Johnson;

Dan and Barb Peterson **IN MEMORY** of Our Parents: Homer & Dorothy Focht and Donald and Mary Peterson;

Kim and Theresa Swank;

Linda Wolfe, Jim Wolfe and Joe Wolfe **IN MEMORY** of John Wolfe;

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