

JULY
Messenger

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Grace and Peace,

Your door bell rings. You rush to the door and open it. Outside you see a crowd of 5,000 people. The person standing on your front step points to the crowd and says, "Give them something to eat." To the number 5,000, you need to add the women and children. In all likelihood, the crowd numbers upwards to 15,000 to 20,000 hungry stomachs. It would be like the population of Union County(15,000) at your dinner table.

Reaction: Impossible! You look at your table. On it you see food enough for five people, not 5,000. The voice calls out to you again, "Give them something to eat." Your eyes survey the crowd and you see a young boy holding a picnic basket. The boy opens the basket to display five loaves of bread and two fish. After a deep breath you say to yourself, "What are they among so many people?"

The man at the front of the crowd motions for the crowd to sit down. The little boy hands the picnic basket to the man. Then he prays over the five loaves and two fish. In his prayer you hear a word of "thanks" to God. His prayer acknowledges that all is a gift from God. It may be in my hands, but it still belongs to God. After the prayer, he distributes the food to the crowd. They all receive as much as they want. Besides filling thousands of hungry stomachs, his followers gather up the leftovers, enough to fill twelve baskets.

You know the name of the voice calling out to feed the crowd. In our hands a small picnic lunch for a few people. Five loaves and two fish in the hands of Jesus, enough food to feed all hungry stomachs. The people were fed and with leftovers.

In this story we see a very generous Savior. In the feeding of the 5,000 there was extravagant abundance. And please note the leftovers. Jesus provided enough food for the crowd with enough leftovers to feed others the next day. (Read the story recorded in John 6:1-14)

Amazing things happen when we give our stewardship over into the hands of Christ. Consider the stewardship lesson learned by the little boy in the story of the feeding of the 5,000. He offered his picnic lunch over to the hands of Jesus to share with the crowd. And the young boy, along with the crowd, received an abundant meal.

A good steward humbly puts the interests of others before his/her own. And this stewardship emerges from a heart of faith that confesses Jesus Christ. The little boy could have said "no" and just disappeared in the crowd. However, he must have heard a word to trust in the voice of Jesus. Trusting God to provide, we are called to generously offer up our stewardship in service to Christ. Remember, in our hands only a picnic lunch, in the hands of Christ, enough for all to be filled. Blessings, Pastor Greg

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Fellowship	2	3	4	5 7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Bridal Shower	9	10	11	12 7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast	13	14
15 9:30 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Fellowship	16	17 Quilters 9:30 Naomi Circle	18 7:00 Council Mtg	19 7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast	20 Wedding Rehearsal	21 Wedding
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	23 2:00 Bethesda Coffee	24	25	26 7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	30	31				

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council Minutes June 20, 2018

Council members present: Kate Andal, Mark Bidne, Amanda Hyronimus, Diane Hofer, Carolyn DeRaad, Linda Farley, Valerie Anderson. Pastor Greg Myrmoe was also present.

Kate Andal called the meeting to order. Pastor Myrmoe led in devotions.

May 2018 secretary minutes were reviewed. A correction was made regarding purchase of the new chairs for the basement. Correction was made to read, "Motion was made to purchase new chairs using money from the general fund, capitol campaign fund, 2018 soup and pie proceeds and WELCA donations. Funds will be partially reimbursed by donations through members adopting chairs". Motion was then made to approve May council minutes, motion second and carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed, motion made to approve, motion second and carried.

Old Business

- The catered meal to be served for the 125th Anniversary has been planned. Ticket sales for the meal will begin Sunday, August 5.
- Fun run/walk planning was discussed in organizing of the event.

New Business

- Candace Zweifel has graciously volunteered to organize a new church directory.
- Concern for maintenance of the Emmanuel Cemetery plots was brought to council's attention. Properties will check into this.

Christian Education

- Houston fundraising went well and each youth attending Houston will pay \$150 out of pocket. Youth will depart from Emmanuel at 9pm on Monday June 25.
- Youth will be selling 125th Anniversary T-shirts.
- VBS plans are being made for August, information will be found soon on Facebook, Shutterfly and the July newsletter.
- Fall Sunday School leaflets have been ordered; fall pre-school through KG curriculum has been created. 2018-2019 Sunday School teachers will be needed.
- Mark Bidne has been added to the youth account as a back-up signer.

WELCA

- WELCA met on 6/12/18 at Bethesda with residents of the Home and the Inn.
- WELCA began the "adopt a chair program", giving members the opportunity to purchase new chairs for the church basement.
- WELCA is arranging for volunteers to clean the church basement on June 26.

Properties

- The church roof was inspected.
- 124 new basement chairs were ordered on 6/11/18 and are expected to arrive on 9/10/18.
- The sink and faucet in the sacristy will be replaced.
- The sign-up sheet for volunteers to water flowers outside of the church is filling up.

Parish Health- A letter was provided to council summarizing recent work completed and plans for future parish health activities. Council requested that Pastor check with all members who are ill or hospitalized for their permission to share their information with Parish Health.

Music and Worship

- Pastor Myrmoe's 35th Anniversary of Ordination was celebrated on June 17 with cake following worship.
- The 125th celebration will include one special worship service at 10am on 9/16/18.
- The grand piano and organ will be tuned prior to the 125th celebration.
- Hymns were selected through 9/16/18.
- The next meeting will be August 26 at 8:30 am.

Pastor's Report

-Pastor Myrmoe attended the SD Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls. Pastor Myrmoe has 1 year remaining on his term of serving on the SD Synod council. He notified church council that Luther Seminary has declared 1 full year of free tuition for students.

Meeting adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be July 18 at 7:30 pm.

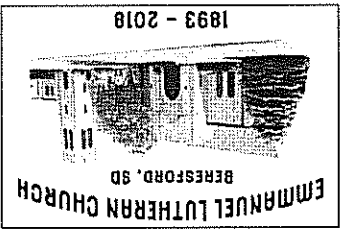
Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Anderson

Emmanuel 125th Shirts

Get your Emmanuel shirt ordered today!
 You can order online or grab an order form by the bulletin in the Narthex.
 This order will close the end of August.
 www.intensete.com/emmanuel



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH APPAREL



BACK DESIGN



LEFT CHEST DESIGN

DEADLINE: Friday August 31st @ MIDNIGHT

RETURN ORDERS AND PAYMENT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE,
 RACHELLE BORAH OR ALISA KNUDSON

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COST		EXTRA SMALL	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	EXTRA LARGE	2X	3X	4X
SHORT SLEEVE - \$15									
LONG SLEEVE - \$20									

TOTAL COST									
ADULT HEATHER SEA GREEN (SHORT SLEEVE TEE)									
ADULT HEATHER AQUA (SHORT SLEEVE TEE)									
ADULT HEATHER GREY (SHORT SLEEVE TEE)									
ADULT HEATHER GREY (SHORT SLEEVE TEE)									
ADULT HEATHER GREY (LONG SLEEVE TEE)	N/A								
YOUTH NEON BLUE (SHORT SLEEVE TEE)	N/A								
YOUTH HEATHER GREY (SHORT SLEEVE TEE)	N/A								
YOUTH HEATHER GREY (LONG SLEEVE TEE)	N/A								

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Emmanuel Education

NEWS

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A huge thank you to the parents who have been supporting the youth effort the past 16 months. The youth are excited to take off on the bus to Houston on June 25th. We appreciate each church member that has supported us along the way. The kids have worked hard. We will have our Synod day at our hotel on Thursday June 28th, Service Learning Day will be Friday June 29th and Interactive Learning will be on Saturday June 30th. We will close our trip with a church service on Sunday morning and then will depart for the 16 hours bus trip home. If you would like to keep track of us, please like the ELCA youth gathering facebook page as well as the Emmanuel page. I will do my best to get some updates on there throughout the week. If you would like more info on what the National Youth Gathering is all about, please visit <http://www.elca.org/youthgathering>. We cannot wait to share our stories when we return.

Thank you again for your support!

2018 Community VBS



August 6th-10th
9am-Noon (registration starts at 8:45)
Please Pre-register @ vspro.events/p/f08366

Emmanuel's assigned day is Wednesday. We will need help providing the lunch, (taverns, lemonade, chips, & watermelon) serving lunch, providing craft & help leading the craft. Please go to <https://mealtrain.com/5y8e6w> to sign up if you are able to help. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope with VBS written on it and drop in the drop box outside the office door.

If you have any questions please contact Rachelle 605-940-4496.

Community Service project

Thank you to all who participated in giving items to make "busy bags" for the Children's Hospital. We were able to deliver 12 bags full of fun busy stuff for those kids that are stuck in a hospital bed. We delivered 12 blankets from our ladies as well. The ladies at the hospital were in awe of the donation and could not have been more thankful. They were very excited that we had included older children in our bags as they get forgotten.

Starting this Sunday, there will be volunteers set up before and after services to accept donations for the "Adopt-a-Chair" fundraiser for the new chairs that have been ordered for the basement fellowship hall. These are being paid for by Welca and our Emmanuel Church general fund so this is a way to help reimburse our general fund for some of the cost. Adopting a chair could be a nice memorial gift or could be used as a gift in honor of a special occasion or a special person. The price of one chair is \$44.05. Please check out our sample chair which is in the Narthex. Anyone who has a question about this or wants to make a donation by phone can call Linda Farley at 957-5682 or Diane Hofer at 254-2949.