

# Emmanuel Messenger

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  - President-Junelle Hansen
  - Vice Presidents-Mark Bidne
  - Secretary-Valerie Anderson
  - Treasurer-Kay Grosvenor
  - Properties-Diane Hofer
  - Music & Worship-Marilyn Aronson
  - Christian Ed-Open Position
  - Outreach & Membership-

## Information Highlights

- ❖ We are in need of individuals that are interested in running the sound system during service and ringing the bell. Please chat with Gerald if you are interested.
- ❖ Emmanuel will be doing Meals on Wheels for December. We need to fill each day we will not be able to help. Please use this link to sign up if you are able to help or call the church office [volunteersignup.org/JCTAX](http://volunteersignup.org/JCTAX)
- ❖ Emmanuel will continue to help our community with a "giving tree". Please check for tags hung on the tree in the Narthex. After purchasing, bring it back and place it in the food pantry cart with the tag taped to the item. Thank you for your continued generosity in 2021!
- ❖ There will be a clipboard in the Narthex to sign up for bell ringing on December 5<sup>th</sup> @ Fiesta from 10-1. There will be 1 hour shifts.

## Memorial Donations

Missionary Support - Sharon & Wayne Akland  
Memorial for Milford Larson – Tom Erickson for roof repair  
Memorial for Jean Saugstad – Tom Erickson for roof repair  
Welca Kenny Theye memorial – Wes Oines  
Memorial for Bernadine Field – Jay & Dawn Nordquist  
Memorial for Joelle Antonson- David & Marilyn Aronson for office  
Memorial for Allen Pederson – Charles & Lois Norling for cemetery fund  
Memorial for Joelle Antonson – Milo & Angie Twedt for cemetery fund  
Seminary Support – Sharon & Wayne Akland in memoriam to Pastor Fedde  
Memorials for Joelle Antonson – David & Marilyn Aronson, Terry & Judy Jensen, Greg & Candice Zweifel, Dave & Esther Larsen

# A Message from Pastor

Grace and Peace,

November 29<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent. Our prayer for the season of Advent is “Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.” During the season of Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, whereas the season of Advent focuses on the second coming of Christ. As he promised, Christ will return at an unexpected hour. So we need to be ready! Walk daily a faith relationship with Christ. In the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew we hear our Lord’s Advent call: Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Therefore you must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. Keep awake! Watch! Christ will return.

During the season of Advent we will light candles on the Advent wreath. Each candle moves us closer to the celebration of Christ’s birthday and a reminder that he will return. Advent wreath candles:

**1<sup>st</sup> Advent Candle:** The first candle on the Advent wreath is called the candle of hope. It serves as a reminder to us that God keeps His promises. He promised a Savior and He sent one. He promised to return, and the day is coming.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle:** The second candle is called the candle of preparation. It reminds us to be prepared to receive the Lord when he returns.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle:** The third candle (pink) is called the candle of joy. It reminds us of the multitude of angels that joyfully announced the birth of Christ.

**4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle:** The fourth candle is called the candle of love. It represents the love of God. God so loved the world that He sent His Son.

**Center Candle:** The center candle symbolizes Jesus, the light of the world.

I would like the children to draw a picture of the Advent Wreath and note the meaning of each candle. Post your picture in your home as a reminder of this season of hope, preparation, joy, and love.

Blessings, Pastor Greg

# Education Updates

## Education Wishlist:

- As our education activities at Emmanuel grow, so are some of our needs. Below is a list of some items we are needing to make some improvements and updates to the education area. If you have questions or would like to help with one of these purchases, please contact Rachelle.

- Small dorm refrigerator this can be used
- 2 – 32 inch Smart TV's
- 10 – 6 ft. light weight tables.

### • Recycled items we need for lessons:

- Shredded Paper
- buttons
- ice cream buckets
- 2 liter pop bottles
- 20 oz pop bottles
- newspaper
- thin pieces of tree trunk
- small boxes (smaller than shoe box)



## Weekly Events

**Sunday** – 10-10:45 Sunday School

**Wednesday** – 6:15 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf.

6:30 – FROG

7:00 – SLYO

7:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf.

\*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed @ 6:30 will be JLYO instead of Confirmation



- ❖ We need an adult to lead JLYO the third Wednesday of each month. Lessons are planned and prepare for you, you will just need to lead it. Please contact Rachelle if you are able. If we do not get a volunteer JLYO will only be from 6:30-7.
- ❖ Wreaths were delivered, if you have not received yours please let Rachelle know so she can be sure you get your order.
- ❖ Thanks to all that helped with our crayon donation, we collected about 100 pounds of crayons.
- ❖ Thanks to all that filled a shoebox. I dropped off 13 shoeboxes.
- ❖ The SLYO youth just finished their 4 week series “Gone Fishing” we played some fun games relating to the lessons and learned about the disciples and how be fishers of men. We have started our next 4 week series “The Arrival” this series we are talking about the Holy Family and the many prophecies that told of the coming of Jesus’ birth.
- ❖ Our Jr. High students finished their 4 week series “Thankfulness” they learned how to be FULL OF THANKS and appreciate God's grace, forgiveness, spiritual gifts & faithfulness. They have started their 4 week series “ they are learning the Who? What? When? Where and Why? of Jesus’ birth.

## Hello from Parish Health!



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:1-5

I have spent many years dreading winter, hating the darkness. When I was little I couldn't go to sleep without a night light or the light on in my closet, that small light felt huge and safe. Lately I have been trying to embrace the darkness, look for shooting stars, staring at the moon, quieting my mind, focusing on beauty in the darkness. Darkness is clarifying, refining, and more as our vision narrows to what the light we do have allows us to see.

Now that life this winter looks much more different than in years past. Our social calendars may be slim, holidays look different, how we are navigating looks much different than other years due to new territory in our history. This time must not look dark but instead light, with hope for the future and opportunity for growth and clarity within ourselves and our families. Darkness can bring light to things that matter most. It brings us closer to the light of Jesus, and can open us to parts of ourselves we couldn't see without it. When we trust Jesus to light our way we discover our path will become ever clearer.

We will endure. We can do this. We have been doing this. We are together.

So, when the winds blow and the night comes early just turn the lights down low, plug in the twinkle lights and light the candles. Embrace and find warmth in the healing and the slow. Find strength in the dark, not fear. Look to the stars. Trust in this season of our life and trust in the ultimate light in Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Peace and Blessings,  
Andrea Engbarth, Parish Health Nurse  
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# November Council Minutes

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
November 17, 2020 Council Minutes

Council members present: Junelle Hansen, Mark Bidne, Kay Grosvenor, Krislyn Carlson, Marilyn Carlson Aronson, Rachelle Borah, Valerie Anderson. Pastor Greg Myrmoe was also present.

Junelle Hansen called the meeting to order.

Pastor Myrmoe led in devotions.

November secretary minutes were reviewed. Marilyn Carlson Aronson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was second by Krislyn Carlson and was carried.

November treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Krislyn Carlson to approve the minutes. The motion was second by Valerie Anderson and was carried.

## **Old Business-**

- 1) CDC recommendations continue to be followed at worship services. Worship services are being live streamed on Facebook.
- 2) Snow removal will be done by Precision Irrigation & Lawn Care.
- 3) Research continues on up-dating Emmanuel's website.
- 4) The soup and pie event was done successfully by carry-out.
- 5) Musicians are scheduled through December. Marlene will be paid mileage for driving to Beresford to play organ. Jennifer Wilson will be paid for playing flute.
- 6) Individuals may volunteer to learn to operate Emmanuel's sound system.
- 7) The purchase of a fire proof safe for keeping archived books is being considered.
- 8) Discussed taking photos of church inventory to store on a flash drive or an external hard drive for insurance purposes.
- 9) Offering deposits will be done with two people present.

## **New Business-**

- 1) Diane Hofer has resigned from properties committee.
- 2) Council discussed setting up a savings account for a roof fund.
- 3) Council approved Junelle Hansen, Kay Grosvenor and Pastor Greg Myrmoe as authorized signers for the bank safety deposit box. Council approves to remove Kate Andal and Steve Cain as authorized signers.
- 4) Council discussed for the Christmas giving tree to become a year round giving tree. Tags on the tree will be up-dated periodically with specific items of need. A bowl will be near the sanctuary entrance to offer donations toward Christmas meals for community members in need.
- 5) The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

## **Committee Reports**

**Christian Education-** December & January members' birthdays are being updated. Council approved for Sunday School offerings to be placed in the youth account. Council discussed options for Sunday School kids to make a Christmas program video.

**Music and Worship** – Met on September 13, 2020. Rev. Heidi Binstock was presented a stole made by LaDonna Reit in commemoration of the 50 th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. Both pianos were tuned in August. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Three baptismal bowls were ordered and arrived. The committee will meet again on November 22.

**Parish Health-** Thanksgiving outreach to Bethesda with cards and treats. The bloodmobile at Emmanuel was a success. A stained glass window open house will be in December with a focus on mental health.

**Pastor's Report** – Volunteers can sign up to deliver meals on wheels for the month of December. Emmanuel members can volunteer for Salvation Army bell ringing on December 5 at Fiesta from 10 am- 1 pm.

Meeting adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.  
The next council meeting will be December 15 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Anderson



**WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

# December Birthdays

## 12/1

Chad Hebert

## 12/3

McKayla Roelke

Kaitlyn Knudson

Wes Oines

McKayla Roelke

## 12/4

Gail Snoozy

## 12/6

Andrew Carlson

Nathan Jensen

Delmer Knudson

Corinne Young

## 12/7

Jade Twedt

Denise Gertsman

Reanna Lewison

Anita Norling

Charles Voegeli

## 12/8

Marjorie Johnson

Esther Larson

## 12/9

Jennifer Hansen

Larissa Tiedeman

## 12/11

Joseph Anderson

Shaylen Andal

Wyatt Anderson

Eleanor Johnson

Kerri Eastman

## 12/12

Max Orr

Ann Kropuenske

Shelia Orr

## 12/15

Parker Hofer

Jeff Norling

Isabelle Andal

## 12/17

Sharon Akland

Keesha Merrick

Kay Strand

## 12/18

Jesse Akland

Lucy Carlson

## 12/20

Hayden Wilson

Tyler Goltz

Ted Goltz

John Hansen

## 12/21

Riley Johnson

## 12/22

Ryan Zweifel

## 12/23

Greg Zweifel

## 12/24

Terry Jensen

Jennifer Wilson

## 12/25

Lexi Kerrels

## 12/26

Linda Talbott

Troy Anderson

Donna Zweifel

## 12/27

Alec Atwood

## 12/28

Heather Ivarsen

## 12/29

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## 12/30

Leon Messler

Janice Myrmoe

## 12/31

Aiden Johnson

James Engbarth

# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:15 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. 6:30 – FROG 7:00 – SLYO 7:00 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conf.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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