

Heart Beat

To Grow in Christ and Make Christ known

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

June 4

First Reading

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Psalm

Psalm 8

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

June 18

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm

Psalm 100

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

June 11

First Reading

Hosea 5:15--6:6

Psalm

Psalm 50:7-15

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 25

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39





This monthly newsletter marks the first article as your called and ordained Pastor here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. My ordination service was a very emotional and moving day for me and for us as a congregation. I am so appreciative of the gifts, cards, kind words, and your attendance either in person or online. I can not thank the congregation and community enough for your ongoing support as together we continue to do God's work.

As we just celebrated the Day of Pentecost and focused on the Holy Spirit, I want you to know that the Holy Spirit is very much alive and is still at work. I felt the Spirit constantly working in me throughout my call to ordained ministry. I felt the Spirit present and with me throughout my ordination service. And I will continue to rely upon the Spirit to guide me as I continue in my ministry serving this blessed congregation and community of faith.

May you feel the spirit active and at work in your lives as well.

I love this post about children in church—and fully support it !!

I've heard it said .."If you don't hear a newborn baby's cry in church ... the church isn't growing."

Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior ... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

Church remains open for visitors Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm.

God's Blessings

Pastor Rex Rogers
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May 17, 2023

Council Minutes

Attendees Pastor Rex, Vicki Johnson, Patty Olson, Julie Pearson, Brandon Mathistad, Lisa Anderson, Dash Cameron, and Liz Heim all present. Nate Williams, Nadine Toft and Vicki Kuhlmann were unable to attend.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Pastor Rex gave his report. Many visits, phone calls and texts with members. He is also providing services on alternating weeks at Arbor Care.

Unfinished Business:

- Church Directory Update- Pictures are in for people that ordered. Directory will be available at the end of May or early June.
- Leon & Lorna Kraft Memorial Grant has been approved for \$2500 for updating the church with automated doors at the east entrance.
- Harvest Host - another guest is scheduled for June 12th.
- Rock for alley was delivered and spread out.
- Property Clean-Up Day May 13th completed outdoor work.
- Ordination May 20th, 11am - Council will help serve lunch/clean up.

New Business:

- NE Synod Assembly June 2nd and 3rd.
- THDCCC Service in the Park scheduled for June 25th at 10:30am. Bring lawn chairs, chicken will be provided, potluck for the rest.
- Parsonage issues with front steps and water in the basement, Property Committee members need to assess issues.

No committee reports.

Treasurer's Report:

- All bills have been paid.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be June 21, 2023, 7:00 PM.

Liz Heim
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Category	April	2023 YTD
Budget Amount	\$10,962.50	\$131,550.00
Actual Income	\$11,524.17	\$37,758.53
Actual Expenses	\$10,549.71	\$42,334.80
Variance	\$974.46	(\$4,576.27)

The balance in the General Fund at the end of April was -\$4,576.27

If you wish to mail an offering to the church, the address is:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
210 S 12th Street
Tekamah, NE 68061

Vanco Online Giving:

[Online Giving - Emmanuel Lutheran Church \(elctekamah.com\)](https://elctekamah.com)

Julie Pearson, Treasurer

THDCCC Upcoming Community Events::

- June 19th-22nd—9 am-12 pm. Vacation Bible School—Lutheran Church - signup through QC code below



- **June 25th—10:30—THDCCC Church in the Park**
Potluck to follow—THDCCC will supply chicken



From the Desk of Bishop Johnson

““Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30 —

I’m writing this article last minute on a Monday morning because I managed to actually practice a bit of self-care this weekend (and because I’m an easily-distracted Enneagram 7 who forgot to write it on Thursday as planned, but let’s go with the reason that fits better with this month’s theme, shall we?).

It was a rare weekend where I didn’t have any synod events on either Saturday or Sunday, so I was able to spend some time in non-ministry pursuits of various shapes and sizes. On Saturday my wife Kristin and I cleaned out and reorganized our garage, a long-overdue task that included divesting ourselves of some possessions that had sat unused for far too long and needed to be passed on to our local Goodwill. I raked and mulched most of the leaves that had blown into our yard over the winter, pulled weeds in our flower beds, and did some general puttering around the house and yard. I read the weekend newspapers, then we made homemade pizza and watched a movie together on Saturday night. Sunday morning our whole family attended worship together at our church and heard a great Good Shepherd Sunday sermon, then I drove to Omaha to play in a community band concert, our last for the season. After that, I came home & and played bingo with my family at a fundraiser for our church’s senior high service trip to Florida this summer.

None of this is anything too spectacular, but it’s important because of one crucial piece: it was a weekend of Sabbath-keeping, and I’m now returning to this office in a better, healthier place because of it. That’s not to say that ministry is never-ending drudgery or something I don’t enjoy; I have loved being a pastor for almost 20 years now, and God has seen fit to grant me a sense of joy in much of the work that comes with this office. I truly believe that vocational calls are calls to work; God gives us certain gifts that are meant to serve the world around us in many and various ways. But God has also made the practice of rest holy, and intends for us to practice self-care by finding the appropriate balance of work and rest.

In our newsletters this month, you’ll be hearing from a number of folks about the practices of spirituality and self-care. May is a season of transitions: the school year is ending, summer weather is arriving, outdoor activities are picking up – why not make it a time to take stock of your own spiritual well-being and how God might be encouraging you to new or renewed self-care practices? Make an appointment with a spiritual director or counselor; attend worship just for the sake of being in worship; look around for the parts of your life that could use a bit more attention and purpose; take up a new hobby that brings you joy – all of these are practices through which the Holy Spirit can move and act and bring you the peace into which Jesus is always inviting us. Yes, it’s still a yoke, but it’s an easy one, because Jesus is under it with us, gently reminding us that God’s children are human beings, valued for who we are far more than what we do.

May that peace bless you, friends, today and always.

Yours in Christ
Bishop Scott Johnson



Thanks to everyone who participated in the upcoming new church directory. We had an excellent turnout for the pictures. We plan to release the new directory in early to mid-June as the directory pictures are being assembled and the member information changes we gathered is being updated in the church software.

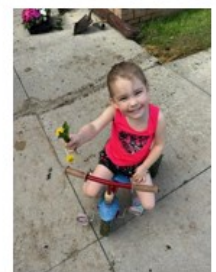
If you would still like to order pictures, please contact Debbie Thiemann at DT Photography - (402) 813-9893.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SERVE GOD?

Thank you to the handful of families that pitched in to clean-up and beautify our church on May 13th. We had lovely new plants and flowers, a freshly mown lawn, weeds removed, and rock and mulch placed around the church.

What a blessing to see God at work with parents and children working hand-in-hand in service to him. To set examples of the many ways we can serve based upon the unique gifts God has given us. For the children, forming a foundation of what it means to be a faithful servant. The children, the future of the church.



Lutheran Youth Faith Education



The LYFE sessions have been completed for this church year. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall !!



Confirmation classes wrapped up in April. Still need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte this summer.

On October 29th we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for three confirmation students; Addison Brandstetter, Kale King, and Christopher Smith.



The High School Youth Group met on May 3rd to prepare birthday packages for the food pantry. Twenty birthday packages were prepared consisting on a cake pan, bake mix, frosting and candles.



Congratulations once again to our graduating seniors who attended the senior brunch on May 7th and distributed communion for us during the worship service. Our graduating seniors were from left to right; Garret Lindberg, Thatcher Zink, Bailey Holiday and Lacey Petersen.





June Birthdays

2-Jun Wyatt Holiday
 3-Jun Linda Hansen
 Marge Shumake
 4-Jun Heather Haber
 5-Jun Liza Kelly
 6-Jun John Raleigh
 7-Jun Kerry Farber
 9-Jun Kord Quick
 10-Jun June Williams
 13-Jun Sydney Brummond
 14-Jun Brandt Hansen
 15-Jun Zachary Petersen
 Greer Potadle
 Rex Rogers
 18-Jun Heath Hansen
 19-Jun Gene Hansen
 20-Jun Jeniffer Graef
 21-Jun Phyllis Olson
 26-Jun Erin Krause
 27-Jun Tracie Holiday
 Randy Olson
 29-Jun Brady Bromm
 Cara Cameron
 30-Jun Arlene Grove
 John Walford

June Anniversaries

1-Jun Nelson, Chad & Jamie
 2-Jun Gregerson, Garret & Cami
 3-Jun Hansen, Wayne & Susan
 4-Jun Hansen, Jonathan & Amber
 Johnson, Paul & Vicki
 7-Jun Ott, Leland & Gerri
 8-Jun Belfrage, K.J. & Manni
 10-Jun Potadle, Kurt & Marti
 14-Jun Ray, John & Janelle
 17-Jun Hansen, Brandt & Jodi
 23-Jun Gregerson, Tim & Tammy
 Hart, Tara & Alaric Williams
 Josh & Paige Knauss
 24-Jun Shumake, Gerald, Marge
 25-Jun Cameron, Dave & Sharon



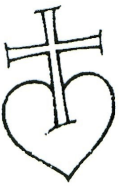
Please remember to pray for all of our family and friends who are ill, receiving treatments, or needing special care:

Larry Nelson, Sharon Adamson, Patty Hancock, Palmer Brummond, Bob Anderson, Tom Lipps, Jolene Von Seggern (Linda Schnell's daughter), Tara Stark (Joe Stark's sister), Steve Wascher (Larry and Thelma's son), Bob Peterson (Phyllis Rieken's brother), David Hayes (Patty Olson's brother), Shirley Schutt, Midge Green, Marsha Jensen, and the Crowell Home residents and staff, Boz & Helen Ahrens, Delmar Chamberlain, and the Tekamah's Arbor Care Nursing Home residents and staff.

Families of: Elva Hansen (Larry Hansen and Diane Rogert's mother), Marv Vrooman

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				ELCA—Nebraska Synod Assembly Kearney		
4 9:30 Sunday Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Senior Branch	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship	19	20	21	22	23	24
	THDCCC—Vacation Bible School—Emmanuel Lutheran Church—9:00—12:00					
			7:00 Church Council			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:30 THDCCC Church in the Park						



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