

Heart Beat

To Grow in Christ and Make Christ known

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 5

First Reading

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 34:1-10, 22](#)

Second Reading

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

November 19

First Reading

[Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 90:1-8 \[9-11\] 12](#)

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

November 12

First Reading

[Amos 5:18-24](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 70](#)

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

November 26

First Reading

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 95:1-7a](#)

Second Reading

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)



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October was a blessed month for us here at the church as the first and last Sunday of the month were joyous celebrations. On the first Sunday of October we welcomed five new confirmands as they received their first communion. These new confirmands went right into a servant's role as they administered communion to their families, then to our congregational family.

On the last Sunday of October, Reformation Sunday, we had three confirmands affirm their baptism. We heard the testimonies of these confirmands on how their faith has grown, and the commitment to continue to grow in their faith. These confirmands also administered communion to the congregation as a first official act as members of our congregation.

Our youth are so important to the future of our church. Please keep the LYFE, Confirmation and High School Youth Group students in your thoughts and prayers.

As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of Thanksgiving. As a congregation and as

a community we have many things to be thankful for. However, not every family is as fortunate as some of us. We continue to see many needs for food as our local Food Pantry is heavily relied upon to keep their families fed. What a gift we have in our Food Pantry and a great way for us as a community of faith to assist these people.

In Isaiah 58:10 we hear “ *If you give some of your own food to feed those who are hungry and to satisfy the needs of those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.* ”

For the month of November the Food Pantry has asked us to assist in providing brownie or cake mixes, as well as frosting to accommodate a need where there is shortage in the Food Pantry to distribute. Please bring your contributions to the church and we will get them delivered.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving,. As we give thanks on Thanksgiving, let us be reminded that the gifts and blessings we receive are there for us each and everyday because of what our Lord and Savior has and continues to do for us and through us.

God's Blessings !!

Rev. Rex Rogers

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October 18, 2023 – Council Meeting

Attendees Pastor Rex, Patty Olson, Julie Pearson, Brandon Mathistad, Dash Cameron, Liz Heim, Nadine Toft. Absent Lisa Anderson, Nate Williams, Vicki Johnson, Vicki Kuhlman
Secretary's report was read and approved.

Pastor Rex gave his report. He again had many visits, phone call, and text with members. He had a funeral at the Presbyterian church and also gave communion on the First Sunday of the month. He will continue to assist them when needed. He is coordinating and providing weekly services at the Arbor Care Center. He is doing a weekly Bible Study at the church with approximately 12 attendees.

Unfinished business:

- Pastor Reposted on 1st Communion service held on October 1st. Great Service
- Josh Knauss and Brandon Mathistad are replacing steps and railing at the Parsonage.
- Sound system is expected to be updated by early December.
- Pastor will be attending Ne Synod Fall Leadership gathering in Kearney Oct.23-24th.

New Business:

- Nominating committee was discussed and will be contacted to begin their search. They are Jodi Hansen, Jonathan Hansen, Burt Rogers, Abby Mathistad, Ashley Williams & Justine Marshall.
- Holy Land Trip has been cancelled.
- Discussed Christmas eve service times. Will finalize service times at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: All bills have been paid.

Next Meeting is November 15th at 7pm

We Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Patty Olson – Pro Tem Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Category	September	2023 YTD
Budget Amount	\$10,962.50	\$131,550.00
Actual Income	\$8,243.92	\$87,740.17
Actual Expenses	\$11,623.36	\$102,788.84
Variance	(\$3,379.44)	(\$15,048.67)

The balance in the general fund is -15,048.67.

Thank you for your continued support !!

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 \(elctekamah.com\)](http://elctekamah.com)

Julie Pearson, Treasurer

Special Funds

We have reopened the Sound System/Technology Special Fund since there seems to be ongoing expenses to keep it up to date.

The following is a partial list of Special Funds for the church. If you wish to contribute to these funds, just indicate that with your offering.

Capital Improvement
World Mission
Emergency Fund

Memorial
LYFE
Sound System/Technology

First Communion,

On October 1st, five confirmands, Wesley Belfrage, Mettie Bridges, Taylor Brummond, McKinley Goodwin, and Teagan Erickson, celebrated their first communion as they start their confirmation studies.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On October 29th we celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism for three confirmation students; Addison Brandstetter, Kale King, and Christopher Smith. God's Blessings to these newest members of our congregation as they continue on their faith journeys.



Lutheran Youth Faith Education

LYFE met on October 4th and 18th. The energy and excitement is awesome with approximately 40 kids in attendance. Our lessons for October focused on “the Annunciation”, “Mary visits Elizabeth”, and Jesus’ Birth.”

Next LYFE session is scheduled for November 15th as there is no school on November 1st.

LYFE will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Thanks to Amanda Hansen and Sarah Smith for their leadership again this year, and Jill Spenner for her assistance. We are also excited to be joined by the kids from the Presbyterian church this year and the additional assistance of Lisa Skinner and April Early.

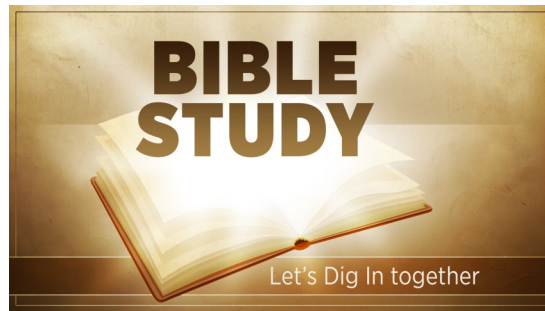


Confirmation classes will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. On October 25th the topic for that meeting the New Testament book of Matthew as we focused on the Sermon on the Mount from Chapters 5—7.



A meeting was held on October 11th at 7:00pm to start to plan activities for the high school year. The first event was a pizza, popcorn, and movie night which was held on October 30th.





Bible study is the practice—whether individually or within a group—of reading, interpreting, and applying Scripture to daily life.

Christians do not study the Bible simply to amass information they will not use. The point of Bible study is to know God and prepare believers to do God’s work in the world. Peter tells us to be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Pet 3:13). Studying the Bible helps us get ready for the opportunities God gives us to tell people about him.

Our bible study meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm. The bible study is utilizing the Max Lucado book "Life Lessons from Romans" as the source.

There is still time to join us as each week is an independent study, so please contact me if you are interested.

NOVEMBER

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

BROWNIE, CAKE MIXES, AND FROSTING

Please bring any donations to the church and we will get them delivered to the Food Pantry.

Thank you in advance for your support.





November Birthdays

2-Nov Kason Krause
 6-Nov Ida Bromm
 Allison Potadle
 7-Nov Cole Freidel
 Kyle Quick
 10-Nov Grant Heim
 11-Nov Randy Bromm
 Cooper Hansen
 12-Nov Leslee Brenneis
 14-Nov Jill Bitter
 16-Nov Kristine Haber
 17-Nov Wrenley Nelson
 Kaitlyn Quick
 Kaleb Quick
 21-Nov Abra Bridges
 Grant Ray
 22-Nov Becky Rogers
 Christopher Smith
 23-Nov Kelsey Erickson
 24-Nov Claire Bromm
 26-Nov Matt Petersen
 29-Nov Mike Bryant
 Tammy Gregerson
 30-Nov Don Bromm
 Kevin Haber



November Anniversaries

2-Nov Mathistad, Brandon & Abby
 Rogers, Rex & Mary
 13-Nov Chamberlain, Delmar & Elaine
 16-Nov Williams, Nate & Ashley
 25-Nov Brenneis, Kevin & Leslee



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

Don Bromm, Karl Adamson, Kenny Kleen, Patty Hancock, Palmer Brummond, Paul Potadle, Tom Lipps, Jolene Von Seggern (Linda Schnell's daughter), Steve Wascher (Larry and Thelma's son), David Hayes (Patty Olson's brother), Laurie Kealy-Fallon (Mary Rogers' cousin), Shirley Schutt, Midge Green, Marsha Jensen, and the Crowell Home residents and staff, Boz Ahrens, Delmar Chamberlain, and the Tekamah's Arbor Care Nursing Home residents and staff.

Families of: Sharon Adamson

2023 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 7:00 Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship	6 7:00 Bible Study	7 6:00—Confirmation	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship	13 7:00 Bible Study	14 3:45—LYFE 7:00—Church Council	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship	20 7:00 Bible Study	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30—Worship at Nursing Home	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 9:30 Sunday Worship Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship	27	28 7:00 No Bible Study	29	30	1	2



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