



The Voyager



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The Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings:

I just got home from an amazing weekend at Walk to Emmaus. A weekend filled with prayer, fellowship, fun, and a whole lot of God. This weekend, and every weekend like it, is prayer focused and it is a gift. Prayer comes from the Latin word "precari" which means "to ask." For Christians, prayer is a conversation with God. Conversation involves not only talking but also being still to listen as well. Prayer is so important for us as Christians. Pastor John Hagee once said, "A prayerless church is a weak church." Former Bishop of the Iowa Annual Conference, Julius Trimble, used to say,

"No prayer equals no power. Little prayer equals little power. Much prayer equals much power."

I don't know about you but I want to be a part of a church filled with much power because it is a praying church!

As I mentioned, prayer is to ask God for whatever is upon our hearts. There is nothing too small or too trivial to take to God. One thing I love about working an Emmaus weekend is we often see God work in the smallest of details. Years ago Sarah Strohmman and I were in charge of the kitchen. Ten minutes before breakfast was to be served the center of our egg bakes were the consistency of soup. There was no way 10 minutes would be enough time to finish them and it was time for prayer. We had thought about staying in the kitchen to "watch" the egg bakes. Then we realized opening the oven door every 2 minutes surely wouldn't help and at that point, there was nothing we could do. We left the kitchen and went to prayer. We left it in God's hands. Less than 10 minutes later we returned to the kitchen and they were cooked to perfection. We trusted God with the details and we both believe God cooked those eggs

that morning. Too often we think the trivial little things don't warrant God's time, so we try to do it all ourselves. But God is in the details...if we'll pray and give it to God.

As summer comes to an end and we prepare for the return of school and regular ministry within the church I hope prayer is a big part of each of our lives. Prayer is one of the main ways we sustain a relationship with God. It doesn't matter where you pray, how you pray nor whether you kneel, stand, sit or lay down to pray. What matters is that we make time to communicate with our God. May you make time to converse with God in prayer, both talking and listening.

Blessings,
Pastor Lana
712-298-0577,
lanawill@hotmail.com

Worship Sunday Schedule

Aug 7: Pray Anyway - Busyness with Communion

Aug 14: Pray Anyway - Hiding

Aug 21: Pray Anyway - How to with Backpack Blessing

Aug 28: Pray Anyway - Trust Anyway



Pray Anyway: Making Time for God

This series explores some barriers to prayer. By understanding what the Bible says about prayer we can learn the priority of prayer and the love of God, and we can trust in God when prayer seems like it isn't working.

Backpack Blessing: Aug 21 by Sarah Strohman

Bring your backpacks, bags, briefcases, brooms, driver's CDL, keys, kitchen gloves, etc. We will be blessing and praying for all students and all staff for the schools and colleges represented.



Ministering to our seniors



Emmetsburg Care Center

2405 21st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4266

Ted Strohmman

Emerald Oaks

Assisted Living

2603 17th Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-8408

Jackie Donovan #23

Darlene Harris

St. Luke's (Spencer)

1301 St. Luke's Dr,
Spencer, IA 50501

Marjorie(Marj) Solberg
Room D9

Lakeside Senior Care

301 N Lawler St
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

**No one at this time*

PARC Hall

3201 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5520

Joyce Muller

Helen Merrill #203

Willow Ridge

3203 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5480

Pat Anderson #103

Jan Bare #206

Anne Carney #216

Virginia Place #210

Below are the addresses of our members, who are in area nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Please send a card to brighten their day. They would love to hear from you.

If you are or know of someone who is home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and would like a visit; please let Pastor Lana know, contact the church office at 852-2154 or email at umcsecretary@iowatelecom.net



*If you or a loved one is hospitalized,
please call the church to inform us.
The hospital does not and will not call us.*

Prayer Requests:

Jessica Graettinger

Karen Sargent

Carissa Fay

Cindy Pedersen

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

*Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities.

*Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, &

our military members.

*Students of all ages and staff at schools and colleges. Students away at college as well as those at home.

*Families who have lost loved ones and are grieving.

*People in countries at war around the world

*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be

removed, or to be put back on the list, please contact the church office at 712-852-2154.

Thank You!





Ragbrai 2022 in Emmetsburg was a huge success... thanks to all who helped!! I am so proud to be part of such an amazing team. There are no words beyond WOW that encompass how awesome it was to be a part of our fundraiser! As I walked people across the street everyone gave thanks and praise for how well we had it staged and how little they waited. So many were impressed by a small town church rolling out the red carpet the way we did. I also got to talk to lots as they left the church and I headed back over to get another

In Mason City today they were still talking about the amazing time they had in Emmetsburg and the meals; especially the Methodist Church. It was stated that the Methodist Church is the most organized and welcoming they have seen.

Lois Stanley

Greg Hoyman called to say that people on the ride were talking about what a great job Emmetsburg and the Methodist Church did. They were really impressed the service and the food!

Many thanks to the RAGBRAI Committee and to all of those who helped pull off a successful and fun fundraiser. Many from the committee would like to extend their thanks to all of you. Read a few of the Thank you's listed below!

group to feed. I heard nothing but compliments and thank you's for the delicious meal. Every single person made this a well-oiled machine. So I thank the bar/cookie bakers, the lasagna bakers, cole slaw holders, table cleaners, garbage and bathroom cleaners, host/hostess, money and ticket takers, delivery drivers, kitchen crew, those who set up, cleaned up, and those who donated supplies for this event!! It took every single one of you (I'm sorry if I missed anyone) to feed 1944 (give or take a few) people in 8 hours!! Without each of you doing your part it would not have been possible. Thank you not only for

Hi All,

Just want to say WOW! The Church RAGBRAI Committee accomplished a very big event successfully. Thank you for your leadership!!! Every person who came through said the lasagna was delicious, coleslaw was amazing, breadsticks were perfect, drinks were great, dessert was spot on, with the BIGGEST compliments I heard were how kind everyone helping is and how well organized we all were. I heard a lot about the delicious pie, too!!!! And when asked who made the coleslaw...my busy brain in the moment kept

your service to God and this church but also for the joyful, fun energy you maintained during a LONG crazy day. Also HUGE shout out to the youth, the leaders, and the pie bakers! They had an amazing event as well. The pie was a HUGE hit and SO delicious. We don't have preliminary numbers yet but I know this fundraiser will help the church financially. Even more than that, to see the church work together, support each other and have fun despite the exhaustion is an amazing gift...so I say thank you!! Love you all,

Pastor Lana

telling people that yes the ladies in the back made it and only just realized this morning we purchased it. Hahaha. No matter how it was made, the customers LOVED all the food!! Just wanted to say you all rocked it! Wow! Wow! Wow!

The riders and support who stayed in the Church and FLC were thankful to have a comfortable place to be for the night. Thank you Church Staff and Trustees for taking great care of the buildings.

Jodi Ward

I totally agree with Jodi. I did not hear one complaint about our meal. Everyone that came through the door was very appreciative and couldn't have been kinder. It renewed my faith in the human race. There are many very kind, loving and well mannered people out there. They thanked us over and over for serving the meal for them. It was well worth our time and effort. Kudos to everyone and thank you to all who helped. My granddaughter had a great time helping and she and her dad went back down to the park afterwards to look around listen to the band and be in the crowd for awhile. The joys of being a teenager with lots of energy. I had a great time! God is good and blessed us.

Sharon Hobart

I want to echo Jodi's WOW! Working more behind the scenes I saw the great dedication and commitment of which she refers. The kitchen staff worked nonstop for 8 hours, even serving stragglers after we closed the doors! Now that's service. The dining room staff kept the tables cleared so we could keep the bikers coming through. Kudos to the Hobart's granddaughter, who mixed lemonade all afternoon. What a trooper. And the variety of dessert bars and cookies was amazing. Thanks to all who provided them.

The gals that took the money and staged bikers as well as ticket takers and ushers greeted our guests with cheerful smiles, acting as great ambassadors for our

church. And we had comfortable

seating for well over 240 in the FLC, exactly what we were hoping for.

The guys and gals who delivered the coolers of lasagna were timely and kept the food hot, an important step in the whole process. And of course the unsung and unnoticed heroes were the gals and guys who baked the lasagna in their home kitchens. Without them this whole project would not have been possible. Even though we got backed up a bit in the FLC kitchen, they stayed on schedule and adjusted when asked. Real rock stars.

Hats off to all who helped. Thanks again. WOW.

Brian Garrels



RAGBRAI came to Emmetsburg July 26th. What a celebration! Our church participated by serving about 2000 Lasagna meals in the Family Life Center.

We filled both the church and the FLC with guests. The church was used for selling tickets and as a waiting room. The FLC was used to serve the Lasagna dinner and for the diners to eat.

Many people baked the Lasagna in their homes and had it transported to the FLC in a timely manner by golf cart drivers. Likewise, many

people baked bars and cookies in their homes and brought them to the dinner. Numerous workers prepared and served the meal, as well as those who cleaned up afterwards. There were also many "unrecorded" jobs carried out, such as posting signs, directing the guests, etc.

The amount of organization needed to plan such an event was fantastic. Several people put in many hours planning what needed to be done, when, where, who, etc. Then there were the many

volunteers who not only worked most of Tuesday, but many of them helped with setting up on Monday and take-down on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The cooperation of our church members was truly remarkable. We should be extremely proud of the work of our congregation. A huge **Thank You** to each and every person who participated in this event.

RAGBRAI COMMITTEE

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7:30 pm

In attendance: (11) Jackie Black, Cal Christensen, Tammy Culver, Ted Ellis, Sarah Frederick, Michelle Kogel, Shayne Kogel, Dilene Larsen, Cindy Magee, Lois Stanley, Pastor Lana Williams

Call to order: Ted Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Lana's devotion focused on #8 of the 8 Qualities of a Growing Church. #8 is Loving Relationships. Does our church care about each other, easily share their feelings, can we rely on friends, do our leaders show love to members, do we feel we exhibit love? This is the most important aspect of a growing church! What are ways we at FUMC-Eburg do these? Wednesday Worship, Tuesday Bible Study, Wednesday in the Park, Sunday Brunch, VBS, Small Groups – Circles, picking up those that can't drive, showing God's love.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June 8, 2022. Motion to approve: Michelle Kogel, Approved as written, by voice vote

Treasurer's Report: Lois Stanley reported the June, 2022 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance \$(10,498.27), Motion to approve: Michelle Kogel, Approved as presented, by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Jeanelle Stokes

Wednesday in the Park – Bible Story with Deb Johnson/Pastor Lana
Children's Church during Sunday Service – Deb Johnson
VBS – 99 kids attended with average daily attendance being 80
Youth Mission Trip – Sarah Frederick

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright/Dilene Larsen

Dilene reported Pie Sale was a *Success* aprx. \$600 raised.

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Dave Fog/Dan Stokes

Pastor Lana reported the Nursery has been cleaned, painted and the Boy Scouts (Mike Frederick) will be pulling up the old carpet with new non carpet flooring being laid soon.
Try to sell the bus – Ragbrai will be a good time to showcase the bus.

Chair of SPRC: Michelle Kogel/Jodi Ward

Church VBS/Summer Picnic went well

Chair of Finance: Shayne Kogel

Ragbrai – need more volunteers in ALL areas
Spending FREEZE, only necessary items to keep church operating to be allowed until General Fund is replenished.
Discussion with Trustees – regarding sharing insurance coverage of the buildings.

Chair of Endowment Committee: Brian Garrels No Report

Chair of Nominations: Bonnie Whitney No Report

Chair of Witnessing/Mission Trip: Sarah Frederick

Youth Mission Trip is set for August 5-7th
Ragbrai Fundraiser – Water \$2, Gatorade \$3, pie \$5. Still need additional donations

Chair of History Committee: Rosemary Matthews No Report

Pastor's Report: Lana Williams

Pastor Lana reported she will be out of office on July 31

Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Ted Closed Meeting with a Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____

Cindy Magee

Emmetsburg First UMC has created multiple ways for you to give:

- Online via vancopayments.com or emmetsburgumc.com
 - Mobile phone giving:
Vanco App
 - Venmo App - @Eburg-UMC
Code 2508
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)



Thank you for your faithful support of the church!

Empowering EFUMC Ministry
Giving Report (July 1-July 24)

General Fund	
-Monthly giving	\$ 23,185.52
-EFT	\$ 2,685.25
-In Memory (VBS)	\$ 700.00
-VBS	\$ 100.00
-FLC Rental	\$ 300.00
General Fund Total	\$ 26,970.77
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Needed Yearly for General Budget	\$ 217,681.00
Needed monthly	\$ 18,140.08
Needed Weekly	\$ 4,186.17
Given for General Budget in July	\$ 26,970.77
Over in July	\$ 8,830.69
Short for the Year	\$ -(1,938.35)

Trustees	
-FLC Building	\$ 2,100.00
Trustees Fund Total	\$ 2,100.00

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*

Worship Service Volunteers

8/7
Steven Horsman
Callen Manz

8/14
Jameson Fehr
Axton Curry

August Acolytes
8/21

Savannah Strohman
Kysen Kogel
8/28

Sophia & Cami Manz
9/4

Madi & Kenna Burns
9/11
Jameson Fehr

Hank Rouse
9/18
Savannah Strohman
Axton Curry
9/25
Beckham Shirk
Mason Shirk

August/August Computer Worship Helpers

8/7
Anderson Family

8/14
Duhn Family

8/21
Ditch Family

8/28
Hudson Family

9/4
Kogel Family

9/11
Anderson Family

9/18
Duhn Family

9/25
Ditch Family

Communion Stewards August

Jamie Christensen
Sarah Strohman
Amy Ver Mulm

September

Sarah Frederick
Mary Lou
Danielle Ditch

Video & Livestreaming

Keaton Duhn

August/September Liturgists

8/7
Michelle Kogel

8/14
Danielle Ditch

8/21
Sarah Strohman

8/28
Jodi Ward

9/4
Sarah Frederick

9/11
Marilyn Carlstrom

9/18
Michelle Kogel

9/25
Danielle Ditch

Sunday Offering Counters

8/7
Cindy Magee
Dan Stokes

8/14
Jodi Ward
Dave Fog

8/21
Troy Hall
Karen Sargent

8/28
John Strohman
Shayne Kogel

9/4
Ted Ellis
Cal Christensen

9/11
Greg Hoyman
Jim Hobart

9/18
Brian Garrels
Tony Salas

9/25
Dean Ver Mulm
Steve Hoyman



Prayers for the youth and their Mission trip to the urban areas of Omaha, NE in early August. This is an amazing opportunity for our youth to learn and grow in their faith. We look forward to hearing about their trip when they return!

Upcoming Iowa Walks to Emmaus

Ankeny First Methodist Church

Ankeny, Iowa

Men's Walk October 13-16

Women's Walk October 20-23

If interested please stop in at the church office, talk to Pastor Lana, or any of the people who have gone to Emmaus before.



**There is no cost to you to attend the Emmaus Weekend.*

2nd annual Women's Conference

When God Chooses You!

Saturday September 23

9am-3pm

\$30 Lunch and snacks included

**More details to come soon!*

Chapters in Our Life Together



1 Doug Merrill

Abby Burns

3 Kent Malm

Bill Whitney

5 Jackie Hoch

Judy Richardson

Darrel Leverenz

BJ Curry

Margaret Miller

8 Deb Wickman

Kinsey Kogel

14 Troy Strohman



16 John Schmidt

17 Dawn Jensen

18 Make Hobart

19 Deb Weisbrod

20 Darci Curry

22 Rose Webb

23 Tracey Mattice

25 Karen Chism

26 Kari Anderson

27 Kyle Shirk

Bev Schmidt

28 Jacob Hall

James Manwarren

30 Hank Rouse

31 Lynne Farnsworth

Cheryl Garrels



1 Dave & Sylvia Ballman

2 Bill & Jana Harris

Anthony & Brandi Fehr

4 Kent & Tati Malm

6 David & Ruth Rouse

8 Shayne & Michelle Kogel

10 Dan & Betty Zeigler

11 Bob & Linda Hill

12 Jon & Lana Williams

14 David & Mary Tonderum

17 Rich & Sue Rouse

21 Craig & Debbie Kassel

29 Ted & Vicki Ellis

Attendance July 1-24

Sunday 7/3/22 ~68

Sunday 7/10/22 ~73

Sunday 7/17/22~92

Sunday 7/24/22~74

Monday, August 1

- 12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 2

- 12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Wednesday, August 3

- 1:00PM Wednesday in the Park (Soper Park)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Thursday, August 4

- 1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- 7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Saturday, August 6

- Claver Cottage Quilt Workshop (FLC)

Sunday, August 7

- 10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)

Monday, August 8

- 12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 9

- 12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 2:00PM Bible Study (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Wednesday, August 10

- 1:00PM Wednesday in the Park (Soper Park)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- 6:30PM Trustees Meeting (FLC)
- 7:00PM Finance Meeting (Narthex)
- 7:30PM Admin Council (Narthex)

Thursday, August 11

- 1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- 7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

**Saturday August 13**

- Just For Kix Camp (Basement)
- Private Family Reunion (FLC)

Sunday, August 14

- 10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)

Monday, August 15

- 12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 16

- 12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 2:00PM Bible Study (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Wednesday, August 17

- 1:00PM Wednesday in the Park (Soper Park)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Thursday, August 18

- 1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- 7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Sunday, August 21

- 10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00AM Sunday Brunch (FLC)
- 6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)

Monday, August 22

- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
 - 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- *Newsletter deadline*

Tuesday, August 23

- 12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 2:00PM Bible Study (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Wednesday, August 24

- 1:00PM Wednesday in the Park (Soper Park)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Thursday, August 25

- 1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- 7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Sunday, August 28

- 10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00PM Private Party (FLC)
- 6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)

Monday, August 29

- 12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 30

- 12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
- 2:00PM Bible Study (FLC)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Wednesday, August 31

- 1:00PM Wednesday in the Park (Soper Park)
- 3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

*Please contact the church office to reserve space or with questions about the schedule.

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Installation Service
for
District Superintendent
Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula

Sunday, August 14

3:30 pm

Storm Lake United Methodist Church
(211 E 3rd St , Storm Lake)



We would like to invite you to attend the installation service for Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula as the District Superintendent for the Camp Clear Lake District.

Please join us in welcoming Michel and his family to the District.

We will be taking an offering to support the ministry of Lake Okoboji UM Camp

There will be a reception following the service.