



The Voyager



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The Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings:

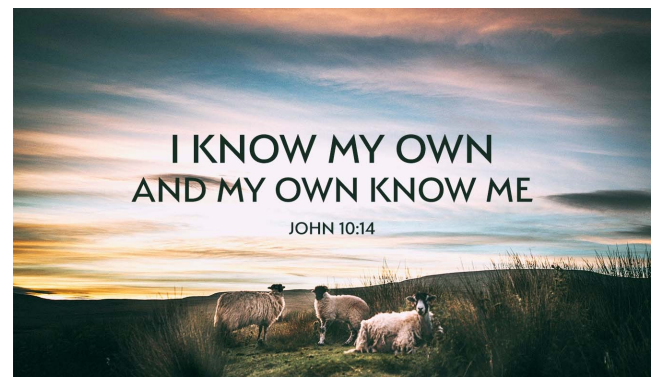
Recently my daily devotions and scripture verses seem to highlight God as our shepherd. Many of these verses are familiar and comfortable to us, and one that stuck out recently is:

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15

As I reread these words I remembered visiting my mother in the spring. She has a flock of sheep, and it was chore time. My mom, the grandkids, and I headed into the fence. Of course, this spooked the sheep, and they went to the top of the hill (away from us). They made quite a raucous and would not leave the safety of the hill, even though they were hungry. After the kids left the fence, my mom and I did the feeding chores, but they still wouldn't come. They know my mom; she feeds them daily, and they normally come running when they see her. I was not familiar and still within the fence, so they wouldn't come. They stood on

the hill watching and hungry but unwilling to move. My mom called for them and still no movement. I decided I'd step outside the fence thinking they'd be comfortable and come to eat if I were out. Still nothing. They heard their shepherd's voice; they knew it was dinner time, but nobody would be the first. Finally, my mom started to walk up the hill to them. One ewe got brave enough to meet her shepherd and the rest followed. Even in their fear and confusion, they trusted the voice and presence of their shepherd.

We are also called to trust the voice of our Good Shepherd...God! When we spend our lives following God, we will recognize God's voice calling out to us in our fear and confusion. Isn't that a beautiful promise for those of us who know Jesus? If you don't know Jesus and you are standing on the top of the hill or in a deep valley hoping to see or hear the Shepherd, rest assured Jesus is calling you. The verse continues: "I have other sheep



that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." John 10:16. Whether you have heard or are searching for the Good Shepherd know that he is calling you by name! The Good Shepherd knows and loves you!

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

Confirmation Class

2023 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Hunter Strohman

Peyton Fay

Sunday May 7th

Confirmed in the faith

Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.



Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

Emmetsburg UMC is in Need of Sunday helpers!

1. Greeters (Handing out the morning bulletin, great for all ages)
2. Ushers (Preferably 13yrs and up)
3. Swallowship (Post Service Fellowship Host/Hostess (Snack, Coffee, etc))

Email Terry: EmmetsburgUMCsecretary@gmail.com



May Friendship Day at The Family Life Center

When: Friday, May 5, 2023

Time: 1:30pm

Feeding America, Bring food items, to be donated to Upper Des Moines and aluminum pull tabs, to be donated for personal items for survivors of human trafficking

Contact: Julie Nelson, President, Palo Alto County Church Women United

712-260-9472

Empowering EFUMC Ministry (March 19-April 20, 2023)

General Fund	\$ 14,182.45
-Fellowship Hall Fund	\$ 100.00
-Wednesday Worship	\$ 215.00
-Emmaus	\$ 276.00
-FLC Rental	\$ 200.00
- Rent Income	\$ 175.00
- Misc. Income	\$ 575.00
-Hospitality	\$ 350.00
Total	\$ 16,073.45

Thank you
for your
faithful support
of the
church!

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)

- Contact Terry

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Lana's Ordination Paperwork:

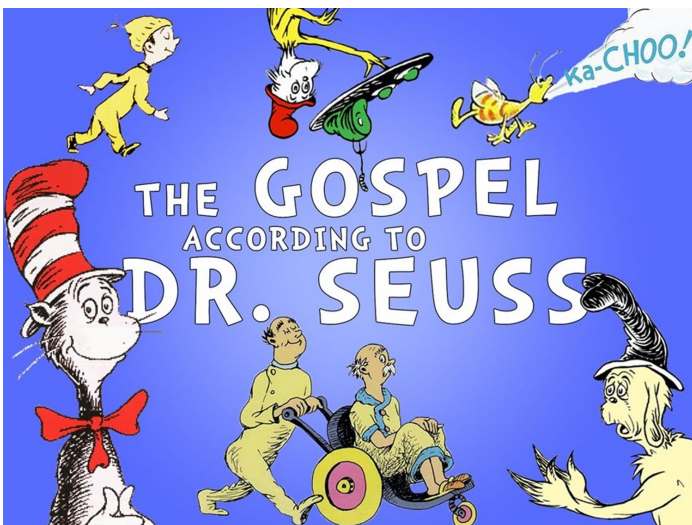
Theology - Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your experience and understanding of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The practice of ministry has reiterated to me that belief and practice don't always go hand and hand. So often myself and others claim Jesus is the Lord of our life. We believe Jesus is the second person of the Trinity. We believe in the hypostatic union. We believe Jesus' life, death, and resurrection changed the world. So often we believe all of this but don't live it. Because we live in the here and now; we all too easily focus on things in this world rather than putting Jesus first.

One way I've seen this in ministry is church attendance. Sunday used to be a day to go to church. Many youth are tied up with traveling sports teams on Sundays. Families and adults are busy so they either plan activities, cleaning, or rest for Sunday mornings. Last year we started Wednesday worship with small groups, dinner, and a simple worship service. We have had a great response as it fits into people's schedules more easily. I often see a desire within those participating in ministry for their faith to fit into their schedule. Outside the church, I see and hear many reasons for not participating. I don't judge this as right or wrong, it simply is the reality that many American Christians believe and claim Jesus is Lord but practice doesn't always line up.

Jesus is Lord should take priority. This claim is a radically transformative belief in our lives, or it should be. Jesus is Lord of my life means Jesus should come first. We should live as Jesus calls us to live. We should be growing and becoming more like Jesus. But many in the church, on the fringes of the church, and outside the church don't understand the concept of Jesus as Lord of my life. As I continue in ministry I try to lead by example, but I am far from perfect. My preaching often speaks to this very need as I talk about a relationship with God. I believe in ministry and in my personal life I've come to the same conclusion: we cannot and do not live as Jesus is Lord of our life on our own. Jesus knew that so he sent us the Holy Spirit.

In this series, we'll see what the Bible and Dr. Seuss have to say about how we encounter and engage our differences.



May 7- The Gospel According to Seuss: Horton
Hears a Who

May 14 - The Gospel According to Seuss: Cat in
the Hat

May 21 - The Gospel According to Seuss: Green
Eggs & Ham

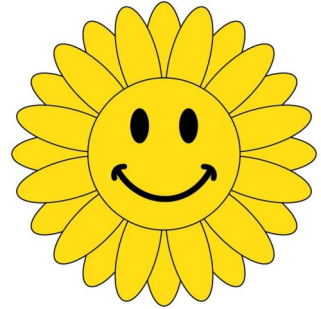
May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

VBS June 26-30, 2023

Registration is open for VBS, if you want a T-Shirt; please register before May 20th. You can register online at <https://www.facebook.com/EmmetsburgFUMC/> or email

emmetsburgumcsecretary@gmail.com for

information and registration link. HELPERS are needed,
email



emmetsburgumcsecretary@gmail.com, if interested. It can be an hour each day, the entire week, or whatever fits your schedule.



Schedule

5:30 pm - Small groups
6:30 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Worship
7:30 pm - High School Youth Group

Sunday Worship

May 7 - Confirmation Sunday 10am

May 14 - Mother's Day and Worship at 10am

May 21 - Graduation & Scholarship Awards Sunday 10am

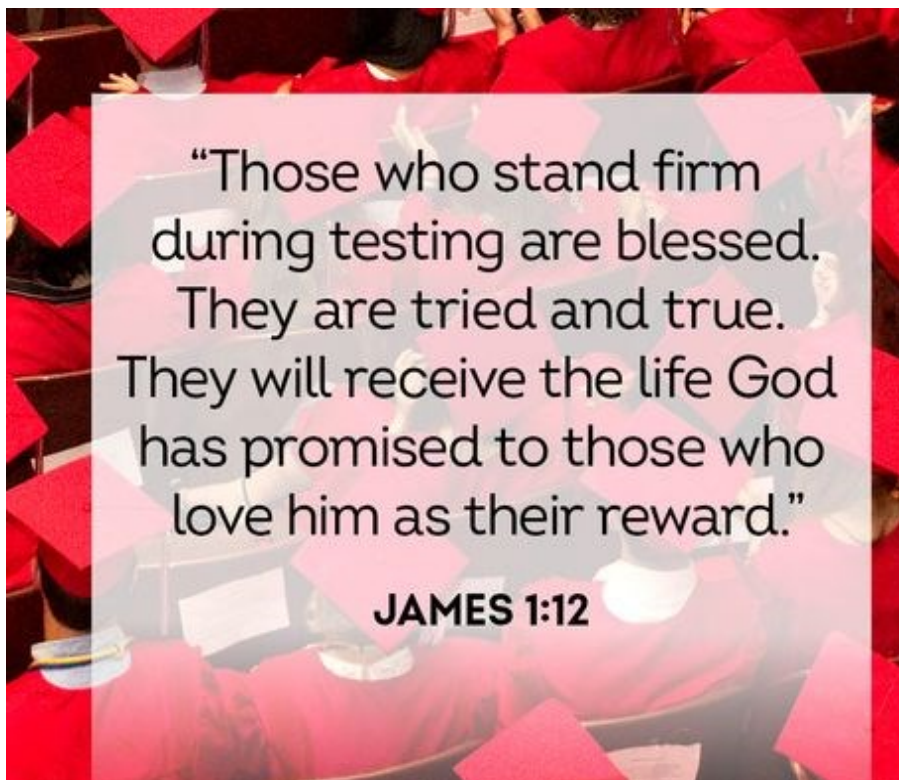
May 28 - Memorial Day Weekend: Sunday Worship
10am

With Baptism of Staussi & Brielle Luiken



Congratulations **CLASS of 2023**

You're invited to join us to celebrate those who are Graduating and those receiving a Scholarship , Sunday, May 21st.



- ♦ Kourtney Kogel
- ♦ Jared Frederick
- ♦ Taytum Sargent
 - ♦ Halle Ditch
- ♦ Emma Westfall
 - ♦ Claire Kassel
 - ♦ Madilyn Hall
- ♦ Ryan Brennan
 - ♦ Cade Shirk
 - ♦ Lexi Duhn
 - ♦ Alyvia Curry
- ♦ Ashleigh Peterson





Sunday, June 4th, at 9am Pastor Lana will be officially Ordained during the Ordering of Ministry and Retirement Worship Service. This is located at:

The RecPlex
6500 Grand Avenue
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266



Say Goodbye to
Our Pastor and Family



Save the date!

Please join us in celebrating the Ordination and Farewell party for Pastor Lana.

Sunday, June 11th, following Sunday Service

Each summer, many United Methodist clergy and their families move to a new ministry setting. At the same time, congregations say goodbye to their pastor and get ready to welcome a new pastor. Prayer is needed for everyone involved.

- **I Corinthians 1: 3-9:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Ministering to our seniors

*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.*

Emmetsburg Care Center

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

Jackie Donovan

Emerald Oaks

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

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

Virginia Place

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

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:

Pastor Lana & EUMC

Josh Hobart

Samantha Graham

Julie Jorgenson

Mary Ellen Benz

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

*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!





Ray Stanley
John Schmidt
Ted Strohmman

Cliff Hinrich
Beverly Hatfield
Arlene Aldrich



Worship Service Volunteers

May Acolytes

5/7
Beckham & Mason Shirk

5/14
Savannah & Hunter Strohmman

5/21
Nora & Liam Hokinson

5/28
Peyton Fay & Staussi Luiken

May Computer Worship Helpers

5/7
Ditch Family
5/14
Hudson Family
5/21
Kogel Family
5/28
Anderson Family

Communion Stewards May 7th

*Mary Lou Morrison
Kathy Heng
Kari Anderson*
June 11th
*Amy VerMulm
Ana Shirk
Sarah Strohmman*

Video & Livestreaming

Keaton Duhn

May Liturgists

5/7
Danielle Ditch
5/14
Sarah Strohmman
5/21
Jodi Ward
5/28
Sarah Frederick

Sunday Offering Counters

5/7
*Karen Sargent
Shayne Kogel*
5/14
*Cal Christensen
Ted Ellis*

5/21
*Troy Hall
Jodi Ward*

5/28
*Tony Salas
Todd Ditch*

6/5
*Dan Stokes
Greg Hoyman*

6/12
*Jim Hobart
Brian Garrels*

6/19
*Cal Christensen
Ted Ellis*

6/26
*Dave Fog
Bill Harris*

Chapters in Our Life Together



1 Mary Tonderum
2 Savannah Strohmman
3 Roger Hankey
Dean Jensen
Sarah Frederick



May Birthdays

4 Alexander Hall
Laurie Schneider
5 Jaxson Curry
6 Gage Ditch
Darrin Adams
Morissa Hoch
Carissa Fay

7 Tyler Coakley
Ann Zeigler
9 Terry Luiken
12 Somer Hudson
Claire Kassel
13 Axton Curry
14 Jodi Shirk
17 Sharon Hobart

Dick Zwart
19 Sheri Freeman
20 Cary Anderson
22 Kristen Ruiz
23 Frank Weisbrod
24 Kyle Kogel
26 Teresa Ward
28 Donald Strohmman
Angela Jensen
29 Steve Farnsworth
30 Hunter Strohmman
Mike Frederick
31 Bret Hoyman

6 Roger & Darlene Hankey
10 Cal & Jamie Christensen
23 Jeff & Tammy Naig
24 Maureen & Joel Horsley



May Anniversaries

26 Troy & Sarah Strohmman
30 Richard & Candy Bisenius
31 Bill & Bonnie Whitney

Attendance April 1-19

Sunday 4/2/23 ~ 92
Wednesday 4/5/23 ~ 55
Thursday 4/6/23 ~ 21
Friday 4/7/23 ~ 38

Sunday 4/9/23~157
Wednesday 4/12/23~45
Sunday 4/16/23~ 57
Wednesday 4/19/23 ~ 45
Sunday 4/23/23 ~ 115




- Monday, May 1**
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM Horizons (FLC)
- Tuesday, May 3**
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
- Wednesday, May 3**
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
- Thursday, May 4**
1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30 Bells Practice (Sanctuary)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
- Friday, May 6**
1:30PM Church Women United (FLC)
- Sunday, May 7**
8:45AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- Confirmation**
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
- Monday, May 8**
Accepting Donations of Baked Goods & unwanted items (No clothes) for ELF's Garage/Bake Sale
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- Tuesday, May 9**
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)

- Wednesday, May 10**
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
6:30PM Finance Meeting (Narthex)
7:30PM Admin Council (Narthex)
- Thursday, May 11**
1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)
5:30 Bells Practice (Sanctuary)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
- Friday, May 12**
ELF Bake/Garage Sale begins 8am—4pm
- Saturday, May 13**
ELF bake/Garage Sale 8am-Noon
- Sunday, May 14**
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
- Monday, May 15**
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- Tuesday, May 16**
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)
- Wednesday, May 17**
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
- Thursday, May 18**
1:30PM Trinity/PALS (FLC)
5:30PM Bells Practice (Sanctuary)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
**Newsletter deadline*
- Sunday, May 21**
EHS Graduation
8:45AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
- Monday, May 22**
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- Tuesday, May 23**
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)
- Wednesday, May 24**
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
- Thursday, May 26**
1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)

7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday
8:45AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)




- Monday, May 29**
Memorial Day
1:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
- Tuesday, May 30**
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)

*Please contact the church office to reserve space or with questions about the schedule.
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JUNE 26-30, 2023, AT 9 AM – 12 PM

2023 Vacation Bible School - Ready, Set, Move!

Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

Register today for the best week of summer! Join us for games, music, snacks and adventure! We will meet each day from 9A-12P. Ages: 4 and up. Email EmmetsburgUMCsecretary@gmail.com for more information.

