

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

“We will never be the same again”...how often have we heard or said that? Of course, as Christians we believe that is a proper and correct reflection regarding the death and resurrection of Christ. Indeed and ‘thank God’ we will never be the same again after Jesus’ sacrifice of love for us.

As the years went on, there must have been countless moments and events when that deep sense of ‘life will be different from now on’ could be felt in the hearts and stomachs of people. We certainly do not have to go too far back....WWI...the stock market crash...Pearl Harbor...Vietnam...Woodstock...the assassinations of JFK and MLK...and in more recent years 9/11, the financial debacle of 2008 and the Arab Spring. Of course, the statement is somewhat subjective....each one of us will look at these examples and evaluate for themselves what changed and how it did so. On the other hand, we know there must be some truth to a statement like this for even in our individual

ANNUAL MEETING



ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, February 5th, 2017

Our Annual Meeting is slated for February 5th, immediately following our worship service.

Please plan on attending so we can join together in making important decisions for our future. We will elect new leadership and discuss/approve the 2017 budget among other matters.

Following the meeting we are asking all individual boards to meet shortly (as we did last year!) to select a chair person and/or Council representative so the Council will be fully functioning by the time of their first meeting ten days later. This short gathering also avoids an additional meeting for all groups. Thank you for your attention and your attendance!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

February 18th, 2017

(snow date: February 25th)

**the last day to sign up
is Sunday, February 5th**



lives we clearly experienced that deep sensation of life being different after we got married, had children, lost a spouse, were diagnosed with a severe illness and so on.

The year 2017 brings us the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. How does that day, October 31st, 1517 - which we pinpoint as the day when the world around an educated, frustrated monk took notice of his concerns - still cause ripple effects in our daily lives five hundred years later?

While the German town of Wittenberg where Luther eventually lived and preached is still a sleepy little place today and the Papacy with its center in Rome still a position of significant influence, we live in a very different world than Luther and his contemporaries. In our world state and church are separate. In Luther's time they played off of each other and maneuvered one another for good and ill. Whereas the church of the Reformation age was 'the only game in town', we struggle with the question of how we can remain 'relevant' in a society that has to offer more than most of us can consume. Our sense of being connected globally would have been close to impossible for Luther to imagine. Neither do we anticipate one third of a family's children to die before reaching adulthood. Frankly, our most basic 21 century health care would have appeared like a sci-fi movie to the people of the Late Middle Ages. Daily life in its most mundane aspects was a struggle and the dream of a good education and professional advancement was in the cards for only the most select. And yet, out of that harsh and unforgiving life (in more than one way) rises a day in late autumn of 1517 after which nothing has ever been the same again.

Born into and molded by a strict discipline, the call of the church 'to do your best' was not lost on Luther. His initial concern was whether we could confess and be reconciled to God by way of 'penance' (praying, deeds of mercy) or whether Jesus' call to 'repent' meant that our entire life should be one of repentance, a turning of our hearts and ways rather than a concern of only individual and selected 'failures'.

Luther was not the first to raise the issue but perhaps he was the most persistent. He desperately sought to enumerate his sins many times over until his Father Confessor told him not to come back until he really had something to confess so he could be given his penance – for you see, God needed to be satisfied. Luther over and again sought a gracious God and still never found the clarity whether he had done enough to please God. The rigor of an Augustinian monastery made matters worse rather than better and slowly Luther became disenchanted with some of the pieties and beliefs of the church he loved and to which he was willing to dedicate his life. Luther did not doubt that God exists but rather that God's attitude toward humanity was that of anger. Luther's first mass, holding the body of Christ, therefore became a moment of deepest terror.

Another troubling thought was 'purgatory', the idea of millions of years of suffering to purge away sins...remember:

you could never be sure if God was indeed satisfied with your penance. The offer of the church to sell Indulgences – the partial or complete release from purgatory for others and themselves – became a welcomed opportunity for the people to seek peace (and it served as a source of income for the church and its building projects in Rome!).



Buying a letter of Indulgence for great-grandma just in case...afforded some additional peace of mind. That move by the church hierarchy became the basis for the famous 95 Theses – points of academic discussion Luther desired to examine the *Power and Efficacy of Indulgences*....and the rest is history as we say. Thanks to the recent invention of the printing press, Luther's desire to discuss his concerns with academia and church officials was thwarted and his words spread like wildfire and eventually led to his excommunication – his hope to reform from 'within' turned into a reform from 'outside'.

In the midst of his personal struggle, studying Scripture diligently, Luther came to believe that by our own merit we cannot attain our salvation but only through faith in Christ by the grace of God – the battle cry of the Reformation: Justification by Faith. It is Christ and Christ alone who atones for our sins. And, by translating the Bible into the vernacular and preaching sermons people could understand, Luther and his like-minded contemporaries placed the Word of God into the hands and hearts of the people. Worship changed from a spectator event to a participatory event where the Word was sung, spoken, prayed and proclaimed and – perhaps most importantly, received in both elements, bread and wine, during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Luther had and still has his critics. The harshness of some of his writings are at times embarrassing and 21 century Christians would love to soften the blow of some of them. Yet, Luther was a man of his time, just as we are people of our time. The generations after us will have plenty to wonder when they read up on what we are saying and doing right here today. Moreover, the blessings of his struggle (which finally became a struggle of how to best serve the people who had been entrusted to him as a pastor) even extend to the Roman Catholic Church and caused several attempts at self-

examination that resulted in faithful and positive changes in their church body. We rejoice in all efforts, great and small, local and globally, that have been made in seeking as much reconciliation and appreciation as possible between the Roman Catholic Church and Lutherans.

When the secular world thinks about Luther these days, it recognizes the tremendous influence he had on matters like music, education, linguistics, literacy, health care and marriage... to name a few. In that sense Luther was a 'mover and shaker' well beyond the walls of the church.

Indeed, we will never be the same again because of the Reformation sparked by a young monk who struggled day and night in his search

of a merciful God. His struggles, both internal and external, his failures and successes, his writings and the sacrifices of his first followers opened up the Word of God once and for all and brought the

grace of God into the lives of a people who can only live as redeemed sinners: all of us. So if you are reflecting on those days which forever changed the world, include October 31st, 1517.

Pastor Z+

THE BATTLE CRY OF THE REFORMATION: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Below please see the many greetings with words of thanks from various charities to which we have donated via our Benevolence Budget, assorted interests, the Women of the NALC, Logos Legos and so forth. These grateful words are good reminders that our weekly envelopes which hold the category "Benevolence" – the gracious giving beyond our walls – certainly are needed and fulfilling a God-pleasing role.

The final total of all financial gifts shared with local, national and international people/groups (not including anyone or anything connected with our congregation) comes to \$16,700.53.

We can recognize that as a generous number which nevertheless allows for expansion in the future. Yet – above and beyond raw numbers: thank you to all who have contributed to the needs the Lord put before us! Thank you, indeed.

May God bless the gifts we are sending into our neighborhood and to the farthest corners of the world. *Pastor Z+*

Thank you from Lutheran Services in Iowa for your generous donation, many Iowa children, adults, and families are having a happier New Year.

Thank you from KCMR Radio for your generous donation, which helps keep us on the air.

Thank you from Riverside Bible Camp for your contribution. Our partnership is so important as we strive to fulfill our mission. Please continue to pray for an effective outreach to all who need to know more about their relationship with our Lord.

Thank you from Opportunity Village for your contribution to support our mission. We are so grateful that you understand how much these services are needed to help people grow into a better life!

Thank you from Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries for your financial support to help the veterans we serve.

Thank you from the Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless for your generous donation. Your commitment to helping the homeless in the community is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you from Feed My Starving Children for your generous support. Your giving provided 4,545 life-saving meals to nourish and provide hope to children around the world.

THANK YOU Stewards

...to the members of the Property Committee who helped with the removal of snow and ice during the month of January and researched various other building related issues...your gift of time and

effort is much appreciated. Thank you especially to Michael Cole and Jason Hackbart.

...to Emi Kuntz for serving as our Funeral Luncheon Chair...families who are grieving know how important this task is for loved ones to gather around a table for nourishment and conversation!

...to our organists, Donna Schilling, Charlotte Cole and Marena Henkle.

...to the members of the 2016 Church Council who had a very busy year with meetings, emails and texting. Your leaders spend many hours working on behalf of Emmanuel in ways most of our membership does not see...their work ethic, commitment and willingness to sometimes make very difficult decisions is admirable...thank you Curt Schaub, JC Dawald, Ben Tweeten, Sharon Hulshizer, Sue Walk, Nicole Cole, Michael Cole and Mary Jo Urbatsch!!!

...to Linda Kroneman who served as our Treasurer since the Fall of 2012 and will be resting from her duties with the upcoming Annual Meeting. Linda did an excellent job keeping our books in impeccable order and seeing after our financial obligations. We owe Linda a significant debt of gratitude and wish her well as she tends to her family and new venues of interest in her life. Thank you so much, Linda!!

... to our January Hospitality Team: Team Leaders Lori & Darren Marsh, Steve, Kristy & Zane Arzberger, Elaine Huebner, Vanessa & Levi Hanson, Sally & Bryce Mayer, Liz Backhaus, Dale Schultz, Chris & Teresa Braun, Tammy Schuttler, Joy & Jerry Buechele, Callie & Jason Athey, Mark Fredrickson, Abbie & Josh Steinberg



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

In 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including Emmanuel Lutheran Church, through Thrivent Choice®.

Based on member recommendations, Emmanuel Lutheran Church received \$1,018 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.

The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31st** to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Emmanuel. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Dear Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, I want to express my sincere thanks for your generous Christmas gift. Also, I just want to say it is my pleasure to play Emmanuel's exceptional pipe organ! We are blessed with such a wonderful treasure, and I always will try to help lead the congregation's singing in worshipping our God together. May God bless you this New Year and into the future, *Donna Schilling*

Thank you to the Council for the Christmas gift. It was very much appreciated, *Anna Rosenberg*

A Big THANK YOU to St Ansgar and the surrounding communities for your generous donations made to the rescue unit at our pancake breakfast and also throughout the year. Your support keeps us going!!! Thanks, *St Ansgar Rescue*

DID YOU KNOW

...that there will be sign-up sheets coming soon (after the Annual Meeting) for THE MEN OF EMMANUEL to help with our SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Get ready to swirl that apple sauce around and flip those pancakes...oh, yeah, and then there will be the clean-up ☺☺☺

...that there are now only two members of the Shakers left? With the death of one in December the community that settled in Sabbathday Lake in New Gloucester, Maine in 1783, the community is almost entirely extinguished. The Shakers practiced equality between men and women, celibacy, pacifism, and communal ownership of property.

...that 91% of the members of Congress are Christians? Interestingly enough the number of Roman Catholics has climbed significantly by about 20% while the numbers of Protestants has fallen by roughly the same percentage since 1961.

...that researchers in Canada have come to the conclusion that in their country conservative churches are growing quicker than liberal congregations?

...that members of the Bahai faith in Yemen, who have been suspicious in the overwhelmingly Muslim country, are experiencing renewed persecution? Bahai's emphasize spiritual unity and service and with conflicts raging across the region they are facing new levels of discrimination. False accusations often land them in jail.

...that a toy figure of Martin Luther holding a quill in one hand and the German translation of the Bible in the other, has created a storm of accusations of anti-Jewish fears? The left side of the Bible reads in German: Books of the Old Testament.

End. The fear is that the word "End" indicates that the Old Testament was entirely superseded by the New Testament and therefore shows disrespect to Jewish believers. The word "End" will now be removed from all future copies of the toy.



PANCAKE BRUNCH

For VBS Expenses

Sunday, February 12, 2017

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Bethel United Methodist Church

Hwy 9 E, Manly, Iowa

**FREE-WILL
DONATION**



Funds go toward Vacation Bible School

“HERO”

Discover your strength in God!

to be held June 19 - 23, 2017, in Bolan, Iowa

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES
SAUSAGE, FRUIT, OJ, MILK, COFFEE**

Questions? Call Lori at 641-845-2677

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Everyone is invited to get ready for “HERO CENTRAL, Discover Your Strength in God!” Vacation Bible School to be held in Bolan, June 19 – 23, 2017.

Last year, Emmanuel’s youth joined other local churches in this ecumenical VBS, including: United Methodist Church of Bolan, Manly, St. Ansgar, Northwood, Plymouth, Rock Falls, Rudd, Nora Springs, and Lutheran Churches of Manly & Hanlontown.

YOUTH BELL RINGERS



Harmony Clark – The highlight of my experience with bell ringing was giving the HyVee gift cards to random people in the store throughout the evening. I loved seeing the people’s faces and reactions. It was a wonderful experience. I also really enjoyed greeting the people.

Ryan Cole – My highlight of the bell ringing experience was handing out the gift cards to the different people because it felt good and they did not know it was coming.

Ryan Hackbart – My favorite part of bell ringing was when we did the random act of kindness. It was really fun. I gave my \$10 gift card to a really nice guy who donated to the Salvation Army and he seemed like a very joyful man.

Brooklyn Hackbart – The best part of the bell ringing was handing out the gift cards for our random acts of kindness. The singing was fun and dancing to keep warm was fun too.

Gracie Urbatsch – Highlight – Giving the random people the \$10 gift cards and getting to see the people’s faces when they opened them.

Lily Walk – My favorite part of the bell ringing was giving out HyVee gift cards as a random act of kindness. The whole experience was great and eye opening. I loved it and would totally do it again.

Emma Hicken – The highlight of the bell ringing was the random act of kindness because it felt good to help someone and that they really appreciated it.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



On the first Wednesday of December our Youth Group (*Logos Legos*) ventured out to Eagan, MN, to sort and pack shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** through *Samaritan's Purse*.

Having collected 58 boxes in our own community, the eleven people who worked for three hours in a warehouse, were able to contribute to the packaging of over 800,000 boxes in this one location.



The surprises they encountered 'covered the spectrum'. There were boxes filled to the brim (and hard to wrap!) and boxes with very unique gift ideas. But there were also boxes that were packed with inappropriate items or boxes that contained so few articles that it was wonderful to have bins of additional gifts on the assembly line that could be used to supplement such boxes.

At the end of their shift the young people and their chaperones went to the prayer wall which was covered with pictures of people from around the globe. They took a picture and wrote a prayer for that person on the back of the picture.



Women's Notes

Next TWC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14th at 9 a.m. We will be discussing the March soup supper, along with other matters. Please feel free to come if able, this is open to any church women.

ENALCW February Bible Study will be on Monday, February 20th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. We will begin a new study so bring a friend and a Bible and join us in this time of learning and fellowship. Also, February is our Love Offering month, you can bring your special offering to the Bible study or give it to one of the officers at any time.

Soup Supper

Mark your calendars for the ENALCW Soup, Pie and Dessert Supper on Sunday, March 5th, snow date March 12th.

If interested in providing baked goods for the bake sale or volunteering to help out in anyway, please contact one of the ENALCW officers.

Charlotte Cole – 641-425-0693

Sharon Hulshizer – 641-748-2149

Clarice Bartz – 641-748-2384

TWC (The Women's Council)

January 24, 2017

Emi shared devotions from her Jesus Always book, entitled "Prayer". It is a good reminder of the importance of prayer from Jesus' perspective. The meeting began with the reading of the purpose. Clarice conducted the meeting in Charlotte's absence. Secretary minutes from December were read and approved with the addition of "Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer." Treasurer's report was given. Savings has

\$6,054.26. The general fund has \$1,605.78.

Clarice has been reimbursed for her quilting and kit supply bills, we have a bill to reimburse Mavis Stevens for her purchase of Christmas gifts for the LRH residents, and the Jmart will be paid at the end of the month. Thank you's were shared from people and charities that we donated to at the end of the year.

Old Business: 1) Yearbooks: are finished and some were distributed at the December Bible study. More will be given out at the January Bible Study and then we will decide how to distribute the remainder of them. 2) LWR Projects: Are progressing, sewing days will be lined up, dates to be announced. Clarice has applied for Thrivent funds to use for batting and materials. 3) Soup supper: Date has been set for March 5, snow date on the 12th. Myra will donate door prizes, Clarice will line up people to make pies and deserts, Sharon will do advertising. Sam Venchuk will do the chicken for the soup. More details to be discussed at next meeting. 4) Goals for this year: Last year, a trip to the Luther exhibit was planned as an outing. We would like to do an outing this spring for the women as well. We will try to plan something for the month of April.

New Business: Annual audit for books: Waiting to hear who will do the church's books and ours will be done at the same time. 2) Volunteers for Share Shoppe: are needed for the fourth Thursday of each month. They would like to have two volunteers each time and the hours will be from 1-4 p.m. If anyone would be interested in helping out in this capacity, please contact Charlotte or Clarice. 3) Good Samaritan birthday party/program in St Ansgar: will be Thursday, May 11th for Emmanuel to host. Volunteers will help serve the cake and ice cream from 2:30-3 and be responsible for a 20-30 minute program, beginning at 3.

Upcoming dates: Monday, January 30th is our next Bible study at 2 and 7 p.m.

The next TWC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14th at 9 a.m.; February Bible study will be Monday, February 20th at 2 and 7 p.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

EMMANUEL TURNS FIVE!



It was five years ago, on February 25, 2012, that Emmanuel Lutheran of Rochester, MN celebrated its first Service of Worship.

The congregations of the Iowa Mission District have been instrumental in both the conception and growth of Emmanuel as a mission congregation of the NALC, offering support through prayers, encouragement, and tithes.

Emmanuel Lutheran of Rochester is commemorating their 5-Year Anniversary on Saturday, February 25, 2017, with a celebration of worship at 6pm. Worship will include a mass choir singing of "Beautiful Savior" along with gifts of music from the choirs of Emmanuel of Grafton, IA, and Gift of Grace in Holmen, WI.

Members of the Iowa Mission District are invited to join Emmanuel as they remember and celebrate the goodness of God in Word, Sacrament and music on February 25.

The address is 1815 - 38th Street N.W., Rochester. Mindful of those traveling from a distance, refreshments will be served before and after worship. The offering received on February 25 will go towards the launching of a new NALC mission plant congregation. Those unable to attend in person are asked to remember Emmanuel in prayer. *Pastor David Steffenson*

MISC

The Share Shoppe in Northwood is in need of the following items: Large winter coats for men and women, sheets, blankets and towels. If you can donate toward this need, please drop your items off at the church. Questions, See Nicole Cole or Pastor.

A **small gold-tone ring** was found in the sanctuary. Check with the office or Pastor Z if you are missing one.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Valentine's Diner, Feb 12, 11 am - 1 pm, St. Ansgar United Methodist Church. Free will donation.

Random Fundraiser, Sunday, Feb. 12, 11 am – 1 pm, St. Ansgar United Methodist Church, Comfort food – meatloaf, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, salad & dessert. Suggest free-will offering \$10.

Singers Wanted: The Fine Arts Council of Mitchell County is sponsoring a performance of *The Messiah*, Sunday, March 19th at 2 pm at Visitation Church in Stacyville, Iowa.

Singers in the surrounding area are invited to join. Conductor is Mary Swenson of Osage.

Rehearsals will be on eight Sundays beginning January 22nd through March 12th, at 2 pm at Visitation Church in Stacyville. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, March 18th at 10 am.

Chorus members should bring their own book or books will be available for purchase at the rehearsals. Singers do not have to be present at all eight rehearsals but knowledge of the music is important.

Soloists will be chosen by audition in February. Audition arrangements may be made by calling 641-732-4628 or 641-330-5649, or in person at rehearsals.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

5 – 7 pm

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Grafton**

**Free-will offering
Public welcome**

**Supported by the
Worth County Ministerial Association**

Council Minutes-Emmanuel Lutheran Church

December 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by: President Curt Schaub.

In attendance were: Pastor Zamzow, JC Dawald-VP, Mary Jo Urbatsch-Christian Education, Nicole Cole-Youth, Michael Cole- Property, Ben Tweeten-Stewardship, Linda Kroneman-Treasurer, Sue Walk-Evangelism, Shal Zillgitt-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer-Lay Ministry

Absent: None

Devotions: Given by Ben Tweeten

Education Segment: Forgo due to agenda

Agenda Review: M/S/C to approve agenda as printed with addition of east wall concerns

Minutes: M/S/C to approve November minutes with changes to In Attendance and Absent, Sharon Hulshizer was absent all other members were present

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C to accept treasurer's report as presented

Bills to Pay: M/S/C to pay December bills.

Pastor's Report: *sent out 609 cards as prepared by the Evangelism Committee * Pastor recommended Marena Henkle be paid for playing the keyboard for the Service in the Park!

* Pastor asked if article about year-end giving should be included in the bulletin—council agreed *LP leak was noticed behind the parsonage, Johnson oil came and fixed the issue as well as checked all the lines, * Pastor shared Bishop's letter to all church councils regarding pension savings

Board Highlights:

Stewardship *will meet 12-14-16, tie up end of the year finances

Property Will be discussed during old business basement concerns

Christian Education -Youth * youth group worked at Bruesewitz/Fossey Wedding on Saturday, December 2016, earning \$300

*December 7, youth group is doing Operation Christmas Child event *December 14 youth will be ringing bells for The Salvation Army at Hy-Vee West from 6-8pm * Schedule for Sunday School Christmas program practices are set.

Lay Ministry NA

Evangelism NA

Membership Review: Allan Hanson wishes to join our membership,
M/S/C to receive Allan Hanson into membership
Unfinished business:

- a) Nominating committee update-still finishing up a few items, only a couple of spots left to fill
- b) Basement concerns update-moving forward on floor drains, easy to change out floor drains, about \$300 for all three
- c) East wall-not a good report; significant degradation of stone, course of action could include possibly replacing the entire wall creating a significant repair bill, lots of pictures taken, will be getting a quote
- d) Mission Sunday quote-financially very good results, good potluck, Mission Group organizations expressed interest in speaking at Emmanuel in the future
- e) Constitution review-meeting Thursday, December 15th
- f) Land lease update-continue with same terms as before, draw up contract, **M/S/C** to accept terms of \$225 for 38 acres ½ due March 1 and half due November 1
- g) Shrove Tuesday update- men are ready to host pancake supper on Tuesday, February 28, 2017
- h) Auditing committee update-Brett Trenhaile agreed, need to talk with one other person to see if they are willing to help
- i) Budget for 2017-worked through some ideas and revisions for the budget, **M/S/C** to transfer \$200 out of undesignated Gifts and Memorials to cover choir robes

New Business:

- a) Christmas gift allocation-gift allocations were determined
- b) Secretary position-job to be posted locally at this time and not in any papers, council wrote a note for bulletin
- c) Devotions: Curt will give devotions in January
- d) Next council meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Shal Zillgitt—Secretary

**Treasury report-Emmanuel Lutheran Church
December 2016 Report**

Current Fund

Balance on hand 12-01-16		1,995.04	
Sunday offering	19,994.00		
Interest	4.05		
Total receipts:		19,998.05	
Expenditures			
Total expenditures:		<u>11,760.00</u>	
Current Balance 12-31-16			10,233.09

Benevolence Fund

Balance on hand 12-01-16		7,350.20	
Sunday offering	185.00		
NALC	1,100.00		
Friends of Madagascar	120.00		
Total receipts:		1,405.00	
Expenditures			
Friend of Madagascar	1,910.00		
Friends of Madagascar	120.00		
NALC	3,051.68		
NALC	2,000.00		
Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home	248.78		
Crisis Intervention	248.78		
Opportunity Village	165.85		
Riverside Camp	165.85		
Manna of Worth County	165.85		
Share Shoppe	331.71		
Northern Lights Alliance	331.70		
Total expenditures		<u>8,740.20</u>	
Benevolence Balance 12-31-16			15.00

Building Fund

Balance on hand 12-01-16		8,804.03	
Sunday offering	365.00		
Total receipts		365.00	
Expenditures			
Total Expenditures:		<u>0.00</u>	
Building Balance 12-31-16			9,169.03

Gifts and Memorials Fund

Balance on hand 12-01-16		24,625.37	
Choir	285.81		
Organ Istruction	25.00		
Sunday School	20.00		
Youth Group	146.30		
Undesignated	535.00		
Total receipts		1,012.11	
Expenditures			
Nicole Cole- Youth Group	80.00		
Jody Hackbart-Youth Group	66.30		
Choir-Undesignated	200.00		
ENALCW	193.00		
Total Expenditures		<u>539.30</u>	
G. and M. Balance 12-31-16			25,098.18

Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran Church checking **\$ 44,515.30**



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Date	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
Feb 5	Larry & Carol Dalluge	Charlotte Cole	Zach Badker
Feb 12	Steve & Jane Dalluge	Marena Henkle	Harmony Clark
Feb 19	Gary & Linda Schotanus	Marena Henkle	Bridget Badker
Feb 26	Virl & Bonnie Deal	Donna Schilling	Ryan Cole
Mar 1	Ash Wednesday Service	Donna Schilling	Lily Walk

HOSPITALITY TEAM--JANUARY

Team Leader: Clarice Bartz

Virl & Bonnie Deal	David & Candi Feldt
Garry & Angela Backhaus	Sharon Hulshizer Family
John & Val Bork	Corrie & Kim Kuntz
Greg & Shal Zillgitt	Ramon & Sara Kuntz
Sara Buechele	John & Sandy Duval
JC & Sandy Dawald	

ALTAR GUILD

Emi Kuntz
Linda Schotanus

LAY MINISTRY

Sharon Hulshizer

COUNTERS

Dan Nack
Ben Tweeten
Jason Hackbart

USHERS


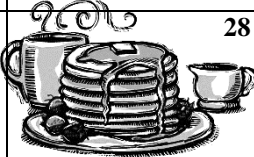
Michael Cole
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Cole Feldt
Corrie Kuntz
JC Dawald

PA

Mark Fredrickson
Gregg Urbatsch

February 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Grafton, Iowa

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 29 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	30 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm - ENALCW Bible Study	31	February 1 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Choir	2 9:30 am - Bible Study	3	4
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:30 am - Annual Meeting</u> 10:40 am - Sunday School	6	7	8 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Choir	9 9:30 am - Bible Study	10	11
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am - Worship with Choir 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School 11:30 – 1 pm VBS Pancake Brunch in Manly	13	14 9:00 am TWC 10:00 am PZ Manly Services 7:00 pm Council	15 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Choir	16 9:30 am - Bible Study	17	18  5:30 pm Progressive Dinner
19 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	20 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm ENALCW Bible Study	21 7:00 pm Evagelism Committee	22 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Choir	23 9:30 am - Bible Study	24	25
26 Transfiguration of our Lord 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	27	28  SHROVE TUESDAY 5:00 – 7:00 pm Pancake Supper	March 1 Ash Wednesday 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Worship with Holy Communion 7:40 pm - Choir	2 9:30 am - Bible Study	3	4

Sunday March 5th , Soup Supper – snow date March 12th