

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Life-Saving Station

The following story might be familiar to some of you but I believe it is worth the re-telling:

"On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a life-saving station. The building was primitive and there was just one boat. However, the members of the life-saving station were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. When a ship went down, they unselfishly went out day and night to save the lost. Because so many lives were saved by the station, it became famous.

Consequently, many people wanted to be associated with the station and give their time, talent and money to support its important work. New boats were bought. New crews were recruited. As membership in the life-saving station grew, some of the members became concerned that the building was too primitive and that the equipment was outdated. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in a newly constructed building.

The life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members.



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They met regularly and when they did, they greeted each other, hugged each other, and shared with one another the events that had been going on in their lives. In time, few members were interested in going on life-saving missions.

As the years passed, the new station evolved into a place to meet regularly for fellowship, for committee meetings, and for special training sessions about their mission. But few went out to the lost and drowning people. So another life-saving station was founded down the coast.

History continues to repeat itself. If you visit the seacoast today, you will find a number of adequate meeting places with ample parking and well decorated interior. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but many people drown because of lack of action."



We here at Emmanuel are one of those life-saving stations the story is talking about. We are well equipped with a beautiful and high-functioning facility. This is a good place to which people can come and be comfortable. To top it all, we know what needs to be done to dive in and rescue the lost and drowning people along our seacoast. We have all the life-boats and life-jackets needed.



Now our concern is to use all the equipment and the knowledge well and turn it into action. The lost need to be found and the drowning need to be rescued at once! We need to watch for the ships to go down so we can spring into action immediately.

As we enter a new year let us commit ourselves to make sure this life-saving station does not turn into a museum or fall apart and crumble. The lives of the shipwrecked are way too precious....*Pastor Z+*

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Soon you will be receiving your offering statements for the year 2016. Clarice Bartz, our Financial Secretary, takes great pains to provide you with an accurate statement – and we are very grateful to her for that important and tedious work which she has done for us for many years!! Thank you, Clarice.

As you get your papers ready to file your taxes, you might want to take a minute to determine what percentage you are giving away (not only to Emmanuel Lutheran, by all means, but to any and all charities).

Jesus told us, *“From everyone to whom much is given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. (Luke 12:48)*

Your tax return tells you not only how much income God has entrusted to you last year, but also what portion you gave away. Figuring it out is easy. Example: Let’s say your total income is \$42,653; your charitable contributions are \$1,250. \$1,250 divided by \$42,653 equals .0293. Move the decimal by two places and see that the percentage given to charity was 2.9%. Voila!

I must admit that I always think of myself as much more generous than I am. Not until I look at hard, cold, raw numbers, do I realize that I have plenty of room for improvement. Of course, there are people who make a good living trying to figure out how generous we all are!

Giving USA 2015 estimates that individual giving to charities amounted to \$258.51 billion in 2014. The average charitable deduction per return was \$1,201 in 2011; state averages ranged from \$2,516 in Utah to \$620 in West Virginia.

Data from the IRS’s 2011 Statistics of Income file shows a U-shaped relationship between total adjusted gross income (AGI) and charitable giving as a percentage of such. In other words, those at either the high end or low end of the income distribution tend to give a higher percentage of their income to charities than those in the middle. In broad strokes, those with income between \$100,000 and \$200,000 contribute, on average, 2.6 percent of their income... which is lower compared to those with income either below \$100,000 (3.6 percent) or above \$200,000 (3.1 percent).

Now, I realize that these numbers are not much more than ‘interesting data’ for most of us, including myself. It is difficult to digest these figures in an attempt to be taught and moved by them. I always find it very interesting when the media reports on the charitable donations of politicians, celebrities, etc. Many a times I am a bit sheepish when I see the tremendous generosity of someone with whom I vehemently disagree or whose life style is foreign or even offensive to me –

and then there is the person I admire and whose pitiful giving makes me look like the Queen of Philanthropy.

My mother used to have some interesting sayings (doesn't every mom?). The one that I found most helpful over the decades is this one: *Never measure yourself on those who do worse than you but measure yourself on those who do better than you* (usually she was referring to my grades in school ☺). If I measure myself in such manner, I see how I can and should be more mindful of my Lord's words to me: "...from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded...."

THANK YOU Stewards

...to the December Hospitality Team – Team Leader: Charlotte Cole; Neil & Donna Hackbart, Holly Bruesewitz, Keven & Sandy Bruesewitz, Chris Paulson, Mark & Belinda Borchardt, Phil & Gloria Hackbart, Michael & Nicole Cole, Steve & Brenda Trenhaile, Tyler & Cari Johanns, Ray & Neoma Smidt.

... to Mark Borchardt and the Choir for the wonderful sounds of Christmas music they shared with us in December.

...to the Dalluge family for setting up our Christmas tree

...to Tammy Borchardt who volunteered to serve at the Share Shoppe assisting clients, representing Emmanuel Lutheran. Thanks, Tammy.

... to Abbie Steinberg for organizing and leading our Sunday School Christmas program, "From Heaven Above". Many thanks also to all our teachers: Mary Jo Urbatsch (who does much of the organizing and informing!), Amy Edwards, Jamie Trenhaile, Tammy Borchardt, Kristy Arzberger, Vanessa Hanson and Pat Clark. We also thank the moms who are assisting with the Preschoolers: Anna Rosenberg, Ashley Trousdale and Sara Kuntz. A big thank-you also is extended to Nicole Cole and Jody Hackbart for leading the Logos Legos group and to the members of the Y&E Committees for keeping all things running smoothly: Liz Schaub, Abbie Steinberg, Kim Badker, Pat Clark, Julie Schultz, Nicole Cole, Mary Jo Urbatsch, Candi Feldt and Amy Edwards.

PASTORAL ACTS

Bonnie Durnin was called to her eternal rest one day after her 85th birthday, on December 18th, 2016. A prayer service and burial took place on December 22nd. We bless God for Bonnie's life among us and ask that her brother, Tom, may be comforted in his grief.

Pastor Z officiated at the wedding ceremony of **Tiffany Braun and Brent Allen** on December 31st in Dubuque, IA. We pray blessings upon their married life and wish them many years of happiness.

Congratulations to Cody and Jennifer Kuntz whose daughter, Rowan Elizabeth, was baptized at Emmanuel on December 11th. We pray rich blessings on the young family. Rowan's sponsors are Clint and Sadie Dee.

Joys and Sorrows

Congratulations to Brooke (Badker) and Ryan Stiles on the birth of their first child, daughter, Nora Ann, who was born on November 7th. Congratulations to the entire Badker-Stiles family.

Congratulations to Rachael (Bruesewitz) and Luke Fossey on their marriage December 3rd. May God bless their life's journey.

THANK YOU Emmanuel



Michael and I wish to thank you for your many cards and thoughtful gifts as we celebrated the birth of our Lord. Please know that we received them in gratefulness. Special thanks to the Church Council for the generous Christmas gift on behalf of Emmanuel, The Women's Council for their thoughtfulness and my 'favorite Bible study group' for the new Bible – which I can actually read without squinting! Thank you one and all. Fondly – Pastor Z+

I would like to thank everyone for their visits, phone calls, thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital, especially Pastor Z. It was greatly appreciated. —*Gene Rosenberg*

Thank you to the Council for the Christmas Gift. I hadn't expected to be working here again this Christmas, but I am always happy to help out when there is a need, *Linda Koschmeder*

I would like to thank the members of Emmanuel for the Christmas gift given to me. It is very kind and thoughtful of you to do this, and I sincerely do appreciate it. ---*Charlotte Cole*

I would like to thank the Council, the Congregation and Pastor for the Christmas gift. It is very much appreciated. ---*Shal Zillgitt*



February 18th, 2017
(snow date: February 25th)

Time is drawing closer to our PROGRESSIVE DINNER!!!

Have you been to one of those? Why have an event like that? So we may get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ – even those with whom we normally would not have much contact other than to see them sit in a pew ahead of us on a Sunday morning.

How does it work? We will gather at the church for appetizers and then travel to a home where six to twelve persons (depending on the space of the host home) will have salad and the main dinner course. After that we travel back to the church to enjoy desserts.

By the time all is said and done, every participant/couple will provide a food item.

Please see the large green sign-up in the new entry and start thinking about joining us.

Those who are willing to host, *please indicate how many persons you can invite to your table* (by the way: the entrée can be very simple – there are no rules!).

A note to all parents: we will offer child care and provide a meal for your children – please indicate how many children at what age will be attending.

By the time February rolls around, we all should suffer from cabin fever....and here is your remedy for that.

DID YOU KNOW

...that Christmas is not over yet? There are 12 days to the Christmas celebration and here are a few of the people and events who significantly influence the Body of Christ: December 26 – St. Stephen is honored as the first Christian martyr; December 27 – St. John is remembered not only as a writer of his Gospel and letters but as the one who stood at the cross and took responsibility for Mother Mary; December 28 – The Martyrdom of the Holy Innocents recalls the brutal murder of small children by King Herod in his effort to squelch the importance of Jesus whom he saw as a danger to his throne; December 29 – King David- the ancestor of the Baby Jesus was blessed to lead Israel to its greatest height. David was a sinner for whom Jesus was born and died; January 1 – the circumcision and naming of the Christ-child; Jesus now 'officially' receives the name the angel told: "the one who will save his people from their sins"; and finally January 5 – the last day of the Christmas tide and the day that leads into the beginning of the Epiphany season.

...that we will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper? **Shrove Tuesday** (known in some countries as Pancake Tuesday) is a day in February or March preceding [Ash Wednesday](#). In some countries/areas, especially those where it is called [Mardi Gras](#), this is a carnival day, and also the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word [shrive](#), meaning "[absolve](#)".

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Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including [Anglicans](#), [Lutherans](#), [Methodists](#) and [Roman Catholics](#). Being the last day of the liturgical season historically known as [Shrovetide](#), before the [penitential](#) season of [Lent](#), related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious practices associated with Lent.

The men at Emmanuel will be the cooks for this event and the churches in and around Northwood have decided not to have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper but are planning on joining us for our event. Please look for more information in bulletins and the February Epistle. Rusty Rustadt will be leading and organizing the supper. Thanks Rusty!!!

...that the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) officially renounced its mission to convert Jews to Christianity? In November a resolution passed unanimously stating that Christians are 'not called to show Israel the path to God and his salvation.' Since God never renounced the covenant with the Jewish people, they do not need to embrace the new Christian covenant to be saved, the Resolution says. 'All efforts to convert Jews contradict our commitment to the faithfulness of God and the election of Israel. That Christians see Jesus as their Savior and Jews don't is 'a fact we leave up to God,' the Resolution continues. The EKD is not alone. In December the Vatican issued a statement saying that it 'neither conducts nor supports any specific institutional mission work directed toward Jews'.



ANNUAL MEETING – February 5th, 2017

As we are getting ready once again to give an orderly account of our life and work during 2016, we need the written reports of those who are keeping financial records and/or serve as chairpersons of boards/

committees and auxiliaries.

Please have your information to the church office **NOT LATER THAN Sunday, January 15th**. We certainly appreciate and encourage earlier submission but 1/15 is the last day so we can prepare the Annual Report booklet properly. If at all possible, please share your report electronically. Thank you. If you are uncertain as to who from your group needs to submit the report, feel free to call the office.

Notes from the Church Council:

With regret we accepted Linda Kroneman's resignation from the position of Treasurer of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We thank her sincerely for her years of faithful service and for her willingness to close out the book for the Annual Meeting on February 5th. We are in the process of making plans for the future to cover this important position and will inform you as soon as we are able. *The Church Council*

With regret, we accepted Shal Zillgitt's resignation as Secretary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We sincerely wish her well as she tends to the needs of her family and thank her for her partnership in our ministry. We are looking forward to continue our faith journey with Shal and her family at Emmanuel.

As of 12/19/2016, we have posted and will accept applications for the position which will remain part-time (20 hours per week) with a regular schedule to be determined with the final candidate. You may see Pastor Zamzow for applications and questions or speak with Curt Schaub and/or JC Dawald.

We pray for God's guidance in this time of transition and want to thank Linda Koschmeder who will once again kindly tend to our office needs until we can fill the position.

The Church Council

Linda Koschmeder will be in the office Mondays thru Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. Please remember you may always leave a voicemail, an email, text Pastor or use the paper provided for you, if you stop by and nobody is in the office. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank You.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Members and Congregation,

I am sad to be leaving the Secretary position because I do enjoy the job, the people, and helping the congregation. I hope I can continue to help the church with different activities even after this upcoming transition period. I did, however, need to make this choice for my family and everyone else involved. I hope that if the position is ever available down the road that I may be considered as an applicant, if it works out for our family at the time.

I wanted to Thank You all very much for taking a chance hiring me as well as everything you have done for me and my family, and the gifts you have given me while working here. You all have been beyond flexible and understanding. I am thankful for the opportunity to have had Serenity at the church with me. It is greatly appreciated and I am grateful for the opportunity I was given to work for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. It has been a blessing. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to ask me, I would be more than happy to answer your question. With much love and much appreciation.

The Zillgitt's—Shal, Greg, Aiden, and Serenity.

Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes January 5th

We will continue our weekly studies of Scripture on Thursdays and everyone is invited to join in. We are now between 9-12 persons each week and there is never a shortage of fun in spite of the serious nature of our studies. We serve coffee and juice and sometimes even a few goodies.

Our next study will be on the **First and Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy**. Both are short letters. The First Epistle of Paul to Timothy, usually referred to simply as First Timothy, is one of three letters often grouped together as the [Pastoral Epistles](#), along with [Second Timothy](#) and [Titus](#). The letter mainly counsels his younger colleague and delegate, [Timothy](#), regarding his ministry in [Ephesus](#).



These counsels include instructions on the organization of the Church and the responsibilities resting on certain groups of leaders therein as well as exhortations to faithfulness in maintaining the truth amid surrounding errors.

The second Letter to Timothy advocates endurance as the main quality for a preacher of the Gospel. In Paul's farewell, he describes himself as at the end of his career and awaiting the crown of righteousness. Let us see what counsel we can gain from those ancient words.

How can you help?

There are always various needs at Emmanuel that 'pop up'. Some are very small, some are larger. If you are looking to make a donation toward gifts in kind or wish to apply a Memorial gift – feel free to call and ask what is needed. And, we are always happy to receive gifts of stamps and copy paper as some of you have kindly offered up in the past. It is always most appreciated. If you are unsure what brand/kind/size we need, just call the office and we will be glad to assist. Thank you!

Calling all Readers:

We are always in need of readers who are willing to read the first and second lesson of the Sunday liturgy. The lessons are on the kiosk in the entry and there is a sign-up sheet for clarity and convenience. It would be much appreciated if you could sign up by the Wednesday before the Sunday in question so we avoid confusion and 'scrambling' at the last minute. Your service to the Lord and Emmanuel Lutheran is received with gratefulness. Teenagers are particularly encouraged to read and grown into this task!

Women's Notes

- 1) TWC Meeting on Tues, Jan 17th at 9 am
- 2) ENALCW Bible study on Monday, January 30th at 2 and 7 p.m.

TWC (The Women's Council) December 6, 2016

Charlotte shared the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:1-14 and followed with a devotion entitled, "One Silent Night". TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from November were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. We have \$6,052 in savings, with a few dollars interest to be added before the end of the year. Our general account has \$3,769.30. Monies will be sent to the National WNALC, World Hunger, Storybook Project, and other designated places before the end of the year.

Old business: 1) Yearbooks: Shal met with us to review changes. They were approved and Shal will print our new yearbooks in time for the December Bible Study. 2) Kitchen needs: the electrical receptacle in the kitchen is being replaced. The corner cupboard will be addressed at a later time. 3) LWR projects: Donation material has been given and used for quilt tops. Sewing days will resume in February. 4) LRH Christmas gifts: Mavis Stevens will purchase gifts for the assigned LRH residents and submit her bill for reimbursement. 5) Christmas Potluck: Will be on December 12, beginning at noon in the fellowship hall. Biblestudy will follow.

New business: 1) Soup Supper: Date chosen is March 5th with the 12th as a snow date, subject to change if needed. We do plan to have a bake sale. We do not plan to have a white elephant sale unless someone would like to organize one. If anyone is interested in doing so, please contact Charlotte. More details will be discussed after the new year. 2) End of year distribution of funds: We have voted to use \$1100 to support various charities and local families this year. Upcoming dates: Christmas potluck and Bible study Monday, Dec 12th at noon; Christmas treats and Bible study at 7 p.m. TWC will meet on Tuesday, Jan 17 at 9 a.m. January Bible study will be on Monday, January 30th at 2 and 7 p.m.

Community Events

The St Ansgar Rescue Squad will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 8:00am - 1:00pm at the St Ansgar High School Cafeteria. Adult ticket \$4.00, children 5-12 \$2.00 and under five free. If you cannot attend and would like to donate, please send your gift to St Ansgar Rescue PO Box 176 St Ansgar, IA 50472.



Council Minutes-Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by: President Curt Schaub. In attendance were: Pastor Zamzow, JC Dawald- VP, Mary Jo Urbatsch-Christian Education, Linda Kroneman-Treasurer, Sue Walk-Evangelism, Shal Zillgitt-Secretary, Nicole Cole-Youth, Michael Cole- Property, Ben Tweeten-Stewardship

Absent: Sharon Hulshizer-: Lay Ministry

Devotions: Given by Pastor Z

Education Segment: Stewardship, “Why? How much? And a New Attitude?”

Agenda Review: M/S/C to approve agenda as presented

Minutes: M/S/C to approve October minutes as written

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

Bills to Pay: M/S/C to pay Sunday School curriculum out of funds designated for Sunday School

M/S/C to pay November bills.

Pastor’s Report: *No desire to attend the NALC Pastors’ Conference *change from 2.5 days’ vacation to 3 days’ vacation *about 12-15 people from our congregation attended the Luther Exhibit, great experience, great stories * Mission Sunday, November, 20 *2017 budget planning—rough draft for each Committee in December

Board Highlights: Evangelism *Progressive Dinner postponed until February

Stewardship *getting ready for Mission Sunday, all items falling into place

Property *Parsonage update-still waiting on Contractor, trying for this year yet, otherwise as soon as possible after the beginning of the new year.

Youth NA

Education NA

Lay Ministry NA

Membership Review: Todd Virchow asked to transfer to another church, Brenda Fredrickson to be removed from membership due to personal request

M/S/C to transfer Todd Virchow

M/S/C to remove Brenda Fredrickson from membership

Unfinished business:

- a) Old copy machine-use the old copy machine until it quits working, the new one is located in the archive room
- b) AED placement update-it is mounted at the bottom of the stairs of the sanctuary, by the restrooms
- c) Nominating Committee update- Met Sunday December 13, after church, most spots have been filled, only a couple slots to be filled
- d) Basement Concerns- 3 separate problems contributing to water issues, estimate before annual meeting, major building costs 2/3 majority vote at annual meeting *address check valves and east vents
- e) Refrigerator-kitchenette area- replace the fridge, check to see if the size is common or custom, needs to be a front breathe as there isn’t back access
- f) AC connection entry way- reminder- have another property committee member look into it
- g) Community Choir- original plan fell through, but Mark has aspirations to continue something on the same date
- h) Mission Sunday- November 20th, Pastor David Lerseth
- i) NALC- Religious Liberty/Constitution 3-4 people to go through with a fine-tooth comb, make sure common confession matches constitution, JC Dawald, Ben Tweeten, Pastor Z as well as one more person– Preliminary ideas by March Council or before
- j) Land Lease Update- 3 individuals need to follow up with land tenant, 1st couple of weeks in December

New Business:

- a) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper put on by the men-the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, February 28
- b) Auditing Committee- Need to select 2 individuals
- c) Secretary Hours-M/S/C Secretary works 22 hours paid max, per week at \$10.00 per hour. Last week of the month adjust pay check if needed
- d) Devotions: Ben Tweeten will give devotions in November
- e) Next council meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Shal Zillgitt—Secretary

Note from LSI:

Dear Pastor and members,

Many Iowa families will have a happier Christmas season, thanks to your thoughtful donation of \$125.00. Because of you, nine-year old JD is doing better in school and he's building a brighter future for himself. Thanks to your generous support of LSI, JD was given the tools and resources he needed to cope with his anger and be a happy, healthy kid again.

Merry Christmas,

Jason Lee, Vice President of Philanthropy and Church Relations

Note from Friends of Madagascar Mission:

Dear Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM), I express our thanks to you for your gift of \$1,910.00. Your gift will be used to support the eight mission projects that Friends of Madagascar Mission supports. One hundred percent of your generous gift will be used for these programs and nothing will be taken out for our administrative costs.

We are on the "Frontlines of Mission" so your gifts will reach the people and their needs!

Your commitment to global mission is very obvious from this generous gift! Blessings to all of you for Christmas and 2017!

Peace in Christ,

The Rev. David P. Lerseth, President

As you remember: due to the inclement weather, the **Community Choir Concert** planned for December 17th had to be postponed. The good news is that it will be on **Sunday, January 15th, 2017 at 4:00 pm.** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Please come and enjoy the beautiful sounds which will remind us the coming of Christ into the world to save us from all harm and death. There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the concert.



Treasury report-Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 2016 Report

Current Fund

Balance on hand 11-01-16		954.83	
Sunday offering	9,976.00		
Interest	3.43		
Total receipts:		9,979.43	
Expenditures			
Total expenditures:		<u>8,939.22</u>	
Current Balance 11-30-16			1,995.04

Benevolence Fund

Balance on hand 11-01-16		3,262.20	
Sunday offering	475.00		
NALC	1,728.00		
Friends of Madagascar	1,885.00		
Total receipts:		4,088.00	
Expenditures			
Total expenditures		<u>0.00</u>	
Benevolence Balance 11-30-16			7,350.20

Building Fund

Balance on hand 11-01-16		8,474.03	
Sunday offering	330.00		
Total receipts		330.00	
Expenditures			
Total Expenditures:		<u>0.00</u>	
Building Balance 11-30-16			8,804.03

Gifts and Memorials Fund

Balance on hand 11-01-16		24,753.87	
From Youth Savings	389.93		
Total receipts		389.93	
Expenditures			
Nicole Cole-Campership	70.00		
Jody Hackbart-Youth Curriculum	319.93		
Scent From Heaven Floral	53.50		
Worth Co. Public Health	75.00		
Total Expenditures		<u>518.43</u>	
G. and M. Balance 11-30-16			24,625.37

Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran Church checking **\$ 42,774.64**



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Date	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
Jan. 1	Jane Buechele	Charlotte Cole	Gracie Urbatsch
Jan. 8	Sara Buechele	Donna Schilling	Ryan Hackbart
Jan. 15	Pat Clark	Charlotte Cole	Emma Hicken
Jan. 22	Charlotte Cole	Marena Henkle	Brooklyn Hackbart
Jan. 29	Michael & Nicole Cole Family	Donna Schilling	Gabe Walk

HOSPITALITY TEAM--JANUARY

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

ALTAR GUILD

Val Bork
Brianna Bork

LAY MINISTRY

Phil Hackbart

COUNTERS

Myra Dierks
Duaine Dierks
Laurie Nack Bublitz
Mike Cole

USHERS

Keven Bruesewitz

John Bork

Val Bork

Steve Dalluge

Sawyer Dalluge

Jason Hackbart

PA

Michael Cole

Corrie Kuntz

January 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELC) - Grafton, Iowa

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st Sunday of Christmas 1 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am - Fellowship	2	3	4 Confirmation Class 4:15pm Choir 7:00pm	5 Bible Study 9:30am	Epiphany our Lord 6	7
Baptism of Our Lord 8 9:30 am Worship with Choir 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School	9	10 Council 7:00pm	11 Confirmation Class 4:15pm Choir 7:00pm	12 Bible Study 9:30am	13	14
2nd Sunday after Epiphany 15 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School 4:00 pm – Community Christmas Choir Concert	16	17 TWC 9:00am	18 Confirmation Class 4:15pm Choir 7:00pm	19 Bible Study 9:30am	20	21
3rd Sunday after Epiphany 22 9:30am Worship with Choir 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	23	24	25 Confirmation Class 4:15pm Choir 7:00pm	26 Bible Study 9:30am	27	28
4th Sunday after Epiphany 29 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am--Sunday School	30 ENALCW Bible Study 2:00pm & 7:00pm	31	Feb. 1 Confirmation Class 4:15pm Choir 7:00pm	Feb. 2 Bible Study 9:30am	Feb. 3	Feb. 4

Deadline for submissions to Annual Report: January 15th. Please and Thank You.