

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Assistance from Unlikely Places

The Reformation could not have taken off as it did, had it not been for many people and circumstances one does not automatically associate with God, theology or the church. The printing press being one --- politicians being another. Living in the United States where we treasure the clear distinction between church and state, that is not necessarily music to our ears. Yet, considering the scope of our entire Judeo-Christian history, our separation of the two is neither universal nor dominant. The idea of one hand washing the other is much more common than not, and both, church and government, have understood well how to use and misuse this relationship.

Martin Luther and his contemporaries were considered “Magisterial Reformers” – they reformed their respective regional churches with the help of local magistrates rather than in defiance of the political powers.

While there were many important figures swirling through the age of the Reformation, we cannot imagine Luther without Fredrick the Wise. Fredrick was the Elector of Saxony at the time when Luther began his protest against the teaching and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. To be an “Elector” meant that within the imperial system of the Holy Roman Empire one had the privilege to vote in the election of the emperor.

There were only seven such designated rulers amidst many semi-autonomous principalities. Electors therefore had influence

others could not wield and that special standing allowed Fredrick to provide inordinate protection for Luther.

Fredrick had established the University of Wittenberg fifteen years before Luther taught and eventually launched his reform from there. Since Fredrick was an elector and Emperor Maximillian I died shortly after Luther began his public protest, the Pope showed an excessive deference to him in order to influence his vote (Popes always wanted the ‘right’ ruler in place). Frederick had been the favorite candidate to become Emperor but wisely chose to use his



Frederick the Wise- Elector of Saxony

power and influence as 'second in command' by restricting some of the over-reach the new Emperor, Charles V, tried to assert.

Frederick's protected his citizen Martin Luther from the Pope and the Emperor and took him into custody at Wartburg castle after the Diet of Worms (1521), which put Luther under the imperial ban. His repertoire of diplomatic stalling tactics stood their test; the opponents never found a weak point. Frederick saw Luther as unjustly persecuted because he could not be found guilty of any real crime. The Elector also had a sense of honor, understanding that with his position came a call for justice that was his to assure. Frederick, however, had little personal contact with Luther and remained a Catholic; although he gradually inclined toward the doctrines of the Reformation and apparently was fascinated by the German translation of the Bible. Fredrick, who never married and did not have children, died in 1525. His brothers, John Frederick and John Ernest, shared the position until John Ernest died and John Fredrick became the sole ruler.

John Frederick had received his education from George Spalatin. Spalatin was Martin Luther's friend and advisor and thus, through Spalatin's schooling, Johann developed a devotion to the teachings of Martin Luther. His knowledge of history was comprehensive, and his library was one of the largest in Germany.

He cultivated a personal relationship with Martin Luther, beginning to correspond with him in the days when Luther's excommunication was first issued. He carefully observed the development of the Reformation and read Luther's writings. He also urged the printing of the first complete edition of Luther's works. At the Elector castle at Torgau, he constructed a chapel specifically designed to be a Lutheran place of worship and invited Martin Luther to deliver the inaugural sermon.

Yet, foremost he strengthened Saxony's support for the Smalkaldic League. The Smalkaldic League was an organization formed by a number of Lutheran princes as a means of collective security against the encroachments of the Roman Catholic Emperor Charles V. John Fredrick also increased his support for visitations to local churches throughout



John Frederick the Steadfast of Saxony

Saxony. In this, he sought to assess the theological and moral health of individual parishes, as well as develop necessary measures for their internal reform. *If you go back to the last newsletter you will be able to read up on these visitations.* In order to promote and manage these reforms, John Fredrick also centralized control of the Saxon church under a single system of ecclesiastical governance.

When the Smalkaldic War broke out (1546-1547), John Fredrick went to battle at the head of his troops. He was initially successful against his cousin Maurice who had sided with the emperor Charles V in a ploy to steal John Fredrick's lands. Nevertheless, John Fredrick was finally overpowered by the Emperor's troops and defeated at the Battle of Mühlberg in 1547. Not only was John Fredrick defeated, he was captured, imprisoned, and sentenced to death. This sentence was eventually commuted to life in prison, but John Fredrick still refused to accept the religious compromise proposed by the emperor and held steadfastly to the teachings of the Augsburg Confession. This earned him the name "John Fredrick the Steadfast." In 1552, John Fredrick was released from prison after his cousin Maurice turned on the emperor. John Fredrick died two years later at the age of fifty.

In a sense of 'coming full circle', on February 22, 1546, Martin Luther was buried in

the Castle Church at Wittenberg within 50 feet of the tomb of his long-deceased protector, Frederick the Wise.

Although neither Fredrick the Wise nor John the Steadfast (as he is known in Lutheran circles) were professional theologians, without them and others like them, the Reformation would have floundered.

All of the confessional documents that underscore our Lutheran heritage are signed first and foremost by statesmen rather than churchmen. Their convictions to go against the stream of power and influence, and at times their willingness to risk their positions, are often as exemplary as the determination of those who hammered out the principles of our faith.

This is not a bad reminder that 'rank and file' believers in the Lord are not superfluous. From the time of the Old Testament until today God calls men and women to support, encourage and promulgate the message of His Son so the world may be saved.

Pastor Z+

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School

will take place from June 19-23 in Bolan.

DID YOU KNOW

...that some 300,000 children around the world migrated alone in the past two years, a nearly five-fold increase since 2010? This comes from the United Nations child-welfare agency in a report published May 17. The agency said the increasing trend has left many children vulnerable to smugglers and traffickers and called for a global protection system. About

200,000 unaccompanied and separated children applied for asylum in 2015 and 2016 in about 80 countries, while another 100,000 children were apprehended at the U.S.-Mexico border, according to the UNICEF report. The figures rose from 66,000 in 2010 and 2011, and the report said the actual number could be much higher. The children often leave home in search of work or educational opportunities. In some other cases, they migrate either to join family members who left ahead of them or to escape unwanted gender-based violence, the report said. Due to limited legal avenues, many children opt for illegal routes: Unaccompanied children made up 92 percent of the children who arrived in Italy through the Central Mediterranean Sea route from North Africa. During the long journey, some of the children end up in overcrowded or makeshift camps or live on the streets, according to the report. Others experience much worse.

... that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is urging believers from all denominations to take part in the "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer initiative which is set to take place later this month? Hundreds of thousands of Christians are already committed to joining in the initiative.

...that in mid-May the government in Somalia declared an emergency due to a worsening drought, as over 100 people died in a 48-hour period? International agencies are drawing attention to the crisis. The U.S. Agency for International Development's Famine Early Warning Systems Network believes 360,000 children in Somalia are currently suffering from "acute malnutrition." Thousands of families have flooded the capital city of Mogadishu trying to find food and life-saving aid. In one week 7,000 people checked into one feeding center there.

...that Americans are motivated more by feelings of shame than conscience, according to a new study? They worry more about their reputations and avoiding shame, than about guilt and fear, says LifeWay Research. Scott McConnell, of LifeWay, says shame is an especially big motivator in the Internet age, where one mistake or embarrassing tweet can ruin a person's life.

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Several years ago, I lost a large amount of weight unintentionally and without a diet. Great! Of course, my plan was to keep it off – duh! Well, for the very most part I have, even if there is lots of room for improvement.

One of the little tricks I used (I shared this with some of you during coffee hour) was to stare at the food I desired...over and over again...walking back and forth...imagining how it would taste in my mouth and make me feel delighted and satisfied....and then I would think about the guilt and the weight gain ...and I walked away. Years later I came across an article about diets which proposed the exact same idea! I could have made lots of money on my wisdom had I been willing to share it on the internet. Maybe next time.

For some of you this may sound reminiscent of the Stanford Marshmallow experiment. For the uninitiated: that was a series of studies on delayed gratification in the late 1960s and early 1970s led by psychologist Walter Mischel, then a professor at Stanford University. In these studies, a child was offered a choice between one small reward provided immediately or a larger reward if they waited for a short period, approximately 15 minutes. The reward was sometimes a marshmallow. In follow-up studies, the researchers found that children who were able to wait longer for the preferred rewards tended to have better life outcomes, as measured by SAT scores, educational attainment, body mass index (BMI), etc.

More recent work in 2012 at the University of Rochester found that trust was an important variable in delaying gratification, which is influenced as much by the environment as it is

by innate ability. Researchers introduced a reliable and unreliable condition – promising to return with special art supplies if the child could wait (reliable), or saying they made a mistake, there weren't any, but the child could use the old supplies (unreliable). Children in the reliable condition were significantly more likely to delay gratification than those in the unreliable condition. Children in the reliable group waited up to four times longer (12 minutes) than those in the unreliable group. The authors concluded the children made rational decisions based on the probability of receiving a reward.

How does this relate to Christian Stewardship? I think we use our gifts from God –

possessions, time and talents – as if we are running out of them any minute and use them way too often to instantaneously get or do what we think we want. As I look at myself critically, I would have to confess that it betrays my trust in God. Is God not reliable? Is God not going to give me that

marshmallow or that art supply? Is God making a fool out of me if I rely on all the promises He has given to me? Am I better off taking what I can get now rather than wait with the uncertainty of 'whether and when'? These questions inform how I use my gifts from God and often I find myself in St. Paul's position: doing exactly those things I do not want to do. Usually, the world around me loses out. How about you, stewards of the mercies of God? Oh, and keep some marshmallows for me.

PZ+





Special Thank You

There are no words to express the thankfulness that we want to convey to everyone for all you have done for our Family at the loss of Steve. All your prayers for comfort and peace have truly been answered for us as we have felt this each day. For all the visits, phone calls, food and gifts brought in, and all your kind and caring words have meant more than words can say.

I know this has been said before but now we have truly experienced the BLESSING of our church family and our Grafton Community family as you have helped us through this loss in ways you may not even realize.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

-The Family of Steve Dalluge

JOYS AND SORROW



to Carrissa Trenhaile
for graduating from the
University of Iowa with a
Bachelor's of Science in

Human Physiology on Sat. May 13. She will be attending St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa to get her Masters of Physician Assistant Studies to become a Physician Assistant. Attending the graduation were her parents, Steve and Brenda Trenhaile and Grandparents Earl and Judy Trenhaile.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Thank you to the ENALCW for the beautiful rose bushes we received last Sunday. It was a lovely surprise and gift.

-The Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to the women of the church for the wonderful reception that was held in our honor after being confirmed.

*-Ryan Cole, Brooklyn Hackbart
and Gracie Urbatsch*

THANK YOU STEWARDS

...to **Hospitality Team for May:**

Debby & David Bublitz, Teresa Sorenson, Katie Bass, Kayla Pappas, Marlin & Connie Rosenberg, Rufus Glassel, Kara & Joe Walk, Clarice Venechuk, Sam/Shelly/Katie/Nicole Venechuk, Larry Diedrich, Jon & Kim Badker, Calvin & Sandra Thompson, Lowell & Virginia Walk.

...to **Doris Ralph** for planting beautiful geraniums in front of our church

...to **Linda Kroneman** for spending many hours teaching Christa the ropes of the Treasurer's job

...to our **Sunday School teachers and helpers** for another year of teaching, loving and guiding the children of our congregation. Every one of you is important and we thank you!

...to our **Choir members, Mark Borchardt and Charlotte Cole** for another year of beautiful music to the honor and praise of God. Thank you for all the time you put into this important aspect of our life together. It is a joy to listen to you.

...to **Nicole Cole, Doris Ralph, Tammy Borchardt, Clarice Bartz, Charlotte Cole and Pastor Z** for having given time and energy to the work of the Share Shoppe in Northwood over the last few months. Thank you!

...to **the ENALCW** for the very lovely reception they offered up to the confirmands and graduates on May 7th. Your steady thoughtfulness is appreciated by everyone.

PASTORAL ACTS

Congratulations to the members of the 2017 Confirmation Class of Emmanuel Lutheran Church who affirmed their Baptism on May 7th. Gracie, Brooklyn and Ryan, may God bless and keep you as you continue your journey of life and faith.

RYAN MICHAEL COLE

Ryan's parents are Michael and Nicole Cole. He was born on January 30th, 2003 and baptized on March 30th, 2003 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. His sponsors are Chris and Mark Hulsing; Kevin and Mary Cole. Ryan's Confirmation Verse is:

Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.

BROOKLYN LANAE HACKBART

Brooklyn's parents are Jason and Jody Hackbart. She was born on December 19th, 2002 and baptized on January 30th, 2011 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Her sponsors are Russ and Amy Johnson. Brooklyn's Confirmation Verse is:

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



GRACIE JO URBATSCH

Gracie's parents are Gregg and Mary Jo Urbatsch. She was born on June 20th, 2003 and baptized on August 3rd, 2003 at Bolan United Methodist Church. Her sponsors are Darren and Lori Marsh; Mike and Sue Urbatsch. Gracie's Confirmation Verse is:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Vera Ann Steinberg, daughter of Josh and Abbie Steinberg, was baptized on May 14th. Her sponsors are Samantha Hemann and Jeremiah & Courtney Steinberg. May Vera grow into the faith God bestowed on her in the waters of Baptism.

Mary Ellen Rohlfen died at age 86 on May 16th, 2017 in Mason City; her funeral service was held on May 20th at Emmanuel Lutheran. We give thanks to God for the life of Mary and pray that God may comfort those who mourn her death.



TWC (The Women's Council Minutes)

May 16, 2017

Devotions were given by Charlotte, from Proverbs 3:1-18, focusing on seeking wisdom. At this time of year with graduations occurring, we think of success celebrated and how those wisely apply all they have learned to become successful. TWC was brought to order with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from April were read and approved. Treasurer's report shows \$3,776.87 in checking. There are a few outstanding bills to pay. Savings remains the same as last month. Thank you's were shared from the Northern Lights Homeless Shelters and the VA clinic for donations of quilts.

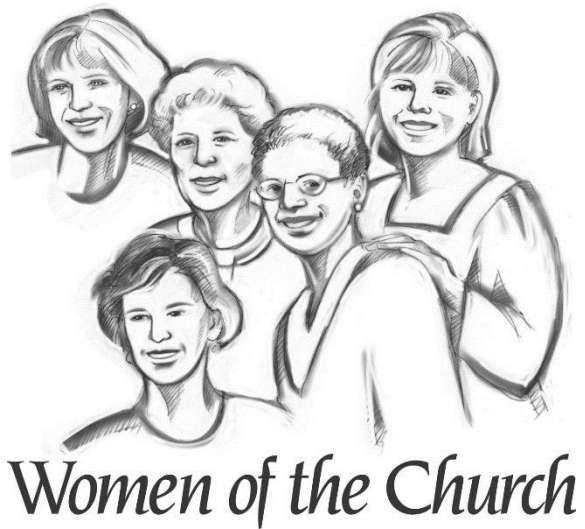
Old Business: 1) LWR Quilt Sunday/shipping: All items were boxed up and loaded onto Dean and Mardine Meyer's trailer and taken to Manly to be shipped with other LWR donations. A huge "Thank You" to all involved in the process. A check was sent along to help cover the shipping expenses. 2) Confirmation/Graduation Reception: Went very well, six jello cakes were made and we may increase by one more for future use. 3) Spring Outing event: Due to lack of interest, we will postpone the women's outing to a future date for those interested. 4) Good Samaritan Birthday Party in St. Ansgar was on Thursday, May 11th. A big "Thank You" to Judy Trenhaile for her willingness to go with Charlotte and provide special music for the program.

New Business: 1) Benefit for Brooke Runde on June 24th at the Manly School. We received an e-mail several months ago about local women's groups providing bake sale items and/or items for silent and live auctions. We will find out more information as to when they might want items and put information into the bulletin for those who may wish to donate. 2) SS Teacher Recognition: SS awards will be given out on May 21st, Sharon will find a gift for the teachers to be given at the same time.

Upcoming Dates: May 22nd- Bible Study at 2 p.m., TWC on June 20th @ 9 a.m., June Bible Study on the 26th at 2 p.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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WOMEN'S NOTES

- 1) TWC will be Tuesday, June 20th at 9 a.m.
- 2) June Bible Study will be on Monday, June 26th at 2 p.m. This will be the final ENALCW Bible Study for this season.
- 3) The Women's outing to the Galleria De Paco has been postponed due to lack of interest.
- 4) There will be no TWC or ENALCW Bible studies for July and August.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ride to Fight Suicide is on June 3rd.

Pre-registration is online only or the day of the event. For more information contact Mark at 641-425-4543 or Wendy at 641-420-0049.

Annual Spring Salad Luncheon put on by Bethel United Methodist Women will be on Wed, June 7 at 12pm in Manly

The Grafton Depot Museum is open!

We are looking for volunteers to: Sit at the Depot on Sundays through Labor Day from 1:30 to 5pm, and Someone to drive the Depot float in local parades. Call Rose Kruger at 641-425-0042 or email rosekrug@wctatel.net.

Brooke Runde Fundraiser will be held on June 23rd from 5pm – closing at American Legion in Manly. Entertainment, Auction, Raffles and a Bean Bag Tournament. On June 24th from 11am - 4pm at Central Springs High School in Manly. Live and Silent Auctions, Raffles, Bake Sale, Magician, Bouncy House and More...



Council Minutes-ELC

April 11, 2017

Meeting called to order by: JC Dawald- President

In attendance were: Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh-VP, Neil Hackbart-Property, Merlin Bartz-Evangelism, Sharon Hulshizer-Lay Ministry, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer, Nicole Cole-Youth, and Amy Edwards-Christian Education

Absent: None

Devotions: Sharon Hulshizer

Education Segment: JC had council members read "Responsibilities of Council and Boards" from the Constitution. Each council member should put the objectives and goals of their committee into the highlights section for next meeting.

Agenda review: M/S/C to approve agenda as presented.

Minutes: M/S/C to accept minutes as written.

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

Bills to be paid: *There was discussion about which account the Organ Tuning expense should come out of. The current Organ Fund account does not have enough money to pay the April bill of \$535. For now, we are to pay Mike Nelson Organ Tuning out of Undesignated Gifts and Memorials and in November we will increase the Worship Supplies budget for Organ tuning.

M/S/C to pay bills for April.

Pastor's Report: M/S/C Discussed fundraising in May for NALC Seminary Month.

M/S/C to approve the pension check.

M/S/C to approve the Patterson wedding.

M/S/C Revised wedding guidelines: *Non-Member Fee to be paid in full at the time the wedding date is set; not refundable- \$250 and *PA Fee- \$30

M/S/C to approve reimbursement to PZ for doorbell at the parsonage. Building maintenance for parsonage and church were discussed.

M/S/C to approve debit card for the secretary/treasurer with \$500 daily purchase limit.

Board Highlights: Property -Discussed what has been done in the past and future options related to lawn care for the church.

Unfinished business:

- a) M/S/C on Confirmation of Secretary/Treasurer position offered to Christa Larson.
- b) Employment agreement reviewed.
- c) Discussion on future procedures for staff evaluations and compensation.

New Business:

- d) M/S/C for 2017 Annual meeting: January 28th, 2018
- e) Devotions to be given by Amy Edwards
- f) Next month's meeting will be on May 9th at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

TREASURY REPORT

for April 1-30th, 2017

Current Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$2,627.84
Interest: \$5.35
Total Deposits: \$9,584.00
Expense: \$11,350.29

End of month Balance: \$866.90

Benevolence Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$744.00
Deposits: \$342.00

End of month Balance: \$1,086.00

Building Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$12,557.03
Deposits: \$39,602.00
Checks: \$36,791.46

End of month Balance: \$15,367.57

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning of month Balance: \$27,127.51
Deposits: \$425
Checks: \$835

End of month Balance: \$26,717.51



July 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Grafton, Iowa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <div>PZ Vacation</div>
2 4 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pastor Zamzow on Vacations June 30 – July 10 th						
9 5 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	10 <div>PZ Vacation</div>	11 10am- Pastor Z Worship in Manly 7pm- Council Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 6 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 7 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	24	25	26	27	28 Pastor Z at Good Sam's	29
30 7 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am – Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	31					

June 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Grafton, Iowa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Day of Pentecost 9:30am-Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am - Fellowship	5	6	7	8 7pm- Pastor Z Meeting	9	10 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
11 •VBS Registration Due The Holy Trinity 9:30am- Family Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	12	13 10am- Pastor Z Worship in Manly 7pm- Council Meeting	14	15	16 6pm- Wedding Rehearsal	17 4:30pm- Hulshizer/ McClure Wedding
18 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	19 	20 9am- TWC	21	22	23 	24
25 3rd Sunday of Pentecost 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship	26 2pm- ENALCW Bible Study	27	28	29	30 <div>** Pastor Z on Vacation from June 30th - July 10th</div>	
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----- June 2017 -----

June	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
4	Jaime & Brandon Trenhaile	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Hackbart
11	Randy & Sharon Hulshizer		Emma Hicken
18	Phil & Gloria Hackbart	Marena Henkle	Brooklyn Hackbart
25	Ken & Linda Kroneman	Charlotte Cole	Gabe Walk

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Larry & Carol Dalluge

Dean & Mardine Meyer	Sam Walk
Bill & Tammy Borchardt	Jane Dalluge
Janis Hackenmiller	Ken & Linda Kroneman
Renae Kroneman	Alan & Mavis Stevens
Duane & Patty Rustad	Marsha Pettey
Julie Schulz	

ALTAR GUILD

Charlotte Cole &
Tammy Borchardt

LAY MINISTRY

Jon Badker

COUNTERS

Jane Dalluge
Dan Nack

USHERS

Mark Fredrickson
Richard Neeley
Rusty Rustad
Steve McCready
Ben Tweeten

PA

Dan Nack &
Josh Rosenberg

----- July 2017 -----

July	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
2		Marena Henkle	Zach Badker
9		Charlotte Cole	Harmony Clark
16		Marena Henkle	Ryan Cole
23		Charlotte Cole	Lily Walk
30		Marena Henkle	Gracie Urbatsch

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Lisa & Merlin Bartz

Ryan & Ashley Trousdale	Jane Buechele
Marcy Hyde	Betty & Gene Rosenberg
Laurie Nack Bublit	Ardis Hanson
Dick & Ruth Neeley	Crystal Braun
Donna & Chuck Schilling	Connie Bruesewitz
Brett & Alex Trenhaile	

ALTAR GUILD

Charlotte Cole &
Myra Dierks

LAY MINISTRY

Sharon Hulshizer

COUNTERS

Myra Dierks
Duaine Dierks
Ben Tweeten

USHERS

Paul Hackbart
Garry Backhaus
Duane Dierks
Alex Hackbart
Marlin Rosenberg
Gary Schotanus

PA

Mike Cole &
Corrie Kuntz