

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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NOTE:

Please note: this is a March/April edition. The March Epistle was delayed due to an uncommonly high level of activities and ministry needs. Whenever you need information of any kind, always feel free to call the office. You may also check the calendar posted on the bulletin board across from the office, or look at the assignment of monthly helpers listed on the clipboards hanging on the kiosk for information.

FROM THE PASTOR

MARTIN LUTHER – HUSBAND AND FATHER

In recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, let us take a look at Martin Luther as husband and family man. None of the following is 'new' or cannot be found in many and various venues. My hope is only to give you an overview of the "personal side" of the great Reformer who was not only a man of faith, conviction and grit but of love and tenderness to those close to him.

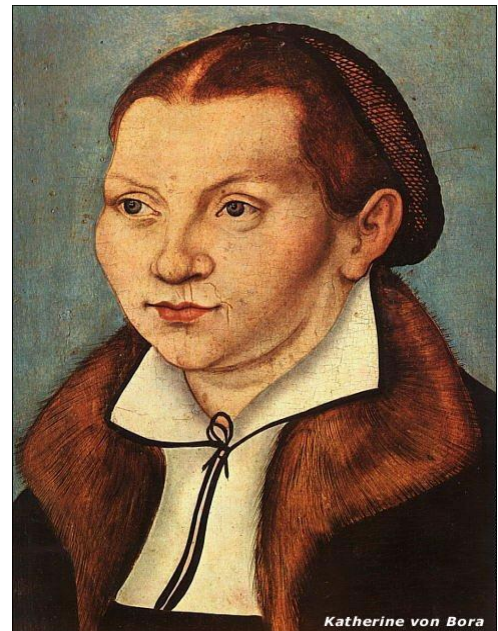
On April 4, 1523, Easter Saturday as it were, twelve Cistercian nuns escaped from their cloister at Nimbschen, Germany. They made their way to Wittenberg three days later for they had become aware of the teachings of Martin Luther. Legend has it that renegades hid in barrels used for storing herring...a smelly ride, if true. Once they reached Wittenberg, the nuns came under the protection of Luther. He agreed to help them, even though the penalty for aiding runaway nuns was death under both Canon and Civil Law. Soon, some of the women rejoined their families, some took jobs as governesses, and some married.



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One of the nuns proved to be a problem. At twenty-four years of age, Katherine von Bora was past the normal age for marriage. She had been in a cloister since the age of five when her mother passed away. Being vivacious, she managed to attract a suitor with whom she fell deeply in love. But the match never came to pass because the man's family objected. Late in 1524 efforts began to find Katherine another suitor, efforts which she firmly resisted. Then, suddenly, she stated her willingness to marry either Luther or one of his associates. Until then a confirmed bachelor, Luther agreed that at the age of forty-two, the time was right for him to get married. On June 13, 1525, the ex-monk and the ex-nun wed.

Earlier in 1525 Luther had written these words to a friend, "I urge matrimony on others with so many arguments that I am myself almost moved

to marry...." When Luther took a trip to visit his parents, he jokingly mentioned to them the idea of getting married. His dad became very excited and enthusiastically encouraged Luther. Subsequently Martin wrote, "If I can manage it, before I die, I will still marry my Katie to spite the devil." Perhaps not the most romantic line in history...

The wedding of Martin and Katherine was not without controversy. Luther had thought long and hard about whether he should get married. Many of his friends, including his theological cohort, Philipp Melanchthon, opposed the marriage and refused to attend the ceremony. They believed that Luther's marriage would be scandalous and harm the cause of the Reformation.

Again, here is a typical explanation from Luther: "...this marriage will please my father, rile the Pope, cause the angels to laugh and the devil to weep."

Married life agreed with Luther, who grew to love his "Katie" dearly and fathered six children with her. He remarked on the joy of waking up to pigtailed on the pillow next to him. In his letters he sometimes called her

"my sweetheart Kate" or "my dearly beloved Kate" or "my true love." Other references showed his respect for her intelligence when he referred to her as "Mrs. Doctor" and "Doctora Lutherin." Luther could also teased Katherine by calling her "Lady of the New Pig Market," a reference to her efforts to raise pigs to feed her family and boarders and it is very well documented that Katie supported her family by gardening, making wine, raising livestock, and brewing beer. All reports agree: Katherine von Bora was a very good cook.

On some matters, Luther was very much a sixteenth-century male. But unlike many of his contemporaries, Luther gave Katherine von Bora control of the family finances and the running of the household. She was more practical and grounded — not the "simple housewife" preferred by most men of the time.

The Luther family lived in the Black Cloister (today called "The Lutherhouse"), the former home of the Augustinian monks in Wittenberg and the place where Luther had lived before the Reformation. While the other monks began to abandon the cloistered life, Luther staked a claim on the property by making it his family home. The Black Cloister had a number of small rooms, which they rented to students or visiting clergy. These visitors and guests ate at the Luther table, with every meal seemingly overflowing with hungry seekers, acolytes, and fellow rebels. Some guests were not paying customers either, which put a strain on the family resources. In effect, Katherine von Bora was running a boardinghouse to provide additional income for the family.

Luther showed his regard for his wife Katherine in significant ways. On one occasion, he put her on a search committee to hire a new pastor. In those days it was unheard of to allow a woman to be part of such a decision. To the grumblers Luther commented that his wife would show better judgment than he would. He also let

Katherine handle much of his business with publishers and took her advice on intellectual and political matters. Another practical display of Luther's confidence in and care for his wife was his final Will. It made Katherine his sole heir. In Saxony, it was common practice to make the children the heirs of a deceased male. The heirs were then expected to take care of their surviving spouse. Luther wanted his wife to be economically secure and independent in widowhood.

The marriage of Martin and Katherine initially appeared to create an odd couple. Not only was Luther a former monk but Katie came from a family of a higher social rank. The Von Bora clan belonged to the knightly class, a proud but declining segment of German society. Luther came from peasant stock. His father, Hans, was a miner



The Lutherhouse in Wittenberg

who got involved in the business side of mining and eventually became rather well-to-do.

Of the Luther's six children, only four survived to adulthood — Hans, Martin, Paul, and Margarete. Elizabeth died in 1528 at the age of eight months, a tragedy that greatly saddened the Luthers. Magdalene, born in 1529, died when she was only thirteen

years old. Magdalene's death revealed the spiritual foundation of the Luther marriage. As the child's illness worsened, both comforted the stricken Magdalene and each other through prayer and devotions. As the end approached, one of Luther's friends described how "Luther fell on his knees before the bed and,

weeping bitterly, prayed that God might will to save her. Thus she gave up the ghost in the arms of her father. Her mother was in the same room, but further from the bed on account of her grief."

Luther's grief found comfort in prayer only haltingly. He got angry with himself because he believed deeply that his child would see the glory of God and could not understand why he therefore was so desperately grief-stricken. In contrast, Katharina seemed very quiet. It is noticeable, however, that from that time on, she tried everything to keep her children at home.

Katie and Martin had strong personalities, leading to occasional episodes of quarrelling. Their biggest source of disagreement was money. Luther liked to spend it and Katie liked to save it. Luther's trouble was his generosity. He allowed many who were in need to lodge at the Black Cloister as boarders without paying rent, and he willingly gave money to friends in need.

Just as Luther loved his "dear Kate," she loved him. After Luther's death, Katherine wrote the following to her sister-in-law: "...for who could not be deeply grieved and saddened over the loss of such a dear and precious man as my husband has been. He gave so much of himself in service

not only to one town or to one country, but to the whole world. Yes, my sorrow is so deep that no words can express my heartbreak, and it is humanly impossible to understand what state of mind and spirit I am in . . . I can neither eat nor drink, not even sleep . . . God knows that when I think of having lost him, I can neither talk nor write in all my suffering."



The Luther Family

Katherine von Bora died on December 20th, 1552 at the age of fifty-three. War in the region had forced her to flee with her family. She fell into a watery ditch while trying to control the horses pulling her family's wagon and became very ill following the accident. She was taken to Torgau by her children, where she died and was buried.

Katie and Martin Luther are rightfully credited with establishing the first Lutheran parsonage, setting an example of hospitality, commitment to those in their care, partnership in the mission of the Gospel, and the willingness to share openly their own brokenness.

Pastor Z+

PASTORAL ACTS

Dale William Trettin died on February 11th, 2017 at the age of almost 82 years. His funeral service was conducted at Emmanuel Lutheran on February 15th.

Steven Craig Dalluge passed away on February 23rd, 2017 at the age of 56. His funeral service took place on February 28th at Emmanuel Lutheran.

We give thanks to God for the lives and memories of Steve and Dale and ask God to comfort those who mourn their deaths.

Pastor Zamzow officiated at the wedding ceremony of **Dwight Jorgensen, Jr. and Shallon Pereault** on March 2nd, 2017 at the Carpenter Community Center. Congratulations to Shallon and Dwight. May God bless their union richly.

Some Thoughts on Lent

We are in the midst of the Season of Lent. Lent is the time of the year that shouts 'repentance' for forty days (not counting Sundays). During Lent we are reminded of our Lord's fasting in the desert as well as the wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness, both austere events. As part that our personal and communal repentance the church has always focused on increased prayer, fasting and gifts to the poor. Yet, even as true repentance is not simply feeling sorry but rather turning from sin toward God, so Lent is not so much a time of giving things up as it is a time for adding things that increase our awareness of God's mercy in Christ Jesus.

That is why we add worship services during Lent! Lenten Services could be thought of as giving up free

time (a rare commodity!). For the followers of Jesus these short times of worship are opportunities to be intentional in our remembrance of Christ's sacrifice as well as of those matters we wish to push out of our minds – like confession, repentance or, as we are doing

this year, to think of the crossroads in life which force us to make decisions which are or are not pleasing to God and supportive of the abundant life we are given.

The call to fast can be understood in the same way. It is not only self-denial which makes us simultaneously proud and deprived, but also a sort of 'training' for the body and a time to focus on our spiritual needs more so than on our physical ones. Fasting, as a part of 'suffering', draws us a tiny bit closer to the true suffering our Lord did on our behalf. The same is true for charitable giving. We might be tempted to think that we are giving up hard-earned money that could be

spend on ourselves and loved ones - yet contentment and joy come from gratitude and the privilege to share our blessings with others.

When we partake in these traditional practices during Lent - whether it is giving up or adding - we must be sure to know that they are not salvific (they do not aid our salvation) and no sin is committed if we ignore them. Neither do they impress God or merit His favor. And still, they are actions which help us focus on our Lord, the blessings we receive and they assist us in cleaning out some of the 'clutter' in our lives and re-adjust our priorities.

In the early church Lent was the preparation time leading up to Baptism for those who would

receive the Sacrament on

Easter... connection our 'dying to sin' in Baptism with the death of Jesus.

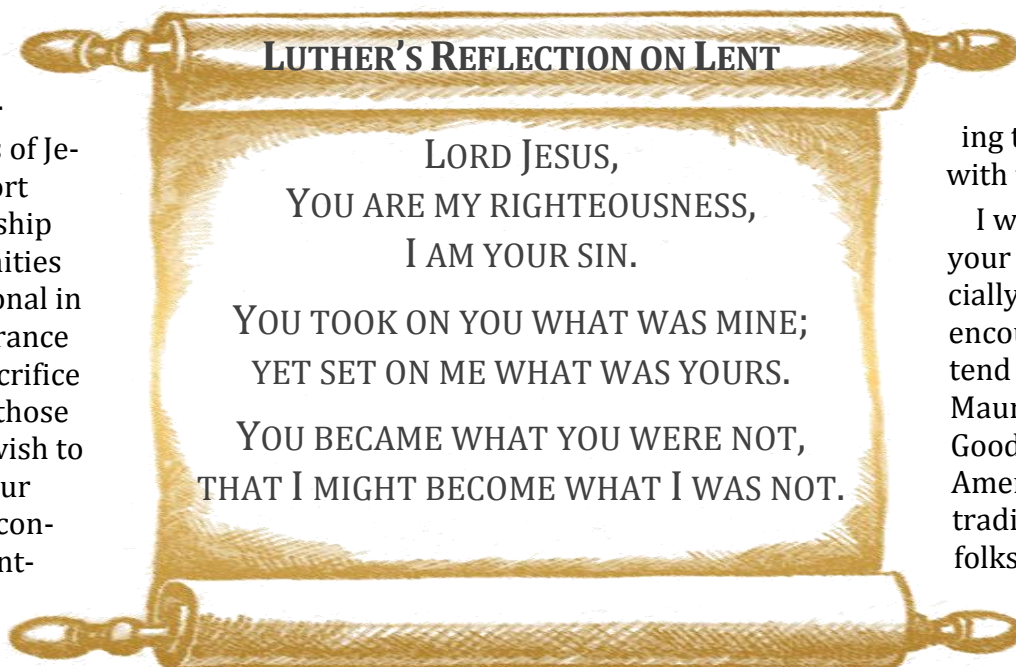
I wish to lay upon your hearts most especially and sincerely my encouragement to attend our services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. In our American 'protestant tradition' it seems folks flock to worship

on Palm Sunday, skip Holy Week and

come for the Easter celebration. However, the joyful sounds of victory on Easter are somewhat less genuine if we have missed out on the sorrowful cries of the days leading up to them. There is no empty tomb without a bloody, tragic and public death on a cross!

We are again offering services in the early afternoon on those two holy days as well as our evening worship services, of course. Lent and Holy Week are more than a quaint tradition we do not want to lose...they are a matter of grasping and living the gift of faith we have received.

Bless you! Pastor Zamzow



Lenten Devotional & Technology

Ashes to Easter — the NALC Lenten Devotional — is available in large print in the nook in the narthex, by “Our Daily Bread” devotionals.

The Devotional is also available in other formats for anyone who prefers using a computer or smart phone.

Using the free technology of Facebook Live, Pastor David Wendel will share a new devotional video each morning on the NALC’s Facebook.

The devotional will also be at the top of each day’s NALC Lenten Devotion on the NALC website, <http://thenalc.org>.

To receive daily devotionals via email, please visit: <http://www.remind.com/join/nalcclent>.

To receive daily devotionals via SMS, please text @NALCCLNT to 614-682-8693.

The 2017 Lenten Devotional is also available in both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Search for NALC WALK OF FAITH.

Easter Lilies



Easter Lilies will be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. You are invited to order one or more Easter Lilies to be placed in memory or in honor of loved ones. These will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.

The cost is \$11 per plant. You are also welcome to purchase and bring in your own plants.

Fill out the form that will be in the Sunday bulletins, or call the office 641-748-2736.

Sunday School Choir Palm Sunday



The Sunday School choir will be singing on Palm Sunday! The older kids are learning a new song and the younger kids will be busy ‘acting it out’so, we need everyone to help us sing and demonstrate ‘entering into Jerusalem, going to God’s house’ with our palms.

Lent/Easter Offering

The offering for the Lenten/Easter season will be used as follows: Loose cash and checks/cash in the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday special envelopes as well as in the designated Wednesday Lenten envelopes will be applied to the Building Fund of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the purpose of helping with the cost anticipated for the solution to our water and East wall problem.

The Easter offering in the special, green-border framed Easter envelopes ONLY will be given toward the same purpose.

Checks/cash in the regular Sunday offering envelopes for Easter Sunday, April 16, and cash placed in the plates by visitors will be recorded for the Current Fund of Emmanuel.

Any regular Sunday offering envelope placed in the plates during any of the Lenten worship services, also will be applied to the Current Fund unless the giver clearly states it differently on the envelope. If you have questions, please feel free to ask and be thanked for your generosity!

The Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU STEWARDS

...to Sharon Hulshizer for her special music during the service on February 5th.

...to our February Hospitality Team: 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.

...to Connie Rosenberg for stuffing bulletins and bulletin boxes for a good number of years. And thank you to Tammy Borchardt for taking over the job, which now includes hand folding the bulletins, since our folding machine has gotten old and cantankerous.

...to Emi Kuntz and all her faithful assistance for their hard work with our recent funeral luncheons. It was very much appreciated by the families and all guests.

...to Sandy Thompson and Brett Trenhaile for auditing our financial books!

...to the members of the Stewardship Committee and the Evangelism Committee who served our Simple Suppers on March 8th and 15th respectively. Simple but always delicious!

...to Rusty Rustad and 'his men' for preparing and serving the scrumptious Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday and for his donation to the cause. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the treat on Fat Tuesday!

...to Mark Borchardt and the Community Choir for sharing their musical gifts at the 5th anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran of Rochester. It was a joyful worship service celebrating five years of God's mercy and goodness. The congregation is looking forward to launching a mission congregation within 50-100 miles of Rochester in the next few years. Continued blessings to them all!

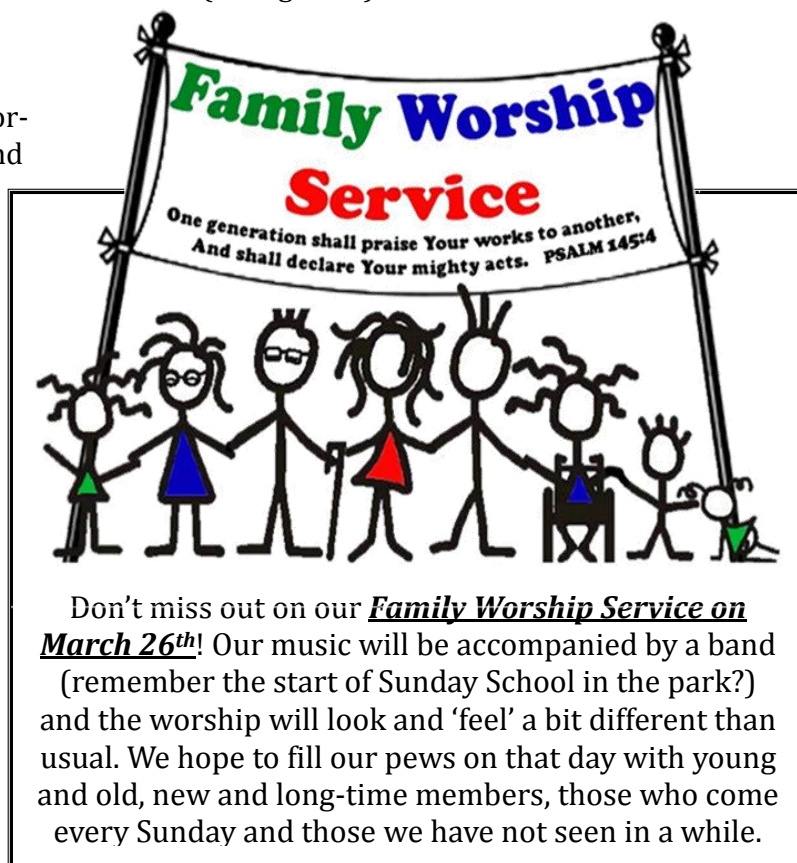
...to all who prepared and participated in our Progressive Dinner on February 18th. Special thanks to Sue Walk for planning the details and to Mike and Mari Momberg for hosting all of us for the main course at their lovely new home. Of course, the food was so good that we all ate too much....a long and lovely time was had by all.

...to all Council members and Committee members who concluded their terms with our Annual Meeting on February 5th: Curtis Schaub (President); Mary Jo Urbatsch (Education); Michael Cole and Gregg Urbatsch (Property); Connie Rosenberg (Stewardship); Liz Backhaus and Suzanne Walk (Evangelism); and the members of the

Nominating Committee, Angela Backhaus, Debby Bublitz, Duaine Dierks and Sheila Lundon. Thank you one and all, especially to those who served on a Committee and a representative to the busy 2016 Council!!!

...to all who newly agreed to serve Emmanuel in 2017 via a first or second term: Darren Marsh (Vice-President); Kim Hicken and Julie Schulz (Education); Paul Hackbart and Daniel Nack (Property); Myra Dierks and Sandra Thompson (Evangelism); Jon Badker and Kristy Arzberger (Lay Ministry); Ben Tweeten and Marsha Pettey (Stewardship); Candi Feldt and Jody Hackbart (Youth); Earl Trenhaile, Larry Dietrich, Chris Braun and Mark Fredrickson (Nominating Committee). Thanks also to Ben Tweeten for representing us to Grafton Public Housing; Judy Trenhaile and Mavis Stevens for committing again to the LRH Auxiliary and Merlin and Lisa Bartz who are planning on attending the NALC Convocation this summer.

...to those who are continuing their terms as Officers and Board members: JC Dawald (President); Pat Clark, Amy Edwards and Kim Badker (Education); Abbie Steinberg, Liz Schaub and Nicole Cole (Youth); Sharon Hulshizer, Val Bork and Philip Hackbart (Lay Ministry); Jason Hackbart, Calvin Thompson and Neil Hackbart (Property); Jane Dalluge and Teresa Sorenson (Stewardship); Merlin Bartz, Ramie Kuntz and Alan Stevens (Evangelism).



Don't miss out on our **Family Worship Service on March 26th**! Our music will be accompanied by a band (remember the start of Sunday School in the park?) and the worship will look and 'feel' a bit different than usual. We hope to fill our pews on that day with young and old, new and long-time members, those who come every Sunday and those we have not seen in a while.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

The family of Dale and Coleen Trettin wants to thank everyone for the kindness shown to them as they celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary in November as well as all the support during Dale's illness and at the time of his death. Thank you to all who came to express their condolences, prepared and shared in the funeral service and luncheon and offered Memorials in Dale's honor. It is truly very much appreciated.

Dear friends in Christ, I want to thank you for all the prayers, words of encouragement, acts of kindness, and expressions of love and mercy with which you supported me as I have been recovering from a fractured shoulder. You have truly been instruments of God's healing power and love. My prayer is that God would support and sustain each of you in your callings as neighbors, friends, helpers, and members of Emmanuel Lutheran's faith community and the greater Grafton community. I thank you and I thank God for your ministry. I also thank you for supporting Pastor Z as her calling in life was expanded to care for an old guy with a broken shoulder who would not have gotten through a day without her help and support. Thank you all.

Yours in Christ, Michael Zamzow

Thank you from Crisis Intervention Service for your generous donation which helps us offer our free prevention and intervention services to those in need.

Thank you from Hospice of North Iowa for your generous donation. Your support helps patients to live out their remaining days with peace, dignity and comfort.

Thank you from Special Olympics Iowa for your contribution to support our year-round program of sports training and competition, for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Thank you very much for your continued support of Manna of Worth county. We appreciate it very much. *Teri Sculley*

Thank you from Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), for your gift. With it we help keep children safe from abuse, keep at-risk families together, help the handicapped maintain their independence and help traumatized kids find their path to healing, wholeness and a sustainable future.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Please hold in prayers Pastor Mark Chavez, the General Secretary of our NALC, as he and his family mourn the death of his wife, Jocelyn, who passed away. Mark and Jocelyn have six children and several grandkids. Their youngest son died less than four years ago. May God's grace cover their sorrow and bring them peace.

Mitchell Cole - For those who have shared prayers, blessing and kind words over the past months for Mitchell, we thought you'd like to hear about his journey so far. Mitchell joined the Iowa National Guard and left for Fort Benning in Georgia on Nov 9th to start basic training. It was a tough first few weeks for all of us, but he did amazing. His platoon was in 2nd place for honor platoon and he became a squad leader of 6-8 soldiers. We were blessed to have him home for 2 weeks at Christmas -- which made ALL of the difference in the world for us. About 6 weeks later, we took the trip to Georgia to watch him graduate on Feb 9th with 168 other soldiers. It was so great to see him in his dress blues and get to spend time with him. He's now moved to Fort Gordon for his Advanced Individual Training. He'll spend 25 weeks there to become a network systems operator-maintainer -- basically, makes sure the lines of communication are up and running

for the teams in the field if deployed. We're super excited to learn he's doing really well with his classes while continuing the physical training. If you'd like to send him a note or card, here's his address:

Private Cole,
Charlie Co. 551st
Signal Battalion,
15th Regimental Signal
Brigade,
Fort Gordon, GA 30905

Thanks for keeping
Mitchell in your
prayers!

Mitchell's Family



DID YOU KNOW

...that the following persons are serving Emmanuel as Council members? JC Dawald, Darren Marsh, Sharon Hulshizer, Jane Dalluge, Amy Edwards, Merlin Bartz, Nicole Cole and Neil Hackbart?

...that a newly opened McDonald's located in the shadow of St. Peter's basilica is offering free meals to the homeless? The company is working with the Vatican to provide 1,000 free lunches. Volunteers from a local charity will collect and distribute the meals.

...that Rebels in famine-stricken South Sudan kidnapped eight locals working with Samaritan's Purse? A Brigadier General told news organizations that the rebels are demanding food shipments in exchange for the hostages. The kidnapping took place in an area where as many as 100,000 people are facing starvation. The United Nations and the South Sudanese government announced the dire conditions on February 20th and warned that as many as one million more could be on the brink of famine.

...that Pope Francis said that married men may be considered for the priesthood, if they are older and have been longtime members of the Church? "We must think about whether *virī probati* are a possibility," Francis said, referring to the older married men who have proven their devotion to the Church. "Then we have to decide what tasks they can take on, for example in remote communities," he added. Francis said that "voluntary celibacy" is not the answer to the crisis of a priest shortage. The Pope previously noted that there are already some married

priests serving the Church, citing former Anglican ministers who converted to Catholicism, Coptic Catholics, as well as priests in some eastern churches.

... that the NALC Executive Council acted on a resolution from a Mission District asking about reducing the frequency of NALC Convocations. The Executive Council decided that it is best to retain annual Convocations because the NALC is still a young church and benefits from opportunities for members to gather and to continue to get to know one another. Mission District Deans also discussed the frequency of Convocations at their November meeting and overwhelmingly supported annual NALC Convocations for the present time.

Soup Supper Thanks

Thank you to all those who supported our ENALCW Soup Pie and Dessert Supper on March 5th. We had a terrific turnout, with over 150 attending.

We could not have done it without the help of all the volunteers with many different areas which were served.

\$ 1,298 was taken in from the free will offering and \$ 133 from the bake sale.

Door Prizes were won by Chrystal Braun, Gus Walk, Judy Trenhaile, Ramon Kuntz, Alex Schmidt, Linda Schotanus and Connie Hagen.

Thank you to Myra Dierks and Laurie Nack Bublitz for donating all the door prizes.

Women's Notes

Women of the NALC current newsletter is on the bulletin board across from the office. It is also available to read or download at www.wnalc.org.

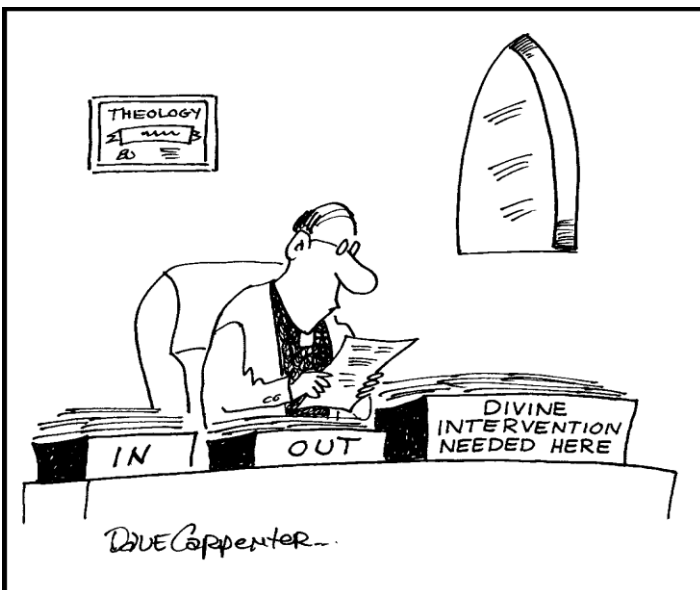
March TWC meeting will be Tue., Mar. 21, 9 am.

March ENALCW Bible Study will be Monday, March 27 at 2 and 7 pm, based on Isaiah 40:25-31, *Receive Strength for the Day from God*.

April TWC meeting will be Tue., April 18, 9 am.

April ENALCW Bible Study on Monday, April 24 at 2 pm., based on John 13:1-17, 15:9-12, *Serve with Joy*.

Blessing of the Quilts & Kits prepared for Lutheran World Relief will be Sunday, April 23.



MISC

New bulletin box labels are in the works. In the near future, we will do some long-needed updating and organization of the name tags and spacing between boxes. Be patient with each other as we relearn our location. If there are any errors, or if you have any special requests, please contact the office.

NALC Disaster Task Force - Your Assistance is Needed. Many places in our nation have been devastated by natural disasters in the past year. *NALC Disaster Response* has been actively providing assistance in these areas. This has left their Ohio warehouse depleted of many items. Needed items include: Quilts, Food Buckets, Gift Cards, Health Kits, Bibles, School Kits. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

The North American Lutheran Seminary Newsletter is on the bulletin board across from the office. It is also available to read or download at www.thenals.org.

The NALC March Newsletter is also on the bulletin board. You may read or download it at <http://thenalc.org/newsletter>.

TWC (The Women's Council) February 14, 2017

Sharon shared devotions based on John 15:1-2, which compared pruning roses to how God prunes us in our lives-sometimes it is painful, but always to help us flourish in all areas of our lives. The TWC business meeting was opened with the sharing of the purpose. Secretary minutes from January were read and approved. Treasurer's report shows \$1,651.39 in checking and \$6,054.26 in savings. Thank you's were received from various charities we donated to. The update newsletter from the WNALC has been received and a copy has been put on the church bulletin board for women to look at. An email regarding a benefit in June was brought to our attention. We will discuss it more at a later date.

Old Business: 1) Yearbooks: These will be distributed at future Bible studies and handed out during fellowship. If anyone would like one that has not received one, they can contact any of the officers or the church office. 2) LWR projects:

Clarice and Myra have packed 24 layettes. Sewing days have been set for Feb 21-22. Clarice received the Thrivent funds and is using for batting and kit supplies. 3) Soup Supper: Sunday, March 5th 4-7 p.m. Snow date March 12th. Serving Chicken & Dumpling, Chili, and California Medley soups. Need to line up volunteers to help throughout the day and with the bake sale items/sale tables. We will increase the amount of chicken/dumpling and California medley soups and decrease chili this year. Clarice has called for pies and desserts, Sharon will do advertising this week. 4) Spring outing event: Planned for April, if possible. Looking into a trip to Waterloo to the Galleria De Paco. More discussion next month. 5) Annual Audit: Will be done when the church records are done. 6) Share Shoppe Volunteers: Need 2 for the last Thursday of each month. Pastor Z plans to go on Feb 23rd

No New Business. Upcoming dates: Monday, Feb 20th, Bible Study at 2 and 7 p.m. This will be a new Bible Study; March 5th, Soup supper; Tuesday, March 21st, TWC at 9 a.m.; March 27th Bible Study at 2 and 7 p.m. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Council Minutes- Emmanuel Lutheran Church January 12, 2017

Meeting called to order by: President Curt Schaub

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

Absent: Ben Tweeten-Stewardship

Devotions: Given by Curt Schaub

Education Segment: Article "Bringing the Light of the World to Muslim refugees" regarding the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and their work to translate the small catechism into other languages and it's impact on individuals.

Agenda review: M/S/C to approve agenda as presented, with the addition under New

Business of b) check signer.

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

Treasurer's Report: After some clarification and discussion, M/S/C to approve treasurer's report as presented.

Bills to be paid: M/S/C to pay bills for January

Pastor's Report: * Annual meeting: Last year, tables were set up for committees to meet after the annual meeting concluded. This worked well and Council agreed to using same method again this year. * Request by nonmember to be married at Emmanuel next March, discussed by council members, to be looked into further before a decision is made.

Board Highlights: Stewardship: Concerns about offering counting when there are extra offerings to be dealt with i.e. Easter lily and poinsettia monies. The new secretary will take care of the poinsettia monies as was done this year and the Easter lily monies can wait until the following week to be counted. Offering counters will continue verifying these amounts. Property: Insurance update: the church policy insurance rate has gone down overall. There is a small issue regarding worker's comp/liability in regards to the serving room remodeling project. Pastor Z, JC, and Michael will meet with the individual and the insurance agent to address this issue.

Membership review: none

Unfinished business:

- a) Nominating Committee update: All areas are filled with the exception of the Iowa Mission District Convocation representative(s)
- b) Basement Concerns update: Backup valves to be put in before spring, a total of three to be done. Karr Tuckpointing of Vinton, IA has looked at the East wall and suggests doing tuckpointing instead of tearing down the wall. Two other contractors will be coming to add their opinions before the Property Committee will make recommendations to the congregation
- c) Constitution Review Update: Committee has met once to review the constitution.
- d) Auditing Committee Update: Suggestions for individuals have been made. Brett Trenhaile has agreed to serve on the auditing committee and another individual will be asked.

- e) Budget for 2017: Budget was reviewed and updated. M/S/C to approve proposed budget for 2017.

- f) Secretary & Treasurer positions: Craigslist ad will expire on the 16th, it will be renewed once more. Interviews for positions will be done by Pastor Z, Nicole Cole and Darren Marsh, future VP. Wages, position requirements, and evaluations were discussed. M/S/C to purchase a laptop computer from Undesignated Memorial Funds for education and office use.

New Business:

- a) Annual Meeting agenda: Reviewed, updated and approved the agenda.
- b) Check signer: Darren Marsh will be asked to sign checks, if needed, during the time Linda is done and a new person is hired. Linda will take care of bills due for January and paychecks for February. We thank her for her time as Treasurer and we thank those Council members who have finished their terms of membership.
- c) Next meeting devotions will be given by Pastor Z
- d) Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Acting Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A performance of "The Messiah" will be presented on Sunday, March 19, at 2 pm in Visitation Church in Stacyville. Ten chorus pieces and several solos will comprise this concert sponsored by The Fine Arts Council of Mitchell County. The concert is conducted by Mary Swenson of Osage and accompanied by chamber musicians from the Austin area and trumpeters from St. Ansgar. Singers and musicians represent people from 18 different area churches. There will be no tickets sold. A free-will offering will be taken with all contributions used for future Fine Arts events in Mitchell County.

Lasagna Luncheon, Sunday, March 26, 11 am – 1 pm. Osage Senior Center, children 10 & under \$3.00, everyone else \$7.00.

Treasury report

Financial Update - ending February 28th, 2017

Current Fund

Based on last entry by Treasurer beginning balance on 1/2/17 = \$1,596.96

Sunday offering: \$7,922.48

Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$395.00

Interest: \$2.89

Reimbursement: \$1,200

For a Total Deposit of \$9,520.37

Available funds in Current: \$11,117.33

Expenses: \$14,272.23

Balance February 28th = -3,154.90

Benevolence Fund

Based on last entry by Treasurer beginning balance on 1/2/17 = \$337.00

Deposits in February 2017 = \$250

Balance February 28th = \$587.00

Building Fund

Based on last entry by Treasurer beginning balance on 1/2/17 = \$9,614.03

Deposits in February 2017 = \$390

Balance on February 28th = \$10,004.03

Gifts and Memorials

Based on last entry (Annual Report) of Treasurer the beginning balance on 12/31/2016 had a total of \$24,807.51. No activity in the month of January. In February \$95 was transferred from the Current Fund to the Altar Guild Fund which now has a balance of \$450.83.

Gifts and Memorials total is \$24,902.51

We have examined the financial records of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and have found them to be in proper order and good standing.

Grafton, IA

March 11th, 2017

Sandra Thompson



Brett Trenhaile



2017 Leadership Roster - Emmanuel Lutheran Church

President

JC Dawald – 1st year

Vice President

Darren Marsh – 1st year

Lay Ministry

Jon Badker – 3rd year

Kristy Arzberger – 3rd year

Val Bork – 2nd year

Phil Hackbart – 2nd year

Sharon Hulshizer – 2nd year

Church Properties

Neil Hackbart – 4th year

Jason Hackbart – 4th year

Calvin Thompson – 2nd year

Paul Hackbart – 1st year

Dan Nack – 1st year

Evangelism

Merlin Bartz – 2nd year

Ramon Kuntz – 2nd year

Alan Stevens – 2nd year

Myra Dierks – 1st year

Sandra Thompson – 1st year

Christian Education

Pat Clark – 4th year

Julie Schulz – 3rd year

Amy Edwards – 2nd year

Kim Badker – 2nd year

Kim Hicken – 1st year

Stewardship

Ben Tweeten – 3rd year

Jane Dalluge – 4th year

Teresa Sorenson – 4th year

Marsha Pettey – 1st year

Youth

Abbie Steinberg – 4th year

Elizabeth Schaub – 4th year

Candi Feldt – 3rd year

Nicole Cole – 2nd year

Jody Hackbart – 1st year

Nominating Committee

1 year term

Earl Trenhaile

Larry Diedrich

Chris Braun

Mark Fredrickson

NALC Convocation

Aug. 8-11, Nashville, TN

Merlin and Lisa Bartz

Mission District Convocation

September 16

****Representative needed**

Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary

Judy Trenhaile

Mavis Stevens

Grafton Public Housing

Ben Tweeten

Church Council

JC Dawald

Darren Marsh

Sharon Hulshizer

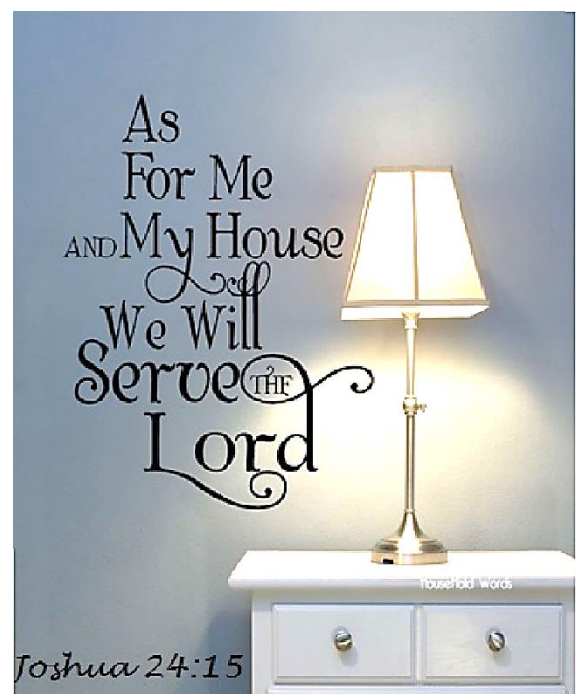
Neil Hackbart

Merlin Bartz

Amy Edwards


Jane Dalluge

Nicole Cole




March 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Grafton, Iowa

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 26 Transfiguration of our Lord 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	27	 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
5 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School * Soup Supper 4 – 7 pm	6	7	8 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30-6:45pm - Simple Supper 7:00 pm - Lenten Service 7:40 pm - Choir	9 9:30 am - Bible Study	10	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30 am - Worship with Choir 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School	13	14 10 am PZ Service at Manly 7 pm Council	15 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30-6:45pm - Simple Supper 7:00 pm - Lenten Service 7:40 pm - Choir	16 9:30 am - Bible Study	17 2 pm PZ Service at Good Samaritan	18
19 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	20	21 9:00 am TWC	22 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30-6:45pm - Simple Supper 7:00 pm - Lenten Service 7:40 pm - Choir 7:40 pm - Youth & Education Committees	23 9:30 am - Bible Study	24	25
26 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Family Worship Service 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	27 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm ENALCW Bible Study	28	29 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30-6:45pm - Simple Supper 7:00 pm - Lenten Service 7:40 pm - Choir	30 9:30 am - Bible Study	31	April 1

April 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Grafton, Iowa

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 26 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	27 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm ENALCW Bible Study	28	29 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30-6:45pm- Simple Supper 7:00 pm - Lenten Service 7:40 pm - Choir	30 9:30 am - Bible Study	31	April 1
2 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School	3	4	5 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30-6:45pm- Simple Supper 7:00 pm - Lenten Service 7:40 pm - Choir	6 9:30 am - Bible Study	7	8
 Palm Sunday 9:30 am - Worship with Sunday School & Adult Choirs 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am - Sunday School	10	11 10:00 am PZ Service at Manly 7:00 pm Council	12 <i>NO Confirmation Class</i> <i>NO Lenten Service</i> 7:00 pm - Choir	13 Maundy Thursday <i>NO Bible Study</i> 1:00 pm Service in Library 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar	14 Good Friday 1:00 pm Service in Library 7:00 pm Worship with Choir	15
16 Easter 7:00 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 8-9:15 am Easter Breakfast 9:30am – Worship with Holy Communion and Choir <i>NO Fellowship or Sunday School</i>	17 	18 9:00 am TWC	19 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Choir	20 9:30 am - Bible Study	21	22
23 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30am – Worship with Quilts & Kits Blessing Musical Guest: John Schindler 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	24 2:00 pm ENALCW Bible Study	25	26 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Choir	27 9:30 am - Bible Study	28	29
30 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:40am - Sunday School	May 1	2	3 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Choir	4 9:30 am - Bible Study	5	6

March 2017



March	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
1 - Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY 7 pm	Donna Schilling	Lily Walk
5 - Sunday	Duaine & Myra Dierks	Marena Henkle	Gracie Urbatsch
8 - Wednesday	Lenten Service 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Hackbart
12 - Sunday	John & Sandy Duvall	Donna Schilling	Emma Hicken
15 - Wednesday	Lenten Service 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	Brooklyn Hackbart
19 - Sunday	Kyle & Amy Edwards Family	Marena Henkle	Gabe Walk
22 - Wednesday	Lenten Service 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	Zach Badker
26 - Sunday	David & Candi Feldt	Special Music	Harmony Clark
29 - Wednesday	Lenten Service 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	Bridget Badker

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Judy & Earl Trenhaile

Kyle & Amy Edwards	Pat Clark
Steve McCready	Liz & Michael Schaub
Mike & Mari Momberg	Dale & Coleen Trettin
Rachel Rosenberg	Todd Trettin
Ben Tweeten	Jamie & Brandon Trenhaile
Duaine & Myra Dierks	Cory & Kim Hicken

ALTAR GUILD

Lisa Bartz

LAY MINISTRY

Jon Badker

COUNTERS

Lisa Bartz
Lori Marsh
Darren Marsh
Mike Cole

USHERS

Curt Schaub
Jon Badker
Cody Marsh
Darren Marsh
Mike Momberg

PA
Gary Schotanus
Randy Hulshizer

April 2017

April	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
2 - Sunday	Mark Fredrickson	Donna Schilling	Ryan Cole
5 - Wednesday	Lenten Service 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	Lily Walk
9 - Sunday	Paul & Alex Hackbart	Marena Henkle	Gracie Urbatsch
13 - Thursday	Maundy Thursday 1 pm	Charlotte Cole	x
13 - Thursday	Maundy Thursday 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Hackbart
14 - Friday	Good Friday 1 pm	Charlotte Cole	x
14 - Friday	Good Friday 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	x
16 - Sunday	Easter Sunrise Service 7 am	Marena Henkle	Emma Hicken
16 - Sunday	Rufus Glassel 9:30 Service	Marena Henkle	Brooklyn Hackbart
23 - Sunday	Jason & Jody Hackbart Family	Donna Schilling	Gabe Walk
30 - Sunday	Janis Hackenmiller	Marena Henkle	Zach Badker

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Doris & Albert Ralph

Suzanne Walk	Sheila Lundon
Caren & Curt Bartz	Luella Pagel
Raechel & Luke Fossey	Josh & Anna Rosenberg
Paul Hackbart	Sharon Walk
Carol Koschmeder	Jay & Jeannie White
Opal Diedrich	

ALTAR GUILD

Doris Ralph
Linda Kroneman
LAY MINISTRY
Kristy Arzberger
COUNTERS
Jane Dalluge
Orland Bartz

USHERS

Mark Fredrickson
Richard Neeley
Rusty Rustad
Steve McCready
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Holy Week Schedule April 9 – 16, 2017



Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship with Sunday School & Adult Choirs

Maundy Thursday 1:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion – in the Library

7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 1:00 pm Worship – in the Library

7:00 pm Worship with Choir



Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 – 9:15 am Easter Breakfast served by the Youth

9:30 am Easter Festive Worship Service with Holy Communion and Choir

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!