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FROM THE PASTOR

Luther and the Peasant Revolt

To be fair and honorable one must admit that not everything Luther touched turned to gold. Perhaps the most consequential of the decisions Luther probably would have liked to do over again is in regard to the so-called peasant revolt or peasant war. It is a tale of a great and tragic misunderstanding that cost the lives of many.

When the peasants rose up against the oppressive rule of the nobility and clergy in 1524, they believed they had the Reformer on their side. They took his slogan: *A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none*, literally, and felt emboldened to fight for their rights. In their gladness to have an important and influential man on their side, they disregarded – or perhaps did not understand – that Luther's treatises were written to describe the relationship between God and humanity not between oppressed folks and their oppressors.

The peasants had made up the majority of the German population for a long time. With their taxes and levies, the peasants had to support the nobility and clergy. Added to this, they often had to render other, additional services, for their landlords. The number of upper class personages

they had to support grew and the burden became ever more intolerable. Apart from this, the nobility drastically curtailed the "old rights" of the peasantry, re-appropriating former communal pastureland, forest and fishing areas, and demanding further levies for their use. An ever-greater number of peasants were unable to meet these obligations and forced into serfdom, making them completely dependent on their overlords and virtually without rights. Complaints were rarely taken seriously, instead - draconian penalties resulted from complaints.

These conditions were bound to lead to unrest. Sometimes peasants would gather in small protest groups in front of their rulers

and ask for help or even use primitive weapons. Such uprisings were put down by rulers, involving much bloodshed.

With the onset of the Reformation, the peasants took heart. They believed Martin Luther and his new doctrine to be on their side. His manuscript of 1520, "Of the freedom of a Christian", seems to confirm that they must no longer endure bondage or serfdom, nor the constantly increasing tax burden. They believed that "divine justice" was in their favor. They formulate their demands and distributed

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Harsh words, no doubt.



pamphlets. Central to that were the “Twelve Articles of the Peasantry in Swabia”. Among other things, they demanded the abolition of bondage, a lowering of services and taxes and the freedom to elect their own parish priests. Their demands were reasonable and mild and today we would see them as basic rights all people ought to enjoy. Yet, 500 years ago an amicable settlement could not be found due to the uncompromising position of the landlords. So rebellion broke out, village by village.

Martin Luther initially showed some sympathy for the peasants’ plight even though he did not believe they had a right to take the law into their own hands. But, Luther himself, in his “Admonition for Peace” in 1525, had criticized the “arrogant” attitude of the sovereigns. One could say that Luther was sympathetic to both sides and willing to point out the errors of both parties involved. Only when troops of peasants slaughter a Count and his escort, does the Reformer radically distance himself from the insurgents.

The Peasants’ War is the earliest socio-political mass movement in German history. The peasants rise up: from the Tyrol and Switzerland, through Alsace and Upper Swabia, to Franconia and Thuringia. “God leads us, follow, follow! Don’t let your swords grow cold...!” The radical reformer Thomas Muentzer takes the side of the peasants. For him, the end of the world has come when God shall punish the mighty and put a sword in the hands of the chosen so they can

establish God’s Kingdom on earth. Muentzer is a parish priest and stands for the violent liberation of the peasants. His attempt to unite various Thuringian peasant troops, however, fails. For clarity: Muentzer did not see eye to eye with Luther (nor with the Pope!) on many issues and Muentzer in most circles is simply regarded as a serious trouble maker. He worked hard at turning the peasants against Luther, calling him such names as “Dr. Liar”, “Dr. Pussyfoot” and “Dr. Easychair” ...not exactly names one would associate with Luther!

When Luther hears about Muentzer’s activities, he decides to travel to Saxony to restore peace. What he saw and heard frightened him. Saxony would be ruined if not something would change very soon. He wrote a very lengthy letter he titled “Against the Murderous and Thieving Bands of Peasants.” Using the strongest possible language, he urges the princes to take ruthless retaliation, fulfilling their God-given duty. “They must be sliced, choked, stabbed, secretly and publicly, by those who can, like one must kill a rabid dog.” Harsh words, no doubt. Luther applies, in true fashion, the “freedom of a Christian” to the spiritual and not to the secular area. And the princes did exactly what Luther put on paper. When Thomas Muentzer gathered about six thousand armed men, the princes took up the challenge and killed nearly five thousand of them and took the rest prisoner – only to behead them later on. Muentzer himself fled, was found, and beheaded also. With this battle the



Peasant War neared its end. But, by the time peace returned to Germany nearly 100,000 peasants and soldiers had lost their lives. And the peasants were not necessarily better off until much later.

Moreover, many peasants lost their faith in Luther. Although his strongly worded letter did not appear publicly until after the last battle was fought (where is Facebook when you need it!), the peasants blamed Luther for sending the princes and their armies against them. From that time on, many peasants looked to others for leadership. Luther, at the same time, lost confidence in the peasants and their ability to govern themselves and eventually turned to the upper class to help establish churches in Saxony.

Nevertheless, there can be no doubt that Luther felt horrible about the Peasant War, the loss of life and any direct or indirect role he played in the revolt. It is too easy to look at this conflict as an 'unintended consequence' of the Reformation as the suffering and loss was overwhelming. At the absolute very least it was an excruciatingly difficult lesson for Luther and his contemporaries in how our most sincere intentions can be misunderstood, applied wrongly and become the foundation of great suffering. For the church and 'the princes' today, may it stand as a stark reminder.

Peasants' Revolt

- ✱ The peasants initially saw Luther as an ally, asking him for support in their demands to end serfdom and for other economic reforms.
- ✱ Luther initially had sympathy for them, but when they invoked his name in their revolt he called them "unChristian."
 - ◆ For Luther, the freedom of Christianity lay in inner spiritual release, not revolutionary politics.
- ✱ The revolt was crushed, killing tens of thousands of peasants.

Annual Mission Fest

On Sunday, November 12th, we will celebrate/observe our annual Mission Fest. Our speaker is representing Food for The Poor, an agency we have encountered a few years ago.



The Rev. Carola von Wrangel is an Episcopal priest who has served churches in New York, Washington, Germany, and Tennessee. As an immigrant from Estonia to the United States, she and her family were helped tremendously by their sponsoring church, which was a spark for Pastor Carola's interest in mission work and especially Food For The Poor. Pastor Carola has been involved with mission work in the Dominican Republic, the Sudan and Northern Argentina. Before her Ordination, she was an attorney and mediator. She is the mother of two adult children and is fluent in three languages.

Next Sunday, Pastor Carola will preach during our worship service and give a presentation in our Fellowship Hall. As in the past, we will have a potluck to round out the morning and encourage you to attend all three gathering: worship, the presentation and the potluck. Our Stewardship Committee will be in charge of the day. Food For The Poor attempts to do their best to meet needs both physical and spiritual, as well as at the individual, family and community level. They provide food, housing, emergency relief and much more to the poorest of the poor. The agency feels a special calling – and uniquely equipped – to serve the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America.

Please use your Mission envelope from your contribution box or the envelope which will be handed out next Sunday in order to make a financial contribution of your choice. Emmanuel Lutheran has an outstanding record of supporting missions like the one we will hear more about next week.



The Church Council of ELC is calling a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th, 2017 immediately following our 9:30am worship service.

There will be three items on the agenda:

- 1) The Revision of our Bylaws.
- 2) A Continuing Resolution regarding Marriage.
- 3) The Repair of the East Wall of our Church edifice.

Please see the information mailed to you in a separate mailing in which you will find details regarding the matters we will discuss.



STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Perspective influences everything. We do not see our lives in purely objective terms. We are subjective creatures. We see through a filter. We have biases. We come from various experiences that have molded and formed us. We have certain personalities and those personalities alter our perceptions. Introverts see life differently than extroverts. Pessimists have a different take on life than optimists or even realists. If you struggle with depression, your sense of life takes on that gray sheen. If you are somewhat anxious, everything revs at a slightly higher speed.

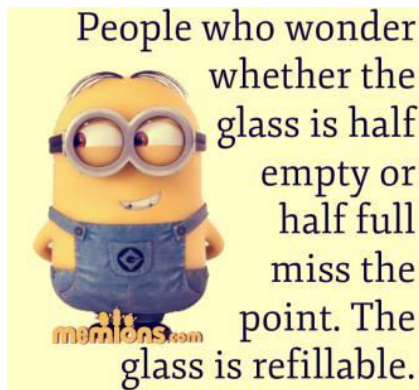
The way we perceive the world around us is the way we will receive it. We make a choice to look at a situation as a glass half full or half empty. As followers of Jesus we can look at how big our problem is or we can look at how

big our God is. We can focus on our circumstance or we can fix our eyes on Christ. We can look at our overwhelming situation or we can look at our overcoming Savior.

Paul the Apostle found himself faced with this same decision. In 2 Corinthians 6, he starts by listing how bad his situation is “in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger.” But Paul doesn’t stop there. In the second half of verse nine, he writes, “dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.” Paul chose to see “the bigger picture” in everything that he went through. He chose to look at his situations in faith and not fear.

It is sad to see people who live their life as if their glass is always half empty. You know what I mean: every “how are you” is greeted with a

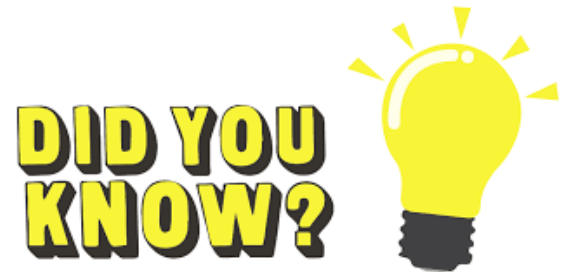
litany of how bad life is and what should be better if only.... Seldom do we see them smile and we fear that their hearts are devoid of joy. Truth be told: we all have days and moments like that and as I get older I fear that I come across those moments more and more often. How easy it is to focus on what is not rather than on what we can enjoy if we only would let ourselves...



Did you look at the image above? Rings sort of true, doesn't it? What we so often miss is the fact that God refills our glass – to the point of running over (remember Psalm 23 – you probably had to memorize it in Confirmation class). Indeed, some days are fuller, happier, healthier and more enjoyable than others. See St. Paul's words! As Paul could see the guiding hand of God in times of deep trouble, let us pray that we too might be filled with confidence in a God who continues to shower us with many blessings.

It is November, the month I truly dislike for its darkness, cold dampness and the promise of worse things yet to come! But, it also holds my favorite secular holiday: Thanksgiving! As I am plowing through this late newsletter, trying to recuperate from our glorious Reformation celebration which pretty much had me 'whipped', and realizing that I should be way further with preparations for Advent, Christmas and Lent (yes!), I have a deep sense of my glass being even less than only half empty. But then I

think of Thanksgiving and our worship here at Emmanuel as well as the traditional gathering at our son's home with old friends and a few 'new stragglers' joining the crowd and each one telling (because I insist!) what we are thankful for. Everyone already knows my answer: I am thankful that I am still able to walk and am not sitting in a wheelchair. By the time we are done telling our little tales, it will be very evident that our glasses are not only half full but running over. God will have refilled them over and over again throughout the year, between the valleys of death and mountaintop experiences of our days. I am ready to get my refill – may you hold out your glass to get yours! PZ+



...that we had 250 persons in worship for our Pan-Lutheran Reformation gathering on October 29th? Our offering, which will be given to LWR Disaster Relief, came to \$697.00 and after expenses were paid, the free-will meal offering yielded approximately \$250.00 for World Hunger.

...that the offering we collected at Emmanuel for the NALC Disaster/Hurricane Relief came to \$697.00 (nope – not a typo! – it just happens to be identical to the Reformation offering!)? Thank you to all who contributed to this highly important cause.

...that this year the Sunday after Thanksgiving is not the First Sunday of Advent as it has been the last four years? In 2017 Thanksgiving is followed by Christ the King Sunday, not preceded by it.

...that you should call the office if you did not receive a mailing with the written information for our November 19th Special Congregational Meeting?

...that our Sunday hymns are chosen by a Committee and our Pastor? Except for festivals and special occasions (i.e. a guest speaker), each Sunday's hymns are carefully selected by consideration of the texts for the day, the last time a hymn was sung, the assumed familiarity of a tune or the hope to learn a new one. By the time all is said and done, about half of the songs are chosen by the Committee and other half by Pastor Z.

...that the following is the article Pastor Z submitted for the Iowa Mission District newsletter regarding Anneliese Tisdale's book reading at Emmanuel? Here it is:



Over 40 people attended the event at Emmanuel. Anneliese read the introductory chapter of her book which set the tone for the discussion. The attendees were interested in a variety of subjects which ranged from personal questions about

Anneliese's family, to the sharing of recipes, to her opinion on whether and how the experience of the Holocaust has influenced the psyche of Germany in light of current political developments in Europe and the United States. In rather typical German fashion, Anneliese did not deflect or avoid even the potentially divisive issues but answered them openly and kindly. It was of interest to the hearers to learn that editors with whom she had worked discouraged both the addition of family recipes as well as the closing chapter of the book in which the author ponders the question of how and why Germans did not know about and/or did not do more to discourage the Nazi regime. Unwilling to compromise either matter, Anneliese self-published the book.

The afternoon was concluded with coffee and desserts and many remained for personal conversations and the sharing of experiences as to how one best gets

publishers to take a look at a manuscript. At almost 90 years of age, Anneliese impressed everyone with her strong physical ability in traveling the country side for presentations as the one in Grafton as well as her mental acuity and excellent memory.

Between the speaker and Emmanuel's Pastor, who grew up in Germany, participants had the opportunity to get reflections from two different German generations – the one living through the war and the one dealing with the aftermath. Both, of course, had unique challenges. Besides that, it became obvious both miss the same food from the 'old country'! All in all a good time was had by all.

...that while many people are observing the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Pastor Paul Arnold may be outdoing them all? The pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Palm Beach, Florida, has been collecting Reformation memorabilia for many years. He is now sharing his extensive collection with visitors to the Martin Luther Center created by his congregation.

"It's an informational place letting people know who Martin Luther was and what he did within the Church," he said. "The center is arranged chronologically. It's a visual experience." Pastor Arnold's collection started with a Luther medal from the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago that he was given 40 years ago. It expanded to more medals, then to postcards, German money, and stamps. His collection now includes eight stained glass windows, 1,500 framed pictures, 2,700 books, 30 movies, and 200 compact discs on Luther, the Reformation, and related matters.



"It's got to be one of the biggest collections in the United States," Pastor Arnold said. The collection includes authentic pieces dating to 1521, including an early edition of Luther's translation of the first five books of the Bible into German and a 1540 edition of Luther's Bible. The Martin Luther Center is housed in a 3,700square-foot building.

Back by popular demand: Our Live Nativity!



The date is Sunday, December 10th and the presentation will begin at 3 pm. Starting on November 12th you will be able to sign up for the part that fits you to a T!

We also will need helpers who provide some of the physical work of setting up and taking down and serve as technical crew. All sorts of talents are needed as we have seen in the past. Come, be part of this event that has become a beloved tradition not only at Emmanuel but also in the wider Grafton area. It is a wonderful way to share the Good News of the birth of Christ and reach out to our neighbors and friends. We hope you can help and share in the fun.



Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 has been set aside to greet New Members – if you or someone in your circle of family and friends is considering joining Emmanuel Lutheran Church as members – please speak with Pastor Zamzow (641-748-2736)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lutefisk Supper on Tues, November 14 at Emmons Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$16 and serving times are at 11am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Join us at a Baby Shower for Lisa (Hulshizer) and Jon Dolan on Saturday November 25 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a book for the baby to get entered into a raffle.



Come and join us for a time of reflection and songs on the Eve of Thanksgiving. November 22nd, at 6:30pm.

(To refresh everyone's memory: we are switching off between the Eve of Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day with our worship gathering in hopes to accommodate the many varying holiday schedules of our church families).

Our offering, by recommendation of the Stewardship Committee, will be given to *Food For The Poor*. The church building and office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday thereafter. May you enjoy a blessed time with your family and friends.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



We are again collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. See the boxes and additional information on the round table in the entry way.

We collected over 50 boxes last year — can we top this result? Your generosity will make a great difference in the life of a child. Please note that the shipping cost has increased from \$7 to \$9 this year. You still can do an on-line donation and track your box. Go to www.samaritanpurse.org for additional information and ideas for what to put in your box. The deadline to bring your box to church so we can deliver it to the Collection location in time is Sunday, November 19th when we will bless the boxes during worship. If your box will not be here you will have to arrange for the delivery yourself.

Standard Shipping Label:

Donate \$9 per box by check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. Print, cut, mark the correct age category, tape the label on top of your box.

Follow-Your-Box Shipping Label:

Donate your \$9 online and discover the destination of your shoebox. We'll email you a special Follow-Your-Box label to print and use. Later, you'll receive a notification about the destination of your shoebox gift.

***A donation of \$9 per box is critical to transport your gift and deliver it into the hands of a child in need.**

Instructions

- 1) **SHOEBOX-** Pick up a ready-made shoe box from the round table in the church entry.
- 2) **BOY OR GIRL-** Decide whether your gift will be for a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14
- 3) **FILL WITH GIFTS-** Fill the box with a variety of quality gifts that will bring delight to a child
- 4) **INCLUDE \$9 AND SHIPPING LABEL**
- 5) **PRAY-** Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.
- 6) **DROP OFF-** Drop off your shoebox no later than November 10th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.



Those of you who wish to share some toys that go to children in our immediate surroundings, are welcome to place toys in the large box in the entry way. We will collect between November 5th and December 10th.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

To the congregation and Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, a big thank you for being a part of the Share Shoppe.

Also thanks to Linda K, Charlotte, Clarice, Nicole, Doris and all of you that have worked this year.

Also, a big thanks to Pastor Z for giving of her Thursday afternoon, we had a work-out!

I appreciate each and every one of you for the good job you do. God bless you all for giving your time.

-Mona Pierce, Mgr.

I would like to thank the ladies of Emmanuel who helped serve refreshments after the Committal Service for Bob Trettin. I especially would like to thank Pastor Z for officiating at his Graveside. Her inspirational message continues to give us comfort and peace. We know Bob is now home, resting in the arms of Jesus forever.

-The Family of Robert Trettin

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Mitchell County Food Bank we wish to "Thank You" for your food donation valued at \$494.50 and your cash donation of \$500 to the food bank. We are very grateful to have the community support working with us to 'make a difference' in the lives of so many especially at this time of need and demand on our food bank and services. Those who are served by the Food Bank also greatly appreciate your support.

-Sincerely, Mitchell County Food Bank



THANK YOU STEWARDS

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

...to Lisa Bartz for serving on Altar Guild duty in the month of October.

...to those who gave flowers in the month of October.

... to those who repaired, painted and cleaned our sanctuary after the water damage we experienced. The following persons gave many, many hours of intense labor to this matter and we all owe them a significant debt of gratitude: Darren Marsh, Neil Hackbart, Jason Hackbart, Paul Hackbart, Calvin Thompson, Anna Rosenberg, Mari Momberg, Laurie Nack Bublitz, Gloria Hackbart and Liz Backhaus.

...to Albert Ralph for sprucing up our flower stands. They look wonderful! Thanks, Albert. He now is in the process of having our broken wheelchair repaired. Great job, Albert!

Thank you to Jeff Jessen at Grafton J-Mart for your continued support and help with the ordering and delivery of items to the local food banks. All items are sold at whole sale cost and delivery is free.



A tremendous word of THANKS to everyone at Emmanuel who helped make our Pan-Lutheran Reformation celebration last Sunday such a moving and edifying experience.

There were many individuals who offered up a hand here or there but we need to say a heart-felt word of gratitude to Charlotte Cole, Clarice Bartz, Sue Walk, Rufus Glassel, Rusty Rustad, Cory Hicken and Mark Borchardt. Thanks most certainly also to all of you who served, washed and wiped dishes, moved or cleared tables, to all singers who sang in the choir and everyone who helped teach the children their songs. However you contributed – be assured it was and is very much appreciated.

Soli Deo Gloria



The Reformation and Music – Readings from Romans 15:5-6; Colossians 3:12-17

Meditation: Pastor Christopher Staley, First Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar.

Hymn: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"
WOV #802

Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone – Readings from John 8:31-32 and Hebrews 4:12-13

Meditation: Pastor Solveig Zamzow, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton

Hymn: "Thy Strong Word"
LBW #233





Congregational Council Minutes for Sept. 12, 2017.

Meeting called to order by: JC Dawald- President

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Merlin Bartz-
Evangelism, Neil Hackbart- Property, Amy
Edwards- Christian Education, Sharon Hulshizer-
Lay Ministry, Jane Dalluge- Stewardship, Christa
Larson-Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Nicole Cole- Youth

Devotions: Amy Edwards

Education Segment: "Story in the Storm"- A narra-
tive from Hurricane Harvey.

Agenda review: M/S/C to approve agenda as pre-
sented.

Minutes: M/S/C to accept Minutes as corrected
*OSHA not *OSCHA.

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

Bills to be paid: M/S/C to approve the bills to be
paid.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor suggested to forego
her report as all matters she would discuss are
already on the agenda.

Board Highlights:

Youth & Christian Education- There are 34 kids
in Sunday School this year. Rally Day went good!

Lay ministry-Evangelism- Stewardship-

Membership review: None

Unfinished business:

- a) **Decision on Constitution Task Force recom-
mendations-** After discussion and explanation
of the process that led the Constitution Task
Force to its recommendations, M/S/C to accept
the recommendation of the Task Force and
add the NALC suggested wording regarding
Marriage to the agenda of the Special Con-
gregational Meeting. M/S/C to present the

recommended Bylaw changes for a vote to
the Special Congregational Meeting.

- b) **Finalize the date for Special Congregational
Meeting-** M/S/C to set the date for the Special
Congregational Meeting for November 19th
with three items on the agenda: a) Revision of
Bylaws; b) addition of Continuing Resolution
regarding Marriage; c) repair of the East Wall.
M/S/C to amend the previous motion to read:
if the representative from Morton Building is
not available on November 19th to serve as re-
source person, to move the date of the Meet-
ing to November 5th.
- c) **Clarification of vote requirements for East
Wall-** There does NOT need to be a super ma-
jority to make a recommendation pass.
- d) **Update on Pastor Zamzow's Ordination Anni-
versary-** We want to pack the pews with wor-
shippers.
- e) **500 Year Reformation- Update on plans for the
celebration-** The time has been changed from 3
to 4pm.
- f) **Update on wooden doors-** The doors will be re-
moved for repair the week of September 25th
- g) **Update on kitchen wall repair-** Have Colby
from North Iowa Wall Systems look at the wall
and give his recommendations.

New Business:

- a) **Food Pantry Distribution-** M/S/C- to give \$500
to both Mitchell and Worth County food banks
for food items and another \$500 in the form of
a check or non-food items
- b) **Next meetings devotion's preparer-** Jane Dal-
luge
- c) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, Octo-
ber 10th @ 7:00 pm)

M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson



Upcoming Dates:

- 1) TWC Meeting on Tuesday, November 21 at 9am.
- 2) November Bible Study will be on Tuesday, November 28th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sharon does have one book yet if anyone would like to purchase it for \$7.00. We will be studying Chapter 3: Satisfaction. So far we have learned to “Savor” and “Share” in our Living a Chocolate Life series. We have discussed the importance of *savoring* God’s precious gift of grace and then *sharing* the aroma of Christ with others. Join us for this most interesting and delicious study.

TWC (The Women’s Council) October 17, 2017

Charlotte shared devotions based on Psalm 86:1-13. The devotion was called “A Fan for Life” and told about a young boy who was a football fan, looking for a team who would like to have him as their fan. He sent out letters to thirty-two different teams and received only one response and he became their lifelong fan. This reminds us of our allegiance to the one true God. The meeting began with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from the September meeting were read and approved. Treasurer’s report shows \$4,370.75 in checking and \$6,061.06 in savings. There are a few outstanding bills and deposits. Thank you’s were shared from Pastor Z and Bridget Badker.

Old Business: LWR Projects: 21 school kits have been assembled, the Thrivent action project was completed online, Quilting days have

been scheduled. 2) LRH Bingo/Birthday party in September: All went well for the scheduled events and we thank all that volunteered to help in any way. 3) Yearbooks: Will go through individually and discuss at November meeting. 4) Anneliese Tisdale Event: On October 15th, had a good turnout with around 40 in attendance. She gave an interesting presentation and sold some of her books with a good fellowship afterwards.

New business: Kitchen painting project: Church president J.C. Dawald has contacted the ladies about helping to cover the cost of painting the damaged area in the kitchen. The council has approved the work to be done. Motion made and carried that we give \$1,000.00 at this time with more possibly to be given after reevaluating in November. 2) Reformation event: Will be Oct 29th here at Emmanuel. We will provide the bratwurst and hotdogs. Three new roasters have been donated by Sam Venechuk and will be used for this event.

Upcoming dates: Bible Study will be on Tuesday, October 24th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Reformation event on Sunday, October 29th at 4 p.m.; TWC on Tuesday, November 21st at 9 a.m.; November Bible Study on Tuesday, November 28th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Pray.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



**The Share Shoppe is in need of
blankets and large winter coats
for men and women.**

**Donations may be dropped off at the
Share Shoppe or here at ELC.**

TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for September 1-30, 2017

Current Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 2,837.76

Interest: \$ 4.23

Deposits: \$ 11,269

Expenses: \$11,169.72

End of month Balance: \$ 2,941.27

Benevolence Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 2,565.88

Deposits: \$ 835 (\$350- Hurricane Relief)

End of month Balance: \$ 3,400.88

Building Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 18,994.46

Deposits: \$ 560

End of month Balance: \$ 19,554.46

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 26,702.76

End of month Balance: \$ 26,702.76

Total of all funds in ELC: \$ 51,334.78

A Message to my Sponsor

Dear my sponsor,

I am happy for the gift that you sent to me. I was bought a she-goat and washing bar soap. Thank you very much.

I am doing well and happy to be part of your family. My mother sends you greetings and we all love you.

School is going on well and I am working hard next week we shall start our exams. How is the weather like where you are? Is there anything you want me to pray for you? Here the weather is warm and it rains, we don't have extreme weather here.

Will you write to me? I love reading your letters.

Your friend, Lawrence

*Our Sunday School kids support Lawrence through their offerings at \$38.00 a month.



Winter Hours

As of November 1st the church will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:00am until 7:00pm and on Sunday from 6:00am until 6:00pm.

That does NOT include days on which regularly scheduled events/meetings are to take place. If you need to gain access to the church building outside the listed hours, please always feel free to call the office, Pastor's cell phone or the parsonage and we will make sure that you can enter at your convenience. These somewhat limited hours are for the security of our building and the safety of our staff. We will return to our "Summer hours" on April 1st.

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church- Grafton, IA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:15pm- Confirmation 7pm- Choir	2 9:30am- Bible Study	3	4
5 All Saints' Sunday 22nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship with HC 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	6 7pm- Evangelism Committee Meeting	7	8 4:15pm- Confirmation 7pm- Choir	9 9:30am- Bible Study	10	11 
12 Mission Sunday 23rd Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	13	14 7pm- Council Meeting	15 4:15pm- Confirmation 7pm- Choir	16 9:30am- Bible Study	17	18
19 24th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship- Special Congregational Meeting 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School *Last Day To Bring in Shoe Boxes	20	21	22 6:30pm- Thanksgiving Service	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	24 Office Closed	25 1-3pm- Dolan Baby Shower
26 Christ the King Sunday 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- NO Sunday School 10:30 Hymn Committee	27	28 10am & 7pm- ENALCW Bible Study	29 4:15pm- Confirmation 7pm- Choir	30		



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Nov	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
Sun-5	Anna & Josh Rosenberg	Donna Schilling	Kaelee Hicken
Sun-12		Donna Schilling	Ryan Hackbart
Sun-19		Charlotte Cole	Lily Walk
Wed-22		Marena Henkle	Harmony Clark
Sun-26		Marena Henkle	Gracie Urbatsch

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Clarice Bartz

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

ALTAR GUILD

Emi Kuntz
Val Bork

LAY MINISTRY

Kristy Arzberger

COUNTERS

Dan Nack
Ben Tweeten
Jason Hackbart

USHERS

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

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Dan Nack
Joshua Rosenberg