

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR **IT'S COMPLICATED**

Are you ready for another Reformation tidbit as we are moving closer and closer to the actual day of the 500th Anniversary? If you are: here we go! ☺

The Pope's advisor was correct when he warned hundreds of years ago that giving folks the Bible to read for themselves would only end up in quarrels. One of the biggest quarrels Luther himself encountered was not with someone who vehemently opposed him from the outset but with a man who at one time had been a huge supporter and admirer of the Reformer: Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt, usually referred to as Andreas Karlstadt.

Karlstadt received his doctorate of Theology in 1510 from the University of Wittenberg and almost immediately became Dean and chair of the Theology Department. One year later he was named Chancellor of Wittenberg University. In 1512, it was Karlstadt who awarded Martin Luther his doctorate! One would not be unkind to note that Karlstadt probably was more

learned than Luther. He also studied in Rome, where he obtained the double degree in Canon and Civil Law.

A "secular" cleric with no official ties to any monastic order, his beliefs were challenged during his stay in Rome where he alleged seeing large-scale corruption in the Roman Catholic Church. He wrote a series of 151 theses (not be confused with Luther's 95 theses) that attacked Indulgences.

On June 1520, Pope Leo X issued the papal bull that threatened Luther as well as Karlstadt with excommunication. Both reformers remained steadfast and excommunication followed in 1521.

You would think after such experiences that Luther and Karlstadt would live happily ever after like two theological peas in a Reformation pod – but nothing could be further from the truth.

After the excommunication and while Luther was hiding at Wartburg Castle,

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Karlstadt worked toward reform in Wittenberg. On Christmas Day 1521, he performed the first *reformed* communion service. He did not elevate bread and wine, he wore secular clothing rather than vestments and purged all references to 'sacrifice' from the traditional Roman Mass. He shouted in German, rather than whispering the Words of Institution in Latin. He likewise rejected confession as a prerequisite for Communion, along with fasting, and let the communicants take both bread and wine into their often shaky hands. As the story goes, one man dropped the bread and was too terrified to pick it up. Even though Luther had already spoken of serving Communion 'in both kinds', to see and do it was entirely a different matter.

Karlstadt also convinced the Council of Wittenberg to order the removal of a number of images from the local churches. Perhaps somewhat defiantly, he married the fifteen-year-old daughter of a poor nobleman. The Pope ordered Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony (remember him from a few articles ago?) to undo the changes "Brother Andreas" (as he insisted he be called) had tried to implement.

Hearing of what Karlstadt did in Wittenberg certainly contributed to Luther's decision to leave the Wartburg and 'restore order'. He immediately gave eight sermons in which he stressed some theological similarities he still shared with Karlstadt, but urged caution and showed displeasure.

Here are words from one of Luther's



sermons: *"I may say that of all my enemies who have opposed me up to this time none have brought me as much grief as you, Karlstadt."* Ouch! This was a major turning point between the two men. Karlstadt soon became disillusioned with academic life and renounced his three doctoral degrees.

In May 1523, Karlstadt was invited by the church of Orlamünde to be its pastor.

Here he instituted all his radical reforms. Church music and art were set aside, clerical matrimony was preached, and infant baptism was rejected. Perhaps most importantly, in Orlamünde Karlstadt denied the physical but affirmed the spiritual presence of Christ in the communion. Nothing could have poured more oil on his fire with Luther who started to campaign against Karlstadt, denying his right to publish and preach without Luther's authorization. In June, Karlstadt resigned his job and a few days later Luther published a document declaring Karlstadt a dangerous sectarian with revolutionary tendencies.

In August 1524, Luther preached in the city of Jena. Karlstadt hid in the crowd and asked to see him. This led to the well-known confrontation at the *Black Bear Inn* that was recorded and published. They mainly argued over their positions regarding the Peasant revolt, whether or not Karlstadt was authorized to preach in Wittenberg during Luther's absence and did not see eye to eye on the importance of the Book of James...Karlstadt feared that Luther's teaching of justification by grace through faith would turn into a work because it would eventually lack love for one's

neighbor.

Still, when the Peasant War broke out and Karlstadt was threatened, he wrote to Luther and asked for assistance. Luther took him in, and Karlstadt lived secretly in Luther's house for eight weeks. (We will learn about the Peasant War another time.) Until his death from the plague in 1541, Karlstadt had long periods where he made a living as a farmer while still writing prolifically.

Why is Karlstadt important, you ask? His relationship with Luther shows how we often have the tendency to throw the baby out with the bathwater (no pun intended - the two men fought over infant baptism!). Luther knew that the reforms he had instigated were a major upheaval not only for church officials but surely also in the lives of faithful pew sitters. He was a pastor at heart and sought not to burden the consciences of the faithful any more than needed. Throwing out statues, ripping linens and vessels off of the altar and throwing stones at stained glass windows was not at the core of what was important to Luther – some of those things eventually changed to a greater or lesser degree but Karlstadt wanted to force it 'now'. For him outward matters became the focal point and by destroying symbols and art Karlstadt sought to change hearts and minds, showing no regard for the piety that was engrained in people and that needed the gentleness of time to change.

When I served in an area where over 80% of the people belonged to the Roman Church, I had an ongoing 'battle' with those who refused to do anything that remotely looked, sounded, or smelled like life in the Roman Catholic Church. Nobody wanted to be confused with facts. We could not have a late Christmas Eve service because 'they' had a Midnight Mass; we

could not use the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday because 'they' did it...you get the picture. My inquiry, whether we perhaps should give up belief in Jesus because 'they' believed in him, was ignored. Decades of mutual animosity had allowed both communities to forget why they did (or did not) this or that. The main concern was not to come across like 'the Catholics' or 'the Lutherans' – and that is only 25 and not 500 years ago!

I personally sort of blame Karlstadt for that – wink! Wiping out or not using what holds important meaning or soothes the soul for the sake of 'rightness' must be done with love and patience, forgiveness and understanding. Luther, certainly a hot-head himself, knew when to draw a line in the sand so his true message would not be lost. He knew it was more important for the people to know that they could not work themselves into heaven than to worry about the presence or absence of stained glass windows! The call not to pray to Mother Mary for one's salvation, would find more acceptance via gentle explanations than by taken a hammer to the Marian statue. Karlstadt's enthusiasm, well meant as it might have been, lacked the care for souls...and as such he serves as a reminder to people like me and finally, to all of us: don't throw the baby out with the bathwater!



Pastor Z+



NALC News

2017 NALC Convocation focuses on Discipleship and Reformation

More than 650 NALC members gathered August 9-11 for the 2017 NALC Convocation in Nashville, Tenn., around the theme, "Holding Fast: Being Reformed."

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation provided a focus for the Convocation. The leaders of the largest Lutheran churches in the world were featured speakers for the worship services. The Rev. Dr. Fredrick Onael Shoo, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, was the preacher for a festival service observing the Reformation anniversary. The Rev. Yonas Yigezu, President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, preached for the opening worship of the Convocation Mission Festival.

The Rev. Dr. James Nestingen and the Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder delivered keynote Bible study addresses on Reformation themes. The Rev. Dr. Jared Wicks addressed Martin Luther from a Roman Catholic perspective, and Carmen Fowler LaBerge addressed the Lutheran Reformation from a Reformed perspective.

The NALC Mission Festival began the Convocation under the theme, "Renewing Congregational Life Through the Word of God." Church leaders from around the world took part in a panel discussion on congregational life in their countries. Workshops addressed a variety of topics.

Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster

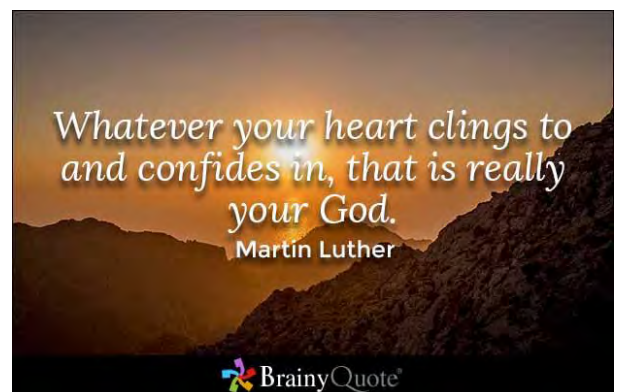
Response was a great success. So many supplies were brought for NALC Disaster Response that a larger truck needed to be obtained. Donated supplies included 400 quilts, 366 health kits, 112 school kits, 70 flood buckets, and 225 Bibles, in addition to gift cards, etc.

The Bishop Election process will remain the same as proposed constitutional amendments were not approved.

Elected to the NALC Executive Council

to four-year terms were Brian E. Sutton of Statesville, N.C., and Pastor Mark Braaten of Tyler, Texas.

2018 budgets were approved. The Convocation approved a \$2.1 million operating budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for NALC designated funds: \$543,000 for the Theological Education Fund; \$165,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$64,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. Budgets anticipate spending some cash reserves. Delegates also approved a resolution encouraging congregations to increase their benevolence giving to the NALC by at least 1 percent of their congregational budget annually.



Stewardship Musings

The following article comes to you courtesy of Facebook where it was publicized by Rev. Eric Swenson, an LCMC pastor (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ). It was written by Vishal Mangalwadi a social reformer, political columnist, Christian philosopher, writer and lecturer and has a very interesting take on how Katie Luther influenced the economy – clearly a Stewardship concern. You will read some of the facts of Katie’s life I have mentioned in previous articles in my Reformation series. It is a long but a good read. (I edited the article slightly for better understanding) Enjoy!

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MEET KATHERINE:

The Secret of the West’s Economic Success

Five hundred years ago my country, India, had more wealth than Europe. Then came a dramatic change. Some European countries began to develop faster than the rest of the world. What happened?

It is tempting to credit the West’s success to greed and guns, gems and steel. For these did play a role. A responsible analysis, however, would look at Katherine von Bora — a runaway nun who married a monk, Martin Luther. She began the change that Sociologist Max Weber discussed in his classic, “Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.”

Prior to this nun’s marriage, the Medieval Europe exalted celibacy and virginity, not marriage and family. Europe’s religiosity honored asceticism over enterprise. Katherine, who became Mrs. Martin Luther, changed that. She played a key role in creating the new world that respects marriage, commercial enterprise, and economic success.

The newly married nun and the monk had no money to buy a house. Her husband, a priest,



doubled up as a professor in the small University of Wittenberg. The German town had about 2,500 people. The local Prince, Fredrick the Wise, was the University’s patron. He gave the empty monastery to Martin and Katie Luther for he agreed with Luther’s study of the Bible that marriage was God’s sacred gift to human beings. Living in a large house created a problem: How was Katie to maintain it on her husband’s salary of a couple of hundred gulden a year?

Katie turned her home into a paying guest-house for young men studying at the University. That required her to feed 30-40 people every day. These included international guests, who came to meet Dr. Martin Luther. How do you feed so many people?

Katie became a gardener — growing her own fruit and vegetables. Then she went on to turn her home into an animal farm. Hers was the second home in town permitted to keep goats: for she learned how to manage her household’s man-power to keep her animals from destroying the neighbors’ gardens. Katie saved some money and then invested it in buying a second, third, fourth, and then the fifth piece of land. A creek flowed through one of the lands that she bought. Katie turned it into a fish-pond!

By 1542, the Luther's owned more real-estate in Wittenberg than any other citizen. Katie practiced the Bible's work-ethic that Luther talked about. Max Weber described that work-ethic as the most important factor behind modern economic progress.

Back then, cities did not provide clean drinking water. The goats and the cows did not yield the quantity of the milk that they now give. Therefore, the milk was primarily for the sick in Katie's large household. In order to provide safe drinks to her large household, Katie ran a brewery. One can still buy "Luther Beer" in Wittenberg's tourist market.

As soon as Katie bought a plot of land, she began developing it. Every farm needed buildings for agriculture as well as housing for her employees.

Therefore, Katie spent her married life supervising building construction. She mastered planning, purchasing, managing, negotiating, and accounting.

Had Martin Luther followed the Buddha as his guru, he would have remained a religious ascetic, begging for his food. But Luther followed the Bible. It taught that God was a worker, not a meditator. God created this wonderful world and made man creative like Him. God required Adam and Eve to look after the garden and the earth. Later, after liberating Israel from slavery, God commanded them to work for six days diligently and rest on the seventh.

The Bible condemned laziness as sin. Therefore, Apostle Paul left his pupil, Titus, in the island of Crete to transform their culture. Crete lived out Consumerism. They were known as "lazy gluttons," (Titus 1:12) for they coveted

more than they needed and did not work for what they consumed. Paul asked Titus to appoint Elders in Crete, who would model "good work" and teach believers to work hard and produce enough to bless those who were in need.

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The commandment, "You shall not steal" meant that every person had a fundamental right to the property that he inherited or created. While the state was responsible to protect a citizen's property, the family, church and the school were responsible to produce citizens that would not steal a neighbor's fruit, vegetable, animals or other goods. Nor should an employee

steal the milk, the eggs, the fruit, vegetables, or fish that belonged to their employer.

I grew up in North India. The land and the

climate were perfect for all kinds of fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs, and fish. These agro-products, in turn, could have created vibrant agro-industries. The average peasant did not grow fruit and vegetables because it was virtually impossible to protect his produce. Upper caste men would come to his farm in broad day light to help themselves to his produce. If he left his wife to protect his farm, she would be raped. In spite of such hardships, toiling Indians did produce wealth. The tragedy was that our caste-system, in a culture without the Ten Commandments, prevented my people from enjoying the fruit of their labor. During the 20th Century, Atheism governed Soviet Union's Communist Empire. Atheism did not believe that God had commanded, "You shall not steal." So it

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did not respect private property. Russia's atheist dictator, Stalin, took over citizens' agricultural land because atheism gives the State absolute power over citizens. Katie would have had no motivation to buy lands and develop them in an atheistic culture.

The Absence of the Ten Commandments created additional problems in India. Our people worshipped the cows, the land, and the rivers. That robbed them of the right to establish their dominion over nature. Our culture, that gave people the freedom to covet and steal, robbed citizens of the motivation to produce more. Katie's entrepreneurial abilities succeeded because the Bible created a different moral and philosophical culture.

Economics has become an extremely complicated subject now. Therefore, it is difficult for many well-trained economists to understand a simple secret of the West's economic success. That secret was a woman- Mrs. Katherine Luther. She did much more than feed a few dozen students. Every single day, Katie helped her husband disciple Germany's future spiritual leaders. She transmitted to German pastors the Bible's spirit of economic enterprise. That is the art of making money with whatever little you have.

Katie exhibited the art of managing money, saving money, investing savings, managing people and property to multiply talents. After eating dinner at her table, the students would often sit with her husband, asking questions and noting his answers. Katie's household was

producing more than food. It was shaping Germany's future intellectual and spiritual leaders. Centuries later, scholars such as Max Weber would continue to read the notes the men took and publish them as Martin Luther's Table Talks. Those informal, post-dinner discussions applied the Bible to everyday life, including the economic life of ordinary families. It was through those young men, disciples in Katie and Martin Luther's home, that the Bible transformed national economies.



Please Note

Our wooden front door will be refurbished by Wunderlich Woodworking of Mason City. The door will be removed the week of September 25th and the opening will be covered appropriately. Please use only the glass door entry or one of the side doors during that time. It should take about two weeks for the door to be returned. If you have questions, please speak to a member of the Property Committee. Thank you!

**The Church Council of Emmanuel Lutheran
Church, Grafton, IA**
invites you to join in the celebration of the
25th Ordination Anniversary of our Pastor,

The Rev. Solveig A. H. Zamzow

**on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at our 9:30 am
Worship Service**

**A light lunch and opportunity for conversation
will follow**

Pastor Zamzow was ordained on September 27th,
1992 at St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Donatus,
IA after a year as Supply Pastor at Calamus Lutheran
Parish, Calamus, IA. She has served the people of
God at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, IA;
Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI; St.
John's Lutheran Church, Little Suamico, WI and our
congregation since September 1st, 2012.

**If you are unable to attend this special day,
please keep Pastor Zamzow and her future
ministry in your prayers.**

Dear Members of Emmanuel: When the question
of how to observe her 25th Ordination Anniversary
was brought to our attention, Pastor Z was very
adamant that this milestone ought not be a
celebration of her person but an opportunity to
worship and praise God for the gift of our Savior,
Jesus. In respect and honor of Pastor Zamzow's
commitment to worship as the center of all that we
do, the Council encourages each and every one of
us to make a very special effort to worship on
September 24th. Let us fill the pews with joyful
worshippers! Invite others to come! We pray that
our gathering on that day will be an expression of
gratitude for the Word of God that has been shared
in our midst for well over a century and an
opportunity to give thanks to God that Pastor Z is in
our midst to share our faith journey.

-The Church Council

P.S. We will serve a lunch following worship and
provide grilled turkey sandwiches. Please bring along
a dish to share with each other and Pastor's invited
guests. For questions on the lunch, please see Linda
Koschmeder.


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you pastors
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
*knowledge &
understanding.*
JEREMIAH 3:15
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We are looking for two
delegates to the Iowa
Mission District Convocation
on Saturday, September
16th at Waterville, IA.
If you can consider serving
in that capacity, please see
Pastor for details.

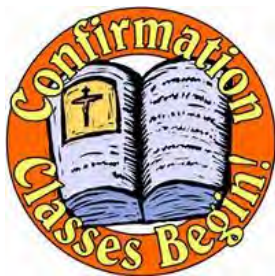


Sunday School News



Our 2017/18
Sunday School
will start with
our Rally Day on
Sunday,

September 10th at the Grafton
Park and Community Center
with worship and activities for
all ages as well as a potluck meal!
See email or texts for details.



As you are reading this, our Confirmation
Classes are in full swing. Please keep our
students in your prayers as they learn about
their faith and grow in it by studying Scripture,
converse with one another and Pastor and
become more and more active in the daily life of
our congregation. Our confirmands for the
2017/18 school year are Zach Badker, Ryan
Hackbart, Emma and Kaelee Hicken. Bless them
with a prayer and a word of encouragement on
their journey!



Iowa State University Department
of Music and Theatre presents

Marena Henkle – Soprano
(with Jodi Goble)

Sunday, September 17th
at 4:30 pm

Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall

Congratulations, Marena, on another
milestone to your success!

Please know that you are invited to
attend and hear Marena in her
special recital.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN

PRESENTS



SATURDAY,
September
16

S'MORES AND POPCORN @ 6:30 PM

MOVIE STARTS @ DUSK

POPCORN!

Come join us for some
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FIRE

Movie will take place in outdoor courtyard
at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton.
Please bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets.

"In the event of inclement weather the activities will take place indoors."

THANK YOU STEWARDS

...to the August Hospitality Team: Curt & Julie Schaub, Teresa Sorenson, Rufus Glassel, Katie Bass, Kayla Pappas, Marlin & Connie Rosenberg, Clarice Venechuk, Kara & Joe Walk, Larry Diedrich, Sam/Shelly/Katie/Nicole Venechuck, Jon & Kim Badker, Calvin & Sandra Thompson.

...to Merlin and Lisa Bartz who, together with Pastor, served as ELC delegates to the NALC Convocation in Nashville in August. Thanks for traveling and sitting in long meetings!

...to Doris Ralph for leading our Altar Guild.

...to Nicole Cole who represents us at the Share Shoppe in Northwood as a Board Member and a volunteer. Our Pastor is their pastoral advisor – so, we are well represented.

...to Tammy Borchardt for folding our bulletins every week and ‘stuffing’ the mailboxes.

...to TWC, Charlotte Cole, Clarice Bartz, Sharon Hulshizer and Emi Kuntz who are always seeking to inspire our women. Take a look at the offerings they are proposing for the next few months.

...to Teresa Braun, Kim Badker and Gloria Hackbart for joining one of our Counting Teams and to **Jane Dalluge** for many years of faithful service in that area of our ministry.

...to Jason Hackbart for being a ‘Good Samaritan’ when Pastor sought assistance for a person in distress.

... to the members of our Property Committee who had lots and lots of irons in their fire over the last several months. Kudos to all of you for your hard work, Neil Hackbart, Jason Hackbart, Paul Hackbart, Dan Nack and Calvin Thompson.

JOYS AND SORROWS



We extend our Christian sympathy to Duane Dierks and his family at the death of his dear mother on September 4th, 2017. May God’s comfort and peace be yours.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Thank you to all who sent cards, called, and were there to give notes of encouragement when Earl was and still is dealing with his knee replacement. Thank you to Pastor Z for her text messages and home visits. It was all greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. God’s blessings to all of you.

-Earl and Judy Trenhaile

Thank you to those who gave altar flowers for the month of August.

-The Altar Guild





**Be sure to keep October 29th
open on your calendar!**

At 4 pm in the afternoon we will gather for a pan-Lutheran commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The event will take place here at Emmanuel with a total of seven area congregations participating. There will be several vocal and instrumental music opportunities for interested volunteers during the Service of Word and Music. The worship service will be followed by a dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Please keep your eyes open for detailed information and to find out how you can help and/or participate in this incredible event. In preparation, be sure to read and re-read your monthly newsletters as Pastor Z has dedicated her articles to various aspects and people of the Reformation. This will be something you can share with your grandkids decades from now – don't miss it!!!



**Sept. 12th - 7:00 pm central
PBS premieres**

Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World nationwide on Sept. 12th at 8:00pm/7:00 central. The two-hour film brings to life Luther's 16th century quest to reform the church—a journey that would profoundly reshape western civilization. Starring Padraic Delaney (*The Tudors, Knightfall*) in the title role, the film follows Luther through the emotional highs and lows that marked his eventful life. Along the way, scholars offer commentary to give context to the story. Hugh Bonneville (*Downton Abbey*) narrates. In a quest for authenticity, every word of Luther's dialogue in the film was taken verbatim from his actual writings and speeches. Similarly, all filming was done in the castles, monasteries, and ancient churches of eastern Europe—chosen for their undisturbed 16th century heritage.





Immediate Needs List

JC Dawald, our congregational President, and John Wills from Northwood, are planning on traveling to the Hurricane area within a short period of time to see how they can be helpful through the NALC Disaster Relief. On that trip, which most likely is to be followed by another one, they want to take along as many needed articles as possible.

JC is also looking for one or two volunteers from Emmanuel who would be excited to help with the organization of the trip(s). Can you see yourself helping us get ready? You would not have to travel to Texas (unless you would so choose!) but secure supplies, etc. If you think the Lord is calling you to this task please speak with JC (or me).

The following list shows you how you can help by **PUTTING TOGETHER A FLOOD BUCKET** or provide items to be put into a bucket or any of the other suggested items or provide a gift card to the businesses you see listed below.

Flood Buckets: 5-gallon bucket with lid, 2 one-quart bottles of Bleach or a gallon of Bleach, Rubber gloves, Work gloves Large, heavy duty plastic bags (30- to 45-gallon size), Room deodorizer, Scrub brush, Sponges, 100-ft clothes line (or two 50-ft), Antibacterial soap, Scouring pads, Reusable wipes, Dust masks, Two 25-oz (or

one 50-oz) liquid laundry soap, Disinfectant, liquid soap, Insect repellent spray

Other needed items: Shovels, Rakes, Garden hoses, Tarps, Tools to remove debris (such as wet flooring), Mops, Gas cans, **BIBLES**, Bottled water, Baby diapers and formula, Feminine hygiene products, Hand sanitizer gel or wipes, Non-perishable food items, Pet food, Paper plates, plastic eating utensils, paper towels, **AND Gift Cards** (Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart).

Please bring any items you wish to contribute to Emmanuel not later than Sunday, September 10th.

If and when JC returns to Texas for the second time, there may well be another opportunity to help.

May God bless givers and gifts. If you cannot be of assistance, please keep the people of Texas and Louisiana in your prayers.

Also, by the same measure, let us not forget the citizens of Montana who are struggling with massive fires and great loss as well. The Lord is putting many things on our hearts and before our eyes these days. Let us glance across and see where God might want to include us in His plan. Be blessed, be safe, be well and "Thank you"

- PZ+



Congregational Council Minutes

ELC- July 11th, 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, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Darren Marsh-VP, Nicole Cole- Youth, Jane Dalluge- Stewardship

Devotions: JC Dawald- President

Education Segment: Pastor Zamzow- Water Mission information and request

-M/S/C for Water Mission to be added to the August agenda under Old business.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor thanked Merlin Bartz and Mark Borchardt for leading worship service while she was on vacation. Discussed contracting LP from Johnson Oil at 7,500 gallons for the church and parsonage properties, arrangements to be made by property committee. Discussed the request for a "Freedom Rock" donation, Council decided to take no action at this time.

Board Highlights:

Property- Recommendation of the committee to not add an air conditioning system to the entryway.

M/S/C to not install entryway air conditioning system based on recommendation by property committee.

Getting bids on repairing the West wooden doors and the East stone wall.

The windows in the new addition of the church need to be replaced.

Christian Education- Still need Sunday School teachers.

Youth- Estimate for hardwiring internet to youth room \$250-300.

-M/S/C to hardwire internet to the Youth Room

Lay ministry- No Report

Evangelism- No Report

Stewardship- No Report

Membership review: None

Unfinished business:

- a) Insurance agent Dennis Rustad spoke about the Dalluge life insurance policy.

-M/S/C to review the Annual report for Dalluge policy and place on the agenda for January, 2018.

- b) Reviewed the Face Book page for ELC.
- c) Youth- Internet hard wiring.
- d) Allen Schultz undesignated memorial money- Council decided to take no action at this time.
- e) No update on 500th Anniversary of Reformation plans for October.

New Business:

- a) Cemetery committee seeks approval before they can apply for a WCDA grant.

-M/S/C for the ELC council to give their support for the desire of the cemetery association to apply for a grant to fix drainage issues prior to the paving of the road.

- b) Next meeting devotion's preparer is Sharon Hulshizer.
- c) Next month's meeting will be on August 15th at 7:00pm.

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

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson



"I downloaded them from the cloud"

TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for July, 2017

Current Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$2,188.85

Interest: \$ 4.16

Deposits: \$ 10,746

Special Offering: \$ 1,232.41

Expenses: \$ 10,317.57

End of month Balance: \$ 3,853.85

Benevolence Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$2,690.86

Deposits: \$ 165

End of month Balance: \$ 2,855.86

Building Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$16,854.46

Deposits: \$ 240

End of month Balance: \$ 17,094.46

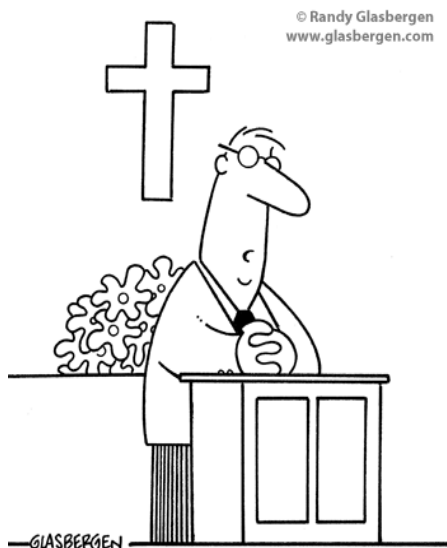
Gifts and Memorials

Beginning of month Balance: \$25,470.35

Deposits: \$ 0

End of month Balance: \$ 25,470.35

***Total of all funds in ELC: \$ 49,274.52**



"Forgive us our debts as we forgive those who call to harass us about our debts..."



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bethel's Fall Chicken Noodle Supper will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 4:30-7:00pm. Featuring Bethel's famous chicken & noodles, sides, salads, pie and drinks. Cost: \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Kind. - 4th Grade, Free for Preschool.

Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary 32nd Annual Fall Festival Fair will be Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 9-11am in the LRH Chapel- 701 9th St. North, Northwood. There will be baked goods, produce, crafts and drawings for a quilt and other prizes. Tickets for the drawings are available from Auxiliary members and LRH Activities Staff.

Trinity United Methodist Women of Bolan Bazaar & Luncheon will be on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 2017 in the lower level of the Bolan Schoolhouse. Bazaar from 8:30am - 1:00pm and Luncheon from 11:00am-1:00pm. \$6 for adults, \$3 for K-12 and preschool free.



Living a Chocolate Life



Maybe you will recall the 1994 movie *Forrest Gump*, in which the lead character Forrest Gump (played by Tom Hanks) says "Mama always said **life** was like a **box of chocolates**. You never know what you're gonna get."

Well, the Women of Emmanuel are diving into chocolate this Fall. Really! *Living a Chocolate Life* is a Women's Bible study that warmly invites all to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether you're sampling bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds you that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior—and it is only He who can truly satisfy.

Aside from studying, we will eat chocolate, learn about chocolate, share chocolate recipes and do 'all things chocolate' like only chocolate lovers can do. If you don't like chocolate (really?) we will find something else for you to munch on.

You can receive a participant book from Sharon Hulshizer for the sweet price of only \$7.00. Our study days for the rest of this year are Tuesdays, September 26, October 24, and November 28. We will meet twice, at 10 am and at 7 pm. Choose the time that works best for you.

Optional: If you would like, for our first meeting in September, bring along your favorite chocolate recipe or chocolate item...Hershey's kisses?...scrumptious European chocolate bars?...Death by Chocolate dessert?...chocolate-covered nuts?...coffee and tea will be on the table. Sweet chocolate dreams until we meet!



NOTES

- 1) Ladies-September is our month to volunteer to help with Bingo on Fridays at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. There are five Fridays this year for us to fill and some of those dates have been. If you are able and willing to help out, please contact Charlotte Cole with any questions.
- 2) TWC meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 9 a.m.
- 3) New Women's Bible study will begin on Tuesday, September 26th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.



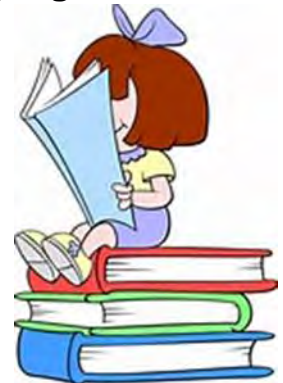
LOVERS OF BOOKS AND STORIES – LISTEN AND LOOK!



Anneliese Tisdale was born in Germany. In 1947, she came to the United States as a war bride and became a U.S. citizen in 1950. She received BA and MA degrees from the

University of Iowa. After her retirement from the Cedar Rapids public schools, and at the urging of her children, she wrote her first book, *Christmas Trees Lit the Sky*, her memoir about growing up in World War II Germany. The book vividly describes her family's struggle to survive the war, as well as the Nazi regime, during some of the most defining times of the twentieth century.

Anneliese has presented numerous readings, discussions and book signings in libraries, schools, and clubs in Iowa, Missouri and Ohio. She was invited to give the 2014 Memorial Lecture for the Wartburg College History Honor Society. Anneliese was pleased to do a book signing with Markus Zusak, author of *The Book Thief*, in connection with the Linn Area Reads Book of the Year. She is currently writing about her life as a newcomer to the United States.







We are extremely excited to invite you to spend a Sunday afternoon October 15th, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock – with one another and Anneliese Tisdale for a time of reading and a fascinating conversation about writing and the subject matter of Anneliese's book: life under the Nazi regime. Find out how Anneliese even has a connection to the Grafton area! All members of Emmanuel and the wider community are most welcome to attend this event! Coffee and Pastries will sweeten our time together.

-The Women's Council



September 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church- Grafton, Ia

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 13th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship	4 Church & Offices Closed	5	6 4:15 pm- Confirmation 7:00 pm- Choir	7  9:30 am- Bible Study	8	9
10 14th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 am – Worship at Grafton park followed by Games and Potluck 7:00 pm- Community Choir	11  <u>PZ out of the Office today</u>	12 10:00 am- PZ at Manly 7:00 pm- Church Council	13 4:15 pm- Confirmation 6:00 pm- Bible workshop-2nd Grade 7:00 pm- Choir	14 9:30 am- Bible Study	15	16  6:30 pm - Popcorn, S'mores and Drinks Movie at Dusk Mission Dist. Convocation
17 15th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am – Fellowship 10:40 am- Sunday School & Logos Legos	18 <u>PZ On Vacation</u>	19 <u>PZ On Vacation</u> 9:00 am- TWC	20 4:15 pm- Confirmation 7:00 pm- Choir	21 9:30 am- Bible Study	22	23
24 16th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 10:40 am- Sunday School 25th Ordination Anniversary of Pastor Zamzow 	25 6:30 pm- Y&E Meeting	26 10:00 am & 7:00 pm ENALCW Bible Study	27 4:15 pm- Confirmation 7:00 pm- Choir	28 9:30 am- Bible Study	29 2:00 pm- PZ at Good Sam's	30



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Sept	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
3		Marena Henkle	Zach Badker
10	Calvin and Sandy Thompson	Marena Henkle	Harmony Clark
17	Curt and Julie Schaub	Charlotte Cole	Harmony Clark
24	Marlin and Connie Rosenberg	Donna Schilling	Gracie Urbatsch

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Charlotte Cole

Neil & Donna Hackbart	Keven & Sandy Breusewitz
Mark & Belinda Borchardt	Nicole & Michael Cole
Tyler & Cari Johanns	Ray & Neoma Smidt
Holly Bruesewitz	Chris Paulson
Phil & Gloria Hackbart	Steve & Brenda Trenhaile

ALTAR GUILD

Doris Ralph
Mavis Stevens

LAY MINISTRY

Val Bork

COUNTERS

Orland Bartz
Teresa Braun
Kim Badker
Gloria Hackbart

USHERS

Kevin Bruesewitz
John Bork
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