

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## February 2018

### FROM THE PASTOR

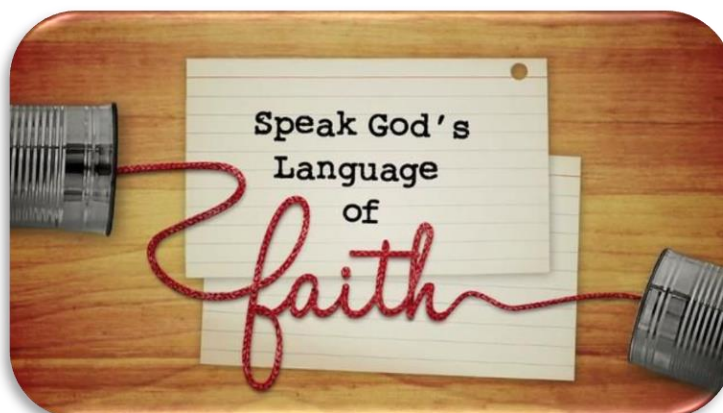
#### **What Language Shall I Borrow?**

She stepped into my office with an apology for disturbing me and the explanation that her grandmother had thought I might speak with her. Immediately, after I offered her a seat, she got to the point of her visit by asking: "Who is Jesus?" At first I was not sure if this was one of those infamous 'tests' we pastors sometimes are subjected to in order to see if we are 'orthodox enough' (I later actually apologized to her for my unspoken assumption). But Ann (not her real name) was serious – she truly wanted to know the basics, as in: when did Jesus live, what do we know about him, why do we have a Bible that talks about him, what is he going to do for us today and what happens if somebody doesn't even care about Jesus? Living in an abusive relationship with two small boys, Ann had never been exposed to any religion or faith concept. The only person in her life who had been baptized and spent a few childhood years in the Roman Catholic Church was her

maternal grandmother - the one who lived down the road from our church outside Green Bay and had heard about me.

Let me tell you that it is not easy to start this kind of a conversation! Every time I used a word that rolls like water off of my tongue and your tongue (for example: salvation, disciples, Holy Spirit) I had to stop and explain what I was talking about. This was not a short, one-time meeting as you can imagine. Rather, we started out with looking at a Children's Bible and moved to watching videos and movies about Jesus and his life and the early church. After a few weeks I gave Ann her first 'real' Bible and she started attending our weekly Tuesday noon Women's Bible Study where the women embraced her like a long-lost daughter. To make this very long story a bit shorter: after several months of meetings with me and attending Bible Studies and worship services,

Ann wanted to be baptized and have her sons baptized likewise. The boys' father, a Buddhist, eventually gave his consent and on a sunny summer Sunday morning Ann and her boys became members of the household of God



– with the women of her Bible Study group serving as witnesses and godparents!

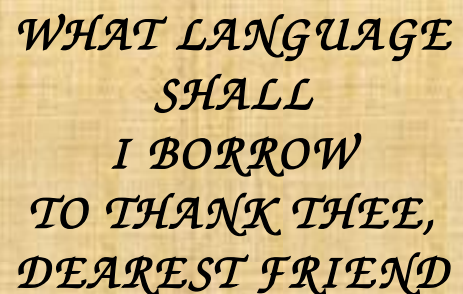
This heart-warming true story actually points to a very significant deficit in our world: there are many people who do not speak our language. Of course, they speak English but they ‘don’t get church speak’. I am not even referring to peculiar days and seasons like Pentecost or Epiphany! No, like Ann, many are unfamiliar with the very basics that are ‘duh’ words and phrases for you and me. When Ann walked into my office there was no way I could have shown off my knowledge by eloquently waxing about the incarnation! The incar... – what? Of course, you and I know what we mean (well, maybe most of the time) but for many in today’s world we are speaking in code and might as well converse in Aramaic, the language of Jesus’ world!

Surely, the reasons for such lack of awareness ranges from the institutional church’s failure to communicate boldly, all the way to very personal decisions people are making. It would probably be fairly useless to dissect this too much. Rather, we perhaps need to focus on finding a remedy so the future will not be shrouded in total mystery for those who want to know who Jesus is.

My contention would be to start with ourselves and those entrusted to us. Before we take out huge ads in the newspaper and send flyers to thousands of households in North Iowa, let’s make sure we are sharing our ‘church speak’ with the next generation. Yes, our kids and grandkids. Our kids are able to soak up the faith! If they can memorize the theme song from the latest Disney movie they are absolutely capable of remembering that Jesus had 12 disciples – they just need the opportunity to hear about it as often as they listen to the Disney song. If our sons and daughters can figure out the strategies that come with playing football, baseball or volleyball, you bet your sneakers, they can follow concepts like ‘redemption and sanctification’ as they grow up.

It is not easy to ‘compete’ with the world around us. So many things that surround our children look much more inviting than learning about Jesus. I get that – I know you do too! It is only thanks to men and women in my life and in your life that we speak and live the language of faith so the giver of faith can be praised, worshipped and served.

I invite you to do the same favor for a child and/or youth in your life. Don’t let the faith language become like a fossil of days gone by. If the language goes, the stories go and if the stories leave us our faith will become empty. Let me assure you: it is anything but easy to answer the question, “Who is Jesus?” when you do not share a common vocabulary with your conversation partner!



*WHAT LANGUAGE  
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TO THANK THEE,  
DEAREST FRIEND*

**What language shall I borrow to thank  
Thee, dearest Friend, For this, Thy  
dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and should I  
fainting be, Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love for Thee.**

-PZ+

**Join us for a  
"LOVE IN CHRIST"  
Valentine's Day Dinner  
on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**



**We will enjoy a catered Lasagna Dinner with salad and dessert and home-made Mac and Cheese for kids.**

**Please plan on a \$5.00 donation for adults and \$2.00 for kids over the age of three. Sign-up in the narthex, entry, or Fellowship Hall.**

**Following the dinner, at 7 pm, we will observe the beginning of Lent with a Holy Communion Family Worship Service.**

In the early stories of martyrdom, three different St. Valentines are mentioned. Unfortunately, the historical record is sparse. The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II. Eventually, he too was arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded in 270 A.D. In addition, it is said that he defied an edict from the emperor who had declared that young soldiers had to remain single so as not to be deterred from their mission. Valentine secretly performed marriage ceremonies for

couples. While in prison, legend has it, that Valentine healed the blind daughter of his jailer who then became a Christian. The story goes that the last words Valentine wrote were in a note to the young daughter, signed "from your Valentine." Others suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons. In 469, Emperor Gelasius declared February 14<sup>th</sup> a holy day in honor of St. Valentine (taking the place of a festival dedicated to the pagan god Lupercus which until then was observed one day later). This allowed Christianity to take over some of the celebrations of love and fertility which had previously occurred in the context of paganism.

The second St. Valentine we know of was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, close to Rome). He too was arrested, scourged, and decapitated, again suffering persecution during the time of Emperor Claudius II.

The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa. However, nothing further is known about this saint. In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

Valentine's Day found an additional impetus for celebration during the Medieval Age. A common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair "half-way through the second month of the year", prompting the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection.

Either way, even with sparse historical evidence, the origins of this day are connected to faith, commitment to God and neighbor. Indeed, such faithfulness and love is often particularly expressed in our relationships with "loved ones". However, it certainly also includes the love in Christ we share with brothers and sisters in the One who died for us all.

# STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS



## **The Pesky Question of WHY, not so pesky after all?**

I came across the name of Simon Sinek who apparently is a well-known leadership guru (?). He wrote a book under the title of “Start With Why”. In the book he observes that most businesses often start with the “what” and “how” of their enterprise. Not so Apple Inc.! Surely, Apple has cornered much of the personal computing, tablet and mobile phone markets. However, as Mr. Sinek asserts, this is not because their products are superior to others. Rather, he argues, it is because Apple has made a commitment to share the WHY of their business. They have committed to loftier goals than just making functional devices and spent millions of dollars communicating this WHY to the public. This has resulted in an almost religious devotion among their customers. Apple has communicated, and the people have embraced the WHY!

If Mr. Sinek’s theory can be applied to Stewardship in the religious realm, we might have to rethink how we approach it! Are we spending too much time worrying about the HOW and WHAT?

If we start our efforts with the WHAT, we see Councils and Stewardship Committees fretting over whether they have done enough to get people to contribute so the budget,

the building and any particular need that arises, may be taken care of. While we do not have an annual Stewardship drive at Emmanuel, nevertheless, we do ‘practice our math’ a bit by looking at numbers from the past, evaluating trends and finally hope, pray and trust that somehow all needs will be met. Just days after accepting our 2018 Budget you know we are living ‘lean’ but careful to honor our responsibilities, recognizing that even non-profit entities like congregations must respect economic realities.

I suppose my monthly Stewardship Musings fall into the category of the HOW. Stewardship programs do the same. Information about growing in our giving step by step or percentage by percentage each year, or the ever-dreaded home visits, all are addressing the HOW.

The WHAT and HOW of stewardship to a certain degree do have value in our life together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Some things have to do with cold, hard, raw numbers that create our reality. We cannot spend what we do not have and while we always must be willing and ready to take a leap of faith when looking at our financial life, we still need to be mindful of the fact that we live this side of the Resurrection – meaning, our selfish nature often takes over.

Going back to Mr. Sinek, he is convinced that starting with WHY focuses on the very basic needs and passions of the individual. When a company can produce a product that is not only functional, but allows the consumer to actually feel that he/she is engaged in the process and makes a difference, a much deeper customer loyalty will result.

If we do that with our Stewardship efforts, we start with the basics: God made us and, in Holy Baptism, recreated us to be stewards of all things He bestowed on us. That does not say all that much about money but says much about being faithful. As





I have stated often, as stewards we are caretakers and managers of the gifts which the Lord has entrusted to us. Of course, the most important one is always the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our task is to be faithful with all gifts the Lord has entrusted to us. This faithfulness enables us, by the grace of God, to share the good message of the Gospel near and far, for purposes right in front of our noses and for those which reach into corners of the world we will never see for ourselves.

It is then precisely the good news of Jesus which constitutes the WHY behind our Stewardship efforts. Stewardship is not about our benevolence, our goodness and generosity toward others but about the benevolence, goodness and generosity of God toward his creatures, us, redeemed sinners that we are. We simply share what has been given to us in the first place. That's WHY!



**So proud of our Logos Legos youth group and support of our congregation!**

Our group did a bake sale before and after church on Dec. 3, 2017 earning a total of \$245. We were raising money for families across the globe through World Vision Organization.

We matched dollar for dollar of those donations and with those \$490 we were able to buy 11 families bed nets and \$1,960 of medicine! Thanks to all for spending the time to impact families around the world. God is great and his work through you will be felt around the world!

## **ENALCW Soup Supper**

**Sunday, March 4 from 4-7 p.m.**



**Chicken & Dumpling soup, Chili, and California Medley soup to be served, along with homemade pies and desserts.**

**Bake sale and White elephant sale.  
Free will offering.**



## THANK YOU EMMANUEL

**We really appreciate your generous donation of \$50.** Your generosity helps keep KCMR Radio on the air.  
**-KCMR Radio**

**Thank you for your generous donation of \$337.** Because of your support, we can continue to offer our prevention & intervention to those in need.  
**-Crisis Intervention Service**

**We are deeply grateful for your support and your gift of \$150.** We appreciate your concern for the children we serve and helping us move them on to a better life.  
**-Orchard Place**

**Thanks to your generous donation of \$337 to LSI,** we can provide critical mental health services, education for parents, support lowans with disabilities and more.  
**-LSI (Bremwood)**

**Thanks so much for your contribution of \$300.** Your gift helps us provide many varieties of services to meet individual needs.  
**-One Vision**

**Thank you for your gift of \$118.74.** Your support is making a big difference in the lives of those we serve.  
**-Lutheran World Relief**

**Thanks for your donation of \$84.** We greatly appreciate your support in this time of need and demand.  
**-Mitchell Co. Food Bank**

**Thank you for your donation of \$300 to our ministry.** It helps to provide free care and services to comfort our troops, veterans, contractors and their families.  
**-LMVFM**

**Thanks for your generous donation of \$300.** Your gift allows us to provide quality and comfort end-of-life care in both the patients home and our inpatient unit.  
**-Hospice of North Iowa**

**Thank you for your gift of \$350 in 2017.** From class lectures to group field experiences our students are reminded of the privilege it is to study and prepare for the work God has called them to do. We are so grateful for your continued prayers and faithful giving as we work together in preparing our students for parish ministry.  
**-North American Lutheran Seminary**

## THANK YOU STEWARDS

**... to the January Hospitality Team:** Doris & Albert Ralph, Suzanne Walk, Caren & Curt Bartz, Raechel Fossey, Paul Hackbart, Carol Koschmeder, Sheila London, Luella Pagel, Josh & Anna Rosenberg, Sharon Walk, Jay & Jeannie White and Opal Diedrich.

**...to Val & Brianna Bork** for serving on our Altar Guild for the month of January.

**...to our January Counting Team:** Myra & Duaine Dierks, Laurie Nack Bublitz and Michael Cole.

**...to Jason and Ryan Hackbart and Neil Hackbart** for clearing the sidewalks at the church and parsonage throughout the month of January. It is absolutely appreciated!



### Church Committees

**...to those who finished two consecutive terms on standing committees:** Jason Hackbart (Property), Neil Hackbart (Property), Elizabeth Schaub (Youth), Jane Dalluge (Stewardship),

Teri Sorenson (Stewardship) and Alan Stevens and Ramie Kuntz who both concluded one term on the Evangelism Committee. Thank you very much indeed for your time, effort and commitment to Emmanuel Lutheran and our Lord!

**...to those who agreed to serve a second term:** Amy Edwards (Education), Kim Badker (Education), Merlin Bartz (Evangelism), Calvin Thompson (Property), Sharon Hulshizer (Lay Ministry), Val Bork (Lay Ministry), Philip Hackbart (Lay Ministry), and Nicole Cole (Youth). Thank you for your agreement to serve!

**...to those who are joining for a first term:** Michael Cole (Property), Duane Rustad (Property), Ramie Kuntz (Property), Janis Hackenmiller (Evangelism), Julie Schaub (Stewardship), Marena Henkle (Stewardship), Yvonne Tourtellott (Stewardship), Jaime Trenhaile (Youth) and our 2018 Nominating Committee: Clarice Bartz, Laurie Nack Bublitz, Brooke Stiles, Orland Bartz. We are excited for your

willingness to serve and pray blessings upon you!

...to those who already have and will for 2018

**faithfully tend to the tasks at hand:** JC Dawald

(President), Darren Marsh (Vice-President), Pat Clark, Julie Schulz and Kim Hicken on the Education Committee; Ben Tweeten and Marsha Pettey on the Stewardship Committee; Abbie Steinberg, Candi Feldt and Jody Hackbart on the Youth Committee; Kristy Arzberger and Jon Badker on the Lay Ministry Committee; Daniel Nack and Paul Hackbart on the Property Committee; Myra Dierks and Sandy Thompson on the Evangelism Committee. Well done, good and faithful servants©



...to those who will

**comprise our 2018**

**Leadership roster:** Council

members are Merlin Bartz,

Sharon Hulshizer, Ben

Tweeten, Amy Edwards, Nicole Cole, Paul Hackbart.

Darren Marsh and JC Dawald who are Officers.

Committee Chair persons are: Ben Tweeten

(Stewardship), Philip Hackbart (Lay Ministry), Daniel

Nack (Property), Jody Hackbart (Youth), Merlin Bartz

(Evangelism), and Amy Edwards (Education). May

God's richest blessing rest upon you as you lead and

guide our actions and decisions!

## **TREASURY REPORT**

**Financial Balance Information for**

**December 1-30, 2017**

### **Current Fund**

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 393.74

Interest: \$4.18

Deposits: \$28,017.07

Expenses: \$ 15,350.96

**End of month Balance: \$ 13,064.03**

### **Benevolence Fund**

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 3,828.88

Deposits: \$363

Expense: \$ 4,189.94

**End of month Balance: \$ 1.94**

### **Building Fund**

Beginning of month Balance: \$12,987.80

Deposits: \$6,115

**End of month Balance: \$ 19,102.80**

### **Gifts and Memorials**

Beginning of month Balance: \$ 26,139.95

Deposit: \$100

Expense: \$77.76 (Happy Acres)

**End of month Balance: \$26,062.19**

**Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran Church:**

**\$ 58,230.93**

## **PANCAKE BRUNCH - For VBS Expenses**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Bethel United Methodist Church, Manly**

### **FREE-WILL DONATION**

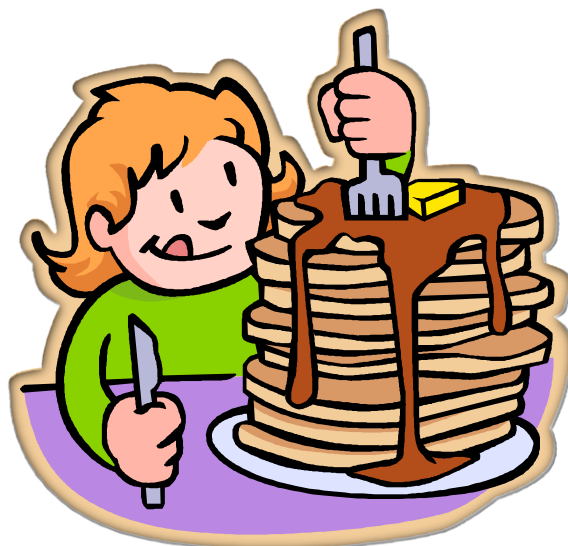
Funds go toward Vacation Bible School

***"ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE"***

***Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!***

**to be held June 4 - 8, 2018, in Bolan, Iowa**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES  
SAUSAGE, FRUIT, OJ, MILK, COFFEE**



“Not as I will, but as you will,” Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God’s will in our lives. We will begin the series of contemplation on Ash Wednesday with **“God’s Will and God’s Promise”**. The weeks of Lent will be followed by **“God’s Will and my Inadequacy”**, **“God’s Will and my Dreams”**, **“God’s Will and my Identity”**, **God’s Will and my Worldview”** and finally, **“God’s Will and my Response”**.

On **Ash Wednesday** our service will include the **Imposition of Ashes as well as Holy Communion**. The Lenten services will be preceded each week by a Simple Supper between 5:30 and 6:45 pm and we thank our various Committees and the ENALCW for once again providing the food.

Originating in the fourth century, the season of **Lent** spans 40 weekdays beginning on [Ash Wednesday](#) and coming to a ‘crisis’ during Holy Week with Holy Thursday and Good Friday, concluding on Easter Saturday. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized during the Easter Vigil; a time of concentrated study and prayer. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of faith, the entire community was called to preparation.

Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that

could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today still use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance as Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches continue to observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions rather focus on charitable deeds. Either way, Lent is really a preparation to celebrate God’s marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians – all won for us by the innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus.

**Ash Wednesday**, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday, receives its name from the

ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers’ foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. It not only prefigures the



mourning at the death of Jesus, but also places the worshipper in a position to realize the consequences of sin. In the early church, ashes were not offered to everyone but were only used to mark the forehead of worshippers who had made public confession of sin and sought to be restored to the fellowship of the community at the Easter celebration. However, over the years others began to show their humility and identification with the penitents by asking that they, too, be marked as sinners. Finally, the imposition of ashes was extended to the whole congregation. Ashes became symbolic of that attitude of penitence reflected in the Lord’s Prayer: “...forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us”.





## **Congregational Council Minutes** **December 12, 2017**

**Meeting called to order by:** JC Dawald- President

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh- Vice Pres.,  
Merlin Bartz- Evangelism, Neil Hackbart- Property,  
Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Nicole Cole- Youth,  
Jane Dalluge- Stewardship, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer,  
Amy Edwards- Christian Ed.

**Absent:** None

**Devotions:** Sharon Hulshizer

**Education Segment:** Financials for the month of December and the end of the year. Pastor Zamzow requested to not increase her salary for 2018.

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

**Minutes:** M/S/C to accept Minutes as written; and to let the record show that there was an electronic vote on November 18<sup>th</sup> to eliminate item #2- the Continuing Resolution regarding Marriage, from the agenda of the Special Congregational Meeting.

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

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

**Pastor's Report:** Was it a good or bad year at Emmanuel Lutheran Church? Discussion was held.

**Board Highlights:** See Board Highlights form

**Property-** After discussion, M/S/C- to let Denny Bartz tie into our main tile line on the Garver property near the cemetery.

**Evangelism-**

**Lay Ministry-**

**Youth-**

**Education-**

**Membership review:** None

**Unfinished business:**

- a) **Hardwiring of Internet-** Ethernet cables were run to allow the Logos Legos room and the last Sunday school room to have access to hardwired internet. There was also a new internet switch board installed in the office to allow the connection of Ethernet cables.
- b) **Nominating Committee-** Currently calling all nominees and will be meeting again on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- a) **2018 Budget-** Each committee went through their proposed budgets.
- b) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm)
- c) Next meeting devotion's preparer: JC Dawald

**M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**  
*-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson*

*Upcoming*  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

**A Benefit for George Faas will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-8 pm at the Carpenter Community Center.**  
There will be an auction and a free will donation meal.

**All You Can Eat Fish Fry on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Toeterville.**  
Dine in or Carry Out. Adults: \$10  
Grades K-6: \$3 Under age 5 is Free



#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- 1) TWC will meet on Tuesday, February 20th at 9 a.m. We will be discussing the soup supper, among other items. Please join us if you are able.**
- 2) ENALCW Bible Study will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. We will continue with our "Living the Chocolate Life" study. Feel free to come and bring a friend.**
- 3) ENALCW Soup Supper: Sunday, March 4 from 4-7 p.m. Chicken & Dumpling soup, Chili, and California Medley soup to be served, along with home-made pies and desserts. Bake sale and White elephant sale- Free will offering.**

## **TWC (The Women's Council) January 16, 2018**

Clarice shared devotions about discipleship based on Ephesians 1:4-5. When we follow Christ's path, it becomes a lifestyle and we give up the clutter and noise of life to follow God. TWC began with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes were read and accepted from December. Treasurer's report shows \$2,614.93 in checking. Of that amount, \$1000.00 has been designated to being used for the kitchen painting when completed. Thank you's were shared from Food to the Poor, Ardis Hanson, ELC in Rochester, KCMR, the Jeff Leraar family, CIS, Pastor Z, and Suzanne Seleski.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Clarice will set up a sewing day the end of January to finish quilts. 2) Yearbooks: Sharon will meet with Christa at her convenience to give the information needed for the new yearbooks and order the covers. 3) Soup supper: Will be on Sunday, March 4th. Sharon will apply for Thrivent funds, Charlotte will call Sam Venechuk about the chicken for the soup, Clarice will line up people to make pies/desserts. Sharon will take care of advertising and we will ask to see if anyone would like to be in charge of the bake and white elephant sale.

New Business: 1) Annual audit of books: will be at the same time church books are audited. 2) Refrigerators in the basement need cleaning, the new one needs to have coils vacuumed: will ask for volunteers to help with this. 3) Hospitality teams: Need to be updated. Changes were discussed and made. 4) Confirmand/Graduate Recognition Sunday: will be April 29th for the two high school graduates and three confirmands.

Upcoming dates: Bible Study on January 23 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; TWC on Tues, Feb 20th at 9 a.m.; Bible Study on Tuesday, Feb 27th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.  
*-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer*



**We will be looking for volunteers  
in the month of March to help  
clean out the refrigerators in the  
Fellowship Hall.**

**If you are interested or have any  
questions or please contact  
Charlotte Cole or Clarice Bartz**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>9:30 am Bible Study</b>	2	3
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> 4 9:30- Worship with HC 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	5	6	7 4:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Y&E Meeting 7 pm- Choir	8 <b>9:30 am Bible Study</b>	9	10
<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 11 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 4:15 pm-Confirmation 6:00 pm- Valentines Dinner 7pm- Ash Wednesday Service with HC	15 <b>9:30 am Bible Study</b>	16	17
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 18 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	19 President's Day	20 <b>7 pm Council Meeting</b>	21 4:15 pm- Confirmation 5:30-6:45 pm- Lenten Simple Supper 7 pm- Worship 7:40 pm- Choir	22 <b>9:30 am Bible Study</b>	23	24
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 25 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	26	27 <b>10 am &amp; 7 pm ENALCW Bible Study</b>	28 4:15 pm- Confirmation 5:30-6:45 pm- Lenten Simple Supper 7 pm- Worship 7:40 pm- Choir			



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February	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
4	Clarice Bartz	Marena Henkle	Zach Badker
11	Curtis & Caren Bartz	Charlotte Cole	Gabe Walk
14- Wed	X	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Cole
18	Merlin & Lisa Bartz	Marena Henkle	Brooklyn Hackbart
21- Wed	X	Charlotte Cole	Emma Hicken
25	Orland Bartz	Marena Henkle	Kaelee Hicken
28- Wed	X	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Hackbart

### HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Debby & David Bublitz

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

### ALTAR GUILD

Emi Kuntz  
Linda Schotanus

### LAY MINISTRY

Sharon Hulshizer

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