

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

COME LET US EAT FOR NOW THE FEAST IS SPREAD

If I have said it once, I have said it a thousand times: I shall re-write and re-organize my recipes as my first project after I retire. At this point my recipes are in four different zip-lock bags without any rhyme or reason as to importance, quality or preference. Some are copies of internet recipes, some are ripped out of magazines, some are hand-written (hey, my best casserole recipe has about ten words on a faded blue post-it-note!) and most of them have about two ounces of flour, butter and cinnamon on them ☺ My most treasured baking instructions are taped-together pages with my sister's wisdom regarding various apple cakes and the secret to my husband's beloved molasses cookies, hand-written by his grandmother...that one is by now so brown that one could confuse it with the cookies...sorry, Grandma!

Like in all families, ours as well has those favorites-of-days-gone-by-dishes that continue to delight each time we put them on the table...together with some new discoveries. There is my chicken casserole nobody seems to be able to imitate (the one on the post-it-note!); there is Michael's squash dish that turns squash haters into fans; there is the cranberry cake our daughter-in-law considers a staple for all winter dinners...and so forth. Personally, I enjoy going to our sons' homes



and be spoiled. Nothing beats Ephraim's tacos – a true Mexican recipe – and Victoria already makes the meanest guacamole. And there is the turkey with all the delicious trimming at Jeremias' and Sarah's home on Thanksgiving Day...yum.

When we sit together as a family there are no holds barred: we even discuss religion and politics freely. We challenge each other and are surprised when somebody agrees with our opinion. We invite the grandkids to share their stories and delight in their ability to contribute to the gathering. And, there is never a meal at the Zamzow's when we do not break out in laughter. William, with the wisdom of a ten-year-old, suggested that laughter will actually be the death of me....I suppose I could do worse!

Sometimes we offer up a dish that doesn't seem to fit with the rest of the meal but it is on the table because somebody really likes it. I call that a "Lind Dinner" because Michael's mom used to make the most delicious meals but it wasn't always

clear how item A was connected to item B - but, we loved it!!! In other words: when the meal is ready to be served, we gather around the table with all that we are...our similarities, our differences, our likes and dislikes, our love, our hopes, our shared lives...



our lives and, God willing, even if we do not like each other, hopefully we do love each other.

The next few weeks will bring a number of opportunities to join with our faith family at Emmanuel around the table of the Lord. The Lord's Supper is a meal of healing, forgiveness and surrounded by our thankfulness to the author and giver of life.

It may not have escaped your attention that life in this world of ours can be a bit rough these days. It seems society is changing at a speed that is too fast and often points in the wrong direction. Instant communication and social media, blessings that they are, nevertheless contribute to a lack of civility, kindness and tolerance. It seems we can't agree on anything. Political parties could easily be confused with mortal enemies rather than different approaches to common concerns. Families and friends are divided by who votes for whom and whether or not they agree on gun control. We are prone to use language that once was reserved for the strongest of feelings only and now apply it willy-nilly to the most common life situations on a regular basis.

In the midst of this 'zoo' we are called to be the church! The Body of Christ! Well, if that does not add to the problem - ha! Of course, I have said it before: there are no politics as destructive as church politics and if you want to disagree with somebody, just mention anything that has even a side-reference to a biblical text! See what I mean? As Lutherans we have truly no foot to stand on when we try to criticize other denominations because we can't even agree with other 'Lutheran-flavored' folks on most issues! Many of us live that very fact in our daily lives with siblings, parents, children and spouses. Yet, the fact remains: we are the Body of Christ. We are the church. We share

We will come with our variances of thought and conviction, our likes and dislikes. We might yearn for one favorite dish or the other as we come together but the Lord himself has a recipe that works for all of us: bread and wine. His Body and Blood. Be sure to remember that it is the Lord himself who is inviting you to his table. Come as you are. You are welcome here. Your story is as important and desired as the next. As we stand before the altar in all our brokenness, we meet the Christ who heals us by his broken body and his spilled blood. It is a perfect meal, with a perfect host and the perfect recipe: forgiveness for everyone. Come and eat....the table is prepared.

May the rest of the Lenten journey be blessed for you and yours! PZ+





You will find this newsletter to be 'light and thin' as well as arriving late. As most of you know, the last few weeks at Emmanuel were blessed with needs that called for my attention as well as for 'projects' in the office. This is not the first time and it won't be the last time that our monthly publication must be where it duly belongs: behind those joys and sorrows for which the Lord put us here! Please, always check your emails for updates and share them with those members of whom you know that they do not use that communication tool – and update our office with your own email so you can be included! Thank you! ☺

-Pastor Z+

We are 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

Pastoral Acts



We welcome into the family of God's children and our faith community,

Christa Larson, Brooke Claussen, Camden Trenhaile, Tegan Trenhaile and Logan Trenhaile who were baptized on February 18th. We pray blessings and peace upon the families and rejoice in God calling these precious brothers and sisters by name and making them His own.

We welcome into the family of believers and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Peyton Helena, the daughter of Jacob and Jacqueline Dalluge. She was baptized in the name of the Triune God on February 28th. May she grow into the faith God bestowed upon her and honor her God.



We express our sympathy to the family of Marcella Braun who was called

to her eternal rest on Saturday, February 24th. Her Funeral Service was held at Emmanuel on Saturday, March 3rd. May God comfort all who mourn Marcella's death.

We are sending blessings to the family of Allan Hanson who passed away on Thursday, March 1st. His Funeral Service was held at Emmanuel Lutheran on Monday, March 5th. May God bless his memory and comfort those who loved him.

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS



I do not pride myself in being a great environmentalist. We recycle at our house to the best of our ability but I have to admit that when I am in a really big hurry I have

thrown my green bean can into the garbage. So, I am not exactly the best person to lecture anyone. The last time I visited Europe I actually was perplexed at how seriously my friends and family took recycling. To recycle in Germany (and avoid fines) takes truly time and effort on a daily basis. When I had to tear apart my yoghurt container, I did roll my eyes (sorry!).

But, sometime early last year my ears perked up when I heard of a little boy who started a campaign to eliminate, in particular, the use of plastic straws. By now, millions have seen the disturbing viral video of the sea turtle with a stream of blood draining from his nostril, as two researchers work to extract a 4-inch plastic straw. The plastic was lodged in the turtle's nasal cavity, reaching down into his throat, inhibiting his breathing and sense of smell—a turtle's most important tool for finding food. It was no doubt messing with the turtle's orientation and migration, and possibly even hindering his ability to find a mate.

Straws are among the top five plastic items volunteers clean from beaches, along with bottles, bags and cups, conservationists say. Americans use half a billion straws every day, at least according to an estimate by *Be Straw Free*, based on information from straw manufacturers. That many straws could wrap around the Earth 2½ times. The slightest wind lifts plastic



straws from dinner tables, picnic blankets and trash dumps, depositing them far and wide, including in rivers and oceans, where animals often mistake them for food.

And they are ubiquitous. They are in just about every movie-theater, restaurant and coffee shop. Theme parks, corner stores, ice cream shops and school cafeterias freely hand them out.

In my efforts to curb the demise of sea turtles and keep our waters and beaches clean, I banned plastic straws at our house and pulled them out of our grandchildren's drinks when we visited restaurants. I was serious. There was life before plastic straws and there will be life after plastic straws, was my motto. You can tell where this story is going: my efforts were thwarted both by the lack of agreement I received and my own seriousness which lasted only for a few glorious weeks. While I am still quite careful not to use plastic straws myself, I have long given up scolding my family for their disinterest in my mission. But, I was ever so encouraged to read just a few days ago that Queen Elizabeth has ordered the royal household to eliminate plastic as soon as possible – including straws – you go, Your Majesty!!

To prevent pollution and damage to our environment is surely a Stewardship concern – we are the ones whom God entrusted with the care of creation as we human beings are the only ones who have the ability to do so. And yes, we all have heard the counter-arguments as to why something will not make a difference. I don't know who is correct. Somebody please go and figure it out and

shoot me an email! I do however know that I am not excused due to my very personal laziness, to treat what God has made with disrespect. So, when you come to my house, please bring your own straw!

Your Struggling Steward –
PZ+

THANK YOU STEWARDS

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

... to Emi Kuntz and Linda Schotanus for serving on our Altar Guild for the month of February.

... to our February Counting Team: Dan Nack, Ben Tweeten and Jason Hackbart.

...to the members of the Property Committee for doing a very faithful and excellent job keeping our church property free of ice and snow. By 8:00 am all is cleared and ready for the day. Thank you so very much!!!

...to Kim Hicken for helping us out while we are seeking a new custodian. Kim is doing a great job, please thank her when you see her!

...to everyone who helped with the two recent funeral luncheons. Your labor of love was well appreciated by everyone. Thank you, Emi, for organizing it all!

...to all readers! The task of reading our lessons is an important one and we always are in need of volunteers. Thank you to all who share their gifts by reading the Word of God in our midst.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

We are so very grateful for all of the help we received to make the annual Soup Supper such a great success! We served over 150 guests. The food was tasty and the fellowship was wonderful!! Thank you again for all of your hard work and contributions. We couldn't do it without you!!

-Most sincerely, The Women of Emmanuel

Thank you to the Congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for all the support and good workers. Thanks to Charlotte Cole for opening the Shoppe Thursday and digging right in. God Bless you all.

- Mona Pierce, Mgr.

Thank you for your gift of \$2,688 and for remembering the poor and for your contribution to make the world a better place.

-FOOD FOR THE POOR

We give thanks for your contribution of \$5,748.68 for 2017, and thanks to God for His consistent and abundant provision for our needs.

-North American Lutheran Church

A Message to my Sponsor

Happy New Year! How are you doing my friend? How is America? I am doing well here in Kenya and I thank God for giving me good health. I am grateful to God for he enabled me to start this new year in good health. I am in school and I am doing well. I have been promoted to class three and the feeling I have for having moved a step further in my education is just great.

Thank you for the Christmas gift you sent for me last December. It was the best gift I received in December. I had fun during the festival season. I went to Church with some of my friends and it was one of my best moments. At the moment the weather is hot and the sun is scorching. Since all the streams have dried up playing outside is not possible because of the hot sun. I hope God will bless us with rain very soon. Pray with my family to have enough food and water. May God bless you abundantly. Please remember to write back. Bye.

I am your friend, Lawrence Emojong

Emmanuel's Sunday School offerings support Lawrence in his schooling and health care. Please remember to let your child contribute each Sunday.

You are invited to worship the Crucified and Risen Savior of the World, Jesus, the Christ of God



Palm Sunday – March 25th at 9:30 am

We will remember Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem and raise our palms and shout "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!"

3:00 pm - Easter Cantata at Our Savior's Lutheran in Osage, "Come Walk with Me"



Good Friday – March 30th

The quiet service of Good Friday serves as a reminder of our human guilt and the divine love that saves us as we come to the cross that holds the Savior of the world.

1:00 pm - Worship in the Library

7:00 pm - Worship with Choir



Maundy Thursday – March 29th

On the night on which he was betrayed, we will commune with Jesus and once again receive the precious gift of forgiveness and everlasting life.

1:00 pm - Worship Service in the Library

6:00 pm - Pie Social in the Fellowship Hall for six students who will celebrate their First Communion (please bring a pie to share with the Communicants and their families and with one another)



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



The Day of Resurrection! – April 1st

We come to the empty tomb to see again that Christ is Risen, just as He said. Alleluia!

7:00 am - Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 am - Easter Breakfast

9:30 am - Festive Easter Communion
Worship with Choir

TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for January 1-30, 2018

Current Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$10,548.70
(\$10,476.50 Offering, \$72.20 Reimbursements)
Interest: \$4.79
Deposits: \$8,058
Expenses: \$11,456.12

End of month Balance: \$7,155.37

Benevolence Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$1.94
Deposits: \$197.00
Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$198.94

Building Fund

Beginning of month Balance: \$19,030.60
Deposits: \$437.00
Expense: \$72.20 (Thank you Ad, Touch up Paint)

End of month Balance: \$19,395.40

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning of month Balance: \$27,501.95
Deposit: \$1,049 (Campership and Youth Group
Reimbursements)
Expense: \$742.76 (Poinsettias and Organ Tuning)

End of month Balance: \$27,808.19

**Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran
Church: \$54,557.90**



The Northwood Lions Club and Life Serve is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, March 16th between 1:30–5:30 pm at the Northwood VFW.

You are invited to a Bridal shower honoring Ashley Petersen, bride-elect of Kyle Hulshizer on Saturday, March 24th from 9:30-11:30 am in the church Fellowship Hall. Short program to begin at 9:30 am, with a light lunch to follow. Couple is registered at Target, Amazon and Bed Bath and Beyond. Please bring a favorite recipe to share.

Annual Lutheran Retirement Home Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm in the LRH Chapel. Snack luncheon served by the LRH Auxiliary after the meeting.

Bring a basket and hop down to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at the Grafton Community Center. Registration starts at 10 am with a jelly bean guess. There will be games, snacks, prizes and a raffle to follow. Open to youth ages 12 and under.

We have audited the financial books of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and have found them in good order.

February 27th, 2018

Brett Trenhaile

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brett Trenhaile", written over a horizontal line.

Sandra Thompson

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sandra Thompson", written over a horizontal line.



Congregational Council Minutes- January 9, 2018

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, Jane Dalluge- Stewardship, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Edwards- Christian Ed.

Absent: Nicole Cole- Youth

Devotions: JC Dawald

Education Segment: Light, Life and Love- an article about a famous picture by a German pastor who fought in Stalingrad.

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

Minutes: M/S/C to accept December's Minutes as corrected * to let the record show that there was an electronic vote *and meeting* on November 18th. M/S/C to accept Electronic Meeting Minutes as written.

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. M/S/C to pay WCTA bill of \$834.98 for hardwiring ethernet cables out of Sunday School Savings.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Zamzow expressed her profound appreciation of her Christmas gift. She also wanted to share her appreciation to the nominating committee as they made many phone calls trying to fill committee positions. She discussed the importance of encouraging young families to be more active in the church. There was a discussion about having a catered Valentine's Day dinner at Emmanuel before the Ash Wednesday Worship service. M/S/C to have a Valentine's Day dinner before the Ash Wednesday Worship service

Board Highlights:

Property- Jason and Neil are planning on being a

part of the East wall repair project even though they won't be on the committee. They are discussing the idea of covering the two windows on the East wall and removing the exhaust fan in the kitchen to reduce moisture. Several meetings with contractors regarding the sidewalk repair, gutters and wiring in the kitchen are scheduled for the near future.

Evangelism- Met on November 6 to discuss new member reception and live nativity.

Lay Ministry- They will be discussing the need for a new organ tuner.

Stewardship- Hasn't met since budget meeting.

They will have two spots on their committee to fill.

Youth- No Report

Education- Hasn't met but will meet in April to discuss curriculum.

Membership review: Discussed removing inactive members from the church membership list. **M/S/C to remove the following people from the membership list and mailing list:** Steve Miller (deceased), Kim Ott, Keith Dorsey, Jessica Ask, Dori Soileau, Mike Koster and his children Jordan and Andrea.

Unfinished business:

- a) **Finalize Budget-** Discussed ideas to increase revenue. **M/S/C to accept the 2018 proposed budget for the Annual meeting.**
- b) **Cost of Hardwiring the internet-** Already discussed this during the Treasurer's report.
- c) **Update on Nominating Committee-** A minimum of four positions to fill on committees. One position was added to the property committee.

New Business:

- a) **Review Dalluge Investments-** Discussed the policy and going to look at this every 6 months.
- b) **Set agenda for Annual meeting-** Discussed agenda for Annual meeting
- c) **Audit Committee-** Pastor will contact the members who did the 2017 audit.
- d) **Custodial Position-** Advertise in several newspapers, Iowa Workforce and in our bulletin. Seeking a substitute/temporary Custodian until the position is filled, Pastor will contact someone who previously helped us out.
- e) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, February 20 @ 7:00 pm)
- f) Next meeting devotion's preparer: Merlin Bartz

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

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson



TWC (The Women's Council), February 21, 2018

The February meeting was held on the 21st due to an ice storm on the 20th.

Charlotte shared devotions from John 18:15-18 & 25-27 Peter's denial of knowing Jesus; also, a reading entitled "A BLANKET FOR EVERYONE".

TWC began with the reading of the purpose. Secretary & Treasurer's reports not presented due to Sharon being with her daughter and new granddaughter. Bills & correspondence will be at the next meeting in March.

OLD BUSINESS: Thrivent Funds have been applied for and approved for our SOUP SUPPER on the 4th of March. Discussion & planning was held. Two \$10.00 gift cards from the J Mart to be given as door prizes along with 5 prizes donated from Myra Dierks. Year book draft was viewed and will be printed soon. Reminder of the auditing of treasurer's books soon. Still dealing with kitchen cleaning project and needing volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS: Clarice will now apply for Thrivent Funds to purchase quilting supplies for the LWR quilts.

Simple Supper to be served on the 7th of March, 5:30 - 6:45p.m. by the Women of the TWC

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Acting Secretary, Clarice Bartz

Upcoming Dates

- 1) TWC Meeting- March 20th at 9am.
- 2) Bible Study- March 27th at 10am and 7pm.

Chocolate Fun Fact:



The phrase "from scratch" is derived from a late-eighteenth-century term for a line scratched in the ground to mark a starting point in sporting events. It came to apply also to the starting point of a competitor who received no handicap, as in "a scratch golfer." From there, it grew to mean "from nothing," and it was increasingly used as a cooking term following the creation of boxed mixes and prepackaged foods. To be made "from scratch" defines a culinary creation as being fully homemade, using only raw ingredients-not a mix.

If you find this interesting, come to our Bible study and find out how to live a chocolate life from scratch. How do we walk our path with God without shortcuts?



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Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Bible Study	2	3
3rd Sunday of Lent 4 9:30- Worship with HC 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School 4-7pm- Soup Supper	5	6	7 4:15 pm Confirmation 5:30pm- Supper 7 pm- Lenten Service 7:40 pm- Choir	8 9:30 am Bible Study	9	10
Daylight Savings Begins 11 4th Sunday of Lent 9:30- Worship with Choir 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	12	13 7 pm Council Meeting	14 4:15 pm Confirmation 5:30pm- Supper 7 pm- Lenten Service 7:40 pm- Choir	15 9:30 am Bible Study	16	17 
5th Sunday of Lent 18 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School 4:30-6pm – First Communion Class	19 6:30 pm Y & E Meeting	20 9 am -TWC 	21 4:15 pm Confirmation 5:30pm- Supper 7 pm- Lenten Service 7:40 pm- Choir	22 9:30 am Bible Study	23	24
Palm Sunday 25 9:30- Worship with Choir 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School 3:00 pm- Cantata, Osage 4:30-6pm – First Communion Class	26	27 10am & 7pm ENALCW Bible Study	28 4:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm- Choir	29 1 pm & 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm- Pie Social	30 1 pm & 7 pm Good Friday Service	31



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March	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
4- Sun	Katie & Josh Bass	Donna Schilling	Lily Walk
7- Wed	X	Charlotte Cole	Harmony Clark
11- Sun	Tammy Borchardt	Marena Henkle	Gracie Urbatsch
14- Wed	X	Charlotte Cole	Zach Badker
18- Sun	Mark & Belinda Borchardt	Donna Schilling	Gabe Walk
21- Wed	X	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Cole
25- Sun	John & Val Bork	Marena Henkle	Brooklyn Hackbart
29- Thurs 1 pm	X	Charlotte Cole	X
29- Thurs 7 pm	X	Marena Henkle	Emma Hicken
30- Friday 1 pm	X	Charlotte Cole	X
30- Friday 7 pm	X	Marena Henkle	Kaelee Hicken

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Jane Dalluge & Julie Schulz

Dean & Mardine Meyer	Janis Hackenmiller
Duane & Patty Rustad	Renae Kroneman
Tammy Borchardt	Marsha Wilde
Ken & Linda Kroneman	Alan & Mavis Stevens
Sam Walk	Janice Nelson
Larry & Carol Dalluge	

ALTAR GUILD

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Phil Hackbart

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Lori Marsh
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