

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Remembering is Easy to Forget

REMEMBER

"I remember that I forgot" – that's often my mantra when I realize to my chagrin that I once again forgot something I thought I surely would remember. I suppose I should be grateful that I still realize the memory slip-up.

Like many of you, I have watched elderly friends and family members lose more and more of their mental acuity, often ending in some degree of senility or dementia. We truly mourn the loss of our mental ability. I am not so certain that it is not even more distressing to those who watch it happen than it is for the person who is suffering from memory loss. When grandma cannot remember the names of her children or cannot find the way to the bedroom, we painfully acknowledge that part of her very life is 'lost' to her and to us as well.

So, how would you like to live with Hyperthymesia? This is an extremely unique neurological condition in which people remember practically every detail of their life. It

appears as if there is a recording device in the brain where everything has been amazingly stored. However, their memory is only limited to their own life-events which is why it is also called Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory (HSAM). While hyperthymesia enables you to remember almost anything, it also leaves some harmful effects. People with HSAM tend to suffer from extreme exhaustion. It seems as if they get lost in the world of remembering and often neglect the present and future because the past is indeed so overwhelming.

This condition does not strike my fancy. I admit I would rather struggle to remember what I had for breakfast today than to be burdened by the memory of every meal I ever ate in the last six decades. And, as it seems, having HSAM still would not help me to grasp what I am reading or what I learned in seminary! Of course, our world today

hardly asks us to know anything off-hand any more. A quick check on the internet gives us more information about any subject than we ever were hoping for.

Still, remembering valuable experiences and meaningful events that shaped our lives is another story. Unless you were blogging about it, you won't find an internet explanation describing your feelings when you





held your child for the first time or the fear that crept up your throat before your first test in college.

When we want to remember something for sure, it helps to think or talk about it often. To help young children remember

the love of grandpa after his death, a wonderful practice is to tell stories of grandpa and show pictures of him. Case in point: my brother's memory of my dad is very faint. Thomas turned seven years old just two weeks after our father passed away. My mother, in her grief, did not tell stories about him and Thomas lost his memory of his father almost altogether. I was a college student at the time of his death and supplied "dad-stories" for Thomas only many years later.

When the father of cellist Yo-Yo Ma was living in an attic in Paris during the German occupation of France, he worked hard to memorize musical pieces by Bach during the day so he could play them by heart when the nightly black-out took place. When Hezbollah hostage Terry Waite spent his first year of captivity in solitary confinement, he kept his sanity by recalling poems, concepts of books and biblical passages. Kathryn Koob, one of the Iran Hostage survivors, did the same during her 444-day ordeal. She comments extensively that having recited hymns and the catechism from memory kept her from giving in to despair (*note to all current and future confirmands!*). The Apostle Paul, when in prison, remembered fellow workers in the faith by name because the memory brought joy and strength.

To remember is a strong biblical imperative: Do this in remembrance of me (*remember?*) our Lord says to us each time we celebrate the Lord's Supper. In Jewish understanding to remember means to draw an event into the present time and

to participate in it right now! Likewise, God always remembers His promises and God remembers not to remember our sinfulness.

When we come together in worship, we repeat ancient words and rituals to help us remember the graciousness of God and the importance of the community to which we belong. As individuals we will forget this and that about our God and His Christ and how we can fit into the story. When we tell and hear the story over and over again, it remains vivid in our minds. Why can the Alzheimer's patient suddenly say the Lord's Prayer? Why can your son suddenly declare "Lord have mercy" from his car seat or your daughter "baptize" her dolls with the Trinitarian formula? Because they remember! And why do they remember? Because they have heard! Let us remember not to forget to remember the story!

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Pastoral Acts



Jane Buechele was called to her eternal rest on March 15th. Her memorial service was held on April 22nd at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

May God comfort those who mourn her death.



Congratulations to Corey Patterson and Dennise Starr who were united in marriage at Emmanuel on April 28th.

Many blessings to them as they share their journey as husband and wife.



Wylee Joe Marsh, the son of Cody Marsh and Jocelyn Joy was baptized on April 29th.

His sponsors are Joshua and Abbie Steinberg and Joseph and Jessica Auen. May God grant Wylee to grow into God's gifts of faith and grace and bring much joy to his family.

Joys and Sorrows



Congratulations to Marena Henkle who will be graduating from Iowa State University in Ames on Saturday, May 4th.

Congratulations to Harmony Clark and Gabe Walk on their upcoming High School graduation. Rich blessings as you venture out into the world.



On May 13th three of our young members will affirm their Baptism after two years of weekly instructions. They are Emma Hicken, the daughter of Cory and Kim

Hicken; Zach Badker, the son of Jon and Kim Badker and Ryan Hackbart, the son of Jason and Jody Hackbart. Please keep Zach, Ryan and Emma in your prayers as they take on greater responsibility in our midst and continue to grow in their faith while they explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our world.



Logos Legos

Hard to believe it's May! So much has happened over the past few months and the Logos Legos youth want to share a few things.

First, a belated thank you to Sam and Shelly Venechuk for their delicious donation again this year for Easter breakfast. Their egg bake, little smokies, sausage/gravy and biscuits and fruit are always a hit with everyone and such a blessing! And thanks to the parents and youth groups member for making the waffles. Another thanks to the Christian Education & Youth Group board members, LL youth and many parents for helping to put together, serve and clean up the Easter breakfast. A late thank you, but none the less, very much from our hearts!

Next, hard to believe we've come to the end of LL group class for another year. For our last class, we'll be doing something a little different -- a service project. After church, we'll volunteer to do a spring, deep cleaning at the Share Shoppe in Northwood. We'll be cleaning windows, carpets, dusting and organizing so that those who are in need for basic necessities will have a great place to shop. If you have any gently used or new items that could use a home, keep the Share Shoppe in mind.

And finally, we have some special celebrations in our group. Congratulations to Harmony Clark and Gabe Walk as they graduate and begin their college endeavors. We wish them all the best and will miss their smiley faces in class next year. And more congratulations to Zach Badker, Ryan Hackbart and Emma Hicken as they continue their journey with Jesus. We feel so blessed to have them as part of the youth group and the grace they've shown.

Blessings to all ~ *Jody Hackbart and Nicole Cole*

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Dear members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

We would like to inform you of our current financial situation. Our April offering was very good and our offerings in 2018 so far not significantly below last year's. Thank you!

Nevertheless, several extraordinary bills have caused our Current Fund balance to be minus \$6,800 as of April 30th. As we are going toward the summer months with its traditionally lower attendance and contributions, we wish to be proactive in sharing this information with you. It is our hope that all of us can make a strong effort and help secure our finances. Thank you indeed to everyone who has been and will be gracious in supporting our congregation. May God bless our efforts, ministry and mission in the wider Grafton community.

-The Church Council and Pastor Zamzow

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

You're invited to Natalie Braun's open house bridal shower brunch at the Grafton Community Center on May 5th, 2018 from 11am - 1pm.

Salad Luncheon and bake sale at Bethany Lutheran in Kensett on May 5th, from 11am - 1pm.

Join us for a bible-based program of laughter with Rev. Laura Gentry, the laughing pastor on Wed, May 9th at 7 pm at Rock Creek Lutheran Church in Osage. There will be a sign-up sheet at the round table in the entry of the church. Please sign up by Sunday, May 5th.

Please join us as we honor our graduate, Gabe Walk, on May 19th from 4 - 7pm at the Grafton Community Center.

Memorial Day Dinner on Monday, May 28 at Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church in Lyle, MN from 11:30am - 1pm.

THANK YOU STEWARDS

... to the April Hospitality Team: Lisa & Merlin Bartz, Ryan & Ashley Trousdale, Marcy Hyde, Betty & Gene Rosenberg, Laurie Nack Bublitz, Dick & Ruth Neeley, Donna & Chuck Schilling, Chrystal Braun, Connie Bruesewitz, Brett & Alex Trenhaile and Ardis Hanson.

... to Doris Ralph & Linda Kroneman for serving on our Altar Guild for the month of April.

... to our April Counting Team: Orland Bartz, Teresa Braun, Kim Badker, Gloria Hackbart.

...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.

...to Merlin Bartz for leading worship while Pastor was on vacation on April 8th. Merlin, your leadership was much appreciated by all!

...the Choir for providing special music for the Feast of Easter and to Mark Fredrickson for his trumpet fanfare.

...to everyone who shared an Easter lily in order to beautify our worship space.

...to the ENALCW for a lovely reception given in honor of our Confirmands and High School graduates.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

I would like to thank all of you who helped me celebrate my birthday on Sunday morning during the Fellowship Hour. Thank you to Clarice Bartz for providing the cake and to Merlin and those present for providing the "Happy Birthday Song"! Needless to say, I was entirely shocked but very pleased and grateful!!

-Charlotte Cole

Many thanks for all of the prayers, visits by Pastor Z, phone calls and cards and other well wishes from everyone for a steady recovery from my back surgery.

Greatly appreciated *-Mavis Stevens*

TREASURY REPORT

Financial Balance Information for March 1-31, 2018

****As Presented to the Council:**

Current Fund

Interest: \$3.92
Deposits: \$10,656.00
Expenses: \$14,271.35

End of month Balance: \$ (6,843.16)

Benevolence Fund

Deposits: \$1,952.25
Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$2,834.19

Building Fund

Deposits: \$710.00
Expense: \$11,694.00

End of month Balance: \$ 8,823.60

Gifts and Memorials

Deposit: \$324.00
Expense: \$155.31

End of month Balance: \$27,004.88

**Total of all funds in Emmanuel Lutheran
Church: \$ 33,192.86**

****As Corrected for the Council**

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Items for Lutheran World Relief April 28, 2018

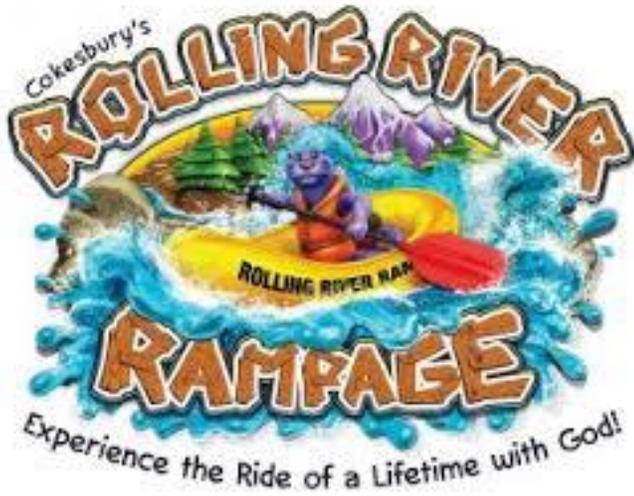
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| 56 | Quilts |
| 95 | Activity Kits |
| 33 | Layettes |
| 22 | Personal Care Kits |
| 30 | Bars of Soap |
| 6 | Blankets |

Quilts Given to Local Charities

| | |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 30 | Share Shop -Northwood |
| 10 | LSI/ Bremwood -Waverly |
| 5 | Men's Shelter -Mason City |
| 5 | Women's Shelter -Mason City |
| 5 | V.A. -Mason City |
| 5 | Salvation Army -Mason City |
| 5 | Crisis Intervention -Mason City |
| 4 | Tuff Family -House Fire |
| 2 | Leerar Family -House Fire |
| 2 | Runde Family Benefit |
| 2 | Graduates |
| 1 | Lutheran Retirement Home -NWD |

Did You Know?

...that the Sunday School children will sing during worship on May 6th? The last day of this school year will be on May 20th.



... that VBS in Bolan is just around the corner? ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE, Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!! Daily Vacation Bible School will be hosted Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8, 2018, from 9:00 AM – NOON in Bolan, Iowa. A free-will supper and program will be held Friday, June 8, 6:00 pm. This white-water rafting adventure includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life! VBS is for preschoolers through completion of 5th grade. Anyone older would be welcome to participate as a volunteer! Due to a generous donation, registration fees have been paid! Pastor Z will offer rides again and provide you with a registration form. Watch for it!

Memorial Day services will begin at 10 a.m. at the Grafton Cemetery on Monday, May 28th. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the Grafton Community Center.

...that after Hurricane Irma made landfall, devastating thousands of homes in Florida and the East Coast, NALC volunteers offered to help. Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Fla., offered to house volunteers, and provide access to facilities with showers. However, housing and showers became an issue in the southern part of Florida.

Pastors Bill and Rebecca Heber of Oasis Church in Lake Mary, Fla., shared that there might be an opportunity to get a shower trailer from Rebecca's brother's church in Wisconsin.

Pastor Chris Miller, Rebecca's brother, was the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Loganville, Wis., when he and a church member had the idea to build a shower trailer in 2005 after seeing a similar trailer while doing disaster relief work in Biloxi, Miss. They and a crew of 23 from their congregation were helping with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The trailer had extended service in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and at five other disaster sites.

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, reached out to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Loganville, Wisconsin. NALC Disaster Response now has a shower trailer in Texas for Hurricane Harvey recovery which is currently parked at the South Texas Mission District warehouse at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Texas, (the site where our own JC Dawald had volunteered!!) and a shower trailer for use on the East Coast.





**Congregational Council Meeting-
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
March 13,2018**

Meeting called to order by: JC Dawald,
President

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh-Vice
President, Ben Tweeten-Stewardship, Paul
Hackbart-Property, Sharon Hulshizer-Lay
Ministry, Nicole Cole-Youth, and Merlin Bartz-
Evangelism

Absent: Amy Edwards-Christian Ed. and Christa
Larson-Secretary/Treasurer

Devotions: given by Ben Tweeten

Education Segment: "Dear Parents with Young
Children in Church"

**Agenda Review: M/S/C to approve agenda as
presented.**

**Minutes: M/S/C to approve minutes as
written.**

Bills to Pay/Treasurer's Report: Discussion
was held-it was agreed that the method of
presentation showing all payments paid for the
month was preferable over putting monthly
recurring bills together and presenting as an
average amount. A suggestion was made that
Christa take a Quick Book course to help with the
accounting since there are many different areas
to keep track of, to help simplify the process
and/or someone to help her with this. Auditors
also made suggestions for items that could be
corrected. Bills were approved to be paid. **M/S/C
to move \$1000.00 budgeted from current
savings to checking.**

Pastor's Report: It has been a very busy last
few months. 1) Asked to take April 8th off, a
substitute will be lined up 2) Pollard pest
control yearly renewal is due-we will continue
with using their services

Board Highlights:

Lay Ministry- Usher replacement and a
replacement organ tuner have been found.

Property-Morton buildings will be delivering
the steel for the East Wall this week, not sure on
definite start date for project.

Evangelism-Met on Sunday to discuss the
simple supper for tomorrow night.

Youth and Education- No meeting, planning for
Easter Breakfast.

Stewardship- none

Membership Review: none

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Audit Committee-** auditing has been
completed and all records were found to
be in order. Auditing was done by Brett
Trenhaile and Sandy Thompson.
- b) **Custodial Position-** an interview was
conducted last week and a job shadowing
was done, position has not been filled and
options were discussed.
- c) **Secretary/Treasurer Wages-** a review
was done on wages and the proposed
budget included an increase to be in effect
after the position was reviewed. It was
discussed and the council decided to talk
to a consultant with wage experience to
make sure all wages and increases are in
keeping with hours worked/payments
agreed on. **M/S/C to do an initial con-
sultation with Heiny and associates.**

New Business:

- a) **Audio/Visual Equipment-** a new smaller
television is needed for use, the old one is
very heavy and hard to move around.
**M/S/C to purchase a new tv using fund-
ing from SS savings.**
- b) **Next meeting devotion's preparer:** Sha-
ron Hulshizer
- c) **Next meeting date and time:** Tuesday,
April 10th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Acting Secretary – Sharon Hulshizer



Upcoming Dates

- 1) TWC will meet on Tuesday, May 15th at 9 a.m.
- 2) ENALCW Bible Study will be on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m.
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TWC (The Women's Council) April 17, 2018

Devotions were given by Sharon and taught us to give thanks for all that isn't wrong in our days instead of focusing on what is. Meeting of TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes were read and approved from the March meeting. Treasurer's report was given. There is \$4,713.74 in checking. A Thank You from the Allen Hanson family was shared.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Another 12 layettes were assembled, bringing the total number to 28; activity and personal care kits are packed. Quilts were left up for display for one more Sunday and then will be taken down for packing. In addition to the 100 displayed, 30 quilts have been

taken to the Share Shoppe and others have been donated to families in need. More material has been donated for future quilts. 2) Yearbooks: Have been finished and will be distributed soon. 3) Purchase of new kitchen items: Charlotte will order another 2-3 dozen small glass glasses, Clarice has found some nice stainless steel carafes at Walmart, and the ladies will watch for sales of heat resistant spoons and ladles. Motion made, seconded, and carried to have Clarice purchase 6 carafes. 4) Confirmation/Graduation Recognition Sunday: April 29th, following worship service. We will serve assorted jello/spring cakes along with the regular cheese and crackers.

New Business: 1) Bible study: We will be having Bible study in the evening only at 7 p.m. for the remainder of this season.

Upcoming Dates: Packing LWR items: Tuesday, April 24th at 9 a.m.; Bible Study April 24th at 7 p.m.; Loading LWR boxes -Friday, April 27, time TBD with delivery to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly on Saturday, April 28 between 8-11 a.m.; Conf/ Grad Recognition: Sunday, April 29th; Birthday party at the Good Samaritan Home in St Ansgar May 10th at 3 p.m.-Judy and Charlotte to provide the program. Next TWC Tuesday, May 15th at 9 a.m. Bible Study May 22nd at 7 p.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



May 2018

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| | | 1 | 2 4:15 pm- Confirmation 7:00 pm- Choir | 3 9:30 am- Bible Study | 4 | 5 |
| 6 th Sunday of Easter 6 9:30- Worship with HC- S.S. Sings 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School | 7 | 8 7 pm- Council Meeting | 9 4:15 pm- Confirmation 7:00 pm- Choir | 10 9:30 am- Bible Study | 11 | 12 |
| Mother's Day 13 7 th Sunday of Easter 9:30- Worship with HC- Choir Sings 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School | 14 6:30 pm- Y &E Committees | 15 9 am- TWC | 16 7:00 pm- Choir | 17 9:30 am- Bible Study | 18 | 19 |
| Day of Pentecost 20 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Last Day of Sunday School | 21 | 22 7 pm- ENALCW Bible Study | 23 7:00 pm- Choir | 24 9:30 am- Bible Study | 25 | 26 |
| The Holy Trinity 27 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship | 28 10 am- Memorial Day Service at Grafton Cemetery | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



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SERVE ONE
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IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

| May | Greeters | Organist | Acolytes |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 6 th - Sunday | Laurie Nack Bublitz | Donna Schilling | Brooklyn Hackbart |
| 13 th - Sunday | Sara Buechele | Marena Bartz | |
| 20 th - Sunday | Pat & Michael Clark | Charlotte Cole | Kaelee Hicken |
| 27 th - Sunday | Charlotte Cole | Marena Henkle | Ryan Hackbart |

Share Shoppe – May 24th

Linda Koschmeder

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Julie & Curt Schaub

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jeff Schultz | Jason & Nicole Schuttler |
| Jason & Jody Hackbart | Jay Schaub |
| Linda & Gary Schotanus | Rod & Emi Kuntz |
| Nancy Walk | Orland Bartz |
| Dorothy Mensch | Ken Fredrickson |
| Gregg & Mary Jo Urbatsch | |

ALTAR GUILD

Tammy Borchardt

LAY MINISTRY

Val Bork

COUNTERS

Connie Rosenberg
Marlin Rosenberg
Belinda Borchardt

USHERS

Mark Borchardt
Belinda Borchardt
Ken Kroneman
Calvin Thompson
Troy Tourtellott
Gregg Urbatsch

PA

Darren Marsh