

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

KYRIE ELEISON – LORD HAVE MERCY



It was the summer of 1990 and I was in Phoenix, Arizona, fulfilling my Clinical Pastoral Education at the largest Trauma Center in the region. Early on in the 11-week experience, I was called to a middle-aged man

who wanted to see the chaplain. Having a background in Nursing, it took me only seconds to realize that the man was on his deathbed. He was dying of AIDS. With the crisis point of the AIDS epidemic not yet on a down-turn, even coming from 'fly-over country', I was not exactly shook up to encounter AIDS patients at the hospital. What shook me up, however, came at the end of our visit. As we joined in prayer the man took my hand - which had covered his pale, slim fingers - and said: "You are the only person in this hospital who has touched me without gloves."

Fighting back tears I told him he was giving me too much credit – having been a Charge Nurse on a floor for infectious diseases, my fear of catching anything was less than zero. Besides, I was up on the latest research and confident I was safe touching his hand!

I have not thought of that encounter for years and years. Nor can I remember ever writing or

speaking about it. But today it is on my mind with such clarity as if it just happened last week and not more than 28 years ago.

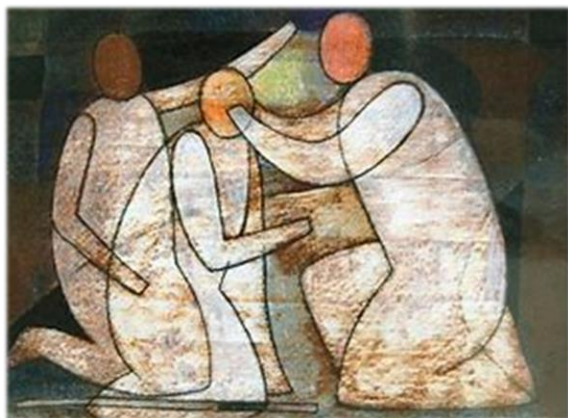
You see, today's news reports tell the story of the man who walked into a Jewish Synagogue in Pittsburgh and killed eleven people. By all accounts, from various news outlets, he continued to scream that he "wants to kill all Jews" as he was taken to the emergency room at Allegheny General Hospital and treated. Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, the lead physician, is personally connected to the tragic event. He is a member of the Synagogue and knew most of the diseased – plus, he lives so close to the crime scene that he heard the shots from his house. Aside from Dr. Cohen who went to check on the alleged shooter to ask him about his level of pain, the emergency room physician and the attending male nurse who cared for the shooter are Jewish.

It takes nothing to touch the hand of an AIDS patient! It takes more than most of us can probably imagine medically treating and physically protecting a person who boldly announces his hate for



anything you believe and stand for and who killed people who were part of your circle of life. Of course, these are professionals and we would, on one hand, expect nothing less. They are doing their job. Like soldiers on the battle field, like fire fighters approaching a burning house, like the police officers who ran into the Synagogue not knowing if they would run back out...all doing their job, and yet...

The day after the shooting in Pittsburgh we remembered the 501st Anniversary of the Reformation. The 16th century was a time of both political and religious violence and hatred. We seem not to be able to escape these destructive human tendencies. Each generation is painfully reminded that, ever since Cain murdered his brother Abel, our human race is not only sinful but very often violently sinful. We know that hate-filled violence knows no bounds; we witness that over and over again.



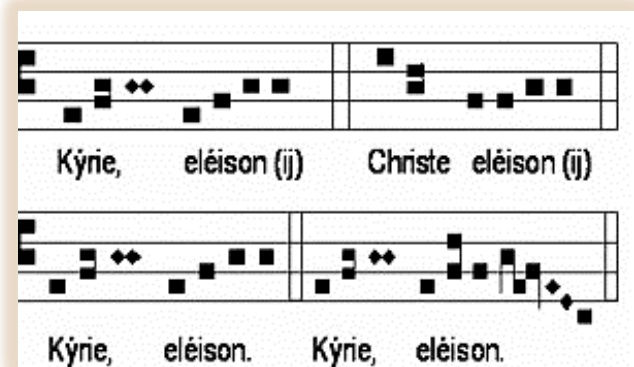
The tragedy in Pittsburgh is not the first that has shaken us as a nation and as a people of God. We do not wish to diminish any of the countless acts of violence we have witnessed close by or from far away over the years. All of them deserve and demand our attention. Indeed, each and every one of those former situations of violence demonstrated in some form the same unbelievable grace, courage and love of neighbor we saw in Pittsburgh this weekend.

What then can we say? We can say that God, while despising all evil, has embraced our sinful world with love and even became victim to our human evil by sending His Son to be crucified. For us! By us! Through us! Instead of us! Murderous evil,

the tragic result of our sinfulness, could not defeat the power of divine love.

Moreover, we are not Crucifixion people – we do not stop at evil, hate and death. We are people of the Resurrection – starting with the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus and waiting for our own. Love overcoming hate and evil – we have a faith that witnesses to that each and every day. As people of faith, therefore, we are bound together both in our mourning and in our response.

So together with the people of Tree of Life Synagogue and with all the people who are subject to violence of any kind, in any place and at any time, we cry to the Lord: Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.



We pray for the survivors of all harmful acts and for those who put their own lives at risk to protect us. We pray for those who somehow find the strength to offer compassion when their hearts are broken, that God may offer them the balm of His gentle peace. We pray for those who contemplate evil that they may turn away from their sinful ways, repent and seek the God of life. We pray for those who strive to heal the hurts of this world and work toward justice and peace. We pray for those who govern us that they may do so with wisdom and integrity and be kept save all of their days. We pray for ourselves and those we love. We pray all this with the cry of God's people from age to age – Kyrie Eleison, Lord have Mercy.

Pastor Z+

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS



On Sunday, November 11th, we will have our 2018 Mission Fest Sunday. As in past years, our speaker will preach during our worship, give a presentation in our Fellowship Hall after the service and be available for questions and conversation during our potluck luncheon (please bring a dish to share if you are able!) The Stewardship Committee thanks you and encourages your attendance.

We will welcome CH Leslie Haines (MAJ) ret., STS, MA, Executive Director Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc. and her assistant, Jamie Barnes, as well as their two service dogs, Lilly-Bell and Dooly.

Chaplain Haines is a pastor of the NALC. She enlisted in Military Service in 1983 and served as Huey Helicopter Crew Chief until 1988, the year she also graduated from Officer Candidate School. She retired in 2015 as Major (US Army, Military Police). She also served in Guantanamo Bay in Detainee Operations and in Kirkuk, Iraq until she was injured.

Leslie developed Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries during her third year of seminary in 2007. She served her year of Deaconess Internship with establishing the ministry in Fort Wayne. Upon graduation in 2009 from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne (Lutheran Church

– Missouri Synod), she accepted the call to serve as LMVFM's Executive Director. In addition to her duties as ministry Chaplain and Executive Director, Leslie serves as the lead counselor for LMVFM, programs director and lead trainer for LMVFM's training programs.

LMVFM is a Christian non-profit (501c3) faith-based ministry. They are dedicated to serving military veterans, military contractors and their families in need of care and assistance, regardless of their faith or religious affiliation. They offer resources, assistance and training to congregations and other care providers. LMVFM values those who serve and those who care for them. Many in our military community are struggling with spiritual or moral wounds and LMVFM is committed to addressing those with Christ-centered care.



Please come and learn more and invite others who might be interested or benefit from hearing about this opportunity to serve men and women in the Armed Forces.

DID YOU KNOW



New Year and a New Way to Give Your Offering

As we had indicated several weeks ago, we would like to offer an Electronic Giving option for those members of our congregation who prefer to do most of their banking and monthly payments online. Therefore, Emmanuel will be using GivePlus+ from the "Vanco Payment Solutions" company as an easy and secure way for you to give your offering online, beginning January 1, 2019. You will be able to choose how much and how often you would like to give by going online and clicking the link on Emmanuel's website or by using the GivePlus+ mobile app on your smartphone. By using your banking information or a debit card you can choose to give to one or more funds and set it as a one-time transaction or a recurring donation. You may log in as a guest to get your donation receipt emailed to you or create an account to view your online giving history.

If you would like to use the option of Electronic Giving but aren't comfortable using a computer or don't have access to one, there will be laptops and staff at the Annual Meeting who can walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have. **Here is what is most important: this is an additional way of being a faithful giver for those of you who wish to use this method.** You do not have to give your offering via GivePlus+! You may continue to use your regular offering envelopes if you prefer. If you are already certain that you will use Electronic Giving starting in January and do not wish to have envelopes for 2019, please let us know. For any questions, please call Christa at the office at 748-641-2736.



**Our Thanksgiving Service will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd at 9:30am
May you enjoy a safe and joyous day!**

Our Stewardship Committee recommends that all funds in our special Thanksgiving envelopes be given to our Benevolence Fund. The monies in the Benevolence Fund are given away each year and therefore a deposit into that fund will do what we like to do with our Thanksgiving offering: bless people beyond our own walls. The amount in the fund is not very large at this point and we can be fairly certain that we would barely keep our commitments which we voted on at the last Annual Meeting. By adding our Thanksgiving offering we will once again be able to be generous with the world around us.

Thank you

Worship Service - October 21st



Children's Sermon



Children's Choir



HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

We will have the Christmas program on

December 16th, at 6:30 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Plans for the Christmas Program “NEW STAR” are on the way. Please watch your texts and emails for additional information as the weeks go on.

We are looking for someone who would be kind and help us with one of our younger classes twice per month starting in January. The assistance would be needed only for 30 minutes, between 11:00 and 11:30. If you think you can help out (what about you moms and grandmas out there?!), please speak with Amy Edwards or Pastor, whoever is closes on your way through the church! Thanks much.



Also, our next NOISY OFFERING will be collected on November 18th!

So far, we have collected \$276.30 for the Campership Fund.

**Great job everyone,
keep up the loving work!**

A PLAN FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ALL WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE!



We will not be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child as we did the last few years but decided to focus on different agency in 2018. ORCHARD PLACE in Des Moines serves nearly 9,500 children with mental, emotional and behavioral challenges each year. They have a RISE AND SHINE campaign trying to collect toiletries for the kids and youths in their care as they spend about \$45,000 annually on those necessities. Starting on November 18th we ask all who wish to help to bring along items like shampoo, conditioner, body wash, band-aids, hand sanitizer, tooth paste, lip balm, lotion, deodorant, and the like. There will be a container in the narthex where you may place your gifts. Our Logos Legos group is invited to bring the items to Des Moines and learn more about the ministry of Orchard Place.

**LET'S SEE HOW CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE
WE CAN MAKE THE WORLD!**

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Thank you, Pastor Z, for the hospital visits and prayers.

-Gene & Betty Rosenberg

A sincere "Thank You" to everyone who helped bring joy to the residents of the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood during September: Myra Dierks, Laurie Bublitz, Judy Trenhaile, Doris Ralph, Gloria Hackbart, and Ardis Hanson. Bingo prizes, a birthday cake and entertainment were provided for various events. There were other willing ladies that offered to help, but that it didn't work out for them for one reason or another. Your willingness to give of yourselves in this way is truly appreciated by the residents and the Women's Council of Emmanuel.



JOYS AND SORROWS

Congratulations to Brooke Claussen and Garrett Ehlke on the birth of their son, Emerson William, who was born on October 8th, 2018.

T-Shirt orders are in!

You may pick up your order starting Wednesday, November 7th.

There will be a table with shirts sorted by size in front of the office.

Please do not take anything from the table unless Pastor Z or Christa are in the office to mark that your order has been picked up. Contact the office at 641-748-2736 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU STEWARDS

... to the October Hospitality Team: Doris & Albert Ralph, Suzanne Walk, Caren & Curt Bartz, Paul Hackbart, Carol Koschmeder, Sheila Lundon, Luella Pagel, Josh & Anna Rosenberg, Jay & Jeannie White, Opal Diedrich, Marena Henkle

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

... to our October Counting Team: Lori & Darren Marsh, Laurie Nack Bublitz and Kim Badker.

...to our Ushers for the month of October: Curt Schaub, Darren Marsh, Cody Marsh and Jon Badker.

...to Gary Schotanus and Randy Hulshizer for operating the P.A. system during October.

...to Jon Badker for serving on our Lay Committee for the month of October.

...to Linda Koschmeder for taking care of "Jane's Board" in the lower narthex. Jane would be proud of you, Linda, and so are we!

...to Doris Ralph who continues to work with our Altar Guild and takes care of many important things we take for granted. Thank you, Doris.

...to Laurie Nack Bublitz for organizing our Prayer Chain whenever needed; it is appreciated.

...to Donna Schilling for accompanying Pastor Z during her nursing home worship service at Good Samaritan in Saint Ansgar.



Recently, Travis and Megan Kroneman and their daughters lost everything in a devastating house fire. South

Square will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and bingo benefit for the Kroneman's on Friday, November 16th from 5 - 9pm at South Square. The spaghetti dinner will be served from 5 - 7pm and eat in or takeout is available. Bingo will begin at 7pm. Throughout the evening, a wide variety of items will be raffled off. A silent auction will also take place during the evening. If you are interested in donating contact: Ashley Demaris at 641-757-9742 or Joni Demaris 641-590-0864.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Grafton

September 11th, 2018

Meeting called to order by: Darren Marsh- Vice Pres.

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Paul Hackbart- Property, Christa Larson-Secretary/Treasurer, Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Merlin Bartz- Evangelism, Nicole Cole- Youth, Amy Edwards- Christian Ed., Julie Schaub-Stewardship

Absent: JC Dawald- President

Devotions: Nicole Cole

Education Segment: Each council member received a copy of the Electronic Meeting Protocol. After reviewing the document there are no changes that need to be made.

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

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

Bills to be paid / Treasurer's Report: M/S/C to accept the Treasurers report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Z is still hoping to find someone to go to the Convocation in Saint Ansgar on Saturday, September 15th. The NALC will be electing a new Bishop at next year's Convocation and it will take place from August 5-9, 2019 in Indianapolis. Pastor Z is going to be on vacation next week but she will be in town and available. The council signed a thank you letter to Jeff Jensen from J-mart for all his donation and continued support of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Board Highlights:

Evangelism- Met on August 30th and discussed helping with the potluck on Rally Day. There is a New Member reception coming up on September 23rd.

Property- The sidewalk project has begun.

Lay Ministry- None

Stewardship- They did meet but no council action needed

Youth and Education- See "Board highlights"

Membership review: By request, remove Christopher and Anthony Duncomb. **M/S/C to accept membership Changes.**

Unfinished Business:

- a) **PA System Upgrade-** Down to one tape recorder, but not a priority at this time. **M/S/C- to take off Unfinished business until we need to discuss it again.**
- b) **Update on Manna of Worth County-** Emmanuel is one of the four congregations on the board of directors and Pastor Zamzow is one of the co-chairs. There was an ad in the local newspapers looking for someone to be a coordinator for Manna of Worth County. There will be two people from each congregation serving on the committee. The board has been working with the Food Bank of Iowa.
- c) **Update on Brainstorming-** The cost to add an envelope to the newsletter was about \$45 a month. The T-shirt sign-up sheet was at Rally Day and is in the church entry for members to sign up and make their payment by October 1st. We will be using the Vanco company to do our E-Giving and we will present this to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. We will also set up laptops and be able to assist anyone who is interested in using E-Giving.

New Business:

- a) **Building Use-** Marena Henkle would like to use the Sanctuary for giving voice lessons on Wednesday evenings. **M/S/C- Anyone wanting to use the church building will have to be a member of the church with permission from the council on a case by case basis and with the request that the member makes a financial donation at the discretion of the individual.**
- b) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday October 9th at 7:00 pm)
- c) Next meeting devotion's preparer: Pastor Z
- d) **M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson

Women's Ministry

- 1) TWC will meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 9 a.m.
- 2) November Bible Study will be on Tuesday, November 27th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. We continue our discussion of "Anxious for Nothing" Please join us!
- 3) **LADIES:** November is Thankoffering month, an offering above and beyond our regular offering. Please bring yours along to the Bible study or give it to one of the officers or to the church office anytime in November. It will be put into the general account until it is designated at the end of the year.

TWC (The Women's Council) October 18, 2018

Devotions were given by Charlotte, taken from Our Daily Bread. Isaiah 53:1-6 speaks of the "suffering servants' song", how Jesus was pierced for us so that we can have spiritual peace with God. TWC opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from September were read and with minor corrections, approved. Treasurer's report shows \$4,891.10 in checking and \$6,070.87 in savings. A motion was made and passed to give \$100 to the KCMR Sharathon. Another motion was made and passed to discontinue collecting offerings for world hunger and the storybook project at monthly Bible studies as of the first of the year. We will still designate funds towards these at the end of the year.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: 94 school kits were packed by 8 volunteers. A huge thank you to those who helped! Sewing days will be October 23-25th, times will be announced. 2) Kitchen reports: a) Old roasters have been tested and 2 are not working correctly, discussion on whether to give away to anyone interested or dispose of. We have 5 good working roasters. b) Charlotte has contacted Ron about ordering additional small glass glasses to add to our inventory- we need to make sure they match what we have and make arrangements for picking them up. 3)

Yearbooks: We have 50 covers from last year to use for the new ones and have gone through and made changes for the upcoming year. Sharon will meet with Christa to review and have new ones printed.

New Business: 1) Thankoffering Litany: November is our Thankoffering month, we would like to acknowledge that during our Bible study time. 2) Soup Supper date: a tentative date of Feb 24th has been set. More decisions will be made in the future. 3) Hospitality teams: we have a few new members that have been assigned to a hospitality team. 4) Christmas event ideas: Instead of a Bible study in December, we are considering other ideas for the church women.

Upcoming dates: Tuesday, October 23rd Bible study at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Next TWC meeting will be Tuesday, November 20th at 9 a.m.; November Bible study will be Tuesday, November 27th at 10 a.m., and 7 p.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Treasurers Report

Financial Balance – September 1-30, 2018

Current Fund

Beginning Balance: \$(7,197.13)

Interest: \$2.73

Deposits: \$21,782.99

Expenses: \$9,506.43

End of month Balance: \$ 5,082.16

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$1,734.35

Deposits: \$93

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$1,827.35

Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$1,426.84

Deposits: \$80

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$1,506.84

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$29,451.13

Deposit: \$112.26 (\$62.26- Campership, \$50- Undesignated)

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$29,563.39

Total of all funds listed above: \$37,979.74

November 2018

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	2	3
Holy Communion 24th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i>	5	6	7 <u>6:30 pm</u> Nominating Committee <u>7 pm</u> Choir	8 <u>9:30 am</u>  Bible STUDY Join us!	9	10
11 25th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship - <i>Choir</i> 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 <u>7 pm</u> Evangelism Committee <i>Veterans Day (Observed)</i>	13 <u>7 pm</u> Council Meeting	14 <u>7 pm</u> Choir	15 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	16	17
18 26th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship – <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School	19	20	21 <u>7 pm</u> Choir	 22 <u>9:30 am</u> Thanksgiving Worship Service	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25 Christ the King 9:30- Worship - <i>Choir</i> 10:30- Fellowship No- Sunday School	26	27 <u>10am & 7pm</u> ENALCW Bible Study	28 <u>7 pm</u> Choir	29 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	30	



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November	Greeters	Organist	Acolytes
Sunday, 4 th	Phillip & Gloria Hackbart	Charlotte Cole	Ryan Cole
Sunday, 11 th	Janis Hackenmiller	Marena Henkle	Ryan Cole
Sunday, 18 st	Ardis Hanson	Marena Henkle	Ryan Hackbart
Thursday, 22 nd	-	Marena Henkle	Lily Walk
Sunday, 25 th	Vanessa Hanson	Donna Schilling	Zach Badker

Share Shoppe – November

Closed for Thanksgiving

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Debby & David Bublitz

Teresa Sorenson	Rufus Glassel
Katie Bass	Marlin & Connie Rosenberg
Kayla Pappas	Sam/ Shelly/Katie/Niki Venechuck
Clarice Venechuck	Kara & Joe Walk
Lowell Walk	Larry Diedrich
Jon & Kim Badker	Calvin & Sandra Thompson

ALTAR GUILD

Emi Kuntz
Val Bork

LAY MINISTRY

Kristy Arzberger

COUNTERS

Dan Nack
Jason Hackbart

USHERS

Paul Hackbart
Garry Backhaus
Duaine Dierks
Alex Hackbart
Marlin Rosenberg

PA

Dan Nack
Josh Rosenberg