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FROM THE PASTOR

"DOES JESUS MEAN IT?"

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good

them without expecting to get anything back.
Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:27-36

to them, and lend to

Last Thursday morning, on my way to a meeting in La Crosse, WI, I found Highway 218 and I-90 between Austin and Rochester to be rather ice-covered. Especially the interstate was anything but safe. As it happens so many times (or at least it seems like it) at the worst icy spot possible a huge semi passed me, causing my car to swing back and forth and barely stay in my lane. Usually not too scared to drive in bad weather, my knuckles were white and my arm muscles cramped up. You will understand that a few less than lady-like thoughts crossed my mind. After the semi was long gone and I steadied my car and started breathing again, my eyes glanced to the right side of the road, directly at a large highway billboard with these words: Real Christians love their Enemies. "I

assume that includes irresponsible truck drivers or, does it mean I am not a 'real Christian'?", I wondered not without cynicism. 🕾

I would think that most of us most of the time take Jesus' words



quite seriously. We believe that his promised forgiveness of all our sins and failures is precious and life giving to us. Jesus tells us that in him we will have eternal life; that when the gladness and the messes of this world come to an end, we will find our comfort at the throne of God.

Yet, then comes a Gospel passage like the one from Luke 6. It seems to be in stark contrast to the message of salvation by God's undeserved kindness to us. Jesus certainly is not seriously with all THAT, is he?

Did you read this carefully: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you, give to everyone who begs, don't judge, don't condemn people but forgive, give and it will be given to you.

Is he serious? Do you know anyone who lives up to all of these prescriptions? And just what does it mean, if we fail in one or all of those areas?

I think this is one of those passages that can get us into trouble if we do not read them carefully. At first glance Jesus seems to be telling us that we are not to defend ourselves when we are attacked; that we have to lie down and let others run willynilly over us; that he is suggesting we should let people steal from us whatever they want and even take or ignore abuse. But: none of that is implied in these words of Jesus.



The other danger we are in is to think that Jesus is simply laying out the Golden Rule: do unto others as you want other to do unto you. Well, sorta kinda... Jesus is not the first or only one to

talk in terms of this famous Golden Rule. But he is making a much more precise point.

He reminds us how easy it is to live by his precepts, his commands, as long as it pertains to people who are like us, people we know and like, people we love.

Any miserable sinner is capable of being nice and loving to those who love him or her – that is basically what Jesus says, right? There is no glory in baking a cake for somebody who brought you several meals when you broke your leg and couldn't get out. There is no praise to be sought in writing a birthday card to the person who just lend you money to have your car repaired. Don't be too impressed with yourself doing the things that you ought to be doing anyway! Now, that takes the helium out of our pride–filled balloon, doesn't it?

Jesus is indeed serious about the words he speaks – then as well as now. He is speaking to people who know the deep love of Jesus for them. He is speaking to us who are baptized children of God. He is speaking to us who know that all our righteousness is like a filthy rag. Jesus' expectations go beyond the normal behavior that ought to be a given for all of us every single day.

Be merciful... period, full stop! Don't just do what you have to do but be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.

You see what Jesus is doing? He is setting up a dichotomy between those sinners who do good because it benefits them and those sinners who do good because of what they have seen and received from their God. Be merciful, not just 'nice' but merciful.

The origin of the word here actually says 'be compassionate' – feel for someone, suffer alongside another person, see the need of a person and act accordingly.

This, says Jesus, is what God does. God feels the pain of the wicked and the ungrateful and then is moved to do something about it.

Love your enemies, Jesus says – and of all the

hard things he asks us to do, this may be the hardest. When I came to Grafton, I was public enemy #1 for some people in the wider community because I had dared to become Emmanuel's Pastor. Certain folks did not return my greeting, walked across the street so they didn't have to look me in the eye or, on the other hand, made a point to stop me and declare that my days in Grafton would be numbered. Some tried to soften their words by adding: you look like a nice enough lady.

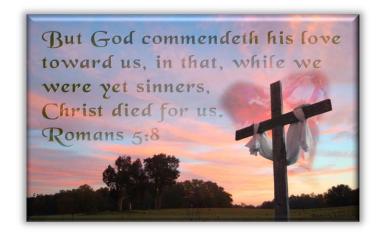
It took me a few months to figure out that some of these painful encounters did not necessarily have to do with me but with experiences, disappointments and fears that were beyond my control. I am cool with being called on the carpet for my own actions or inactions....I had a tough time with being shunt by men and women who couldn't even spell or pronounce my name.

After I learned more about our community and started relating to the pain that was still raw, I was slowly but surely more and more able to put my resentments aside...not because I am such a good person or pastor (you know much better!!) but because my 'enemies' and I found some common ground and learned to be compassionate with each other after life forced us, through happy and sad circumstances, to get to know one another a bit more. Yes, in some cases my 'adversaries' and I came to like each other a great deal. How grateful I am that they hang in there with me and I hung in there with them.

I know, the phrase: <u>I feel your pain</u> has many nuances these days. Perhaps it is time to revive it and give the saying its proper place in our lives as Christians. We are to feel each other's pain as that is what it means to be compassionate, to show mercy, to practice kindness.

Of course, we know how difficult and downright impossible it may be in some cases. But just because we cannot get to this point in our relationship with <u>one person</u> does not mean that it won't work with another person.

To be compassionate can be fatal in some cases. It can indeed end up causing us more pain and consequences than we can handle. Think of Jesus: is that not the result of his compassion? A fatal blow to his very life?



Christ died for us while we were still sinners, Scripture tells us.

When we humans were still the enemies of God, God felt our pain and suffered along with us and was moved to do something. What he did was to give us Jesus who took the hammer blows of our human anger, knowing well that they were the blows of all the hatred and anger and fear we had ever felt. Jesus let himself be beaten without returning the pain, he blessed those who cursed him, he prayed for those who abused him. Jesus was a chip of the divine block and he calls us to be the same.

Jesus actions speak very loudly: let compassion go around no matter what comes around to you – even crucifixion, as was the case for him.

We might not get from others what we give to them. The Golden Rule does fail. Yet, we always will receive compassion from God. That is what Jesus says, and he, above anyone else, should know. Therefore, we can be certain he means every word of what he is telling us.

Pastoral Acts



We celebrated two Baptisms at Emmanuel in February. **Asher Daniel Leuwerke**, the son of Bradley and Jennifer

Leuwerke was baptized on February 10th. His sponsors are Jeffrey Leuwerke, Sarah Ringwelski, Jeremias and Sarah Zamzow.

Lola Elaine Steinberg, the daughter of Josh and Abbie Steinberg, was brought to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 23rd. Her godparents are Wade and Jessie Machin. May God bless the faith journeys of these two precious children as they let their lights shine so Christ may be proclaimed today and always. Congratulations to both families.



Our condolences to Caren Bartz and her family on the loss of her mother, Twila Kroneman. May the Lord comfort all who grieve.

Dear Friend,

I take this yet another golden opportunity to greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hope you are fine. Back to us here in Kenya, we are fine too.

I would like to inform you that the weather here is very dry and hot. We are in our summer or the driest months of the year.

However, farmers are preparing their gardens in readiness for the planting season soon.

How is the weather over there? Hope you are enjoying your time. I am also in my new class of Grade 4 this year and trying really my very best. I really enjoyed the Christmas moment, I hope you too enjoyed.

Thanks, your loving friend, Lawrence (Sponsor Child thru Compassion Int.)

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Electronic Giving Online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.emmanuelgrafton.org,
- 2) Click on the [Give Now] button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- **4)** Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

-OR-



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Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Download the free app on your Apple or Android
- 2) Search for Emmanuel Lutheran by zip code 50440
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to log in or donate as a guest to make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit card or checking/savings account

Lent 2019 at Emmanuel Lutheran



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, as found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, will be the basis for our 2019 Lenten Season gatherings on Wednesday evenings!



On Ash Wednesday we remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.



The first week of Lent we hear the call of Christ, telling us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us.



The second week of the season brings us the discipline of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to him.



Join us for the Sermon on the Mount again for the third week of Lent. In this service we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.



Week four leads us to recognize that we live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.



The last week of Lent we want to be reminded that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus teaches us that the only solid foundation is he himself, the Rock of our salvation. On him alone we build.

Other than on Ash Wednesday, which will be observed with a Holy Communion Service and the Imposition of Ashes, every Wednesday service will be preceded by a Simple Supper served by one of our standing Committees. The suppers are served between 5:30 and 6:45 pm. Worship begins at 7pm. A word about the offerings for this Season: The Stewardship Committee recommends that the Lenten Service Wednesday evening offerings are added into our Benevolence Fund so they can be distributed to the various organizations that were chosen for 2019. The special offerings for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter shall remain at Emmanuel.

March 17th – Congregational Picture and Dinner



March 17th will be a busy day at Emmanuel. Since it is St. Patrick's Day, we will reflect on the work and legacy of that ancient Saint who was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and

Bishop in Ireland. As a teenager Patrick was captured by a group of Irish Barbarian pirates, enslaved and held captive for six years before he escaped back to Britain. After receiving a vision be returns to Ireland, becomes a priest and eventually Bishop. Patrick's thirty years of mission work was devoted to his "warrior children" in order that they might seize "the everlasting kingdom". You will learn more about Saint Patrick during a program in the Fellowship Hall while the children are in Sunday School. By the way: the kids will be singing during worship!!



However, first, and immediately after the conclusion of worship, we will

be taking our <u>'Emmanuel Family Picture'</u> for our upcoming Parish Directory. <u>Please wear your blue Emmanuel T-shirt!</u> For those who do not have one, if possible, plan on wearing a blue or dark top. <u>We hope that everyone will make a very special effort to be part of that picture.</u> It won't be the same without you! Travis Charlton from the St. Ansgar Enterprise will take the picture and place it in the newspaper.



At 11:30 am we will join for a <u>catered St. Patrick's Day</u>
<u>Dinner of corned beef,</u>
cabbage, potatoes, rolls,

dessert and beverages. The cost for the meal is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Please indicate your attendance at the dinner on the sign-up sheets which are in the upper and lower narthex, by March 10th.

It is our sincere hope that <u>you</u> will be part of the day! If you know of someone who needs a ride to church, please call the church office so we may arrange for assistance.

Let's pack the pews and worship, learn and laugh together on March 17th.

Inclement Weather Policy:

Please note that the Church Council recently developed and instituted an inclement weather policy:

In case of inclement weather conditions, we may deem it best and safest to cancel a regularly scheduled or special worship service. In that case, the Pastor and President or Vice President will make that decision and the Pastor will communicate that decision to all the local media no later than 90 minutes before the service scheduled that day.

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

For those of you who do not want to read and remember an entire article: here is something for you.... quotes about Stewardship. One gem after the other!

- If we belong to Christ, it's logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him.
- If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.
- ❖ A checkbook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship. -Billy Graham
- Wealth shines in giving rather than in hoarding: for the miser is hateful, whereas the generous man is applauded. Boethius (480-524), Roman statesman, philosopher and Christian martyr.
- Examples are few of men ruined by giving. Christian Bovée, mid-19th century American author.
- People go through three conversions: their head, their heart and their pocketbook. Unfortunately, not all at the same time. -Martin Luther
- Remember this—you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money. -Selwyn Hughes, English pastor and author
- Your use of money shows what you think of God.
- The world asks: "What does a person own?" God asks, "How does a person use what he or she has been given?"
- Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.
- When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner, or the man loses a soul.
- One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us. Gordon MacDonald, American pastor and teacher
- The good man's earnings advance the cause of righteousness. The evil man squanders his on sin. Proverbs 10:16
- When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

- Give to God what's right not what's left over.
- There are no pockets in a shroud and no U-hauls behind a hearse.
- God looks at the heart, not the hand—the giver, not the gift.
- Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.
- Charity begins at home and generally dies from lack of outdoor exercise.
- You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving. Amy Carmichael (1867-1951), missionary to India
- Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit founder
- ❖ At their best, Christians think of stewardship as "one for me" and "one for God" (or perhaps "nine for me" and" one for God"). ...some formula is used to derive a proportional divvying up of the loot. This must be contrasted with ... the torrent of biblical teaching which teaches that to accept Christ's lordship is to lose final proprietary claim on anything one possesses. -Janet and Philip Jamieson, Ministry and Money
- ❖ I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. -Martin Luther
- Remember: The most important things in life aren't things and the best things in life are always free.
- God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. -Billy Graham
- You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead. Anonymous
- When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain. -Anonymous
- Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.
 -Anonymous
- Let him who exhorts others to give, give himself.
 -Latin Proverb

THANK YOU STEWARDS

... to the February Hospitality Team: Julie & Curt Schaub, Jeff Schultz, Jason & Nicole Schuttler, Jason & Jody Hackbart, Jay Schaub, Nancy Walk, Linda & Gary Schotanus, Rod & Emi Kuntz, Gregg & Mary Jo Urbatsch, Orland Bartz, Dorothy Mensch and Ken Fredrickson.

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

... to our February Counting Team: Dan Nack and Iason Hackbart.

...to our Ushers for the month of February: Michael Cole, Dave Feldt, Candi Feldt, Cole Feldt, Corrie Kuntz, JC Dawald.

...to Mark Fredrickson and Gregg Urbatsch for operating the P.A. system during February.

...to Sharon Hulshizer for serving on our Lay Committee for the month of February.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR STUDENTS, GRADES 3 AND UP, CAN ATTEND BIBLE CAMP AND THAT EMMANUEL WILL CONTRIBUTE 50% OF YOUR COSTS TOWARD THAT. CHECK OUT THE BROCHURE FROM RIVERSIDE IN THE KIOSK (BY THE ROUND TABLE IN THE LOWER NARTHEX). IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL PASTOR Z.

ALSO, FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN GRADES 2-6: BE SURE TO RETURN THE FORM FOR THE SPRING BLAST IF YOUR STUDENT IS PLANNING ON GOING.

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MARCH 20TH!

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

Thank you, Pastor Z, for the visits, prayers and communion. - Gene & Betty Rosenberg

I would like to thank my son, Mark, for all his help and the members of Emmanuel for their concern and prayers at the time of my surgery. Likewise, many thanks to Pastor Z for her visits, bringing the comfort of Scripture. I am truly grateful for it all.

- Ken Fredrickson

Emmanuel & Pastor Z, Thank you once again for your beyond generous donation to our family! Your thought, prayers, kind words and monetary donations do not go un-noticed. Thank you again as we continue to adjust and make plans.

- The Kronemans

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Caring Pregnancy Center's. We are excited for the direction that God is leading our center and appreciate you coming alongside with us.

-Carol Merneche, Caring Pregnancy Center

Emmanuel and Pastor Z, your gift has changed lives through out entire communities, rather than suffer from waterborne illnesses, and we thank you for that. We are grateful for your support and prayers.

- Kevin Herr, Water Mission

Thank you for your donation to Food for the Poor. You're sharing God's love in a way that helps answer prayers and thanks to you, someone in the poorest parts of the world know they are not forgotten.

-Food for the Poor

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for your donation. We are very grateful to have the community support working with us.

-Leo Chisholm, Mitchell County Food Bank



Emmanuel Lutheran Church January 8th, 2019

Meeting called to order by: President JC Dawald

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Darren Marsh-Vice President, Sharon Hulshizer-Lay Ministry, Merlin Bartz-Evangelism, Julie Schaub-Stewardship, Amy Edwards-Christian Ed., Paul Hackbart-Property

Absent: Nicole Cole-Youth and Education, Christa

Larson-Secretary/Treasurer

Devotions: JC Dawald

Education Segment: A Small Rural Church is Hard to Kill

Agenda Review: M/S/C to accept as amended- with date change for next meeting to February 12th

Review Printed Minutes: M/S/C to accept minutes as amended-with date change for next meeting to January 8th

Bills to Pay/Treasurer's Report: M/S/C to accept the expense report and the financial information report.

Pastor's Report: *Ladies tea went well with around 30 in attendance. *Thank you to Darren Marsh for all his painting around the church and in the library. *Request for vacation June 27-July 7th. *March 17th set as tentative family pic date with everyone in the congregation wearing their new church t-shirts. *Plans to have VBS at Emmanuel again this year. *Serving on the NALC vetting panel/disciplinary committee. *Will set up tables for new committee members to meet following the annual meeting as has been done in the past.

Board Highlights:

<u>Christian Ed:</u> Had a very good turnout and successful Christmas program.

Property: Tuckpointing-getting bids on doing the tuckpointing on the church walls; Furnaces- several furnaces are having issues, including the one at the parsonage- gathering bids on fixing/replacement; Tile

floor in ed unit-tiles have been replaced as needed, but only a temporary fix, looking into bids for new flooring.

Stewardship: Met last week. Reviewed the abundance in the benevolence budget for the year and recommended a plan of giving to use the extra funds.

M/S/C to accept Stewardship recommendation, to be presented at the annual meeting.

Membership review: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. <u>Nominations Committee Update-</u> Need one youth committee member and delegates for NALC convocation. All other positions are filled.
- Weather Policy- M/S/C to adopt the inclement weather policy as presented.
- c. <u>Update on Website-</u> looked at some analytics on website use. Council would like to see further breakdown to evaluate whether the website is being used enough to justify keeping it maintained or whether it might benefit from some adjustments.
- d. Setting of the 2019 Budget- some discussion to finalize numbers for the proposed 2019 budget. M/S/C to approve the 2019 proposed budget as amended by the church council and present at the annual meeting.

New Business:

- a. <u>Annual Update-Mass Mutual Insurance-</u> reviewed insurance policy to see value increase or decrease for the year. No action taken at this time, but will review again in January 2020.
- b. <u>Audit Committee Members-</u> A list of potential auditors was presented; two new individuals will be needed for this year. Suggestions were made and individuals will be contacted.
- **c.** Thrivent rep to come during the February meeting, if possible
- **d.** Thank you to JC for his 4 years of service to the council.
- e. Next meeting devotion's preparer: Paul Hackbart
- **f.** Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm

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

-Acting secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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- 1) TWC meets on Tuesday, March 19th at 9am.
- 2) ENALCW Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 26th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

TWC (The Women's Council) February 19, 2019

Charlotte shared devotions based on Matthew 6:25-34. The devotion, entitled, "An Alternative to Worry" says that when problems are on the horizon, we should take action and trust in God, casting your cares upon Him. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes were read and approved. It was noted that the January Bible study was moved to February 4th at 7 p.m. only, due to the cold temperatures. Treasurer's report was given. There is \$3,115.20 in checking. Savings was the same as last month. Current bills have been paid. Correspondence was shared from Mark Borchardt, One Vision, and the WNALC.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: one quilt left to hem and layettes need to be packed. 2) Kitchen report: projects still ongoing 3) Yearbooks: will be finished as time permits 4) Annual audit of books: Will be done in the next few weeks 5) Soup Supper: finalizing workers, need to watch weather reports as we may need to postpone the supper until March 3rd.

New Business: 1) Lenten Simple Supper: Will need to check with Pastor Z on dates, if needed. 2) Love offering: to be collected at February Bible Study. 3) Quilt Sunday: Will be March 31, set up on the 29.

Upcoming Dates: Bible Study: February 26th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; March TWC meeting: March 19th at 9 a.m.; March Bible Study: March 26th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

- Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



Financial Balance Information for January 1-31, 2019

Current Fund

Beginning Balance: \$16,411.79

Interest: \$6.12

Deposit: \$9,454 (offering: \$9,399; Reimbursement: \$55)

Expenses: \$18,403.05

End of month Balance: \$7,468.86

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$5,346.64

Deposits: \$215.00 Expense: \$5,156.55

End of month Balance: \$405.09

Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$16,649.84

Deposits: \$56 Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$16,705.84

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$28,892.93

Deposit: \$441.42 (Altar Guild, Organ Fund and Campership)

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$29,334.35

Total of all funds listed above: \$53,914.14



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:30 -Worship, Communion 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School 4-7pm -Soup Supper	4	5	ASH WEDNESDAY 6 pm Choir 7 pm Service with Communion	7 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	8	9
1st Sunday in Lent 10 9:30 -Worship, Choir 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School	11	7 pm Council Meeting	5:30 pm Simple Supper 7 pm Lenten Service 7:40 pm Choir	9:30 am Bible STUDY Join us!	15	16
2 nd Sunday in Lent 17 9:30 -Worship, Noisy Offering and Sunday School Sings 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School *ELC Family Picture and St. Patrick's Day Dinner	18	19	5:30 pm Simple Supper 7 pm Lenten Service 7:40 pm Choir	21 9:30 am Bible Study	22	23
3 rd Sunday in Lent 24 9:30 -Worship, Choir 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School	25	26 7 pm ENALCW Bible Study	5:30 pm Simple Supper 7 pm Lenten Service 7:40 pm Choir	9:30 am Bible Study ELC at Share Shoppe	29	30

4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 -Worship, Communion 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School

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*Sunday, March 17th - 'Emmanuel Family Picture' will be immediately following worship. At 11:30 am we will join in a catered St. Patrick's Day Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.



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<u>March</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>	
Sunday, March 3	Zach Badker	Sheila Lundon	Donna Schilling	
Wednesday, March 6	Kaelee Hicken	Lent Service- 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	
Sunday, March 10	Gracie Urbatsch	Cody Marsh	Donna Schilling	
Wednesday, March 13	Emma Hicken	Lent Service- 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	
Sunday, March 17	Brooklyn Hackbart	Darren & Lori Marsh	Marena Henkle	
Wednesday, March 20	Ryan Cole	Lent Service- 7 pm	Charlotte Cole	
Sunday, March 24	Ryan Hackbart	Sally Mayer	Marena Henkle	
Sunday, March 31	Zach Badker	Steven McCready	Marena Henkle	

Share Shoppe - March 28th

Pastor Zamzow HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Charlotte Cole

Neil & Donna Hackbart Holly Bruesewitz
Keven & Sandy Bruesewitz Chris Paulson

Mark & Belinda Borchardt Phil & Gloria Hackbart
Nicole & Michael Cole Steve & Brenda Trenhaile

Ray & Neoma Smidt Raechel Fossey

Barb & Earl Backhaus

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Lisa Bartz

LAY MINISTRY

Duane Rustad

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Lisa Bartz Lori Marsh Darren Marsh Kim Badker

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Curt Schaub
Darren Marsh
Cody Marsh
Jon Badker
Neil Hackbart

<u>PA</u>

Gary Schotanus Randy Hulshizer