

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

? UNFORGIVEN ?

No, the title does not lead to a movie review of the famous Clint Eastwood movie by the same name.

Rather, a few years ago I realized that there is indeed one sphere in the world that is even

crazier than the church: politics. So, following political has become a sort of refuge for me when I am pretty sure that 'now I have seen it all'. Nope, just open the computer and click on the news and the chaos in the church of Jesus Christ looks manageable! But sometimes the two overlap....really, they do.

While not in the very recent past, still recently enough to remember it, we had a national conversation (or maybe it was more of a national bickering?) about who or what should be 'unforgivable'. Well, when we are talking forgiveness, or the lack thereof, we are in the realm of religion, faith and our relationship with God. Especially as we are



rapidly moving toward Holy Week, now might be a good time to think about forgiveness again. After all, that is why we are living through the dark Season of Lent... recognizing that Jesus precisely died for the forgiveness

of our sins and that therefore – quite apparently from everything we can see in Scripture - we are not beyond forgiveness.

So we witnessed a back and forth between politicians of every stripe (*yes, this behavior is not limited to one party or group*) to what we can or cannot forgive. Can we forgive insults? Threats to our family's well-being? Carelessness in making decision that effect million? Making fun of people who are putting on a uniform to fight for us?

Sure, most of us can understand that there is anger and frustration when you feel endangered, maligned, or disrespected!

Yet, here is the tragic result of using the word

'unforgivable' and throwing it around like confetti: to say someone is beyond forgiveness is to cut hope right out of the conversation. It means you are writing somebody off –totally, forever.



In the olden days, and in the world of theology still today, we would/can declare someone/something to be 'anathema'. That speaks to a ban, a damnation, an excommunication of sorts. The church fathers used the expression to declare heresies. But, this language is truly tragic when it enters our everyday realm of dealing with one another. It infects our lives, it permeates our minds, it poisons our hearts. Yes, I would go so far as to say that refusing to forgive has the potential to destroy our very lives.

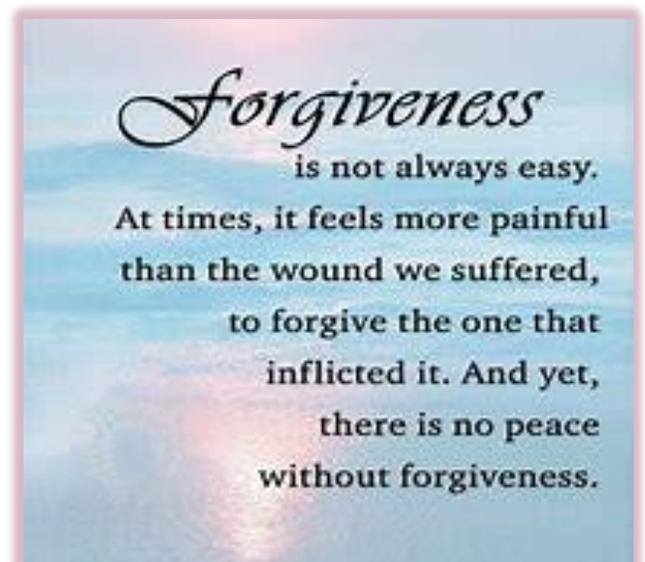
There are a few situations in this world when and where we all can understand that forgiveness will come very slowly and painfully and where the very thought of it will almost choke us. Yes, there are those moments – let us be sure. But, we are living in a society, in a culture, where we way too often refuse to forgive for the sake of refusing. And: we surely hear such sentiments among those of us who call Jesus 'Lord'.

None of this is healthy. Forgiveness is a wonderful gift for all, and is central to the teachings of Christ. Christians pray the Lord's Prayer more often than not. We know the words well: *And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

We are encouraged to ask God boldly to

graciously forgive our sins. Whether we realize it or not, this means we are acknowledging our sins and sinfulness. This is not a theoretical exercise. Many of us are likewise familiar with the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 130:3: *If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, LORD, who could stand?* Indeed, let's just admit that without divine forgiveness we would be entirely cut off from our heavenly Father. But the Lord's Prayer does not end with this needed petition for self-preservation: as we are forgiven so we are called to treat our neighbor.

We all know Peter's famous question as to how many times we are to be that gracious?! Jesus' answer is almost distressing: seventy times seven. Seven is one of the perfect numbers in Scripture. Translated that simply means there is to be no end in sight when we consider our forgiveness of others. While we all are aware of the reference to the unforgivable sin against the Holy Spirit, I see no encouragement that says: stop forgiving your erring brother or sister in the Lord! Forgiveness is a matter of the will. We may want to be wise and not subject ourselves in trust and without care to a person or situation that has the potential to cause additional harm (*don't ask an abused spouse to take the abuse because Jesus suffered - no!*), but that is rather different from refusing to forgive as we hear so often around us these days.



St. Paul, who surely had his own set of problems with quarrels wherever he turned, speaks to us in the Letter to the Ephesians: *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”*



I love the story of Joseph and have mentioned in a number of sermons the line I think captures the entire meaning of this long Old Testament narrative. Joseph, sold by his brothers into slavery, falsely accused of rape, and unjustly imprisoned before he rises to be the second most powerful man in Egypt, meets up with his brothers many years later. The brothers are terrified that he will not forgive them and will exact revenge. After putting them a bit through the paces, he reveals himself to the brothers and says, *“Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”*

God meant it for good. If God meant it for good, why do we continue to mean it for evil? We look at the events of Holy Week – right before us in just a few short days. Indeed, we, humanity, meant it for evil but God meant it for good. *“Father, forgive them”*, Jesus cried from the cross. An innocent man dying on a cross forgiving his tormenters. That is a high bar, as we say. A high cross-bar! But without that high cross-bar our sins would not be forgiven and we would count among those deemed “unforgivable”. I don’t like that thought. I don’t want to see myself as that anathema, that rejected, that

hopeless. Holy Week will be a good time for all of us, you and me together, to take another look at our relationships. What if we too would mean it for good?

PZ+

Pastoral Acts



Congratulations to Cierra Dalluge and Aaron Peterson on the Baptism of their daughter, Jentry Kay Peterson on March 31st. Her sponsors are Jacob Dalluge, Damon Dalluge, Justin Peterson and Leah Nelson. May God guide Jentry’s path as she grows up to praise Him.

Joys and Sorrows

Our Condolences to the family of Sandy Thompson on the loss of her father, James Hulshizer. May God comfort those who mourn his death.

Congratulations to Liz and Michael Schaub on the birth of their daughter, Emersyn Marie. Rich blessings upon the entire family!

Congratulations to Travis and Megan Kroneman on the birth of their daughter, Fayth Fawn. God’s Peace to the entire Kroneman family.



Easter Lilies will be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. You are invited to order one or more Easter Lilies to be placed in memory or in honor of loved ones. These

will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.

The cost is \$13 per plant. You are also welcome to purchase and bring in your own plants.

The form will be available in the Narthex, or call the office 641-748-2736.

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 Kroneman's*

Thank you to EVERYONE who so generously gave of their time and energy to help make our annual Soup Supper a great success. In spite of the fact that we didn't choose the right date initially and like many other events this winter, Mother Nature made the final call, we had good attendance on our postponement date! Approximately 150 people braved the very cold temperatures of the day and enjoyed a bowl of HOT soup, a variety of delicious breads, sweet deserts, and good fellowship! We are so grateful for each one of you who helped in any way to make this a successful event for our congregation!

-*The Women of Emmanuel (ENALCW)*

On behalf of Lutheran Military Vets and Families, I would like to thank you for your continued support of this ministry. It allows us to continue our work with veteran military contractors and their families.

-*CH Leslie Haines*



THANK YOU STEWARDS

... to the March Hospitality Team: Charlotte Cole, Neil & Donna Hackbart, Holly Bruesewitz, Chris Paulson, Keven & Sandy Bruesewitz, Raechel Fossey, Mark & Belinda Borhardt, Phil & Gloria Hackbart, Nicole & Michael Cole, Steve & Brenda Trenhaile, Ray & Neoma Smidt, Barb & Earl Backhaus.

... to Lisa Bartz for serving on our Altar Guild.

... to our Counting Team: Lisa Bartz, Lori Marsh, Darren Marsh, Kim Badker.

...to our Ushers: Curt Schaub, Darren Marsh, Cody Marsh, Jon Badker, Neil Hackbart.

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

...to Duane Rustad for serving on our Lay Committee for the month of February.

...to the Evangelism Committee for a fantastic day on March 17th with the opportunity to have our group photo taken and the following presentation and of the life and ministry of Saint Patrick – and, of course, our delicious Irish Dinner. We thank the Committee (Merlin Bartz, Janis Hackenmiller, Sandy Thompson, Myra Dierks) for their hard work. Thanks to Shelley and Sam Venechuk for catering the Dinner and to the Bartz family for setting up and taking down the risers so we could be seen on our photo.

...to the standing Committees of ELC for providing our Simple Suppers on Wednesdays. They all have been delicious! Thank you also for allowing the free-will offerings to be applied to various ministry opportunities at our congregation!

...to our quilters who put together 100 quilts to be shipped through Lutheran World Relief to various corners of the world where the needs continue to be great. Thank you for your busy hands and loving hearts. Special recognition needs to go to Myra Dierks and Clarice Bartz who do much of the work at home.

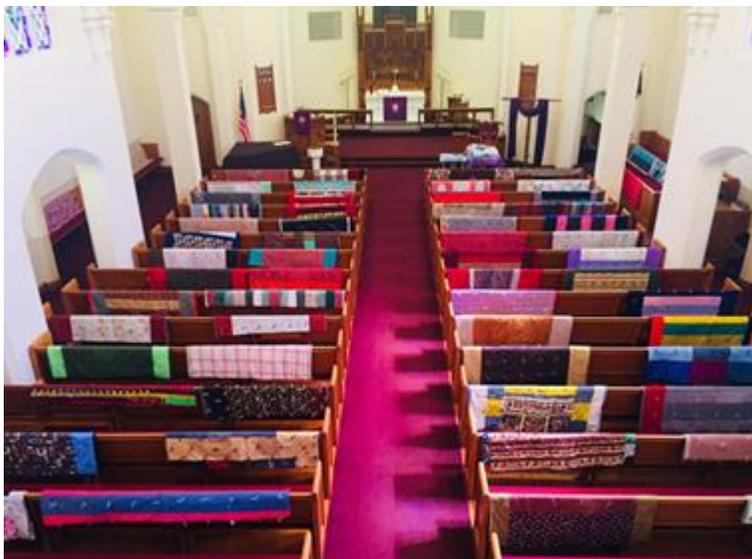
Guess Who?

We have been so very pleased with the results of our NOISY OFFERINGS. Thank you to all who have contributed. The kids have enjoyed being part of the ushering. Now we are taking it to a different level giving the kids a chance to participate in another fun exercise. In March Pastor Z and Christa, looking at the many coins before they were taken to the Bank, decided to guess what the count would be. One of us guessed \$88.79 and the other \$90.23 - the correct amount was \$120.57. We want to give the Sunday School kids the opportunity to guess who guessed correctly! There will be a list with the children's name on the Sunday School board and they can mark the name of the person they think was closest to the correct amount of money - Christa or Pastor.

Let's see how good Christa and Pastor are at guessing the amount and then see how good the kids are at guessing who the best guesser is!

Come and Find A New Way to Engage with The Word of God

All women of Emmanuel are invited to come and join us for an evening of learning about Bible Art Journaling on May 6th at 6:30 pm. Deb Rohne from Northwood will give us tips and guide us through an activity to understand the value of this method of 'reading Scripture'. Bring your Bible (don't worry, you don't have to ruin it!), a notebook and some colored pencils if you have them. No need to purchase anything new as Deb will come prepared! Invite your friends and neighbors for an evening of fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.



Quilt Blessing



St. Patrick's Day Dinner



A very Happy and Blessed Easter to all members and friends of Emmanuel. May the joy of the Resurrection bring contentment and peace into your lives and calm all storms. Because of Jesus' Resurrection our lives will be made new, our sins are forgiven and our eternal life has been secured.

As the song says: *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; all fear is gone; because I know he hold the future and life is worth the living just because He lives.* Let us indeed live with that hope and conviction. -Pastor Z+



Palm Sunday – April 14th

- Worship at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday – April 18th

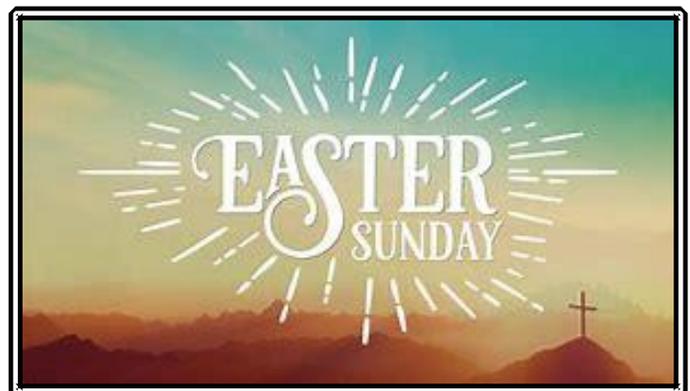
- Worship with Holy Communion at 1:00 pm in the library
- Pie Social for First Communicants at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Worship with Holy Communion (First Communion) and the Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 19th

- Worship at 1:00 pm in the library
- Worship at 7:00 pm



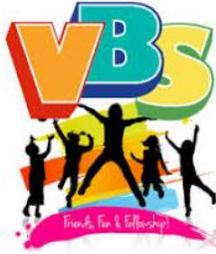
The Women's 'Celebrate Spring Salad Supper'



- Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 am
- Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am
- Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 am

DID YOU KNOW

...that our children will have two opportunities to participate in Vacation Bible School this summer? The ecumenical VBS week in Bolan will take place June 3-7 and our own VBS here at Emmanuel will be in the evening hours of August 11th, 12th and 13th. Parents: Watch for information that will be mailed to your home in May! Please be sure to give us a hand in our planning by honoring the deadlines!



...our Noisy Offering in April will be collected on April 28th - the week after Easter. Thank you for all who so faithfully bring in their coins. Your generosity already has made a fantastic difference in our Campership Fund.

...that members who have products with Thrivent Financial can help Emmanuel or any other Lutheran organization through The Thrivent Choice® program? This program encourages benefit members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes an amount of its charitable grant funds. To be eligible to participate in Thrivent Choice, you must be a benefit member. Individual eligibility is also based on at least one of the following:

- Holding a qualifying Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership position.
- Having \$750 or more in annual premiums of qualifying insurance products.
- Having \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying products.

Member eligibility is determined monthly and reevaluated on an annual basis. The deadline for directing yearly amounts is always March 31st. We have some members who already use this program and our church benefits from it. We respect the wishes of the giver and place the money in the account suggested (*for example: this year Pastor Z directed her Choice Dollars to the Campership Fund*). However, please be advised that according to the rules Thrivent has established, your Choice Dollars belong to Thrivent not to the policy holders and as soon as you direct them to a church or camp or college, etc.

that entity has the right to use the money as they wish. If you have policies with Thrivent Financial, please consider sharing your Choice Dollars with an organization of your liking.



...that the insert in this newsletter is a reminder of our upcoming Pictorial Directory for which we will take pictures of individuals and families on June 19-22? You will receive detailed information as the week approaches. You will have the option to sign up at church or on-line. In order to get the time that works best for you, plan already on signing up early! Every participating person/family will receive a complimentary 8x10 picture of their choosing and have opportunity to order more if so desired. We hope all of you will come to the photo session so our directory is complete. Please note, while we do not encourage it, it will be possible to submit pictures. However, if that is your choice, make sure the picture is of excellent quality; if it is taken by a professional photographer, you must submit a copyright release as Life Touch, the company which with we are working, is not allowed to print pictures to which they do not hold the copyright.

...that the Church Council decided to keep the opening and closing time of the church building identical throughout the year? For the last few years we have had 'winter hours' and 'summer hours' at Emmanuel. Of course, our hours are reflecting need, safety and security of the building, the staff and our ministry. Upon discussion we could not detect any advantage to keeping the doors open longer than 7:00 pm unless activities or individual needs call for it. We also noticed that Emmanuel is 'open' much longer and more often than other churches in the area. Therefore, Emmanuel's doors will continue to be open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm Mondays through Saturdays and from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm on Sundays. If you have need to enter the church at any other time, please call the office or contact Pastor Z - we will be very happy to accommodate your requests.

...we will have a musical guest on May 5th? John Schindler, who has shared his music with us before, will be here on that day. We will collect a free-will offering for John.



STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

I read a summary of a book on Stewardship the other day. It is called “Give and Take” by Adam Grant. He made a few really good points and in some ways spoke to one of the concerns many of us have: how much and often ought we respond to the needs around us? When are we being “used”? When are we putting ourselves at a great disadvantage by being helpful to others and when must we simply say “no”?

I think the first thing we need to remember in a non-profit organization like a church community is this: we are free to give or to ignore a request. This is not the IRS or the Electric Company that wants its “pound of flesh” or will cut off your lights respectively.

One of the comments I have always flat-out rejected (even long before I became a clergy person!) is: “they are always asking for money”. Even if “they” do (hey, we are all in this together and it is always “us”!), just because somebody asks, we do not need to respond affirmatively. Now, I know this is dangerous territory because someone might say: “Pastor Z said I don’t have to put money in the offering plate.” No, she didn’t say that! What I am saying is this: some of us are able to respond graciously to just about every request that comes along, most of us have to choose more carefully and some of us have to operate in “the widow’s might” mode.

One of the things I learned reading up on Stewardship is the following: We all can be more thoughtful about how we help. Building on a nationally representative poll of Americans, there are six profiles of giving beyond sharing our monetary resources:

- **Experts** share knowledge.
- **Coaches** teach skills.
- **Mentors** give advice and guidance.
- **Connectors** make introductions.
- **Extra-milers** show up early, stay late, and volunteer for extra work.
- **Helpers** provide hands-on task support and emotional support.

I have not yet decided into which category I fall – I think it might depend on the day and the circumstances. The same is probably true for you, too. We indeed share of ourselves in ways well beyond writing checks! I also learned how giving and taking are related – or, at least, how they can be related. I found a nifty little chart I would like to share with you:

Again, I wonder where I fit into those categories and whether or not I am again moving back and forth in them. Together these two profile charts are instructive to me as they help me see how we can use our God-given talents in various ways and need to be mindful not to misuse giving and taking for our own protection as well as for the protection of those whose needs are known to us. I just thought I would share....PZ+

TAKERS see every interaction as an opportunity to advance their own interests. They will run you ragged if you don’t protect yourself. But you can get better at spotting takers if you know what clues to look for: They act as if they deserve your help, and they don’t hesitate to impose on your time.

MATCHERS trade favors evenly. They can give as good as they get, but they expect reciprocity. Matching is a transactional, defensive stance — it adds less value for both you and others, but it can be helpful when you’re dealing with a taker.

SELF-PROTECTIVE GIVERS are generous, but they know their limits. Instead of saying yes to every help request, they look for high-impact, low-cost ways of giving so that they can sustain their generosity — and enjoy it along the way.

SELFLESS GIVERS have high concern for others but low concern for themselves. They set few or no boundaries, which makes them especially vulnerable to takers. By ignoring their own needs, they exhaust themselves and, paradoxically, end up helping others less.



Congregational Council Minutes February 19th, 2019

Meeting called to order by: Darren Marsh- Pres.

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Mark Fredrickson- Vice Pres., Merlin Bartz- Evangelism, Paul Hackbart- Property, Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Marena Henkle- Stewardship, Christa Larson- Secretary/Treasurer, Kim Badker- Christian Ed.

Absent: Nicole Cole- Youth

Devotions: Paul Hackbart

Education Segment: Intro to Council Work

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

Review Printed Minutes: M/S/C to approve Minutes as written

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C to receive the Treasurer's report with corrections *Actual and Budget report- '2019 Budget not 2018 Budget' and delete the notation 'T-Shirt' on Miscellaneous Expense and Revenue lines.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Z brought up the issue of changing the names of those authorized to sign checks through Farmers State Bank. M/S/C to have the current President and Vice President be authorized as a second signature at Farmers State Bank. Then Pastor briefly spoke about the task that have been keeping her busy, including volunteer work for the NALC. Lastly, the Inclement Weather Policy was discussed; M/S/C to amend the Inclement Weather Policy to state that the Pastor will communicate the decision to cancel service to all the local media no later than 90 minutes before the service scheduled that day.

Board Highlights:

Property- We received two bids from companies for Tuckpointing the outside of the church and submitted a grant application to the WCDA. There

are still several repair issues on their list but they are trying to take it one thing at a time. They are doing the Simple Supper on March 27th.

Evangelism- They will be having Backroads Catering prepare the meal on St. Patrick's Day and their Simple Supper will be on April 10th.

Lay Ministry- They will be serving pizza for their Simple Supper on March 13th.

Stewardship-

Youth- Absent

Education- Serving Walking Tacos for their Simple Supper on March 20th and they will have Brat Stands again this summer to raise money for Campership.

Membership review: None

Unfinished business:

- a) **Annual Meeting Reflections-** After discussion, suggestions were made to send the report out in an email prior to the meeting and to use an overhead projector for everyone to see the page being discussed.
- b) **Update on Website-** Analytics report indicated that the church website was still being actively viewed.
- c) **Thrivent Visit Update-** There will be a Thrivent representative at the April Meeting.

New Business:

- a) **PA System / Carillon-** Discussed replacing the tape deck and updating the Carillon. The issue will be handled by the Lay ministry committee and someone will be speaking with a member who has already been working on this project.
- b) **With One Voice Purchase-** After discussion, M/S/C to purchase 15 new With One Voice Hymn books.
- c) Next meeting date and time is (Tuesday, April 9 @ 7:00 pm)
- d) Next meeting devotion's preparer: Sharon Hulshizer

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

-Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson



- 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)
March 19, 2019

Emi shared devotions based on Isaiah 43-44 on how God washes away our sin, never to remember it. He sweeps away our sins so that we may have new life in Him. TWC meeting was opened with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes were read and approved from April. Treasurer's report was incomplete- more time is needed to get books back from auditing and get an accurate report. It appears that the soup supper made a profit of about \$1750.00. Correspondence was a thank you from LWR

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: quilts are finished, possibly a few layettes are left to assemble and pack. Will check with Myra on putting up quilts for display on the 31st. 2) Kitchen report: One old roaster has been disposed of. There are two remaining roasters that do not work properly-they will be offered to those who may have a use for the liners and if they do not want them, will be offered to anyone else interested. 3) Yearbooks: need to review and approve for printing 4) Evaluate Soup Supper: Reviewed the supper and list of volunteers. It went very well, discussed some small changes for future.

New Business: 1) Quilt Sunday: will be Sunday, March 31st. Will determine a date and time to set up the display and the soap basket for collecting soap. Need to choose a date and time for packing up LWR items and coordinate efforts to deliver them in April. Also need to contact our graduate to choose a quilt as their gift from the ENALCW. 2) Graduate recognition Sunday:

Potentially scheduled for April 28th, one graduate this year, no confirmands. Pastor will check on this date with the graduate and family and get back to us.

Upcoming dates: Celebrate Spring Salad Supper will be on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. A postcard will be mailed out with information. Pastor Z will prepare a short presentation on human trafficking; LWR Pickup will be on April 15th from 9-11 a.m. in Mason City at the former Sears parking lot; April TWC will be April 16th at 9 a.m.; April Women's meeting: an idea was discussed and Pastor will look into it and see what we can arrange for our women's gathering.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

**Financial Balance Information for
February 1-28, 2019**

Current Fund

Beginning Balance: \$7,468.86
Interest: \$5.04
Deposit: \$7,799.29 (General Offering: \$7,724.00, E-Giving: \$20.25, Rental: \$50)
Expenses: \$15,373.53
End of month Balance: (\$100.34)

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$405.09
Deposits: \$360.00
Expense: \$0
End of month Balance: \$765.09

Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$16,705.84
Deposits: \$55.00
Expense: \$0
End of month Balance: \$16,760.84

Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$29,334.35
Deposit: \$152.46 (Campership)
Expense: \$450.00
End of month Balance: \$29,036.81
Total of all funds listed above: \$46,462.40

Emmanuel's “Secret Sauce”

At our March Council meeting we discussed qualities of a small church that have impact. An article we read talked about the uniqueness of each congregation, regardless of size. The author called a congregation's specific DNA the “secret sauce” that needs to be discovered and used as a force for good in a community. Pastor gave the Council ‘homework’ asking them to write down what they individually thought is our “secret sauce”. Here are their answers:

- ❖ As far as what makes ELC “unique” I think it is the independent thinking of our congregation; not so easy to tell us as a group what to do and then expect compliance. I think that is a very good thing.
- ❖ We have the most caring, committed, hardest-working pastor ELC ever had.
- ❖ The “secret sauce” to Emmanuel for me is: “Family”- whether we are members due to our family history or marriage, or new members from another church, or first-time members of any church, Emmanuel is a family. We are a family of God. Emmanuel, of course, means “God with Us”. We have our ups and downs, but we work together to resolve differences and keep Christ as our focus to protect our name as Emmanuel. We come together to worship, support one another during good times and bad, work together as God calls us to do, and we are able to do our best to put differences aside to honor our name. We sing, we worship, we laugh, we cry, we support, we serve, we honor our elderly and encourage our youth. We are family!
- ❖ Sauce is a combination of having a dedicated pastor with foresight to help us focus on the right things and willingness to come together

to celebrate diverse ideas, challenge each other respectfully and look for ways to bring all generations together in a fun and meaningful way.

- ❖ I believe our special sauce has to do with a congregation that believes in our beliefs in God and wants to help others do the same no matter what size our church is. And yes, having a very good pastor makes it a lot easier.
- ❖ Our church members are not afraid to lift their voices - Not just in singing during service, but also at fellowship while sharing about farming, while advocating for traditions old and new, and by speaking "I'll be praying for you". The voices of Emmanuel create a community of care. I have visited churches that do not sing together, or don't realize when a guest is in their midst - even churches where coffee hour is no more than visiting a barista in the lobby before sitting down in a pew. Those places sure didn't feel like home, but Emmanuel does.
- ❖ Our secret sauce is the small town, family-like community
- ❖ Two possible secret sauces. First, everybody knows your name. Second, a familiar and safe environment



Soup Supper

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <u>5:30 pm</u> Simple Supper <u>7 pm</u> Lenten Service <u>7 pm</u> -Choir	4 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	5	6
5th Sunday in Lent 7 9:30 -Worship -Communion 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School	8	9 <u>7 pm</u> -Council Meeting	10 <u>5:30 pm</u> Simple Supper <u>7 pm</u> Lenten Service <u>7 pm</u> -Choir	11 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	12	13
Palm Sunday 14 9:30 -Worship, Choir 10:30 -Fellowship 10:40 -Sunday School	15	16	17 <u>7 pm</u> -Choir	18 <u>1 pm</u> - Maundy Thursday Service <u>6 pm</u> -Pie Social <u>7 pm</u> -Maundy Thursday Service	19 <u>1 pm</u> -Good Friday Service <u>7 pm</u> -Good Friday Service	20
Easter Sunday 21 7:00 -Early Worship 8:00 -Easter Breakfast 9:30 -Worship, Choir	22	23	24 <u>7 pm</u> -Choir	25 <u>9:30 am</u> Bible Study	26	27
2nd Sunday in Easter 28 9:30 -Worship 10:30 -Fellowship 10:30 -Hymn Committee 10:40 -Sunday School	29 PZ at Iowa Mission District Meeting	30				



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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Address Service Requested

<u>April</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Wednesday, April 3	Kaelee Hicken	Lenten Service – 7 pm	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, April 7	Gracie Urbatsch	Dean & Mardine Meyer	Donna Schilling
Wednesday, April 10	Emma Hicken	Lenten Service – 7 pm	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, April 14	Brooklyn Hackbart	Jerry Navratil	Marena Henkle
Thursday, April 18	x	Maundy Thursday- 1 pm	Charlotte Cole
Thursday, April 18	Ryan Cole	Maundy Thursday- 7 pm	Marena Henkle
Friday, April 19	x	Good Friday- 1 pm	Charlotte Cole
Friday, April 19	x	Good Friday- 7pm	Marena Henkle
Sunday, April 21 – 7:00 am	Ryan Hackbart	Easter Service- 7 am	Marena Henkle
Sunday, April 21 – 9:30 am	Lily Walk	Richard & Ruth Neeley	Marena Henkle
Sunday, April 28	Zach Badker	Janice Nelson	Donna Schilling

Share Shoppe – April 25th

Gloria Hackbart

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leaders: Lori & Darren Marsh

Steve & Kristi Arzberger / Zane	Mark Fredrickson
Abbie & Josh Steinberg	Elaine Huebner
Vanessa & Levi Hanson	Sally & Bryce Mayer
Liz Backhaus	Dale Schultz
Chris & Teresa Braun	Tammy Schuttler
Joy & Jerry Buechele	Callie & Jason Athey

ALTAR GUILD

Doris Ralph
Linda Kroneman

LAY MINISTRY

Doris Ralph

COUNTERS

Orland Bartz
Teresa Braun
Kim Badker
Gloria Hackbart

USHERS

Mark Fredrickson
Richard Neeley
Duane Rustad
Steve McCready
Gary Schotanus

PA

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Garry Backhaus