

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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### FROM THE PASTOR

## Thanksgiving again – NOW WHAT?

Thanksgiving is coming. Thanksgiving is a time when we are willing to live with high gas prices or crowded airport security lines in order to come together with family and friends. It is a time for us to roll ourselves up to tables which are groaning under the weight of a sacrificial turkey with all the 'trimmings' and a sliver of pie. If you are in charge of this calorie-laden extravaganza for your loved ones, you surely will move forward with the concentration of a general planning an invasion.



If you are a serious shopper who has all Black Friday deals circled, you may be sharpening your machetes so they can cut a swath through the crowds and be first in line for the super-sale. And others, well, others of us will make plans to oil the buttons

on our TV remote control and memorize the schedule for the football games.

Really, hardly any of these beloved Thanksgiving traditions have a great deal to do with "giving thanks." I want to be fair: I know that many, many of us are grateful. We give thanks for reasonable health, a decent job, good relationships, loving children, faithful spouses, and a nation blessed and filled with freedoms. Therefore, it is indeed right and salutary that we come together in worship and prayer, praising Him from whom all blessings flow.

Still, in our more honest moments, we might well end up confessing

that going to Thanksgiving worship is a major speed bump which serves to slow down our stampede to the banquet table. After all, Thanksgiving is not a High Feast Day in the church (here, I just gave you the perfect excuse – remember it!). And yet: we know we



shouldn't feel that way! We want our thanks to be sincere, but something seems to be missing; something seems to be wrong. Deep down inside of us, where nobody else can hear, there is a nagging, and a gnawing, that seems to short-circuit our thanksgivings and keeps us searching for a special something which can miraculously make us thankful. That little voice of discontent keeps urging us, driving us, teasing us. It says we can only be thankful when we are content. It tells us we can only be content when we have enough. And then it tells us we will never have enough.

The Japanese have an old parable that tells of a man by the name of Tasuku. Tasuku was a poor man who scrimped out a livelihood by cutting blocks of stone from the base of a mountain. One day, a well-dressed prince passed by. Tasuku envied the prince and wished that he could have the kind of security that a prince's wealth could offer. If he had that security, Tasuku reasoned, he could truly be thankful. According to the legend, Tasuku's wish was heard, and he was miraculously made a prince. Tasuku, for the first time in his life, felt secure. He had guards.

He had an army. He could give thanks.



That secure feeling lasted not more than a few hours. It lasted until the sun came out, and with great intensity, beat down upon Tasuku's guards and army. Soon his men were suffering from the heat and falling by the wayside. Tasuku no longer felt secure. He could not give thanks. No, he wanted to be secure and strong, like the sun. His wish was heard. Tasuku became the sun. Now he could dry up the fields, scorch the crops, send folks searching for shade.

Tasuku was secure; now he could give thanks. But then a storm cloud covered him. He became sad.

He made another wish; was granted another change. He became a great cloud, having the power to send storms and floods upon the land. Now Tasuku was secure. Now he could be thankful. But his time of thanksgiving was interrupted when he saw a mountain that had remained untouched by his storms. So Tasuku wished, and became the mountain. Now he was secure. Now he could give thanks. He could be thankful forevermore. And he was, until he felt the chisel of a simple stonecutter chipping at his base. Tasuku never found thanksgiving, because he never found security for his heart.

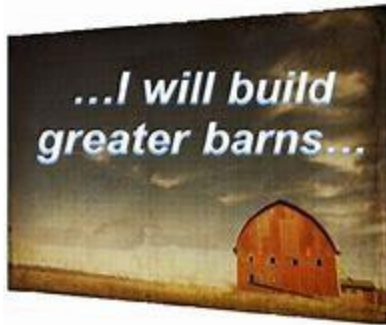
Of course, this is merely a story. It could never happen, could it? Scripture says, "Godliness, with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim 6:6). And still, our little voices tell us that we need just this one more thing to be truly fulfilled. The reality of life is this: nobody, at least nobody in this world, has the ability to make you secure. Nothing, at least nothing in this world, can give you total peace.



Jesus, the ultimate reason for us to give thanks, also was a story teller, as you know. One of his famous stories begins with a rich landowner who brought in a bumper crop. It was so big that his existing barns were obviously inadequate. His was the kind of problem that most farmers I know dream of.

Stuck with this delightful dilemma, the man decided to tear down his old barns and build new ones to store the grain. After that, he finally would be able to sit back and relax (Luke 12:16-19)

The farmer's plan seemed good on paper. Except: among the many things he had considered, among the many paths he thought his life might take, he never considered the possibility of death. He never thought he might need God's help. Jesus says, "that night the man died." In spite of his plans, in spite of his wealth, in spite of his harvest, he died. His security was insecure; his future was fleeting; his tomorrows were terminated.



If we think we can live without God, we are mistaken. If we think we can be secure without God, we are wrong. If we think we can be content without Christ, we are incorrect. Earthly security is a myth. Thanksgiving only comes when the heart and the soul are secure.

With hearts and souls secure, the martyrs of ancient Rome went to their death singing. They died in cruel ways, but they went thanking God. Saint Paul traveled the ancient world, hounded, hunted, persecuted; but he had a heart that was secure, a soul that could give thanks. He wrote to the church at Rome, "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Do you see the great gift God is offering here? It is possible for us, in our lives, right now and always, to be secure; for our hearts, right now and always, to be filled with true thanksgiving. Having Jesus Christ as your Savior makes everything different. The way we see the world – different. The priorities of our lives –

different. Our goals and the things which are important to us – different.

Jesus, who was born to save us, who lived His life to rescue us, who fulfilled the law to free us from our sins, brings about a heart of thanksgiving. In Jesus we are safe and secure.

I am not sure whether or not the following is merely an exaggerated tale but it demonstrates what we want to remember: a young African woman, who had recently become a Christian, was attending church. The minister spoke about giving thanks to the Lord. After the sermon, the offering plate was passed. The young woman was poor. She had nothing to give; no money, no earthly belongings. Yet, as the offering plate came to her, she did not pass it. She got up, set the plate on the floor, and stood in it. A secure soul. A thankful heart.

May your Thanksgiving be bountiful and filled with a thankful heart knowing that you are secure in Jesus. PZ+

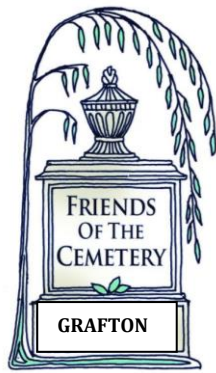


We will observe Thanksgiving as a faith community on **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

The Stewardship Committee has determined that the offering for Thanksgiving will be added to our Benevolence budget so it can be shared with various causes that are important to Emmanuel.

Come and take out a short time to give thanks for the blessing we receive each and every day.





***On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, All Saints' Sunday,  
we will have our annual collection for  
the Grafton Cemetery.***

***There will be a box for your convenience.  
Any checks should be made out to "Grafton  
Cemetery" not Emmanuel Lutheran.***

## **New Banners**

Thanks to a memorial gift from Jane Buechele, Emmanuel will have new banners. Jane's dedication to the Altar Guild and to the appearance of the Sanctuary was constant. The Council decided to use some of the memorial money for updating our banners.

After researching options, the banner committee chose *Christian Banners*, in Yacolt, Washington. The style and quality of their handmade creations impressed the committee.

Eighteen new banners are on order. Because they are individually handmade, we will be getting them throughout this next year. A banner for Reformation Sunday is the first planned for display.

One large banner will go on the North wall of the steps leading to the Sanctuary. Baptism, Marriage, and Funeral Ceremonies will each have a special banner.

Two oak, freestanding, banner stands, from *Wunderlich Woodworking*, of Mason City have also been purchased.

Thank you to the committee members for your hard work in these decisions - Doris Ralph, Sue Walk, Teresa Braun, Sally Mayer, and Abbie Steinberg.

## **Retiring Banners**

We have had many years of inspiration from our banners. Many of our members lovingly contributed to their design and construction.

During November, Emmanuel's Centennial banners will be on display in the Sanctuary. After that, they will be safely stored in our Archive Room.

Other banners to be 'retired' will be displayed this winter.

The ELC Centennial Banner Committee included Merlin Bartz, Ann Kruger, and Irene Hackbart. Each month of the centennial year, 1983, had a specially designed banner. *(See the pictures and a description of their symbolisms at the end of the Epistle)*

Thank you to everyone who lovingly made and tended to our banners over many years.

## **THANK YOU EMMANUEL**

***Thank you to the Church Council for the gift in honor of Flint's arrival. We are so grateful for our church family and all that has been shared with us as we embark on this new journey of parenthood!***

***—The Henkles***

## **Pastoral Acts:**

**Tanner Matthew Hoy was baptized on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Tanner and Sara Dalluge will soon be married. We pray God's continued blessing upon Tanner and welcome him into our family of faith.**



# STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

One of the things I have noticed lately is an increased interest in the plight of homelessness. My own experience with homeless people is extremely limited and I am far from being a voice for the homeless. Yet, as we have experienced the first frosty nights in North Iowa, I have indeed wondered how I would feel sleeping not in my cozy house but on the slabs of cement in my front yard. I am not a social activist, but I am bothered by that thought.



In my first years as a pastor I encountered a middle-aged man with a severe case of diabetes. He stopped at my office and I took him to the closest homeless shelter. The shelter was north of our town and he wanted to go south. A few days later, the Sheriff came to my office wondering if I knew anything about a man who had been found dead by the Lock and Dam alongside the Mississippi. Well, you know the answer: it was my diabetic travel companion who had gone into a coma while trying to wander into warmer regions. My only other encounter with a number of homeless men and women was in a Shelter at a church in Green Bay where my congregation served a meal on a cold late-winter evening. Our limited efforts to provide a decent supper were rewarded with exceeding gratefulness. It was indeed humbling to see how the clients made their 'beds' in the corner of the old gym.



One of the places where homelessness is rampant is San Francisco. Reports and pictures of so-called 'tent cities' have reached even our wind-swept prairie. By all means, one must agree that the situation is out of hand. I certainly would not want 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Grafton lined with tents! One can hardly blame the citizens who are fed up and have taken matters into their own hands, collected a few thousand dollars via Facebook and bought boulders to keep the homeless as well as alcohol and drugs out of their front yards. Apparently the boulders were not big enough to do the trick and those who put up the boulders became targets of threats. The struggle continues and the 10,000 homeless of the city are still there. Boulders are not the answer, it seems!?!

Homelessness is not only an urban or suburban problem but a rural issue as well. I have no clue how to solve it! I don't even know that I have any preference on how I wish people would respond to it! Neither do I blame anyone for having a strong opinion one way or the other. Yet, I do know that I had better give it some thought because this all happens on the planet on which I live and work and have my being. I also know that many reasons can lead to homelessness with mental health concerns and addiction being right up there. But, it is easy to fall on hard times.

We saw that about ten years ago and some of us remember well the farm crisis of the 1980s.

Musing - ['myōōziNG] NOUN - a period of reflection or thought. *synonyms:* [meditation](#) · [thinking](#) · [contemplation](#) · [deliberation](#) · [pondering](#) · [reflection](#) ·

ADJECTIVE - characterized by reflection or deep thought.

Since I call this column “Stewardship Musings” I am musing and I am inviting you to muse with me. I don’t want to shrug my shoulders in the assumption that there is nothing at all we can do. How do stewards of God’s blessings look at this overwhelming tragedy? I have no answer - but, I am musing...

## THANK YOU STEWARDS

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

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

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

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

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

...to Doris Ralph for serving on Lay Ministry for the month of October.

...to Doris Ralph, Sue Walk, Sally Mayer,

Teresa Braun and Abbie Steinberg for working on our Banner Taskforce. They carefully chose 18 banners for the seasons of the church year. Those banners will arrive over the next weeks and months.

...to Will and Brittany Bartz for leading our Sunday School music this semester. It is indeed much appreciated!

...to our faithful quilters, led by Clarice Bartz, for spending many hours ironing, tying and sewing so the needy of the world can be kept warm. Thank you so much for your faith in action.

## Thank You

*“We would like to say thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and help we’ve received in our time of need. Healing is going well and I should be back to normal soon.”*

*- Klay and Nikki Rustad*

*“Thank you to Pastor Z and the congregation for your prayers for Lindsay. We are thrilled to say that because of you she is now cancer free. God is good indeed!”*

*-Mari and Mike Momberg*

## **A Message to my Sponsor:**

**(from our Compassionate International sponsored child):**

Hallo my friend how are you and how is your place? I believe you are well as we do here in our place. Thanks for the letter you sent for me. I was so happy to hear from you, say hi to the kids of Lutheran church. I am at school and like playing with my friends though I don’t like talking a lot of words, may be that is how I was born, I can’t tell. Secondly I was so happy and grateful for the gifts you sent for me. I was bought shoes, school bag, soap, petroleum jelly, be blessed abundantly and continue praying for me. I too pray for you.

Your friend, Lawrence.



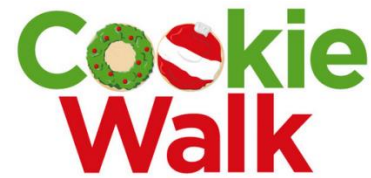


## November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Please be sure to set aside Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for our Mission Sunday. We will have two guests from Northwood, Rose Fredricks and Sharyl Ferley who will share with us the work at Dayspring Children's Village in South Africa.

**Dayspring Children's Village** intervenes in the lives of at-risk children in rural South Africa through Christian education and care to enable them to fulfil their God given destiny and impact the world for Christ. Their passion is intervention in both the lives of children and families to create a secure, loving, affirmative home environment. The school was established in 1983 and currently there are 89 children boarding Mon. to Fri. and 10 who stay weekends through the term. In 1995, Kim Katuta (nee Thorsfeldt from Northwood) met a couple in Jerusalem, who had volunteered at the school. Kim originally meant to stay 3 months to 'help out' at the school in 1996 but God had other plans and 23 years later, she is now the General Manager of the organization.

There is a chance that Kim Katuta also will be with us as she is in the States right now to obtain her needed visa to return to South Africa. You will hear about Dayspring Children's Village during worship as well as via a presentation following worship with the opportunity to ask questions. As in the past, we will have a potluck thereafter. Please bring a dish to pass and use your Mission envelop on that Sunday if you are so inclined!



Hello Members and Friends of Emmanuel Lutheran!

Last December we tried something new at Emmanuel: a Cookie Walk. While there was at first some hesitation, it became quickly clear that it was a great idea and many enjoyed the delicious baked goods we presented. This year, we hope to make sure that the community knows well that this neat opportunity of getting home-made cookies for the holidays, exists.

Our committee invites you to help us with a **COOKIE-WALK** on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until noon. We are hoping that every household will contribute two dozen homemade cookies. Of course, if you wish to bring more, we will be very grateful. If possible, please bring your cookies to church not later than 7 pm the night before. If needed, you can bring your contribution earlier and we can refrigerate and/or freeze your cookies. We are looking especially for Christmas cookies but "regular" cookies are certainly welcome.

Our sign-up sheets - in the upper and lower narthex and in the Fellowship Hall - let you indicate any specialties (i.e. rosettes). *The mission of the Evangelism Committee is to encourage Christian fellowship and reach out so the community can see that we are here to share the love of Christ – and feel free and invited to join us in spreading the Good News. Thank you for all you can do to help with this effort.*

The Evangelism Committee



## **Congregational Council Minutes- September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, Mark Fredrickson- Vice Pres., Sharon Hulshizer- Lay Ministry, Kim Badker- Christian Ed., Paul Hackbart- Property, Merlin Bartz- Evangelism, Nicole Cole

**Absent:** None

**Devotions:** Kim Badker

**Banner Update:** The banner taskforce came to the council with a recommendation of buying 15-20 banners and 2 oak banner stands. After some discussion, **M/S/C** to authorize the task force purchase up to 20 banners & 2 oak stands with "In Memory of Jane Buechele" placed on the back of the banners.

**Education Segment:** Discipleship DNA

**Agenda review:** **M/S/C** to accept agenda

**Review Printed Minutes:** **M/S/C** to accept the Minutes as presented

**Treasurer's Report:** After discussion, **M/S/C** to transfer \$1,000 from the Sunday School Savings Account into the Sunday School Fund and to transfer \$300 from the Youth Savings Account into the Youth Fund to pay for anticipated expenses. **M/S/C** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**M/S/C** to accept the Treasurer's report presented

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor opened by thanking the council for their generous gift for her 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Emmanuel. The directory is close to being completed and the Evangelism committee will get together for final approval. Pastor will be working with the Stewardship committee to get organized for Mission Sunday. There will be four 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who will be receiving their bibles this

year during worship service. Pastor would like to make two changes to the liturgy for Sunday worship service. Pastor Z has been faithfully doing 32 worship services a year at three different nursing homes. She remains busy with her commitments to the Share Shoppe and Manna of Worth County.

### **Board Highlights:**

**Property-** We will know in November if we received the grant to replace the Education wing floor tiles.

**Evangelism-** Gave update on sign for Hwy. 9. They helped with the Rally Day Potluck.

**Lay Ministry-** Nothing to report.

**Stewardship-** Will meet to discuss Mission Fest.

**Youth-** Helped with Rally Day.

**Education-** Rally Day went well despite the rain.

**Membership review:** **M/S/C** to reinstate membership for Koral Rosendahl

### **Unfinished business:**

- a) **Trettin Memorial Update-** The Taskforce met and is looking into outdoor planters and additional options for the memorial.
- b) **Copy Machine Update-** Working with Fiala Office on copy machine options.
- c) **Personnel Matters-** **M/S/C** to extend the position of "Secretary" to Sharon Hulshizer

### **New Business:**

- a) **Land Rent Contract-** Contract continues.
- b) **Establishment of Memorial Committee-** It is not perceived as needed at this time.
- c) **Date of Annual Meeting-** January 26<sup>th</sup>
- d) Next meeting date and time is (Tues, October 8th @ 7:00 pm)
- e) **M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

Secretary/Treasurer, Christa Larson



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT



### Financial Balance Information for September 1-30, 2019

#### General Fund

Beginning Balance: **\$5,714.14**

Interest: \$4.64

Revenues: \$11,791.50

Expenses: \$8,766.99

**End of month Balance: \$8,743.29**

#### Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: **\$4,605.09**

Revenues: \$361.00

Expense: \$0

**End of month Balance: \$4,966.09**

#### Building Fund

Beginning Balance: **\$12,469.62**

Revenues: \$149.00

Expense: \$0

**End of month Balance: \$12,618.62**

#### Undesignated -Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: **\$7,449.74**

Revenues: \$25

Expenses: \$ 242.23

**End of month Balance: \$7,232.51**



**Turn your clocks back on November 3rd!!**

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*We are planning on  
sending shoe boxes  
around the world  
once again to help  
children in need.*



***Consider being part of this effort!***

Take a box from the round table in  
the entry hall

- Please read the packing instructions carefully
- Watch for 'forbidden items'!
- Go shopping and have fun filling the shoe box
- Remember to add \$9.00 per box
- If you want to track your box, pay and sign-up on the internet at **www.samaritanpurse.org**
- Be sure to have your box back to Emmanuel on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** for a blessing – if you are unable to have your box back in time we ask that you drop it off in Mason City...see **Jody Hackbart** for information.



**Mark your calendars  
for:**

**Sunday, December  
15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**When our Sunday  
School presents:**

***"Christmas in Genesis? How could this be?"***

**Parents: Please note practice times:**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – during Sunday School**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> – during Sunday School**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 pm  
(older kids only)**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – during and after Sunday School**



**November is Thank offering month for the ENALCW-you can bring in your offering to the church office or get it to one of the officers any time during the month. It will be put into the general account until it is designated.**

**Upcoming dates:**

**1) Next TWC Meeting:**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**

**2) November 24<sup>th</sup>-Old Fashioned Christmas at NIACC -watch the bulletin for more information...**

**TWC (The Women's Council)  
October 15, 2019**

Sharon shared devotions called Shine Through, based on Matthew 5:16 to let our lights shine before others. The devotion shared that saints are not only those who have died, but since we belong to God through faith in Christ, we each can be a saint in our interactions and letting our lights shine for others to see. Meeting was opened with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes from September were accepted as read. Treasurer reports \$3,403.05 in checking and \$8,080.39 in savings. There are a few outstanding bills to be paid. Correspondence was shared from CIS, the family of Chuck Schilling, Food for the Poor, KCMR, Rose Marie Kruger (recipient of our LRH donated quilt), and the Living Water Cluster.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Seventeen quilts have been assembled. Sewing days will be Oct 22 and 23. There is a need for sheets, new or used, to use as filler and hand towels for kits. The Living Water Cluster will be taking the items we have ready for LWR in a truck on Monday, November 11 from 9-11 a.m. at the Southport

shopping mall in Mason City. We will be sending some of the quilts and activity/school kits. 2) Update of Olive Trettin Memorial Gift: still a work in progress. So far, plans are to purchase a couple of outdoor benches and a statue. The committee needs to meet to finalize the decisions. 3) LRH Bingo and Birthday party: Went well, volunteers helped with Bingo on Fridays in September and took care of helping with the monthly birthday party.

New Business: 1) Upcoming fall and winter events: Looking at activities to do until next spring when we plan to have a shorter Bible Study. a) The Marion Ross Theatre in Albert Lea is doing a production of Church Basement Ladies, beginning on Oct 16th. They have a matinee on Sunday, Oct 20th, Sharon will check into tickets and if it works, will advertise an outing for that day. There will also be a few evening productions of the performance later that week. b) November 24th, there is an *Old-Fashioned Christmas* program at NIACC at 2 p.m., tickets are \$15/\$20 and it is the 40th anniversary. Clarice will check on the discount tickets and we can make plans to attend this for those interested and possibly go out for a bite to eat afterwards. c) December-we are checking into the NIACC Singers/Choir performance to see when that is, as another optional activity. Events will be advertised in the bulletin and newsletter. 2) Soup Supper: Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 9th with February 16th as a snow date. We are looking for people to step forward and help more with the soup and meal preparation. 3) Thank offering will be collected in November, throughout the month to be put in general account until spent. Next TWC on November 19th at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

**BENEFIT FOR SCOTT &  
LISA LESTRUD**

**Kensett Community Center  
Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

**See Bulletin board across from office for  
all events going on...**

## Centennial Banners and Symbolism



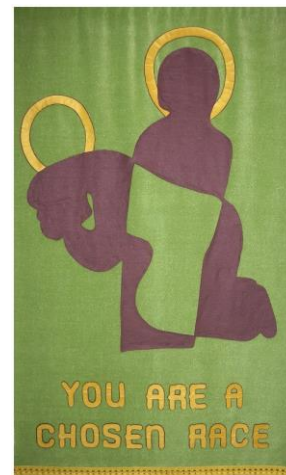
### *January - You are the Body of Christ*

We are all Christ's Body. The metaphor of Christ's Body reminds us that by faith we are really a part of Christ himself. This is also an action metaphor - Christians are Christ's hands and feet in this world.

### *April - You are a Chosen Race*

Through faith God has made each of us a priest before him.

As a priest we have a high status and a high responsibility to serve him.



### *February - Go Make Disciples of all Nations*

The dove represents the coming of the Holy Spirit. The cross stands for the crucifixion. The orb is the world and the circle around it stands for eternity.



### *May - The Earth is the Lord's*

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." This seemingly lifeless grain of wheat is placed in the ground in anticipation that it will burst from the ground in new life.

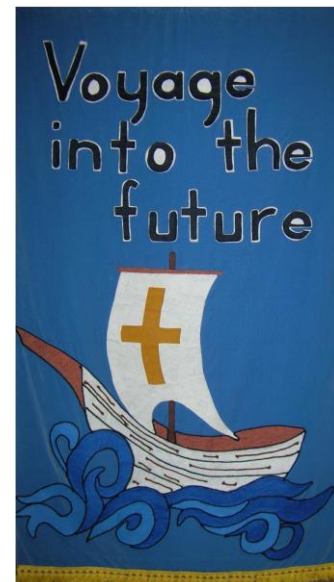


### *March - By his Wounds You are Healed*

Christ died for our sins. Through the death of Jesus, our sins are forgiven, we are reconciled to God, our debts have been canceled - we are restored to wholeness.

### *June - Voyage into the Future*

Nave, the main body of the church building, where the congregation is seated, is the Latin word for ship. Therefore "Christ's church on earth" is rightly called the ship of salvation, sailing the deep waters of life.







### *July - From Generation to Generation*

The circle around the people shows the continuous generation to generation. The vine shows love interwoven around this circle. The cross and the heart shows the love of Christ in their hearts.

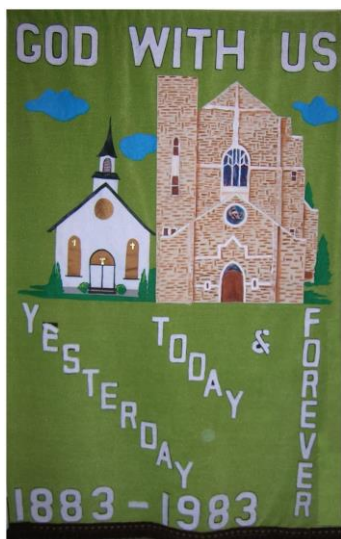
### *October - Grow in Knowledge and Teach*

The flame stands for Pentecost; which means to go and teach all people. The open Bible means the word of the Lord endureth forever and the cross represents the crucifixion.



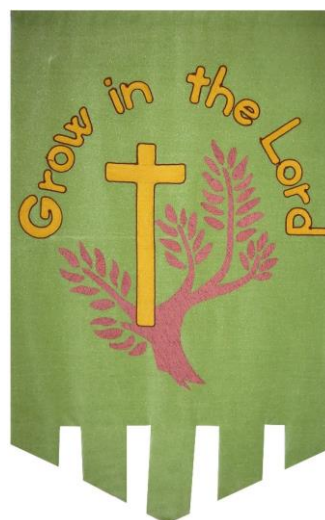
### *August - God with Us... Yesterday, Today, and Forever*

God was with us at the beginning ministry of the church and is still with the church of today and tomorrow. He is the faithful God who never abandons his people.



### *November - Grow in the Lord*

As you grow, your faith grows. The youth are not only the church of today, they are the generation through which the Gospel is transmitted to the future.



### *September - You Shall be My Witness*

Each person who testifies to others of the Gospel of Christ begins a potential pyramid, as new believers in turn, spread the good news of their faith.



### *December - Peace, Joy, and Hope*

Dove is the symbol of love and peace or the Holy Spirit. Jesus's birth brought joy and hope for eternal life. The star represents that Christ is the light of the world.



# NOVEMBER 2019

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	2
<b>3 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Worship- Holy Communion 10:30- Fellowship 10:40-Sunday School Turn Clocks Back! 	4	5	6  4:30 p.m.- Confirmation  7 p.m.- Choir	7  9:30 a.m.- Bible Study	8	9
<b>10 MISSION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30- Fellowship 10:40- Sunday School <b>Potluck Dinner</b>	11  <u>Veterans Day</u>	12  <b>7 p.m.- Church Council</b>	13  4:30 p.m.- Confirmation  7 p.m.- Choir	14  9:30 a.m.- Bible Study	15	16
<b>17 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship-Noisy Offering & Children's Choir 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	18	19	20  4:30 p.m.- Confirmation  7 p.m.- Choir	21  9:30 a.m.- Bible Study	22	23 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary celebration- <i>Lynn &amp; Diane Luepke</i>
<b>24 Christ the King Sunday</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School 10:40 Hymn Committee meeting	25	26	27 No Confirmation  6:30 p.m. Thanks-giving Eve Worship  7:30 p.m.- Choir	28 No Bible Study  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	29 5 p.m.- wedding rehearsal  <b>Office Closed</b>	30 5 p.m. <i>Dalluge/Hoy Wedding</i>

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<u>November</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, November 3	Weston Paulson & Sophie Urbatsch	Brandon & Jamie Trenhaile	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, November 10	Madison Edwards	Brett & Alex Trenhaile	Donna Schilling
Sunday, November 17	Emma Hicken	Earl & Judy Trenhaile	Jeremias Zamzow
Sunday, November 24	Ryan Cole	Steven & Brenda Trenhaile	Donna Schilling
Thanksgiving Eve, November 27	Ryan Hackbart		Charlotte Cole

<u>Hospitality Team VII</u>	
Team Leader: Julie & Curt Schaub	
Jeff Schultz	Rod & Emi Kuntz
Jason & Nicole Schuttler	Nancy Walk
Jason & Jody Hackbart	Gregg & Mary Jo Urbatsch
Jay Schaub	Orland Bartz
Linda & Gary Schotanus	Dorothy Mensch
	Ken Fredrickson

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Paul Hackbart	Dan Nack
Garry Backhaus	Jason Hackbart
Duaine Dierks	
Alex Hackbart	<u>PA</u>
Marlin Rosenberg	Dan Nack
	Josh Rosenberg
<u>Altar Guild</u>	
Emi Kuntz	<u>Lay Ministry</u>
Val Bork	Val Bork