

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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FROM THE PASTOR

AND INTO A NEW DECADE WE GO



Whether we enter January on the cold and windy prairie of North Iowa or among sun-drenched palm trees, the month brings the promise of a new year – and this time the promise of a new decade. Some of us will pick up a new calendar with eager anticipation and others again will do so with anxiety. Either way, we are looking toward a future yet to be written. I long have given up on New Year's resolutions and simply tell myself that I have certain hopes for the days to come. Whatever you decide to call it, we know that our past will stay with us, influence our present days but does not necessarily determine our future.

It is perhaps worth asking why we make such resolution or have, as I say, such hopes for the New Year? Of course, losing a few extra pounds (or gaining them in some cases!), answering your phone and emails more regularly, and cooking more nutritious meals at home rather than eating too much fast food,

are all good commitments to have. But, what problem are we trying to resolve? Resolutions most often come from that deep part within ourselves that says we are not quite good enough. The sense of inadequacy is rampant in our society – otherwise commercials for diets, new cars, make-up, and breakfast cereals, etc. would be suspended due to ineffectiveness.



You have heard it before, Martin Luther talked of the burden of our sin as *incurvatus in se* – we are curved in on our self. Now, this could be expressed by selfishness, an elevated ego, pride, lack of compassion and the like. Yet, it also can most certainly be manifested in thinking that we consistently fall short of the expectations of God, the world and ourselves. The more we focus on either of these – thinking too highly or not highly enough of ourselves – the more isolated we actually become. It is almost unavoidable

to turn into slaves to anything and everything that is contrary to God.

Surely, most of our well-meaning resolutions, plans and superficial hopes fail anyway. And even if they succeed, we cannot set ourselves free from the pressures and expectations that surround us and often eat us up from the inside out. But we don't have to live like that. Because God has set us free from those pressures through Christ Jesus! As someone wrote: "The Gospel is not just information, but an experience of God's mercy." How often do we notice with surprise that God is much less harsh on us than we are on ourselves?



Christ sets us free not only from the expectations of the world but likewise frees us for the sake of others – liberating us from putting anxious thoughts on ourselves and treating our neighbors with mercy and kindness rather than unrealistic expectations they, like us, cannot meet (which is not to be confused with those things that we all have to live with: taking care of children, fulfilling our job duties, driving the speed limit and the like).

As we walk into this new decade then, I invite you to focus once again on old words most of us had to memorize but have probably long forgotten...

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul (Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed, First Article).

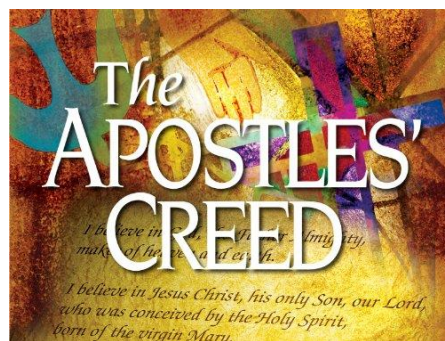
You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions by scheming, or by pretending to have a right to them, but always help him keep what is his (Luther's explanation to the Ninth Commandment).

Give us today our daily bread. What does this mean? God gives daily bread even without our prayer, to all people, though sinful, but we ask in this prayer

that God will help us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanks. What then does daily bread mean? Everything needed for this life...(Luther's explanation of the Lord's Prayer).

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith" (Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed, third Article).

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Son of the Father from eternity and true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver or gold but with his holy and precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is Risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true" (Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed, Second Article).



Shame, blame, guilt, fear and expectations undergirded by these words suddenly lose their enormous power. We are free indeed to live as beloved children of God. We are good enough and the changes that truly need to occur – we all have need for some changes and improvements! - will come only if and when we entrust ourselves completely to the God who made us. Our own efforts go only so far. The grace of God and the mercy with which God meets us always will provide the rest. That assurance allows us to look ahead with confidence and true hope even as we continue to walk in a broken world. We may not know the path ahead but we know who holds on to our hand.



Praying blessings upon each and everyone of you.
In Christ, Pastor Z+

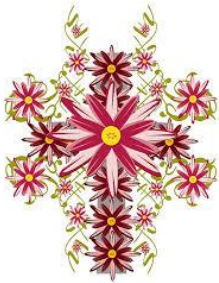
Pastoral Acts:

Wyatt Jay Huinker, son of Brian and Taylor (Rustad)



Huinker was baptized on December 1st. His sponsors are Klay and Nikki Rustad and Megan Rustad. Blessings to all who love Wyatt and rejoice in his growth.

Luella Mae Pagel passed away on December 14th and



her funeral service was conducted at Emmanuel Lutheran on December 17th. Luella was 95 years old and is mourned by her six children and a large extended family. May God look with favor upon Luella.

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations... to Katie (Venechuck) and Ryan VanDeWalker, who were united in marriage in September and reside in Riceville. May God bless this union.

Our condolences... to Kara Walk and her family who recently lost her father, Russ Horgen, and her grandfather, Alex Blake. Her grandmother, Margaret Blake, had passed away in July. May God strengthen and comfort all who mourn.

And condolences... to the Bolinger family at the death of Ann, wife of former interim Pastor Ron Bolinger, who passed away on December 14th at her home in Pine Island, Mn. due to complications of rheumatoid arthritis. May God comfort all who mourn.

We wish
to thank you
for the many
cards, gifts,
and various
expressions of
appreciation



during the Christmas Season. All were received with grateful hearts, please be assured of that. Special thanks to the Church Council for the generous Christmas gift as well as to The Women's Council for their remembrance. We never take any signs of connection and care for granted and try our best to use all gifts wisely and respectfully. Thank you, indeed. May God bless our time together as we walk into a new decade of Grace.

"The coming year will not be a year without fear, blame and need. But, that it will be a year with God - that is what matters. Jesus Christ alone knows where the path will lead us. God will not fulfill all our wishes but all His promises. Whoever places tomorrow in the hands of God and today receives what is needed for life, that person is truly safe and secure. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (translation mine, PZ)

*Thank you and God bless –
Pastor Solveig A. H. Zamzow and Michael*

Thank you to Emmanuel and TWC for the Christmas gifts-it is a privilege to work for and with you and I look forward to serving you in the New Year!
-Sharon Hulshizer

I'd like to thank the Church Council and the ENALCW for their generous Christmas gifts. Also a thank you to those who left cards for me- your actions speak louder than words.
-Christa Larson

If you applied for an Erna Pagel Grant...you need to submit a copy of your first semester grades by January 31st. You can drop it off at the office or give it directly to Lisa Bartz. A screen shot works best. It should include your name, college name, number of credit hours completed and your semester GPA. Grades submitted with redactions (as in blacked out areas) will not be acceptable.

-The Grant Committee

Congratulations

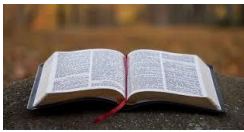
To Kyle Hulshizer, son of Randy and Sharon Hulshizer, for his completion of the Physical Therapy program at the University of Iowa. He has received his Doctorate and is studying for his exams for certification in January. He will begin working for Rock Valley, an outpatient clinic, in Cedar Rapids in February.



To Carrissa Trenhaile, daughter of Steve and Brenda Trenhaile, who has graduated from St. Ambrose University in Davenport and will be a PA (Physician's Assistant).

To Pastor and Michael's eldest grandchild, Ismael, who was granted a full-ride scholarship to the University of Virginia based on his academics and extra-curricular activities in High School. His long-term plan is to study Medicine.

If you are interested in Our Daily Bread daily devotionals, regular or Large-print; the Voices newsletter from LRH in Northwood, or a bookmark, explaining Epiphany's significance, please look in the kiosk in the church entrance and help yourself to these items.



Sponsorship opportunities

We are not sure whether most of our Epistle readers have noticed that we are printing our newsletter in color as of late?! While feed-back has been slim, it has been very positive. It appears that this improvement is appreciated and encourages the actual reading of the newsletter.

Of course, the color printing will increase the cost of our copies; we need an average of \$90.00 to provide the newsletter in color. Therefore, we are offering and encouraging individuals or households to sponsor a monthly newsletter so the burden on our budget will not be too large. If YOU are willing to sponsor a monthly edition of our *Epistle*, please write out a separate check with the memo "*Epistle Sponsorship*" and drop it off at the office or in the offering plate.

The sponsorship will be acknowledged in the newsletter you sponsor.

The *Epistle* is a tool for Evangelism and keeps many of our homebound members involved in our ministry. Some of our members share the newsletter with friends and neighbors. Of course, we realize that not everyone reads it! Still, a newsletter is the best way to convey the most information to the largest number of people and we want to make sure that our efforts indeed are given every chance to bear fruit. Thank you for considering a sponsorship!

What are Camperships?



It appears there may be some persons at Emmanuel who are not quite sure what Camperships are. We have used that expression a lot over the last few years and it refers to the money Emmanuel provides for students who are attending Bible Camp during the summer. Our congregation, depending on the age of the students, provides a partial or full refund (Confirmants only) for families whose children go to Camp. Our Noisy Offering gets added to that account and anyone is welcome to make donations toward it. A week at Camp costs approximately \$475 these days – therefore, we are truly grateful for the assistance Emmanuel receives to help families make these experiences possible for their children.



Please stop at the table in the entrance and pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes if you have not yet done so. Missing a box for a family member? Don't wish to receive a box? For those and other requests, please stop at the office and let us know.

Thank you!

THANK YOU

...to everyone who helped us with our Sunday School Christmas Program! Amy Edwards and Will and Brittany Bartz led the efforts but we wish to thank all Sunday School teachers for their assistance throughout the preparations. Thanks also to Charlotte Cole for serving as organist and to Darren Marsh for servicing our PA system for the event. Thanks to parents and grandparents for having the kids ready and eager to share the Good News!

...to Sue Walk for spending many hours of work making sure our new banners are exactly what we had hoped they would be. We have had many comments on the beauty of the banners who are in memory of Jane Buechele. Thank you Sue and all members of the Banner Task Force! Also a word of appreciation to Linda Koschmeder who offered assistance many times.

...to the Choir and musicians for helping once again to make the Advent and Christmas Season special. Every voice is appreciated!! Particular thanks to Mark Borchardt, Char Cole, Crystal Wilde, Donna Schilling and Marena Henkle for their efforts on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

...to everyone who sponsored a poinsettia plant for the beautification of our sanctuary.

...to the Brad Dalluge family for setting up and taking down our nice Christmas tree. The effort is truly appreciated!!!

...to all who added gifts for the Toys for Tots box and brought food for Manna of Worth County during this time of giving.

...to the Evangelism Committee for their efforts with our Cookie Walk. We raised \$500 which was divided among the Camperships (for kids to attend Bible camp in the summer) and Water Mission (an organization that provides clean water in a sustainable way around the world).

Thank you to everyone who contributed cookies!!

Your generosity did not go unnoticed. Please know that Myra Dierks, Janis Hackenmiller, Merlin Bartz, Sandy Thompson, Linda Schotanus and Pastor Z went beyond the call of duty to make this event successful. Thank you so much!!!

...to Renae Kroneman for updating our website on a regular basis.

...to all who added an additional donation in December to help us close out our financial year on a

positive note. Your generosity was received gratefully and will advance our mission and ministry. The (unofficial and slightly incomplete) offering in December was \$23,684.

...to Candi Feldt for providing two Advent wreaths for our Advent season. Candi has done so for several years. Thanks much!

...to Doris Ralph for her work of decorating and 'undecorating' the church during the Christmas Season. It is indeed noticed with great appreciation.

THANK YOU EMMANUEL

"Thank you to the congregation for your prayers."

-Betty and Gene Rosenberg

Thank You Stewards

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

...to Candi Feldt for serving on Altar Guild.

...to our Counting Team: Connie Rosenberg, Marlin Rosenberg, Belinda Borchardt, and Michael Cole.

...to our ushers: Michael Cole, Dave Feldt, Candi Feldt, Cole Feldt, Corrie Kuntz, and JC Dawald.

...to Darren March for operating the P.A. System.

...to Phil Hackbart for serving on Lay Ministry for the month of December.

"The Jew from Nazareth cuts across traditional political lines. No party owns him – as if the Lord of the cosmos could be owned. Jesus does not answer to political super PACs and cannot be made to utter political endorsements on cue." Michael F. Bird, New Testament scholar from Australia speaking to the political divide in America

Mark your calendar: For the annual St. Ansgar Rescue Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 12th from 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the St. Ansgar High School. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children, under age 5 is free. If you cannot attend but would like to donate, send donations to PO Box 176 St. Ansgar, IA 50472

Special Thanks
to all who donated
Poinsettias to beautify our
sanctuary for the holidays:



Emi & Rod Kuntz- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Virl & Bonnie Deal- *To the Glory of God*

Ardis Hanson- *In memory of Allan Hanson*

Charlotte Cole- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Clarice Bartz- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Chris Braun Family- *In memory of Everett Braun*
In memory of Allan Hanson

Albert & Doris Ralph- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Earl & Judy Trenhaile- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Phil & Gloria Hackbart- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Merlin & Lisa Bartz- *In memory of Jane Buechele*

Sally Mayer- *In memory of Vernon & Laura Kuntz*

Dave & Candi Feldt- *In memory of Gene & Janice Cole*

Dean & Mardine Meyer- *In memory of Family & Friends*

Darren & Lori Marsh & Family- *In memory of Joanne Marsh*

Pastor Solveig & Michael Zamzow- *In memory of Loved Ones*

Koral Rosendahl- *In honor of- Family, Friends, & Community*

The Fredrickson Family- *In memory of LaVerne Fredrickson*

Sharon & Randy Hulshizer & Family- *In memory of Teri Bishop & Loved Ones*

Laurie Nack-Bublitz Family- *In memory of Loved Ones and Kuper Dean Malmin- Love You!*

Connie Rosenberg Family- *In memory of Harper Grace Putz and In honor of Olivia, Madelynn, Nolan, & Leighton*

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



Financial Balance Information for November 1-30, 2019

*General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$3,136.25

Interest: \$4.87

Revenues: \$15,732.40 (Includes Farm Rent and Thrivent choice dollars)

Transferred Out: \$4,650 (\$4,275 -Farm Rent to Savings, \$375 -Women's Group, Thrivent dollars)

Expenses: \$9,068.24

End of month Balance: \$5,155.28

*Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance: \$5,286.09

Revenues: \$285

Mission Fest: \$704

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$6,275.09

*Building Fund

Beginning Balance: \$12,713.62

Revenues: \$146.00

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$12,869.62

*Undesignated -Gifts and Memorials

Beginning Balance: \$8,592.79

Revenues: \$0

Expenses: \$100

End of month Balance: \$8,492.79

*Campership Fund

Beginning Balance: \$3,435.97

Revenues: \$346.58

Expense: \$0

End of month Balance: \$3,782.55

**Financial Statements for 2019 will
be in your bulletin boxes on
Sunday, January 12th.**

“Christmas in Genesis? How could This Be?”



Here are some snap shots of our Sunday School kids on the night of their Christmas Program...



Some members of our Logos Legos group were able to join in Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army on December 14th at Hy-Vee in Mason City.



“We had 10 youth there. Ten \$10 Hy-Vee gift cards were handed out as the kids paired up and walked around the store till they found the person they wanted to give it to. They had all sorts of responses, from crying, to speechless, to saying ‘please give it to someone who needs it more than I do’. One response was: ‘you don’t know how much I needed this’.

The over-all consensus of the group was that it made them feel good. We ended the day with a challenge from a lady. She said she would donate \$2 to the kettle if we didn’t sing; \$5 if we sang any Christmas carol of our choice and \$7 if we sang the ‘Twelve days of Christmas’. LL huddled up and decided to do the ‘Twelve days of Christmas’-if she sang it with us. We sounded so good! Very fun! Now when I hear that song I just smile thinking of that lady on that very fun day.”

-Jody Hackbart (Jody and Nicole Cole lead Logos Legos (LL for short!))



(This is a letter regarding the center at which our Compassion International child, Lawrence, is being educated)

Dear members,

My name is Eunichah Chebi, the Director at KE0452 Joe Ministries Adungosi Compassion centre, where your sponsored child is attended to. The centre is in the western part of Kenya.

Thank you very much for the montly support you have timely accorded to our church through this Compassion-assisted centre. Our supported children are always thrilled and excited because most of their needs are met by the centre, since we have good people like you who care about those in need. This is only possible because you have stood with us and we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and philanthropy. We truly appreciate your continuous support. We pray for you and wish you God blessings in your endeavors.

There is a great impact in the community. The top area is academics. The children who were unable to go to school are now in good schools and doing well. The medical treatment, throught the influence of the church and nearby health facilities, has improved children's health. The church leadership often holds stakeholder forums with different service providers and through such forums people air their views and such facilities now are improved. Finally, many souls are saved in the community through their faith in Jesus.

We have seen God's greatness and His glory in our work.

When the child receives a letter, the excitement and joy is contagious. As they read the letters, they think about their sponsors and they paint pictures of them. Children take letters as a sign of your concern and an expression of your love. In fact, parents are amazed and share joy with relatives and friends when the child receives letters, even more so with stickers/photos attached. Children treasure letters so much they are kept safely. When sponsor letters tell children that they are the best and God loves them, they feel uplifted, especially those who have been orphaned. For those children who are not receiving letters, they are emotional. When others smile and read letter, they cry. They are so sad and hang out in the Compassion centre office, hoping to get one. They follow those with letters, begging to have a look at them.

Kindly pray for our centre children so that they may excel in their academics. I also urge you to pray for their health and protection against any abuse. Pray for their caregivers, too. Thank you.

God bless you, Eunichah Chebi, Center Director



THE STORY BEHIND THE '12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS'

The song was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The song's "gifts" help remember the teachings of the faith.

"True Love" refers to God. "Me" refers to every Christian.

The other symbols mean the following:

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ.
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old & New Testaments.
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity or the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Trinity.
- 4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels.
- 5 Golden Rings = First Five Books of the Old Testament.
- 6 Geese-A-Laying = The Six Days of Creation.
- 7 Swans-A-Swimming = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).
- 8 Maids-A-Milking = The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10).
- 9 Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- 10 Lords-A-Leaping = The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).
- 11 Pipers Piping = Eleven Apostles, not Judas.
- 12 Drummers Drumming = The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

The 12 days of Christmas is the period that in Christian theology marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (the Epiphany, sometimes also called Three Kings' Day).



Congregational Council Minutes- November 12th, 2019

Meeting called to order by: Darren Marsh-President

Attended: Pastor Zamzow, Kim Badker-Education, Merlin Bartz-Evangelism, Nicole Cole-Youth, Marena Bartz-Stewardship, Sharon Hulshizer-Lay Ministry, Christa Larson-Treasurer

Absent: Mark Fredrickson-Vice President, Paul Hackbart-Property

Devotions: Sharon Hulshizer

Education Segment: Worship attendance- as addressed in the NALC newsletter and in our congregation.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as received.

Pastor's Report: 1) New sidewalk-we need to be mindful not to use a skid loader on the new cement, creating an ice rink around it. 2) Need to consider hardwiring the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary-get an estimate from WCTA. 3) We were approved for a grant to replace the tile flooring in the Education Unit. 4) Set dates for employee evaluations. 5) Computer upgrades-will be done the beginning of December to the Secretary computer and the end of December for Pastor's computer, still waiting on the purchase agreement for new copy machine and the bill on the fax machine. 6) Christmas program- has been chosen and is underway. 7) Thanksgiving weekend will be busy with worship and a wedding.

PA System Presentation- Orland Bartz: Orland shared the issues we have with our existing clip-on microphone and headsets. He shared his recommendations for replacement with the board. He also would recommend discontinuing taping the Sunday services and recording only special

services. Omega Organ and Audio sent an estimate for one new headset along with two new transmitters (body packs), and a clip on (lavalier). Pastor Z would like to purchase one additional headset (ear set) to have as a backup. Marena will speak with Joel Everist from Mason City to get his input on our situation.

Board Highlights:

Property- No report

Evangelism- Met on Nov. 11, Final editing for directory proofs. Cookie-Walk on December 7th from 9:30-12. Youth will help work in shifts. 50% proceeds will go to Camperships and 50% to Water Mission. Stained-glass window tours will be given at 10, 10:30, and 11.

Lay Ministry- No report.

Stewardship- Mission Fest on the 10th went well, the new smart tv worked well and the potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. \$664 was given for Mission Fest.

Youth- Met on 10-24. Ten confirmation gowns were purchased from the Cooper Company for \$25 each.

Education- Met 10-24. Christmas program will be December 15th at 6:30 p.m. Last day of Sunday School will be May 17th. Will continue fund-raising for Camperships.

Membership review: none

Unfinished business:

- a) **Trettin Memorial Update-** A statue has been purchased and will be set inside the church at a location to be determined. Benches and a planter will be purchased in the spring to place outside the church.

New Business:

- a) **PA System:** Information has been given, more to be gathered, and will be discussed at a later time.
- b) **Nominating Committee:** Four members will be leaving the council, two of them will serve on the Nominating Committee. Nicole Cole and Kim Badker will be filling these positions.

Next meeting date and time is Monday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Mark Fredrickson
M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



TWC (The Women's Council)
December 17th, 2019

Devotions were given by Clarice titled, "A Modest Christmas", based on Luke 2:7, the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that the gift of Jesus is beyond price and, like the little drummer boy in the Christmas song, he does not expect lavish gifts from us, rather he accepts our praise and examines our hearts. TWC opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from November were read and approved. Treasurer reports \$7,702.84 in savings and \$3,478.25 in checking. Thrivent funds were received and will be used to order two rolls of batting and sheets for kits. Clarice has a bill to be paid after the first of the year.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects- Myra finished 3 quilts, making a total of 40 completed. Thrivent funds will be used for batting and sheets. Quilting/sewing days to be determined. April 6 is the LWR spring shipping date. 2) Soup supper-is set for Feb 9th, snow date the 16th. We will put a notice in the newsletter and bulletin for people to check for white elephant items.

New Business: 1) Kitchen remodeling project- it has been proposed that the kitchen can be painted as the water situation seems to be resolved. This may also be the time to think about remodeling in the kitchen area and possible application for a casino grant to help with the cost. After discussion, it was decided to have a task force/committee formed to go ahead with this idea. We will put it into the bulletin for anyone interested to come to an informational meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. and we will move forward from there. 2) LRH Christmas gifts- for residents at the Northwood home have been purchased by Mavis Stevens and we thank her for doing that on our behalf. 3) Yearbooks- will be looked over at the January TWC meeting for corrections and printing of the new ones will be done after that for distribution. 3) Bible Study/activities for next year- were discussed. Bible study will be held beginning in March, schedule to be determined. We will advertise activities in the bulletin and newsletter. 4) End of the year donations- were determined. M/S/C to have

SPREAD THE WORD...

**ENALCW Annual
Soup/Pie & Dessert Supper
Sunday, February 9th**

4:30-7 p.m.

Snow Date: February 16th

**Be on the lookout for items to
donate to the white elephant sale...**

Sharon send out donations to eleven recipients for a total of \$1200.00. **Next TWC will be January 14th at 9 a.m.** Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

- Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th following our worship service. The deadline to submit reports, financial and from committees and auxiliaries, is Sunday, January 12th. If you are not sure whether or not you are to submit a report, feel free to check with Pastor. Please know that it would be very much appreciated to receive your articles in electronic form. For advice toward that end, please speak with Sharon in the office. The Annual Meeting gives all members the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process of our congregation and shape the future of our life together. Please be sure to avail yourself of that opportunity!

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 	30	31 	1 New Year's Day Office closed- Happy 2020!!	2 Sharon in office/ PZ on Vacation	3 PZ on Vacation	4 PZ in Office
5 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9:30 Worship with HC 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	6	7 <u>6:00 p.m.-</u> Stewardship Committee <u>7:30 p.m.</u> Council budget workshop	8 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Choir	9 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Bible Study <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Kitchen task force informational mtg.	10	11 
12 Baptism of our Lord 9:30 Worship (Choir) 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School <i>Annual report deadline today!</i>	13 	14 <u>9:00 a.m.-</u> TWC Meeting <u>7:00 p.m.-</u> Church Council meeting	15 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Choir	16	17 Sharon out of the office until the 27th	18
19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship- Noisy Offering 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	20 M L King Day	21	22 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Choir	23 	24	25
26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship (Choir) 10:30 <u>Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall</u> 10:40 Sunday School	27	28	29 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Confirmation <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Choir	30	31 	1

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<u>January</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, January 5 Holy Communion	Emma Hicken & Ryan Cole	Joe & Kara Walk	Marena Henkle
Sunday, January 12	Ryan Hackbart	Lowell & Nancy Walk	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, January 19	Zack Badker	Sharon Walk	Marena Henkle
Sunday, January 26	Kaelee Hicken	Suzanne Walk	Donna Schilling

Hospitality Team IX *Leader: Lori & Darren Marsh*

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

Ushers:

Keven Bruesewitz
John Bork
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Sawyer Dalluge
Val Bork
Jason Hackbart
Brianna Bork

Altar Guild

Val & Brianna Bork

Counters:

Myra Dierks
Duaine Dierks
Laurie Nack Bublitz
Kim Badker

PA System: Michael Cole & Corrie Kuntz

Lay Ministry: Val Bork **Share Shoppe:**

