# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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#### FROM THE PASTOR

### **Gradual Grunge**

Being fairly realistic by nature I have never made a secret of my disappointments. So here it goes: why, for crying out loud, does North Iowa not have car washes where I can drop off my car and for less than \$25.00 have it superbly cleaned inside and out – and pick it up 10 minutes later? That question is particularly on my mind every Spring and Fall when the weather is wet, mud is all around us, and my car looks like I have not washed it since the day I drove it off the dealer's lot. (Before you send me angry emails: when I lived in Green Bay, I wondered aloud why the corn was not as tall as in Iowa!) Really – entrepreneurs to the front; there is a great market waiting for you. Of course, I know that my car is not the only one that has mud up to the window. It is a reality we share. Most often I do not realize how dirty my car is until it is really DIRTY. The process is gradual, is it not? A pothole here, a gravel road there, a rain storm today and a semi chasing

you tomorrow - and voila, your car screams: WASH ME.



Few circumstances in life happen instantaneously. Most accumulate and develop without fanfare. The messy house becomes messy after several days of no attention. The marriage that falls apart seldom does so based on one single moment in time. The friendship that becomes distant often does so quietly over weeks, months, or even years. The sense of being disgruntled with a leader hardly is grounded in a singular decision made by him or her.

Bishop Emeritus, John Bradosky, was very fond of telling the story of the frog in hot water. If you put a frog into boiling water he will jump out. If you slowly heat up the water the frog will be comfortable and not notice that he is being cooked.

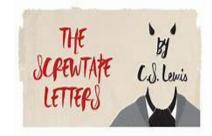


Bishop Bradosky told that story to show his listeners how deceiving it can be when leaders or institutions slowly but surely change their emphasis, belief or mission until it is too late for anyone to do anything about it. I never had the heart to tell him that research argues that the frog

story does not work scientifically (check it out on your trusty internet)! But, of course, the moral of the story is entirely true.

Already C.S. Lewis, in his famous piece, <u>The Screwtape Letters</u>, let senior devil Screwtape write to his apprentice devil Wormwood about the

methods for delivering souls to hell. The cumulative effect of small and nearly imperceptible sins, notes



Screwtape, beats the spectacular wickedness of dramatic sin. He says:" Indeed, the safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

We began the Season of Lent looking a bit



grungy with an ashen cross on our foreheads. That grunge of ashes symbolized the accumulation of our own personal failings, the brokenness of humanity, and reminded us that we are dust and will return

to dust. Now, as we come to the threshold of Holy Week we are not any less grungy. Our sinfulness did not disappear when we wiped off the ashes. Frankly, we will have gradually accumulated even more. I have! Yet, to the cross of Christ we come with all that we have gradually picked up while living. We bring it to him because we know that Jesus has nailed our entire life's grunge to the cross when he let his body be broken on our behalf. We bring it all, leaving nothing behind. Christ takes it all, leaving nothing behind.

I always envision the scene of the crucifixion as truly nauseatingly filled with grime and grunge. A naked body, blood, sweat, sand...and seemingly no answer to the piercing question: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* The thunder is silent. The city holds its breath. The heavens are shut. Gradually but surely the people rejected the very Son of God. Gradually but surely the shouts went from "Hosanna" to "Crucify Him". Gradually but surely our Lord gave up his spirit. Gradually but surely our sins do not stand between us and Almighty God any longer. Gradually but surely, miserable sinners become redeemed saints. Gradually but surely the darkness of Good Friday

and despair of Holy Saturday gives way to the joy of Easter morning. No more death. No more chasms between us and our Creator God. No more grunge that will have the power to suffocate us. Washed clean we are in the blood of Jesus. Walking into the light with the very light of the world we proclaim: **He is not here, for He is Risen.** 



Please remember that, trust that, believe that, live that, as you gradually continue to get grungy again. Bring your grunge to the cross and leave it there. And please pray that I will do so as well.

A very blessed Holy Week and Easter to all of you. May God protect you from all harm and may the joy of the Easter Feast accompany you into a bright and blessed future.
Fondly, Pastor Z+



Please note the following: as of this writing, we are unable to determine whether our services and fellowship plans will be allowed to take place based on CDC recommendations and State of Iowa pronouncements. We will adjust our plans accordingly and as soon as we become aware of new or different restrictions. Please watch your email with UPDATES FROM EMMANUEL. Those who do not have access to social media will receive the information via letter. If we are able to gather in worship, even with reduced numbers and a multitude of shortened services, we will do so. If not, we will do our best to provide a video through our website and Facebook. Please make a specific point to watch for information.

If you are uncertain, feel free to call the office at 641-748-2736 or Pastor's cell phone at 641-903-9416.

### Please take note of the following Worship Opportunities for Holy Week and Easter Sunday:

Palm Sunday 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm - Pie Social to honor First Communicants Maundy Thursday 7:00 - Worship with Holy Communion Good Friday 7:00 pm - Worship



Easter Sunday 7:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion Easter Sunday 8:00 am – Easter Breakfast Easter Sunday 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion

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A word about technology while we are living through COVID-19





We thank God that technology allows us to stay somewhat connected during this time of public separation. We do!!! However, we shall not ignore the pitfalls of watching worship on Facebook or on a website. Yes, it is most certainly "much better than nothing!!" But it is not the same as gathering with brothers and sisters, joining the chorus of our voices and seeing our neighbor in flesh and blood. Here are some ideas for you to consider: please do not watch the service like you are watching a TV show or the News! Speak the words of the Creed

and sing the hymns (we are having the text on the screen!). Pray along, don't just listen. When you turn to your device you are participating not observing. We even have the tendency to observe when we are actually sitting in church – how much more might that be a temptation sitting on your couch in your sweatpants with a plate of fried eggs in front of you?

In addition, when we worship remotely, we can fall into the false belief that the Church is an abstraction, a mere idea, rather than a concrete



reality. No, worshipping remotely is not the same as worshipping in person. By gathering in flesh and blood, we are being incorporated tangibly into the Body of Christ. You see, we confess that God has made us. We were not just an abstract idea in the great mind of a removed God, but he made us into flesh and blood physical bodies. And then there is Jesus. He came in flesh (remember Christmas!). That Christ is God in flesh is highly important to our faith. God became human. We put our faith in the concrete manifestation of God in Christ.

So, yes, we shall be deeply grateful that God has worked in the minds of his people to develop these wonderful technologies and we will use them. I cannot imagine my life and work without email and text messages. But, technology never can, nor should it, replace the people of God gathering around Word and Sacrament in flesh and blood. We await the day when we can enjoy that gift again.

If you know of anyone who needs help with child care, grocery shopping, household chores, rides to the doctor, etc.,feel free to



contact Pastor Zamzow. If we at Emmanuel can help at all, we will do our best. We often miss out on information – so, please feel free to share any need of which you are aware.

### **Joys and Sorrows**

Our condolences to *Nancy Walk* at the death of her father, Lowell who passed away on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Good Shepherd Health Care Center in Mason City. Lowell's Memorial service will take place after



the CDC restrictions are lifted. We give thanks for Lowell's long and faithful life and his contribution to our ministry.

We express our condolences also to the family of *Jon Badker* at the death of his father, Douglas and to

*Calvin Thompson* and his loved ones at the sudden passing of his sister, Carol.

Congratulations to *Jacob & Jacqueline Dalluge,* on the birth of a son, Weston Lee, born on March 15<sup>th</sup>. God's blessings on your family!



### **Pastoral Acts**

Kaylee Lynn Ann Haxton and Gracie Nevaeh Haxton

were baptized on March 8<sup>th</sup>. They are the daughters of Terry and June Haxton. Their sponsors are Derek and Ashley Haxton and Jennifer Haxton. We rejoice in the work of the Holy Spirit



that brought these precious girls to the baptismal font. May their journey with the Lord be blessed each and every day.



Rufus Jerome Glassel was called to his eternal rest on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. His funeral service took place at Emmanuel Lutheran on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Rufus is survived by three daughters, Sharon (Bill) Trousdale, Patti (Duane) Rustad and Teri (Mike) Sorenson as well as ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, extended

family and friends. May God comfort those who mourn his death as we thank God for the path of discipleship we shared with Rufus here at Emmanuel.



If you have not already picked up your free copy of the new church pictorial directory and had your picture taken, you may come to the church office and receive it...

#### Please watch for updates for the Easter Egg Hunt...

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Grafton Community Center, beginning at 10 a.m.

For ages 12 and Under...

Bring your own basket and get ready to have some fun, finding eggs, guessing the number of jelly beans in the jar, playing games, and having goodies!

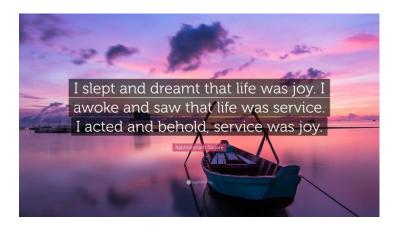
Hope to see you there!

### Stewardship Musings:

We want to **thank** those who have already accepted the challenge to support Emmanuel financially throughout this unusual circumstance. We heard from several members that it is easy to sign up for electronic offerings using the options that were listed previously. Here they are again:

Mail your check to the church = **2.** Bring your check to the office = **3.** Go to our website at <a href="https://www.emmanuelgrafton.org">www.emmanuelgrafton.org</a> and find the link to make a contribution on the first page as you open the website. = **4.** Call the Client Service of Vanco, the company with whom we work for our electronic offerings, at 800-675-7430, and ask them for assistance to transfer funds into our account. = **5.** Contribute through Give Plus Church via your smartphone. Download the app. Search for Emmanuel by zip code (50440) and follow the onscreen instructions to log in or donate as a guest to make a one-time or recurrent donation using a credit card or bank account.

### **Duty and Joy**



My Preaching Professor at Seminary quoted the Hindu poet Rabindranath Tagore whenever he had a chance. Well, actually he quoted only one small poem over and over again. The meaning of that poem has stuck with me in such a significant way that I have the words under my desk pad.

I slept and dreamt that life was Joy. I woke and saw that life was Duty. I acted, and behold, Duty was Joy.

(As of late 'duty' is often translated with 'service')



Oh yes, can't we all sing a song about duty and how it sometimes drains the joy of life right out of us? Duty has to do with responsibility and obligation. We have the obligation to take care of the children that are entrusted to us, to pay our bills and our taxes, to follow traffic laws, etc. Membership in a club or on a team brings duties. As members of the Body of Christ we also have duties: to serve our neighbor in the name of Jesus and to let the light of Christ shine brightly into the world for which God gave his only begotten Son. Yet, duty does not mean that joy is excluded. The words that introduce our Communion liturgy: "It is indeed right and salutary..." have in newer liturgies been translated with: "It is our duty and delight..."

Delight, of course, is simply another good word for that joy that cannot be ripped out of our hearts no matter what the circumstances might be. Duty and Joy seem to work best when they play off one another. How many times have you volunteered at Emmanuel or somewhere else starting out with hesitation, assuming the worst? How many times have you returned home with a deep sense that you are the one who was blessed by your efforts? Duty is not a chore but rather an opportunity to use what our gracious God has given to you. Neither is joy automatically removed from duty as we most often find out sheepishly.



When it comes to Stewardship, we do have the duty to take care of those things God has given to us and with them not only to maintain our own lives but to serve our neighbors. After all, we follow a Lord who served us first by laying down his very life for us. Surely, we can clearly see how the talents, time, and tithes we share, bring life to others and therefore joy into our own hearts. None of this has to do with transactions. The duty of taking care of our children brings the joy of hearing and seeing their delight, success and well-being. The duty of sharing within the Body of Christ offers us the same joy. Often joy comes through duty alone. A reward of its own. A gift to behold. Continue to do your duty - and be surprised by the joy the Lord will add to it. PZ+



Financial Balance Information for February 1-29, 2020

**General Fund:** 

Beginning Balance: \$ -1,731.18

Interest: \$3.90

Offering Revenues: \$7207.00 E-giving Revenues: \$50.00

Debit reversal: \$10.37 (Staples purchase returned)

<u>Total Revenues:</u> \$7,271.27 <u>Expenses:</u> \$10,003.15

**End of month Balance: \$-4,463.06** 

Thank you for your continued support, Sharon Please consider sponsoring Emmanuel's Epistle as well for \$90/month!

### **DID YOU KNOW**

...that you can still purchase an Easter lily? Call in your order or stop at the church where you will find the order forms on the table in the entry. Even if our worship will not take place in its usual fashion, you may stop by and pick up your plant on Easter Sunday afternoon or any time thereafter.

...that we hired a new custodian? Jeff Miller will



begin his work for us on April 1st. He comes with excellent references and good custodial experience. Jeff lives in Nora Springs, is married and has one son. Thank you to our Council officers

and Pastor Z for interviewing and considering applicants.

... that our planned Pancake Breakfast to benefit our Campership Fund has been moved to June  $14^{\rm th}$ ? We hope by then all systems are 'go' and we won't have to make more adjustments.

...that our Sunday with the Ringtones Bell Choir has been moved to April 19<sup>th</sup>? We know that there is the chance we may have to re-schedule this again with the uncertainty in the country. Please stay tuned.

...that the Washington National Cathedral will donate thousands of medical masks to two hospitals in the nation's capital after discovering a trove of the much-needed protective equipment iust feet from where Helen Keller and other prominent Americans lie in the cathedral's underground crypts? Bought in 2006 as a precaution during an outbreak of the H5N1 flu, the more than 5,000 N95 respiratory masks had been forgotten until early this month, when the cathedral's chief stonemason remembered coming across them in an unfinished area of the crypt level. Though still in their original packaging, the masks were technically expired, and cathedral staffers first reached out to the manufacturer and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine whether they were safe to use.

...that a school did not violate the religious rights of two elementary-aged Christian students when it allowed an Indigenous elder to perform a smudging ritual at an assembly and "cleanse" the room with smoke, a Canadian court ruled? At issue were separate smudging and hoop dancing demonstrations that the students' parents said became forced participation in religious ceremonies. The parents filed suit, claiming their religious liberties under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms were violated. The children were ages nine and seven at the time. They sided with the school. "I conclude that these smudging and hoop dancing demonstrations were in no way either by design or in their execution — an expression of the School District's beliefs or an expression of religious favoritism. Rather, the organization of these events reflected a gathering momentum to incorporate the teaching of Indigenous worldviews and perspectives."

...that according to a recent study, 17% of Americans participate in a choir of some kind. The

study indicates that singing in groups contributes to better mental and physical health, better social skills and greater civic



engagement. Although singing in church choirs has declined, many find a dedicated purpose to sing for other in various venues.

...that clergy in America are facing new levels of stress? Rabbis worry about protecting their people from anti-Semitic violence; Muslims leaders are unnerved by anti-Muslim sentiments; Catholic priests carry the burden of a priest shortage and the residue of the sexual abuse crisis and Protestant pastors are worried about membership loss, drug addiction and financial insecurity in their communities as well as hyper-critical congregants and loss of social esteem.

...that only 45% of all Americans know that six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust? ...that Guatemala, which has the world's highest rate of child malnutrition, recorded more than 15,300 cases of acute malnutrition in children under the age of five...and increase of nearly 24% from 2018.

...that there is a Facebook page for people who are homeless so they can keep in touch with each other? There are 1,200 members and counting.

### THANK YOU

...to Marena Henkle, Will and Brittany Bartz, and Michael Cole for assisting Pastor Z with our worship videos, all the way from taping to singing to making sure you can see them; and to Renae Kroneman for keeping up our website with our constant changes during these peculiar times.

...to Kim Hicken for helping us once again with our custodial duties as we searched for a permanent custodian. Thank you so much, Kim, for doing a fantastic job.

...to Tammy Borchardt for helping us with the folding of our newsletters and bulletins and for sending out the Cradle Roll mailings to the families of young children. Tammy also cleaned up our Sunday School supplies in the supply room after the new floor was laid. Thanks!!

...to everyone who helped with the funeral lunch for Rufus Glassel.

### **Thank You Stewards**

...to the March Hospitality Team: Yvonne & Troy Tourtellott, Kyle & Amy Edwards, Steve McCready, Rachel Rosenberg, Connie Rosenberg, Duaine & Myra Dierks, Pat Clark, Liz & Michael Schaub, Coleen Trettin, Todd Trettin, Jamie & Brandon Trenhaile, Cory & Kim Hicken, Suzanne Seleski, Crystal Wilde, Nicole & Haley Tourtellott, and Judy & Earl Trenhaile.

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

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

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

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

...to Duane Rustad for serving on Lay Ministry for the month of March.



Women's Bible study: The book is \$10.00, Times are: Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. each session. (Watch for updates if postponed)



## TWC (The Women's Council) March 13th, 2020

Charlotte shared devotions based on Psalm 16 and titled, "When Life is Hard." It is a reminder that suffering produces endurance, helping us to focus on the Lord and his unchanging character. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reports \$3,535.72 in checking, with a few outstanding bills. A thank you was shared from Michael Zamzow.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: There are some changes being made in the LWR supplies being collected- no bulk soap and no use of fleece in quilts. The local LWR pickup will be Monday. April 6th from 9-11 a.m. in Mason City. 2) Preparations for Quilt Sunday: which will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will meet to put out quilts for display at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20th. A date will be determined for packing of the quilts. 3) Soup Supper report: Charlotte will update the report and keep for next year's use. 4) Yearbooks: Sharon is still working with them for printing. 5) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Emi, Charlotte, Sharon, and Mark Borchardt met on March 3rd to discuss options. Charlotte has contacted Ron at Wilson Supply regarding dishwashers. Next step will be to reach out to Arne Luckason about doing cabinets and getting his input. 6) Annual audit of books: will be done next week. 7) Fellowship chair replacements: still reaching out for information. Discussed options of what type of chair and numbers to order when the time comes. 8) Hospitality teams: Yvonne Tourtellott has agreed to replace Judy Trenhaile as Team leader for Team III/ all other teams will remain the same with minor adjustments. 9) Coffee carafes: will keep looking for lid replacements.

New Business: A suggestion was made for a Women's event to work with ceramics at a local shop in Mason City.

Upcoming dates: April TWC meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21st at 9 a.m. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



### Congregational Council Minutes February 11, 2020

**Meeting called to order by:** Darren Marsh-President

**Attended:** Pastor Zamzow, Mark Fredrickson-V President, Sandy Thompson-Evangelism, Marena Henkle-Stewardship, Michael Cole-Property, Emi Kuntz-Lay Ministry, Brittany Bartz-Christian Education, Will Bartz-Youth, Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Devotions:** Marena Henkle

**Education Segment:** Basic tips for serving on the

Church Council.

Agenda review: <u>M/S/C</u> to accept agenda as presented.

**Review Printed Minutes:** Minutes from Annual meeting were received. M/S/C to accept minutes

from January 14th and 27th meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports accepted as presented. Christa has resigned as Treasurer and Custodian. Treasurer job description was reviewed and updated. Sharon will be taking on the position of Treasurer.

 $\underline{M/S/C}$  to deposit the March rent check into the general checking account and revisit this in September, whether to move it back into savings.

 $\underline{M/S/C}$  to have Clarice Bartz write the check for the Petznick Estate.

 $\underline{M/S/C}$  to approve up to 9 hours a week for Treasurer training for Sharon; in addition to her 20 hours for Secretary and 10 hours for Treasurer, on a month to month basis, as needed.

 $\underline{\text{M/S/C}}$  to change authorized signatures to Sharon Hulshizer, Darren Marsh, and Mark Fredrickson on February  $20^{\text{th}}$ , after all written checks have cleared the bank, and to remove Christa Larson as authorized signer.

Pastor's Report: It has been a very busy time. 1) Vacation is planned from April 30<sup>th</sup> -May 5<sup>th</sup>. Clergy supply has been lined up; confirmation class will not be cancelled. 2) Property committee decided the bathroom in parsonage needs full remodelinghave a grant application in to cover the expenses. 3) First Communion class will have four 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year. 4) March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the director of Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will be coming and the youth will be having a fundraiser that day as well. 5) March 29<sup>th</sup>, a bell choir will be coming to

Emmanuel. 6) Lenten Services begin on February 26<sup>th</sup>, all simple suppers are organized for the Lenten season. 7) Flooring in the entrance and ed unit is being replaced. Afterwards, a cleaning crew may need to be organized.

### **Board Highlights:**

**Stewardship-** Lent/ Easter offerings: Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter offering will be put into the General Fund. Wednesday service offerings will be put into the Benevolence Fund to be distributed at the end of the year.

<u>Lay Ministry-</u> Have divided months among members to line up readers.

**Evangelism-** Will be meeting next week. **Youth & Education-** Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Property-</u> 1) Electrical work- GFCI needs updating in the men's and women's bathrooms. 2) Tuckpointing – needs to be finished on the front of the Ed unit. 3) East half of the kitchen needs plaster work and painting. Remodeling is in the planning stages, a WCDA grant will be applied for.

Membership review: none Unfinished business:

a) Hardwiring for Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall: Marena and Greg Zillgitt met to discuss issues with the internet/WIFI. The ed unit and library are hardwired. The boosters we have do not work. A possible secondary router located in the ed unit may help, Discussion on how to run wires to the church and whether old and new wiring will be compatible. Next step would be to contact WCTA to get an estimate on cost.

#### **New Business:**

- a) Custodial Position
  - 1) Job description was updated.
- 2) Advertising for new hire: Posters will be distributed in local areas; Advertisements will be placed on Facebook and other sites. The position will be listed as 8-10 hours per week with a wage of \$12.50/hour. PZ will check with a parishioner about stepping in until a replacement is found. Property committee will help with weekly garbage/recycling.

 $\frac{Next\ meeting\ devotions:}{Next\ meeting\ date\ and\ time\ } Mark\ Fredrickson} \\ \frac{Next\ meeting\ date\ and\ time\ }{12^{th}\ at\ 7:00\ p.m.}$ 

<u>M/S/C-</u> Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. -Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

### **APRIL 2020**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
All Events subject to change due to COVID19 restrictions!	April	Pray for those sick or hospitalized, and their families.	1 4:30 p.m. Conf. 7:00 Choir (To be determined)	Pray for those on the front line of "battle" during this time.	3	Pray for our country's leaders.	
<ul><li>Palm Sunday</li><li>9:30 Worship with HC</li><li>and Choir</li><li>10:30 Fellowship</li><li>10:40 Sunday School</li><li>HOLY WEEK</li></ul>	6 Pray for our Clergy.	7 Thank the Lord for his gift of life and Salvation.	4:30 p.m. Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>9</b> Maundy Thursday 6 p.m. Pie Social to honor First Communicants 7 p.m. Worship with HC and Choir	Good Friday 7 p.m. Worship with choir	Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.	
12 Easter Sunday 7 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service with HC 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Worship with HC and choir 10:40 Sunday School	13	14  Pray always and without ceasing.	4:30 p.m. Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	Give Thanks to the Lord for all His blessings.	17	Pray for all those in other countries that may not know the Lord.	
19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship with HC and Choir 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	20 Stand firmly on the promises of God. He has said, "I will not forsake you."	21	4:30 p.m. Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	23 John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not die, but have Everlasting Life.	24 Memorize John 3:16	25	
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship with HC and Choir 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	27	28 Pray for those suffering from anxiety.	4:30 p.m. Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	HELLO May	Praise God from whom all blessings flow!	2 May Flowers	

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<u>April</u>	Acolytes	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, 5th			
Palm Sunday (HC)	Sophie Urbatsch	Liz Backhaus	Marena Henkle
Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
Sunrise Service (HC)	Ryan Cole & Ryan Hackbart	Jon & Kim Badker & Family	Charlotte Cole
Regular Service (HC)	Zach Badker & Kaelee Hicken	Clarice Bartz	Marena Henkle
Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brooklyn Hackbart	Courtney Bartz	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gracie Urbatsch &	Curt & Caren Bartz &	
Confirmation Sunday	Gus Walk	Caylee	Marena Henkle

Hospitality Team IV Leader: Doris & Albert Ralph

Suzanne Walk
Caren & Curt Bartz
Paul Hackbart
Carol Koschmeder
Sheila Lundon

Josh & Anna Rosenberg Sharon Walk Jay & Jeannie White Opal Diedrich Marena Henkle <u>Ushers:</u>
Mark Fredrickson
Richard Neeley
Steve McCready
Gary Schotanus
Duane Rustad

Altar Guild
Doris Ralph

Counters:
Orland Bartz
Teresa Braun
Kim Badker
Gloria Hackbart

PA Operators: Orland Bartz & Garry Backhaus

Lay Ministry: Doris Ralph Share Shoppe: Ardis Hanson

