

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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## FROM THE PASTOR



### I would pick more Daisies



Oh, yeah, looking back at 2020 don't we all wish life would have been different? Sure we do! Short of the very youngest among us we all will remember this year that turned the world upside down. It seems like we cannot stop thinking and talking about it. If only! Like you, our family as well has plenty of 'if onlys' to add to the drama. So, I started thinking: there are plenty of 'if onlys' in my entire life. After 66 plus years, there are not only missed opportunities and disappointments but there is also the realization that I deliberately made some decisions that nobody forced upon me but which I perceived to be 'the right thing to do' or 'my duty' or my attempt at avoiding to turn into the newflash of the day for people who love gossip.

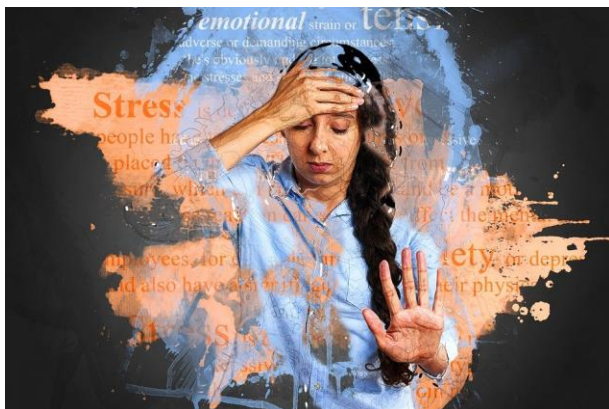
As if the 'newsletter gods' were determined to help me out, in my feverish search for something entirely different in my office the day after Christmas, I came across an 'oldie but goodie' which was (supposedly) written by an 84-year-old grandmother from Tennessee. I must have had it in



my papers for at least twenty years and I could not help but smile when it fell into my hands. You might know this little poem as well:

*If I had my life to live over, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I know of very few things I would take seriously. I would be crazier. I would be less hygienic. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones. You see, I am one of those people who live life prophylactically and sensibly and sanely, hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I have had my moments, and if I had to do it over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I would try to have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead each day. I have been one of those people who never went anywhere without a thermometer, a hot-water bottle, a raincoat, and a parachute. If I had to do it over again, I would go places and do things and travel light, lighter than I have. If I had to live my life over, I would go barefooted earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would play hooky more. I would ride more merry-go-rounds, and I'd pick more daisies.*

Now, this is a poem, mind you. Hot-water bottles, parachutes, less hygiene? Clearly, I would not prescribe to every word in this text – but, there is some wisdom in it. We, communally, have become a very uptight people – perhaps not entirely of our own making, but... After close to 32 years of ministry, I have to admit that I find myself, as well as many people I encounter, much more anxious than three decades ago – and we had troubles then as well. I mourn this development for myself, my family and in general.



Yes, there is a deadly virus; yes, there are crazy-banana politics; yes, there is economic turmoil and racial unrest and global issues seemingly beyond our control. Of course, most of these situations call for adjustments and renewed considerations in all that we do.

It seems fair and honorable to wonder: where do we go from here!? I think you know that I am not a clergy person who throws Bible verses around like clowns throw confetti at a Macy's parade. Perhaps you appreciate that, perhaps you don't. Either way: here is my take on the subject!



No matter where we are concerning any of the very important and even life-determining concerns of our days, a bit of introspection and contemplation might do us good. Beyond navel gazing or consultation within our “social bubble” where everyone thinks, votes and behaves like we do, that is. I therefore recommend God's Word. For myself!!!

For you!!! For all of us!!! As we walk into 2021 please, with me, seek first the counsel of God before that of anyone else. Our forefathers and foremothers in the faith have done well with that through countless tragedies, wars, famines, pandemics and socio-economic and political upheavals of any magnitude. The fact that you and I are here bears witness to my statement. Below are a few verses that might just become companions on our journey through the New Year. Perhaps you want to choose just one or two that speak to you in particular ways and comfort your heart. And, come springtime, in addition, we all can still go and pick more daisies.



**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

**Psalms 46:10** “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**Psalms 28:7** The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**Matthew 6:25** “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

**Psalms 9:10** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**Mark 5:36** But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

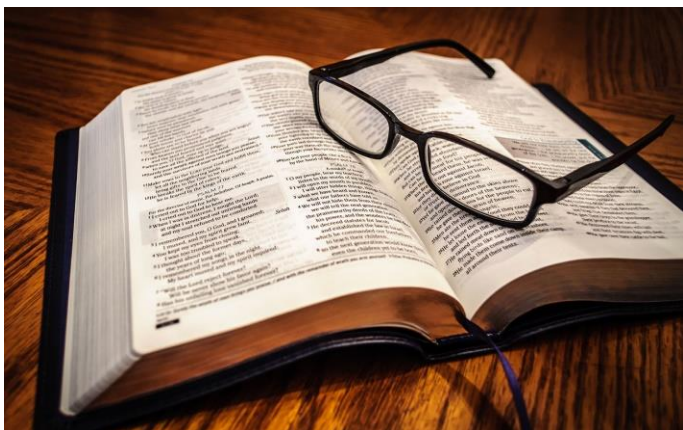
**Isaiah 26:3** You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

**Psalms 37:4-6** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

**Psalms 37:5** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

**Isaiah 41:10** Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



I wish to thank the Church Council (*and therefore all members of Emmanuel*) for the exceptionally generous Christmas gift they chose to give to me. It was a humbling gift received with utter gratefulness. Thank you so much!! Likewise, I was so very pleased to receive the "Christmas Angel" from the ENALCW – it has found a place next to our Christmas tree. Michael and I also express our sincere thanks for all the cards, kind words, delightful presents and generous gifts of money we have received. Your kindness certainly warmed our hearts. Thank you one and all; thank you, indeed! This was our ninth Christmas Season in your midst and we could not have been more pleased to celebrate it with you. Blessings for peace, good health, contentment, success and joy from our house to yours for 2021.



Fondly, Pastor Solveig Zamzow and Michael



While we are on the subject of 'Thank you' – I cannot let this year go by without thanking our many faithful volunteers who have made it possible for our ministry to continue in spite of tremendous set-backs beyond our control. Thank you to everyone who made financial donations to 'keep us going'. Thanks to everyone who jumped in to finish up a task because somebody else suddenly had to quarantine or got ill. Thank you especially to our Church Council for many necessary yet unpleasant decisions they had to make this passing year – sometimes changing those decisions within hours due to new guidelines and decrees. Thank you for responding to my many emails and texts which always needed an answer yesterday! ☺ ☺ Thank you: Darren Marsh, Mark Fredrickson, Emi Kuntz, Sandy Thompson, Michael Cole, Marena Henkle, Will and Brittany Bartz.





Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our **staff** who contributed significantly to our mission: Sharon Hulshizer, our Secretary/Treasurer; our organists, Marena Henkle, Donna Schilling and Charlotte Cole; Will Bartz and Marena Henkle, our worship assistants, who made all of our virtual worship services and devotion transmissions possible and to Jeff Miller, our custodian. Thank you all for your partnership in the Gospel. May God bless you as you so faithfully and patiently fulfill your work and share your talents. Pastor Z+

**Thank You...**to all who sent a card, flowers, or food, shared a kind word or memory, or any expression of sympathy in the death of our mother. Your thoughtfulness has not gone unnoticed. We are hoping to have a Memorial Service sometime next year, when the pandemic situation may be better. We cherish our memories and look to the time when we can be reunited with our loved ones.

--In Hope and Faith -*the family of Olga Borchardt (John, Bill, Mark Borchardt, & Sharon Hulshizer and families)*

**To Emmanuel Members...**Thank you for the very generous Christmas present and for the joy of playing organ and piano on some Sundays.

-Donna Schilling

**Thank you...**for the generous Christmas gift from the Church council. It has been an honor to serve Emmanuel the past year and I look forward to the future.

-Sharon Hulshizer

**Members of Emmanuel...**Thank you for the generous Christmas gift that I received. It is greatly appreciated!

-Sincerely, Charlotte Cole

**I would like to thank....** the members of Logos Legos for their Christmas greeting. What a kind and thoughtful thing for you to do!

-Sincerely, Charlotte Cole

### **Thank You Stewards**

**A huge Thank you...** to Orland Bartz, Ramie Kuntz, Michael Cole and Emi Kuntz for cleaning up bushes and plants around our church building. It is indeed very much appreciated and truly was a job that needed to get done. Thanks for your efforts!

...to Brittany Bartz and Marena Henkle for organizing our Children's Christmas program amidst many changes, difficulties and unforeseen situations! Our small crew was mighty in telling the story of the Christ-Child. Thanks to all parents for bringing the kids and helping them learn lines and songs. Thank you to all teachers for whatever assistance they were able and ready to give! Thanks to the narrators, Kaelee and Emma Hicken and Kenzie Sorenson. Great job! A program we will remember as the big "We did it"!

...to Mary Jo Urbatsch and Crystal Wilde for providing lovely solos for our Christmas Eve services. Thank you so much! You made the services extra special.

...to our organists, Charlotte Cole, Donna Schilling and Marena Henkle for their faithful service and special prelude music.

...to all who have faithfully helped with financial offerings, large and small, from our members and friends of Emmanuel.

...to our December counters for their diligence in accurately discerning our offerings; Michael Cole, Connie Rosenberg, and Belinda Borchardt.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Lisa Bartz.

...to Candi Feldt, our Altar Guild steward.

...to our PA operators, Darren Marsh, Orland Bartz, and Gregg Urbatsch.

...to our Ushers: Michael Cole, Dave & Candi Feldt, Cole Feldt, and Corrie Kuntz.



**Thank you to all who shared Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary!**

### **Given By...**

**Jerry Navratil** - *To the Glory of God*

**Clarice Bartz** - *In honor of Loved Ones*

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

**Merlin & Lisa Bartz**

- *In memory of Jane Buechele*

**Jane Dalluge & Family**

- *In memory of Steve Dalluge*

**Phil & Gloria Hackbart**

- *In memory of Loved Ones*

**Albert & Doris Ralph**

- *In memory of Loved Ones*

### **Charlotte Cole & Family**

*- In memory of Loved Ones*

### **Megan Rustad**

*- In memory of Rufus & Doris Glassel*

### **Richard & Ruth Neeley**

*- In memory of Bernice Foell*

### **Darren & Lori Marsh Family**

*- In memory of Joanne Marsh*

### **Mark Fredrickson**

*- In memory of Ken & LaVerne Fredrickson*

### **Randy & Sharon Hulshizer family**

*- In memory of Olga Borchardt,  
Bernice Foell, and Teri (Hulshizer) Bishop*

### **Laurie Nack-Bublitz Family**

*- In memory of Loved Ones  
and Kuper Dean Malmin- Love you!*

### **Michael & Solveig Zamzow**

*- In memory of Neil & Audrey Zamzow  
and Alfred & Gertraud Draeger*

### **Teri & Mike Sorenson & Family**

*- In memory of Rufus & Doris Glassel  
and Bob & Louise Sorenson*

### **Connie Rosenberg Family**

*- In memory of Harper Grace Putz,  
In honor of Olivia, Leighton, Nolan & Madelynn*

### **Thank You Emmanuel**

...For your partnership in the Gospel and for your support of the ministry we share in the name of our Lord Jesus. In this year of COVID-19, separation and isolation, as we celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel-God with us," may you receive strength, courage and peace in life from the presence of Jesus Christ, born at Bethlehem, crucified and risen-to be with us always, even to the end of the age! **Bishop Dan Selbo/NALC staff**

...on behalf of **LMVFM** I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$200 for our ministry work with veterans and their family members, Merry Christmas and God's Blessings

**- Leslie Haines , Executive Director**

...for your generous donation of \$200 to support **CIS (Crisis Intervention Service)**. It is encouraging for us to know that concerned individuals within the community are aware of the needs we meet and willing to assist in our mission.

**-Mary J. Ingham, Executive Director**

...for your gift of \$300. Your generous gift helps provide quality end-of-life care in our ten-county area for our patients and families during one of life's most difficult journeys.

**-Katie Schuessler, Dir, Mercy One NI Hospice**

...on behalf of **Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless** please allow us to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous donation of \$300. We are able to continue our programs for the homeless because of donations from supporters like you.

**-Jeannie Churchill, Executive Director**

...your \$500 gift to **Water Mission** is making a significant difference in the lives of people who lack access to safe water. Together, we strive to be the hands of feet of Jesus as we serve those in need.

**-Blessings, George C. Greene, CEO/President.**

*(These Thank yous are condensed versions, however the complete letters from these organizations that Emmanuel has chosen to support this year can be found on the bulletin boards across from the church offices. By reading them, you may learn more about these important missions, both local and international.)*

### **Pastoral Acts**

**We mourn with** the family of Bernice Foell who passed away on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Her funeral was held on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in Osage with burial in Mason City. May God bless her memory.

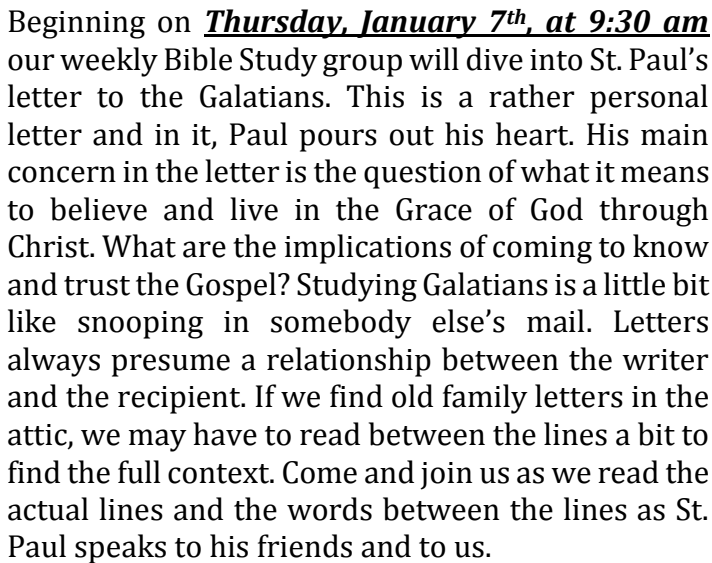


**We remember...** the loved ones of all Covid-19 victims and those who lost dear family members and friends for reasons other than those who get so much of our rightful attention during these pandemic days. May God comfort and strengthen all sad hearts and may the promise of the Resurrection shine brightly into the lives of all mourners near and far.

### **Joys and Sorrows**

**Congratulations** to Ryan and Brooke Stiles on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December birth of their second daughter, Willa Calvin Stiles. Mom and baby are well.

If you no longer wish to serve for the coming year, please contact the office and let us know of your wishes. We appreciate all those who have served in the past and those who are willing to continue to do so.



Our God is a God who works through means – through people and things, circumstances and opportunities. God can and has worked without “agency”, as the Bible testifies (i.e. in Creation), but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And whenever God acts, it is to our benefit.

and extra attention when others are busy with life and work. Through our families, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in those areas that speak to our talents, gifts and interests.

God is not removed from what happens in the secular realm of our lives and works always within it. We call it the Kingdom of the Left. We even need to be clear that, as far as the secular realm of our life is concerned, we shall not be surprised if God uses us to step up and declare: thus says the Lord! The sovereignty of God never must be undermined or diminished. The First Commandment is always our gauge – and it happens to be the one we surely break more often than not.

What else does God provide? He gives us neighbors and good friends to help in times of need, to celebrate or cry with us and sometimes even to fill in for family when distance or circumstances call for it. God provides for our most mundane needs like food, shelter and clothing by lifting up our work so we can be gainfully employed and take care of ourselves and our families. Our physical strength and our cognitive abilities, which lead us into trades and professions of various sorts, are not accidental to our lives. At our Baptism we are commissioned *to let our light shine so others may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven*. What a perfect expression to remind us that all good gifts and abilities are not simply coincidental and happenstance, but indeed come from our heavenly Father who blesses us deliberately and personally. Yet, we get to share them – and even enjoy the adulation, success, reward and gladness that comes from offering up what God has placed into our lives. We contribute by extension to the goodness of God, always mindful of who is the source and ending, however.







God, of course, also very distinctly provides for the needs of our souls. He sent His Son to be our Savior. In his very body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in his body Jesus reconciled and atoned for our sins by his love, passion and obedience on the cross, once and for all. God delivers this forgiveness to us consistently through the means of His Word and Sacraments. We hear the Word proclaimed and receive divine forgiveness through a human voice. In our Baptism we are called into God’s family and God ignites the gift of faith in us through the Holy Spirit. At the altar we receive the life-giving body and blood of our Savior to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

How does that connect to our Steward Musings for the month, you ask? Hear (read!) what St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians in chapter four: “I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”.

God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. Their generosity became God’s means. And: God who loves both, Paul and the Philippians, provided ultimate supply of all required, through Christ Jesus. You see, our God is a God who works through means.

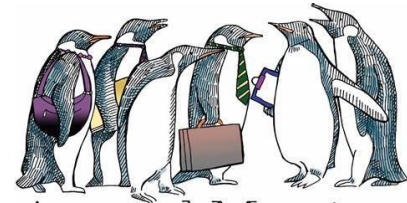
*Give us this day  
our daily bread*  
*Matthew 6:11*

In many ways what you just read is an extra-long explanation of the long explanation Martin Luther gave in

the Catechism to the question: What does it mean that God gives us our daily bread? God uses ‘stuff’ – from the stuff we encounter in Baptism and Communion (water, bread and wine) to the ‘stuff’ that God sets before us in myriad ways every moment of our lives -- often through the love and

care of others.

I trust this is not more but also not less than a very simple reminder of how being a manager of God’s blessings is an extension of what God does and provides in the first place. God always has and always will. That is good to know as we walk into an uncertain future.



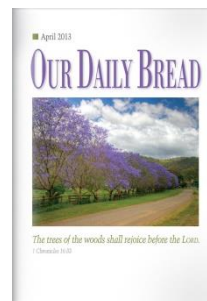
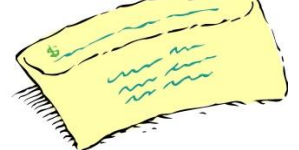
## Annual Meeting

Please remember our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> following our Worship Service. The Council, after their next meeting will provide guidance as to where and how we will gather so everyone can be safe. Please watch for that information. Reports for the meeting are due on January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please call the office and we will be glad to help you.

If you have not yet seen or heard:

Your 2021 Offering envelopes are ready for you to pick up on a table close to the wooden entrance door. If you have questions or need assistance in getting them to your home, please call the office and we will do our best to assist. Thank you!

## Offering Envelopes



If you are looking for our devotional books, please check the kiosk in the entry. The latest edition leads you through February 2021. Once again: if you want us to mail you a copy, please call the office. Thanks!

## Did you know...

...that the NALC has a 10-Point Vision for the future? These ten emphases were accepted by the Convocation in August as attempts to build on what has been done during the first ten years of the church body's existence. The ten points are as follows:

1. A church body committed to developing disciple-making congregations and cultures.
2. A body of believers committed to increasing our mission outreach and congregational multiplication efforts.
3. A denomination in which every congregation receives regular and consistent pastoral support.
4. A continuing education emphasis that supports the ongoing development of all NALC pastors and lay leaders.
5. A strategy for continental restructuring that is able to expand our denominational growth.
6. A denomination with the strongest and most highly respected Lutheran Seminary training system in North America.
7. A communications strategy focused on forming identity, unity and testimony across our church body.
8. A denomination in which our international and ecumenical relationships strengthen our shared commitment to the Great Commission, the Great Commandments and the Church catholic, and which enhance our partnership on the congregational level.
9. A church body with the financial strength to support its God-given vision.
10. A Strategic Planning Team (SPT) that continually prays for and works to develop the next steps for our God-given vision and future.



...that the U.S. State Department this month declared Pakistan “a country of particular concern” for violations of religious freedoms — a designation the Pakistani government rejects? The declaration was based in part on an appraisal by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom that underage girls in the minority Hindu, Christian, and Sikh communities were “kidnapped for forced conversion to Islam... forcibly married and subjected to rape.”

While most of the converted girls are impoverished Hindus from southern Sindh province, two new cases involving Christians, have roiled the country in recent months.

The girls generally are kidnapped by complicit acquaintances and relatives or men looking for brides. Sometimes they are taken by powerful landlords as payment for outstanding debts by their farmhand



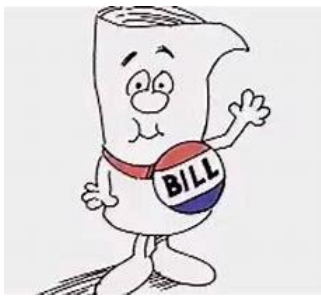
parents, and police often look the other way. Once converted, the girls are quickly married off, often to older men or to their abductors, according to the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. Forced conversions thrive unchecked on a money-making web that involves Islamic clerics who solemnize the marriages, magistrates who legalize the unions and corrupt local police who aid the culprits by refusing to investigate or sabotaging investigations, say child protection activists.

...that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was hit with several lawsuits in late December for allegedly covering up decades of sexual abuse among Boy Scout troops in Arizona, marking the latest litigation before the state's end-of-year deadline for adult victims to sue?



...that Pope Francis continued his cleanup of Vatican finances by stripping the powerful department of the Secretariat of State of its financial assets, the Vatican announced on December 28<sup>th</sup>? The funds had come under scrutiny in 2019 after a questionable investment in luxury apartments in London. The new papal decree will shift the funds held by the Secretariat of State to the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, or APSA, which already handles the Vatican's investment portfolio and real estate holdings. APSA will also oversee the Pope's personal account and *Peter's Pence*, a global fund to sustain the Pope's charitable actions.





...that among the legislative loose ends that made their way into the \$900 billion spending bill passed by Congress on December 21<sup>st</sup> was a significant update to the 18-year-old Tibetan

Policy Act, strengthening U.S. support for Tibetan autonomy and religious freedom for followers of Tibetan Buddhism around the globe?

The new legislation, called the Tibetan Policy and Support Act, appears deep in the bill and has drawn attention for weighing in on the current Dalai Lama's reincarnation, one of the few instances the Buddhist concept has been mentioned in U.S. law. The unaccustomed religious language, however, is not an example of American legislators "pontificating on the Tibetan religion," said the Vice President of the International Campaign for Tibet, which helped congressional leaders frame the legislation. Rather, the clauses on reincarnation are aimed at preserving Tibet's cultural and political distinctiveness. By adding new provisions to the 2002 Tibet act, the new bill "institutionalizes" two decades of developments in U.S. policy on Tibet, the spokesperson said.

A message from our SS sponsored child, Lawrence:  
**28/10/2020** (October 28<sup>th</sup>)

Dear Sponsor,

Receive greetings my dear friend hoping you are doing well. I together with my family are doing well and we thank God.

Thank you for the letter you sent for me. I was very happy to receive Christmas wishes from the Sunday school children, I wish them too a Merry Christmas and a happy 2021.

How is your place? Is corona still a threat? We in Kenya are still experiencing but its really common in big towns and cities.

We have never resumed school, but the compassion teachers teach us in the community, especially the word of God.

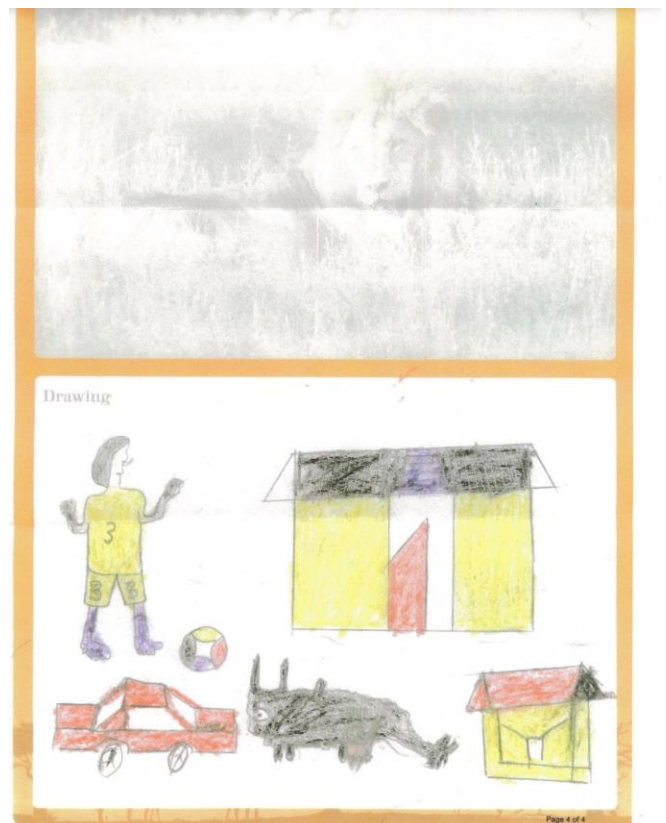
I go to the project thrice a week because I play a trumpet. In fact, I am the best. It's my favorite. We do participate in the church service with my fellow shildren and we play it very well, Be blessed with John 3:16.

Yours,  
Lawrence Emojong

And here is a little humor for those of you who think my sermons are too long.



Your suffering has been acknowledged! ☺ PZ+



**TWC (The Women's Council)  
December 15, 2020**

Devotions were given by Emi. Based on 1 Peter and titled, "Kept in Heaven", we learned that the Lord keeps the best in the safest place-earned by Christ's sacrifice-our inheritance is secure! TWC opened with the reading of the purpose statement. November Secretary minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. With the addition of the Love/Thankoffering and designated Thrivent Funds, the checking account balance is \$4,587.34. Savings account remains at \$6,504.87 with December interest yet to be added. Correspondence from Dee Wyatt in Decorah was read.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Clarice has delivered 8 quilts to One Vision in Clear Lake. Quilting days will be announced in January. 2) Yearbooks: are finished for 2021, pending any corrections, Sharon will print a few more for distribution. 3) Kitchen remodeling Project: continues with a scheduled meeting with members of the Property Board and John Duvall today to discuss what needs to be done and how to organize and move forward towards the grant application process. 4) Soup supper: discussion tabled until next month. Members will discuss with others how to proceed with a carry out menu, if necessary. 5) LRH Christmas gifts: Mavis Stevens will check into this for us and take care of items needed.

New Business: 1) End of year disbursements: **M/S/C to use \$1500 for disbursements this year. M/S/C to distribute funds to fourteen designations.**

Upcoming dates: January TWC will be Tuesday, January 19th at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.  
-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

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**Encouraged:  
Sponsors for future Epistle newsletters.  
\$90/month-Thank you!**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Financial Balance Information for  
November 1-30, 2020  
General Fund**

**Beginning Balance: \$7,338.11 + \$15,287 (PPP  
Loan-forgiven) = \$22,625.11**

Interest: \$7.07

Offering Revenues: \$9,351.00

E-giving Revenues: \$801.82

**Total Revenues: \$10,159.89**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$32,785.00**

**Expenses: \$ 9,475.13**

**End of month Balance: \$23,309.87**



**Electronic Meeting Minutes  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council  
November 2020**

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Church Council met virtually, due to lack of quorum in person. **M/S/C that everyone entering the church is required to wear a mask from now until the end of November.**

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

**\*\*\*Editorial comment:** On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Council extended mask requirements until further notice



















**St Ansgar Rescue's Annual Fundraising** event is Sunday, Jan 10 from 8:00 to 12:00. Sorry we can't seat you in person this year but we will have a "Drive-Thru" at the St

Ansgar Clinic parking lot. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage. Free-will offerings will be accepted. If you are unable to attend but would like to support St Ansgar Rescue, donations can be sent to St Ansgar Rescue, PO Box 176, St Ansgar, IA 50472.

Thank you for your support.

# January 2021 (All events subject to COVID-19 restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Fellowship will resume as determined by the Church Council</i>					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 
<b>3</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas 9:30 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10: 40 Sunday School	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> Epiphany <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 
<b>10</b> Baptism of our Lord 9:30: Worship 10: 40 Sunday School	<b>11</b> Reports due for Annual meeting	<b>12</b> Church Council 7 p.m.	<b>13</b> <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship 10: 40 Sunday School	<b>18</b> M L King Day	<b>19</b> <u>TWC</u> (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 
<b>24</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship 10: 40: Sunday School	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 
<b>31</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion 10: 40: Sunday School 10:30 <b>Annual Meeting</b>						



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<u>January</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<b>Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>With Holy Communion</i>	Aundraya Paulson	John & Sandy Duvall	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Brooklyn Hackbart	Kyle & Amy Edwards	Charlotte Cole
<b>Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Gracie Urbatsch	Cole Feldt	Charlotte Cole
<b>Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Gus Walk	Dave & Candi Feldt	Donna Schilling
<b>Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Kenzie Sorenson	Raechel Fossey	Marena Henkle

***No Fellowship after worship until further notice!***

**Ushers:** Keven Bruesewitz, Phil Hackbart, Sawyer Dalluge, Jason Hackbart, John Bork, Val Bork, and Brianna Bork

**PA Operators:** Michael Cole & Corrie Kuntz

**Lay Ministry:** Duane Rustad

**Counters:** Duaine & Myra Dierks, Laurie Nack Bublitz, and Michael Cole

**Altar Guild:** Val & Brianna Bork

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** Nicole Cole

