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FROM THE PASTOR THE WANDERING PEOPLE OF GOD

Hebrews 1:1-4; 4:12, 14-16 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs....For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart...Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He was only twenty-seven years old in 1933 when called as pastor to the urban parish of Gelsenkirchen. He had other dreams at the time: a life of study and scholarship, safe and serene. What he got instead was a blue-collar congregation of coal miners eager for a change of fortune, for better days ahead. The winds were blowing in that direction, to be sure. A new party was in power, a new leader elected, all accompanied by resurgent national pride. For the young pastor, though, these were ominous signs. There was new pressure for Christian leaders like him to fall in line, toe the line, announce that the ways of Jesus and the ways of the state were identical. He couldn't, he wouldn't do that.

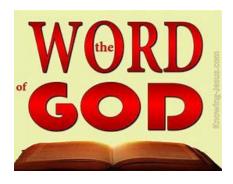
Officials noted his stubbornness, trumped up charges, and held him for four months as a "threat to national security". Being in a Gestapo Detention center might persuade him, they thought. Instead, it strengthened his resolve to study as never before. Within a year of his captivity he completed a book on the Epistle to the Hebrews that he entitled "**The Wandering People of God: An Investigation of the Letter to the Hebrews.**"



Hebrews?! A biblical book largely ignored today but for a few phrases in our Christian liturgies, on greeting cards or T-shirts. The pastor's name was Ernst Käsemann (1906-1998). Within a decade of his arrest he was on his way to becoming one of the premier New Testament scholars of his generation. Not that his life was ever easy. His views were controversial, radical, a threat to scholars and an offense to church and civic leaders. Most of us at Emmanuel (including yours truly) would consider him way too liberal and edgy and accuse him of playing too loosely with the Gospel accounts – which he did.

But, in many respects, his lifelong contribution to our struggle with Scripture began in that urban parish and in that detention center where he first glimpsed that the threat before the church in Germany was just like that faced by those who first heard the reading you saw above. Like the recipients of the Letter to the Hebrews in those first years after the death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, the churches of Nazi Germany were adrift, lost, completely at risk. On one side was the seduction of a powerful empire; on the other, the temptation of living and letting live. Of course, the third option was to fight at the peril of one's own well-being and very life. In turning to the Book of Hebrews, Ernst Kaesemann saw another way to make sense of the troubles facing him as well as his church.

Those to whom the words in the Book of Hebrews were addressed needed to be reminded that they were a wandering people summoned by God, called into being by a divine Word and set on a new course. And in that was not only a great blessing but also a harsh reality: The Word calling us to wander with God is not a deadly, dull discourse.



God's Word is living and active, sharp and piercing, critical and exposing, holding us accountable. Such vivid terms make clear that wandering with God will be unsettling, even risky if his Word will lay us bare, expose us with all of our flaws and foibles that we usually try hard to disguise and cover up. God's Word is used like a scalpel on us. It is a precision instrument that is able to cut along the fine line between bones and marrow, soul and spirit, thoughts and intentions. This Word judges our hearts. In other words, in our words, we cannot play HIDE AND SEEK with God. He figured out who we are and we can save our creativity of inventing new and exciting schemes of pretense for somebody else.

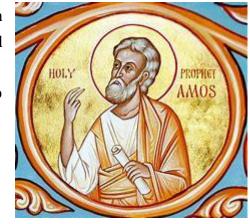
Emmanuel's Epistle



Remember the words of Jesus to a young ruler who so desperately wanted to be faithful and follow the Lord? "*Give your possessions to the poor and then follow me*", Jesus says to him as the way to inherit eternal life. The man could not do it and walked away distraught. That word of Scripture is poking us in our eyes and hearts, is it not? Can <u>we</u> do what Jesus asked of the man? Or are we satisfied with the myriad of colorful explanations as to why we do not have to take Jesus' words seriously. He did not mean it literally...or at least we hope so....

It is a strange Word, this divine Word that is so active, so piercing, so exposing. It is strange until you realize that God's Word has always been sharp and two-edged for the sake of new life. In the beginning, that Word split the waters above from the waters below, day from night, sky from sea from land, creating a space for life. In the days of slavery, that Word severed Israel from captivity, parted the Red Sea, prodded God's people into the wilderness, exposing their sin on the way to the Promised Land. Through the prophets, that active Word was slicing once more between justice and harm, covenant and false gods, even driving the people into exile so they one day might repent. I am particularly fond of the Prophet Amos.

His words on behalf of God certainly always cut to the quick. Nobody in the pages of the Old Testament



accuses and convicts the wealthy and the leaders – religious or otherwise – of neglect and injustice toward the poor more than Amos. Are those words directed at us as well or only toward those whose W2-Form has a higher number than yours or mine?

"And now in these last days," it says in the first chapter of Hebrews, that Word appears through the Son, judged and rejected, pierced and torn, severed from his own people that all might have life. This same Word is now calling us to wander with God, sustained by the promise of a life poured out for us.

No wonder, then, that our reading suddenly turns from this active, piercing, exposing word of life to the image of Jesus as our High Priest. There has to be some comfort after we have been thus exposed and declared guilty by the Word of God. We have heard the Law. We have been reminded that we are a people who would do well to confess our sins and repent of them.

Jesus is our High Priest because he has done what God sent him to do, including dying and rising. His place of service is not a temple of human construction as it was in the days before him, but the very cosmos. His job description is not restricted to offering sacrifices on behalf of the people as the High Priests before him; rather he himself is the very sacrifice for all people.



And: while the High Priests of old did not have to concern themselves with the vulnerabilities of the people, this High Priest, Jesus, knows our weakness, having been tested and tried like us. Jesus is "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith," the sustaining promise in our wandering with God. Through Jesus, we can approach God with confidence, begging mercy in time of need, wherever our journeys may go.

Somebody once described God as the absolute claim and final comforter. On one hand God sees and knows the innermost chambers of the human heart. That places an unparalleled demand on our lives. We must render our response to the divine word. On the other hand, obligation is not the end of the story because God moves with compassion to meet our human weakness and need. That compassion finds its culmination in the Savior of the world, Jesus. While Jesus participates in the glory of God, he also is our 'Man of Sorrow', who knows what our needs are and identifies with them and therefore with our deepest hopes, fears and yearnings. Indeed, Jesus is the true Living Word made flesh for us and he wanders with us today and always. With my blessings - PZ+

<u>Joys and Sorrows</u>

Congratulations to Klay and Nicole Rustad on the birth of their son, Charlie Jerome Rustad, born on January 31st. May God bless the happy family.



Our Condolences...to Rusty and Patti Rustad



and their family at the death of Rusty's father, Bob. May the promises of our loving Lord bring comfort and peace as they remember and give thanks for Bob's life.

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.

Thank You Stewards

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

...to all who have faithfully helped with financial offerings, large and small.

...to our January counters: Duaine & Myra Dierks, Laurie Nack Bublitz, and Michael Cole.

...to our Lay Ministry steward, Duane Rustad. ...to Doris Ralph, our Altar Guild steward.

...to our PA operators, Michael Cole and Corrie Kuntz.

...to our Ushers: Keven Bruesewitz, Phil Hackbart, Sawyer Dalluge, and Jason Hackbart.

...to Renae Kroneman who manages our website. Be sure to invite friends to take a look at

www.emmanuelgrafton.org

...to the Brad Dalluge family for setting up and taking down our Christmas tree once again and to Doris Ralph for putting up additional Christmas decorations. As always: lovely!

...to Clarice Bartz for another year of service as our Financial Secretary. Thank you, Clarice for such dedicated work on behalf of Emmanuel. ...to those who have served on Committees and/or the Council for the last four years and are now required to 'take a break': Darren Marsh <u>(who served as Vice-President and President – great job, thanks, Darren!!!</u>), Dan Nack, Kim Hicken, Marsha Wilde, Jody Hackbart, Myra Dierks, Sandy Thompson, and Paul Hackbart. Likewise, we thank Sara Kuntz, Linda Schotanus and Doris Ralph for serving one term on the Youth, Evangelism and Lay Ministry Committees respectively. Thank you to each and every one of you for your time, effort, commitment and love toward your tasks. Your service made a significant difference in the life of our congregation. The year 2020 did not make

your jobs any easier – thank you for hanging in there with us!



...to those who have agreed to serve a new two-year term on

various committees: Brittany Bartz, Abbie Steinberg, Katie Bass, Christa Larson-Trenhaile, Belinda Borchardt, Jane Dalluge, Curt Schaub, Lori Marsh, Duane Rustad, Julie Schulz, Jon Badker, and Gregg Urbatsch.

...to those who are continuing their work on our standing committees: Brooke Stiles, Megan Rustad, Will Bartz, Jamie Trenhaile, Candi Feldt, Gloria Hackbart, Lisa Bartz, Emi Kuntz, Janice Nelson, Marena Henkle, Patti Rustad, Yvonne Tourtellott, Michael Cole, Jacob Dalluge, Jason Hackbart and Ramie Kuntz.

...to our returning Council officer Mark Fredrickson (President) and to JC Dawald who graciously consented to serve as our Vice-President.



...to our 2020 Nominating Committee of Albert Ralph, Liz Backhaus, Ardis Hanson, and Teri Sorenson as well as Darren Marsh and Sandy Thompson who fulfilled the Council requirement on this Committee and to those who will do the work in 2021: Chris Braun, Brad Dalluge, Janis Hackenmiller and Marcy Hyde

...to Mavis Stevens for representing us on the LRH Auxiliary; to Clarice Bartz and Donna Schilling who served as our IA Mission District Convocation delegates and to Richard Neeley for serving on the Grafton Housing Board in 2020 and again this year.



Welcome to the 2021 Church Council of Emmanuel Lutheran Church: Mark Fredrickson (President), JC Dawald (Vice-President), Will Bartz (Youth), Emi Kuntz (Lay Ministry), Belinda Borchardt (Evangelism), Marena Henkle (Stewardship), Michael Cole (Property), and Abbie Steinberg (Education). We pray strength, wisdom, patience and the Lord's rich and manifold blessings upon each and every one of you. Thank you, servant leaders!

Thank you Pastor Z...for the visits, prayers, andcommunion.-Gene & Betty RosenbergA most sincere and heartfelt Thank you... toeveryone for the prayers, cards, and phone callsduring and following Earl's surgery and manyproblems. A special thank you to Pastor Z for thephone calls, emails, and texts with words ofencouragement. It was great to hear from so manycaring people.-Earl and Judy Trenhaile

Thank You Emmanuel

...No one should have to worry about where their next meal will come from. **Food Bank of Iowa's** goal is to decrease food insecurity in our state and create a hunger-free Iowa. With your help, we are one step closer. Thank you for stepping into 2021 alongside us. Many thanks to all!

-Bergetta Beardsley, Vice President of Philanthropy

...We are so grateful for your partnership and your generous 2020 year-end gift. Thank you for your support-it will <u>change lives</u>! -Sarah Green, VP of Philanthropy and Church Relations (LSI-Lutheran Services in Iowa) ...for your donation to the **Mitchell County Food** Bank. We are grateful to have the community support working with us to "Make a Difference" in the lives of so many, especially at this time of need and demand on our food bank and services.

-Yvonne Tourtellott, Treasurer

...for your contributions to support **One Vision**. Your gift allows us to provide many services to meet individuals' needs. We're so grateful that together we can focus on our mission of connecting people with purpose. Thank you!

-Mark Dodd, CEO and Jennifer Pinske, CDO

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to **Manna of Worth County.** Your support helps us address the food insecurities of our community and blesses the lives of many.

-Manna Board of Directors

We also received cards of appreciation and sincere thanks from the **Share Shoppe** in Northwood and the **Caring Pregnancy Center** of Mason City who expressed the importance of our gifts.

The term "Lent" originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "spring." This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.



Our Lenten Journey 2021



As we are clawing ourselves slowly but hopefully surely out of a pandemic, it feels rather counter-productive to make an announcement about Lent. After all, Lent is the sad season of the year, if not to say the morbid period of reflection. And yet, perhaps like seldom before do we need to hear the words: *Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.* This realization is actually part of our lives at all times, no matter what the outward circumstances may be. Therefore, it is always the right time to think about our Lord's suffering and the salvation of our souls he assures. This year we will think about the time of passion with the help of the actual places Jesus was during this stressful time of his earthly life. Our theme is called: *Places of the Passion*. Each service explores the meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the location highlighted. <u>We will 'travel' to Jerusalem, Bethany,</u> <u>The Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, The Courtyard of the High Priest and, finally, Pilate's Judgment Hall.</u>

Our services will be in-person at 7:00 pm each Wednesday with Ash Wednesday offering Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to receive them. **Please note that there will NOT be Simple Suppers this year as we are still mindful of CDC recommendations**. The Services will be streamed on Facebook and our website. Please look for exact times in the next week or two.

STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

January 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in His kindness has done through the congregations of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). They are being tested by many troubles - COVID-19 especially – and have endured financial hardships. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in great generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They excelled in the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:2-3,7).

Miracles do happen! The faithful support of congregations and individuals like you in 2020 allowed us to exceed budgeted revenues by \$32,000. This is truly remarkable given the pandemic and its effect on our local economies. On behalf of Bishop Selbo and the entire NALC team, we want to say, "Thank you!" Your partnership and trust in us have allowed us to continue moving forward in the mission and vision of the NALC and growing the church of Jesus Christ.

Many new congregations have been added in 2020. New mission starts and house churches across North America have been formed and the number is growing. We have been able to continue our support of missionaries serving Jesus in Belarus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Tanzania, and elsewhere. We have more than 40 future pastors studying in the North American Lutheran Seminary system. Your support provides needed scholarships to these future pastors which eliminate or greatly reduce the cost of tuition. The NALC Disaster Response teams mounted extensive and sustained aid efforts to those impacted by wildfires, flooding, and hurricanes. You share in their great work.

Again, your great generosity and faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and His church has exceeded our expectations for the year. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you in every way in 2021, and that you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will be strengthened and renewed in the service to which He has called you as well. We also pray that all our donors and congregations be restored to full worship and ministry capacity in the new year.

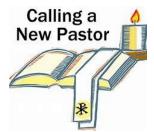
In the love of Jesus Christ, C. Michael Johnson, Treasurer, NALC



I am starting to think that retired pastors just fall into oblivion – ha! I could not even find a "Pastor's Retirement" image for this newsletter[®]. But, surely, you have heard that I have announced my upcoming retirement with July 1st the official day I cease to function as your Pastor. The decision was not easy and I took great and deliberate care in making it. While it is not something I particularly desire or look forward to, I am convinced that it is a solid and prudent decision.

Emmanuel is at a much different and, dare I say, perhaps better place than when I arrived in September of 2012. Your needs are different today than they were at that time. New pastoral leadership may just be what will encourage you to the next level of ministry. There is always plenty of work in the vineyard of the Lord.

As I shared with those who attended the Annual Meeting, I have had a very lengthy conversation with Dean Staley who will guide Emmanuel (at least locally speaking) through the Call process – which is much more streamlined and less discombobulated than it was nine years ago. I think it is fair to say that the calling of a new pastor will take between six to eighteen months. Of course, there are plenty of positive as well as negative exceptions to this rule of thumb!



The Council will establish a Call Committee of six persons. I can/will be available to help with setting up Supply preachers for the summer. That is also the time during which the Council can meet with Dean Staley and get guidance from the NALC as to whether you wish to engage with a part-time or full-time interim pastor or simply work with Supply pastors and clergy for emergencies. Likewise, the option to begin with some sort of interim arrangement immediately following June 30th is also available. At times it is not a bad idea to 'give it a little break' before even an interim is greeted. Together you will make those decisions.

The congregation also will have the opportunity for input regarding what has been "good, bad and ugly" within my tenure and therefore needs to be considered in the upcoming process. With that input (gained during an official meeting with the Dean) the Call Committee will fill out the so-called "Congregational Profile" which will be available to all NALC pastors who are seeking a Call. Even with Covid restrictions, as long as a Call Committee works diligently and creatively, there should stand nothing in your way to communicate with potential pastoral candidates and eventually extend a Call.



Emmanuel will need to be aware that there very well might have to be financial adjustments in your future. Not all pastors you would want to consider for your Call will have a spouse on Medicare or will themselves be on that entitlement program - as it has been with us/me. While lots of water will rush over the dam until this becomes a pressing matter, you would want to keep that in mind.

Finally, as it looks today, due to the fact that I have taken only very few days of vacation over the last 18 months and will have 2021 vacation days yet to apply, one can safely assume that I will not necessarily be in the office for the month of June. It is my hope, upon agreement with the Council, of course, that I however cover the worship services through the middle of June with my final day 'in the pulpit' on June 13th. While I am allowed to occupy the parsonage until the end of July, we anticipate to move sometime during the last days of June – thus giving you plenty of time to prepare for any potential interim or supply pastor to use the lovely house as needed.



It is my sincere desire to make this transition as easy and smooth as possible for everyone involved - without overstepping my bounds or negating my responsibilities. I pray such is how you have come to know me! All final decisions are absolutely subject to Council approval! For the sake of clarity let me state that in accordance with ethical standards for retired clergy persons, I will not be available for pastoral care/acts after June 30th. Yet, until we part, I will do my utmost best to serve you with the same commitment I have in the past. There will be time to express my thanks and good wishes more directly. For today: let us continue to do the Lord's work together. Be blessed. Be well. Be safe. PZ+



1. If you had to miss the Annual Meeting and are looking for report booklets, you can find them in the kiosk. Please help yourself.

2. There are still a good number of year-end financial statements in our bulleting boxes. Please pick you yours.

Our next Contemporary Service will take place on February 21st. Please join us as our Band leads us in prayer and praise. Thank you to Will Bartz for organizing this for us.





Congregational Council Minutes Emmanuel Lutheran Church December 8th, 2020

Meeting called to order by: Mark Fredrickson -Vice President

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

Absent: Darren Marsh- President

Devotions: Pastor Z

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

Review Printed Minutes: <u>M/S/C</u> to approve minutes from October and November as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted.

Pastor's Report: 1) Recording for all Advent services has been done. 2) Will and Pastor Z have recorded devotions for Facebook. 3) Increasing COVID outbreaks in nursing homes and amongst families. 4) Council has agreed to carry over any vacation Sundays/weekdays for Pastor Z from this year to the next.

Board Highlights:

<u>Stewardship-</u>Will meet next week to finish end of year things.

Lay Ministry- Will be meeting.

Evangelism- none

Y& E: Christmas program is on, with a smaller presentation due to fewer kids able to participate.

Property- 1) Pruning and cleaning of the landscape has been completed. 2) Kitchen wall repair is due to begin at the end of the month.

Membership review: none

Unfinished business:

a) Coronavirus/Worship decisions: Continue as we are doing.

M/S/C to extend face mask wearing in the building until further notice.

b) Social Media:

1) A new camera has been purchased for the taping of the services; it may be returned if not satisfied with the results.

2) Will Bartz shared the results of a local campaign on Facebook of Pastor Z's devotions.

c) Nominating Committee: Things are going well, Vice President position is more difficult to fill.

New Business:

a) 2021 Proposed Budget

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Darren Marsh

Next meeting date and time is Tuesday, January 12^{th} at 7:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report

Financial Balance Information for December 1-31, 2020 General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$23,309.87

Interest: \$7.56 Offering Revenues: \$23,261.00 E-giving Revenues: \$546.82 **Total Revenues: \$23,815.38** *Total revenues + Beginning balance*: \$47,125.25 **Expenses: \$16,937.47**

End of month Balance: \$30,187.78 + adjusted beginning balance \$5,204.32= \$35,392.10

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



TWC (The Women's Council) January 19, 2021

Clarice shared devotions titled, "Less Fret, More Faith" and shared verses from Psalms, Philippians, and Luke that encourage believers to not be anxious, but to trust and rely on our Lord during those times. TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose. Secretary minutes from November were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. There is \$2,664.06 in checking and \$6,507.30 in savings. Correspondence shared were Thank yous from Pastor Z, the Share Shoppe, LMVFM, ELC Rochester, Midwest Mission Bible Training Center, Food for the Poor, CIS, and Francis Lauer Youth Services.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Sewing days are underway, January 18-20th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. More days are planned for February. LWR pickup dates in Mason City will be April 12th and October 18th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. ENALCW will be having their soap and blanket Sunday before the April pickup. 2) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Bids for plumbing, electrical, and flooring have been gathered for our Grant application. 3) Soup Supper: **M/S/C to postpone the Soup Supper until Fall.**

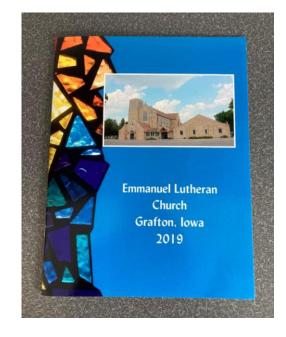
New Business: Annual audit of books: will be held when the church books are audited. Upcoming dates: February TWC will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

Attention Counters, Ushers, and PA assistants:

If you no longer wish to serve, 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.



2019 Pictorial Directories are available for purchase If you are interested, please contact the office. They are \$10 each.

February 2021 (All events subject to COVID Restrictions)							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3 <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m.	4 <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	5	6 Be Thankful Jesus loves us	
7 5 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:30 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:40 Sunday School	8	9 Church Council 7 p.m.	10 <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m.	11 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	12 (12)	13	
 14 Valentine's Day Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School 	15 Presidents' Day	16 TWC (The Women's Council) 9 a.m.	17 <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.	18 <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	19 God Is Love	20 Source of the second secon	
21 1 st Sunday of Lent Contemporary Service 9:30 Worship w/Live Band 10:40 Sunday School	22	23	24 <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. Lenten Service 7 p.m.	25 <u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 a.m.	26 FEBRUREV VIOLET	27	
28 2 nd Sunday of Lent 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School	JESUS Pesicet Love	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	February	I Love February	* * * *	Romas 5:8 Ber God commendent his love every every since chain and the severe year died for us	

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<u>January</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>	
Sunday, February 7 th With Holy Communion	Camden Trenhaile	Mark Fredrickson	Donna Schilling	
Sunday, February 14 th	Weston Paulson	Jason & Jody Hackbart	Marena Henkle	
Ash Wednesday February 17 th	Sophie Urbatsch	*****	Marena Henkle	
Sunday, February 21 st Contemporary Service	Weston Paulson	Neil & Donna Hackbart	Donna Schilling	
Lenten service Wed., February 24 th	Emma Hicken	*****	Marena Henkle	
Sunday, February 28 ^h	Ryan Cole	Paul and Alex Hackbart	Charlotte Cole	

No Fellowship after worship until further notice!



Ushers:Michael Cole, Dave Feldt, Candi Feldt, Cole Feldt, Corrie KuntzPA Operators:Mark Fredrickson and Gregg UrbatschLay MinCounters:Dan Nack, Jason Hackbart, Marlin RosenbergAltar Guild:Altar Guild:Emi Kuntz and Linda SchotanusHarmonic GreggShare Shoppe Volunteer:Linda KoschmederHarmonic Gregg

Lay Ministry: Emi Kuntz

