

# EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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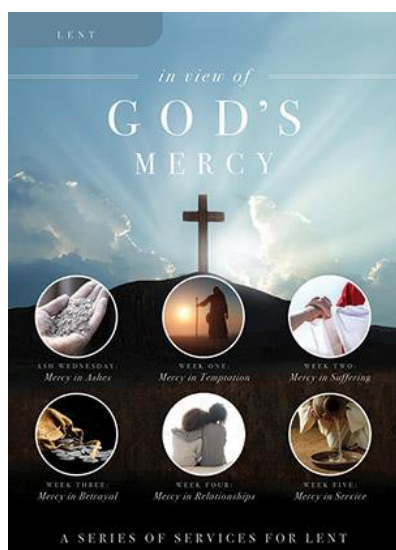
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You may also call the church office or  
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**APRIL 2022**

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## *A Word from our Interim Pastor David E Schafer ...*



The season of Lent continues into April. During Lent, our vesper's theme has been "*In View of God's Mercy*". On Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will focus on "*God's Mercy in*

*Service*". Our Scripture lesson will center on Hebrews 6:10. As we respond to God's kindness to us through Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ's example. Be sure to join us at 7:00 P.M.

*Holy  
Week,  
April 10 –  
April 16*



Holy Week is always the climax of the Lenten season. Holy Week always begins with *Palm Sunday*. On this day, we remember when our Lord entered Jerusalem as he rode on a donkey. We are told that as the crowds greeted Jesus, they shouted "*Hosanna! Blessed be the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!*" As the crowds welcomed Jesus, the Scriptures record that they laid palm branches on the streets as Jesus passed by. Emmanuel will reenact our Lord's triumphant entry with a special processional around the sanctuary. The service will include dramatic biblical readings and festive hymns.

Following Palm Sunday, Holy Week continues by marking each day of the week with special meaning and remembrances. On **Holy Monday**, our thoughts are to center on Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and his words "*My Father's house shall be a house of prayer.*" **Holy Tuesday** recalls the words of Jesus in John 13:21 as he predicts his own death. **Holy Wednesday** recalls when Judas plotted to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. **Maundy Thursday** recounts the night when Jesus gathered his disciples together for the Passover meal. Instead of following the Jewish traditions, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion by offering his own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Our worship service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the stripping of the altar. **Good Friday** is the most solemn day in the Christian calendar. On this day, we remember the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ and his death as the atonement for our sins. **Holy Saturday** recalls the day that Jesus ascended into hell where he proclaimed the good news to those who had gone down to the pit.

### ***Easter Sunday and the Easter Season***

The celebration of Easter Sunday is the most joyful Sunday in the year. With wonderful joy, we hear again that Jesus has risen from the grave! We break out the hallelujahs with full voices and glad hearts. Although Jesus had died and was placed in a sealed tomb, the grave could not contain the dead body of Jesus. Three days after he died, God raised Jesus up from death to new life. The Easter Life is God's



own pledge to us that, although we will die, death does not have the last word.

The last word belongs to Jesus who was made alive by the power of the resurrection to life everlasting.



### **Visits by Pr. Schafer**

At one of my former congregations, I was moved when I paid a call on one of the older members of the church. She told me that I was the first pastor ever to visit her in her home. I would count it a great honor to visit with you - to hear your faith journey - and your hopes for Emmanuel. If you would like to visit with me at your home, please call Sharon at the church office (641-748-2736) or you may call me at my home (563-568-6199). As always, the nature of our conversations will be kept in the strictest of confidences.

### **Dates to remember for April**

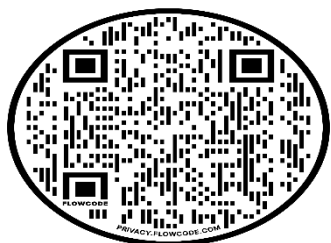
**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** will be our next recorded service with *Holy Communion*; it will be our quilt display and blessing as well.

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:** *Palm Sunday*

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** *Maundy Thursday*  
with Holy Communion 7 p.m.  
(*First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders*)

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Good Friday Service* 7 p.m.

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Easter* 7:00 a.m. service  
(*Breakfast served between services*)  
*Easter* 9:30 a.m. service



The **Logos Legos** are busy preparing for the Easter Breakfast. Please scan the following code on your smartphone and fill out the electronic sign up for the

breakfast, or sign up on the round table in the entry if you plan to attend. You may also sign up through the church's Facebook page. This will help us in purchasing the food and planning. The menu will be eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage links, fruit, and



beverages. It will be served in between the two Easter services. We hope to see you all there!

**Please note:** Offering for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will go to Benevolence. Other Lent special envelopes/offering and Easter offering will go to the General Fund.



Through Easter Sunday, we are also collecting money for Ukraine assistance: all loose offering will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to help those affected by the Ukraine crisis.

Easter lilies will once again be displayed in our chancel for Easter. You are invited to order one or more Easter lilies in memory or in honor of loved ones or to the Glory of God. The cost this year will be \$14. You are also welcome to bring your own plant. Order forms can be found on the table outside the office. You may also call the office to place your order. These will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.



The following is taken from Our Daily Bread, the very last page of the Dec-Feb 2021-2022 edition:

### *A Willing Sacrifice*

In December 1944, in the last months of World War II, German soldiers advanced on the town of Sommocolonia, Italy. When his unit retreated, Lieutenant John Fox, an American soldier, volunteered to stay behind to call in defensive artillery to try to slow the enemy down. He and a few Italian partisans positioned themselves on the second floor of a house, and as the enemy began to swarm closer, Fox radioed requests for artillery. Each call brought the firing closer. But the radio operator questioned his final request saying, "This one will come down right on top of you." Fox insisted, saying: "Fire it." The young lieutenant sacrificed his life to fulfill his mission.

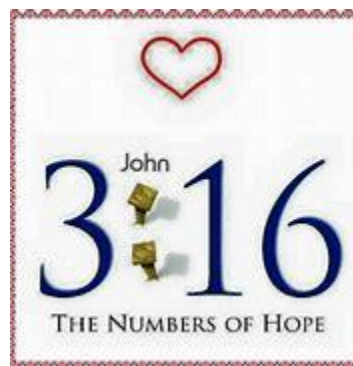
In times of war, we marvel at the brave and heroic sacrifices that are made. But the Bible tells us of an even greater sacrifice that was made for all of humanity. Because God loved us so much, He gave us an extraordinary gift- He sent His Son Jesus to die for us so that we could have eternal life (John 3:16).

But why would God do that?

*Sin.* Because our sin separates us from God, only the willing sacrifice of the Son of God could reconcile us (make things right) with Him. Only *Jesus* was completely sinless. Only *Jesus* could take our sins on Himself and pay the required penalty of death.

The good news is that Jesus didn't remain dead. Three days after His death, He came back to life, fulfilling His mission. In doing so, Jesus conquered our final enemy—death (1 Corinthians 15:26).

*Won't you, by faith, choose to believe and accept the gift of eternal life from God?*





## Pastoral Acts:

**Luther Alfred Israel Bartz**, son of Will and Brittany Bartz, was baptized on March 27<sup>th</sup>. His sponsors were Marena & Cody Henkle and Kelsey & Jharred Millonig. We welcome Luther into our family at Emmanuel!



*Pictures submitted by Brittany Bartz*



*Luther and sponsors...*



*Pastor Schafer with Luther and his parents*

## Joys & Sorrows



Congratulations to Cody and Jocelyn Marsh, on the birth of a son, Sunni James on 2-22-22. May God bless the growing family!

### **Our Condolences**

...to Pastor Paul Weeg and family on the death of his Uncle, Paul Hanson, on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Keep all those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.



*May God comfort all who mourn!*



Pray for Jerry Navratil as he recovers from heart surgery, Pastor Weeg as he recovers from shoulder surgery, and those preparing for surgery or dealing with illnesses.



Connection Groups continue to meet for fellowship and Bible Study. Season 2 of "The Chosen" is our basis for discussion and study. We are being introduced to and learning more about the disciples and more about our journey and what it is to be chosen. All are welcome! It is never too late to join!

"Noisy Offering" will be collected on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this will be the fourth Sunday of the month, as Easter is the third Sunday. So bring your coins/special offering to church for the children





### *Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?*

MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) in Mason City is in need of loving, responsible individuals to provide childcare for kids ages 0-5 during their meetings. Location is

Grace Evangelical Free Church at 440 Illinois Ave.

**Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month (Sept-May) from 9:15 a.m.-11:45 am.**

For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board across from the office, email: [masoncitymops1@gmail.com](mailto:masoncitymops1@gmail.com), call 641-512-0330, or talk to Shal Zillgitt.



**A reminder** that Vanco, our e-Giving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile.

Members will not be able to make gifts using the GivePlus Mobile app after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Sharon has updated through the office and everything should be in order for you to continue your online giving. Remember, it is free and members' log-in credentials in Vanco Mobile are the same as they were in GivePlus Mobile. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at the office.

### **Attention Parents**

**and Kids...**, you can sign up for camp anytime. Remember to call the office for the church code, which will apply our payment to your registration.



### **WANTED**

... a representative to serve on the Share Shoppe Board. For more information, contact Nicole Cole.

### **Thank You Stewards**

...to our organists, Charlotte Cole, Marena Henkle, and Donna Schilling for their faithful service and beautiful music.  
 ...to our March counters: Kim Badker, Lisa Bartz, Darren and Lori March.  
 ...to our Lay Ministry steward, Lori Marsh.  
 ...to Lisa Bartz, our Altar Guild steward.  
 ...to our PA operators: Randy Hulshizer and Gary Schotanus  
 ...to our March Ushers: Curt Schaub, Jon and Zach Badker, Darren and Cody Marsh, and Neil Hackbart.  
 ...to Renae Kroneman, our website manager.  
 ...to the March Hospitality Team IX: Charlotte Cole, Neil & Donna Hackbart, Keven & Sandy Bruesewitz, Mark & Belinda Borchardt, Nicole & Michael Cole, Neoma Smidt, Holly Bruesewitz, and Chris Paulson.  
 ...to our Share shoppe volunteer, Linda Koschmeder.

*Many of you wear multiple "hats" each month and we appreciate all that you do for Emmanuel!!*

### **Thank You**

...to Mark Fredrickson and assistant for putting up more banner brackets in the Altar Guild room, we appreciate having the space to store all our beautiful banners.  
 ...to Will Bartz and Marena Henkle for the special music for Ash Wednesday and to Marena for all the work involved in creating the special music for the other Lenten services. It is wonderful to have such talent in our midst.  
 ...to our small, but mighty choir for their time, talent, and music. There is always room for more members!!  
 ...to Pastor & Loretta Schafer for the gift of a silver-plated baptismal shell for Emmanuel to use for future baptisms. It is a blessed gift indeed.  
 ...to Jane Dalluge & Yvonne Tourtellott for auditing the church records. We thank you for your time.

*If we put our problems in God's hand,  
 There is nothing we need understand—  
 It is enough to just believe  
 That what we need we will receive.*

-Helen Steiner Rice

## Did You Know

...the following is the stance of the NALC to the situation in Ukraine?:



Dear Pastors,  
Congregations, Partners in  
Ministry, Sisters and  
Brothers in Christ,

Over the past several days, Russia has invaded Ukraine and is working to remove its government from power to replace it with its own. The actions of the Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, are unprovoked, the conflict is bloody, and the hostile takeover is one being protested by many nations throughout Europe and the entire world.

As a church body, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is in strong opposition to this war and is urging its pastors and congregations to be praying for an end to this senseless conflict. The NALC also has strong ties to the Ukrainian people through one of our partner ministries, the **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON Network)**. Formerly EEMN, the SON Network, led by Executive Director Pastor David Breidenbach, serves people in parts of the world that are often overlooked as a mission field. They excel at reaching spiritual orphans in the unique context of former communist nations. In this case, they are actively involved in supporting missionaries in Ukraine, as well as providing humanitarian support to the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing that country in the war. As you consider how to support the people of Ukraine, know that the SON Network is an official partner ministry of the North American Lutheran Church and that their work amidst this devastating conflict is being done openly in the name of Jesus Christ.

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

*Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.*

*We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died.*

*Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.*

*Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.*

**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” —John 16:33 NIV**

In Christ  
Jesus,

*Bishop Dan Selbo*

**Bishop Dan Selbo**



... all congregational gifts designated for Ukraine and given through Lutheran World Relief will be doubled- up to \$422,000?! Our gift that we send for the Ukraine crisis will be matched through the end of April, which is why we are extending our collection until Easter Sunday. What a blessing to be able to share what we have with those who have need! We will help to provide food, shelter, and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. LWR will also be airlifting mission quilts and personal care kits already pre-positioned in their Dubai warehouse.

...that the mystery of the mimeograph machine has

been solved? Clarice Bartz remembers using it at the church to make bulletins during her time as Secretary at Emmanuel, under Pastor Baderschneider from 1966-1978.

Bulletins were printed on Friday and done in the room off of the kitchen in the old parsonage. We're still uncertain how it came to be in the attic of the current parsonage. *(I do have to say that I'm thankful that I have a nice copy machine to do my bulletins now!)*



...a very generous donation from Bill and Tammy Borchardt has secured sponsorship of the Epistle for the next year? What an awesome gift and blessing this is for Emmanuel. And what about those who may wish to contribute? Rather than a monetary gift for sponsorship, I would love to have people provide a dedication for a monthly Epistle- in memory of a loved one, in celebration of something important in their lives for that month, or just to the glory of God, similar to our donations for Easter lilies or Poinsettias, but without the monetary need. So far, we have sponsorships through the June/July 2022 issue, so be thinking ahead to August 2022 and until the following June/July of the next year and if you'd like to dedicate an issue, please contact me at the office or send me a text message. I am so grateful for all the support you give to help with Emmanuel's Epistle and spreading God's word to those we reach.

-Sharon

**First Communion Students** will take their First Communion during **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 14<sup>th</sup>**



The ENALCW will be hosting a **recognition reception for the Confirmands and Graduates** after worship on **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>!**



*Please join with us in celebration of these milestones in the lives of our young people!*



... that this year we have three First Communion students, two Confirmands, and two Graduates? Our First Communion students are *Gracie Haxton*, daughter of Terry & June Haxton; *Leighton Rosenberg*, son of Zach Rosenberg; and *Tegan Trenhaile*, son of Colby & Christa-Larson Trenhaile. Our Confirmands are *Jaxon Edwards*, son of Kyle & Amy Edwards and *Aundraya Paulson*, daughter of Chris Paulson. Our Graduates are *Zach Badker*, son of Jon & Kim Badker and *Emma Hicken*, daughter of Cory & Kim Hicken.

## STEWARDSHIP MUSINGS

Taken from Our Daily Bread, March 14<sup>th</sup>

*What does the Lord require of you? To act justly  
and to love mercy and to walk humbly with you  
God. Micah 6:8*

### Justice and Jesus

Caesar Augustus (63BC-AD14), the first emperor of Rome, wanted to be known as a law-and-order ruler. Even though he built his empire on the back of slave labor, military conquest, and financial bribery, he restored a measure of legal due process and gave his citizens *lustitia*, a goddess our justice system today refers to as Lady Justice. He also called for a census that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of a long-awaited ruler whose greatness would reach to the ends of the earth (Micah 5:2-4).

What neither Augustus nor the rest of the world could have anticipated is how a far greater King would live and die to show what real justice looks like. Centuries earlier, in the prophet Micah's day, the people of God had once again lapsed into a culture of lies, violence, and "ill-gotten treasures" (6:10-12), God's dearly loved nation had lost sight of Him. He longed for them to show their world what it meant to do right by each other and walk humbly with Him (v.8).

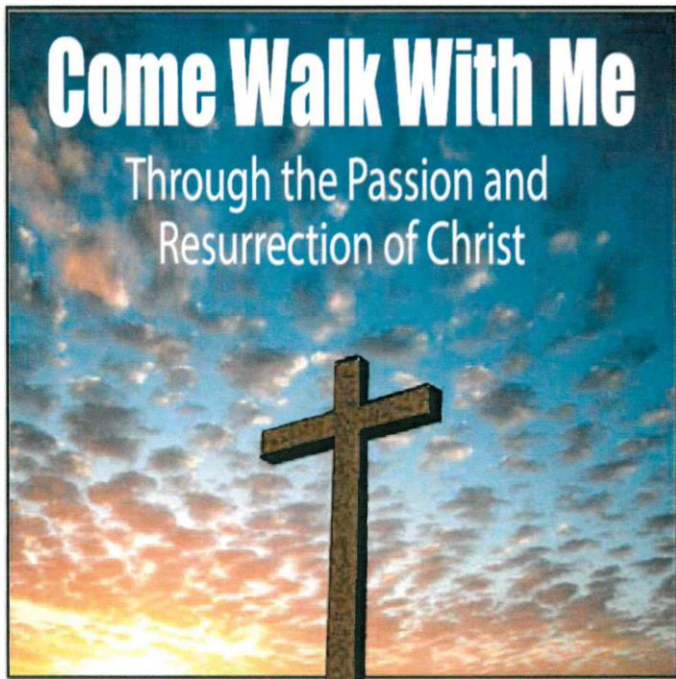
It took a Servant King to personify the kind of justice that hurting, forgotten, and helpless people long for. It took the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy in Jesus to see right relationships established between God and people, and person-to-person. This would come not in the outward enforcement of Caesar-like law-and-order, but in the freedom of the mercy, goodness, and spirit of our servant King Jesus.

-MART DEHAAN

What does it mean to you to act justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with God? How do you see this  
lived out in the life of Jesus?

*Father, in the name of Jesus, please help me do right  
by others and everyone You bring into my life.*

*Amen.*



**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Osage, Iowa

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Grafton, Iowa

**Free Admission**

**Performed by:**

Local Area Singers and Musicians  
Mark Borchardt, *Director*  
Mary Swenson, *Director*  
Belinda Borchardt, *Guitar*  
Pat Mackin, *Accompanist*



Sponsored by:  
The Fine Arts Council of Mitchell County

If you have not been able to experience the Easter Cantata, *"Come Walk With Me"*, please consider attending one or both performances. This presentation was born from Pepper Choplin's earnest desire to create truly soul-stirring music for these most sacred moments in history. His vision was realized in this remarkably fresh and dramatic setting of the Passion Story in which a narrator leads us from scene to scene, retracing Christ's path during His last days in human form. Five brief off-stage monologues from those witnessing or participating in Christ's final steps on earth enhance the stark reality of each scene with their observations, their frustrations, and their fears.

You are invited to walk with the choir and then to continue the journey by *walking into the world, telling the story with our lives.*





**Congregational Council Minutes  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Meeting called to order by:** Mark Fredrickson - President

**Attended:** Mark Borchardt- V President, Patti Rustad - Stewardship, Belinda Borchardt- Evangelism, Emi Kuntz-Lay Ministry, Abbie Steinberg-Christian Education, Will Bartz-Youth, Jason Hackbart- Property, and Sharon Hulshizer, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Absent:** none

**Devotions:** Mark Fredrickson

**Agenda review:** M/S/C to accept agenda as amended: New Business: c) Easter Cantata and d) Sump pumps

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report received.

**Administrative Report:** discussion of Interim Pastor and whether he will do funerals and weddings. Sharon will contact him about such. M/S/C to pay \$100 of the tv/internet package for the parsonage, with the remainder being paid by Pastor Schafer.

**Board Highlights:**

Stewardship- met on Tuesday. Patti Rustad will be Council representative and Julie Shulz will be chairperson.

Lay Ministry- will meet to set up schedule for opening and closing the church building.

Evangelism- met Sunday after church and have been discussing the sign on Highway 9. Need to recheck the size requirements, but it is believed that the sign meets all necessary requirements. Options for simply redoing the existing sign when the weather is nice, may be able to produce lettering on a cricut machine.

Y & E: has not met, will be meeting via zoom next week to discuss plans for Easter breakfast and VBS.

Property- Parsonage upgrades have been completed, Neil Kruger will do the sheetrocking around the lights that have been replaced. Kitchen remodeling: Arne Luckason is working on kitchen island and countertops. One stove has been sold, one remains for sale. A grant has been applied for through WCDA for new flooring in the kitchen, serving area.

**Membership review:** none

**Unfinished business:**

- a) Call Committee: no new information has been received.
- b) Shruti update: She is still sick, no other information on future decisions.
- c) PA system: Seems to be working fine, looking into replacement of the carillon.
- d) Nativity set: still deciding on a new set.
- e) Ed Unit flooring: plank flooring verses high traffic carpet. Jason will check into the best options and costs and report back.
- f) Annual audit: will be done by Yvonne Tourtellott and Jane Dalluge.

**New Business:**

- a) Jane Buechele-Thrivent investment- annual review
- b) Mass Mutual- annual review of policy
- c) Easter Cantata- will be on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Emmanuel
- d) Sump Pumps- the church sump pumps are dumping into the town sewer- this issue needs to be addressed in the near future.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Will Bartz  
Next meeting date and time is Monday,  
March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

M/S/C- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Financial Balance Information**  
**for February 1-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**General Fund**

**Beginning Balance: \$54,875.38**

Interest: \$9.26

Offering Revenues: \$9,232.00

E-giving Revenues: \$366.80

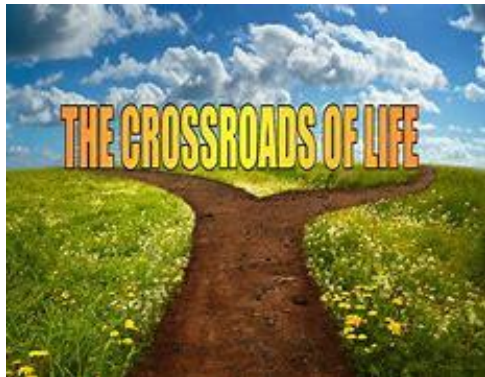
**Total Revenues: \$9,608.06**

**Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$64,483.44**

**Expenses: \$10,033.46**

**End of month Balance: \$54,449.98**

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*Often we stand at life's crossroads  
And view what we think is the end,  
But God has a much bigger vision  
And HE tells us it's "ONLY A BEND."*

-Helen Steiner Rice



TWC (The Women's Council)  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Clarice shared devotions called, "God's Plan for Us". Bible verses were from Ephesians 2:10 and Jeremiah 21. We were reminded that our ministry is serving others, that we were created to serve and when we do, we will receive the blessing promised to us. We also learned that we should not worry about the end of the world, it is a waste of our time, since we already know that in the end, Jesus wins! TWC was opened with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes from February were approved as read. Treasurer reports \$1,195.71 in checking and \$8,119.40 in savings. Correspondence was a thank you from KCMR.


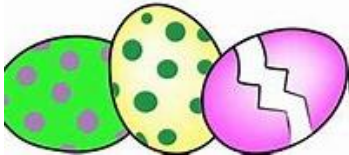














Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Quilt blessing Sunday will be on April 3rd. Quilts will be displayed and the graduates will be notified to choose the one they wish to have. Set up for laying out the quilts will be on Friday, April 1st at 1 p.m. 2) Kitchen Remodeling Project: Arne has put the microwave cabinet up and the rest of the hardware will be put on the remaining cabinets. The toe kick will be put in after the new flooring is installed. We are just waiting for the plumbing and electrical to be done. 3) "The Chosen" Bible Study: continues with the showing of Season 2, we show each episode twice and are learning about the disciples.

New Business: 1) Good Samaritan Birthday Party: on May 12th. The birthday party is at 2:30 and the program we provide will begin at 3 p.m. to last about 20-30 minutes. Discussion of who will go to provide the entertainment. 2) Graduate/Confirmant Reception: is planned for Sunday, April 24th after worship. We will serve jello cake along with sausage, cheese, and crackers. Sharon will e-mail parents to make sure this date will work.

Upcoming Dates: April 3rd- Quilt Blessing Sunday; April 11th- LWR Shipping; April 19th - TWC Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer

# April 2022 (All events subject to COVID 19 restrictions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  						
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<b>3</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30 Worship with <i>Holy Communion/ Quilt Blessing</i> 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> Sharon out of the office	<b>6</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group 4:30 p.m.- Confirmation at the parsonage 7:00 p.m. Lenten service <i>Choir afterwards</i>	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> First Communion Class 10:00 a.m.
<b>10</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship w/ <i>Choir</i> 10:30 Fellowship 10:40 Sunday School	<b>11</b> Church Council 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group 4:30 p.m.- Confirmation at the parsonage 7:00 p.m.- Choir	<b>14</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  First Communion	<b>15</b>  <b>Good Friday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Easter Egg Hunt -Grafton Community Center 10 a.m. 
<b>17</b> <i>Easter</i> 7:00 Worship with <i>HC (Breakfast between services)</i> 9:30 Worship with <i>HC/Choir</i> 10:30 Fellowship <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> TWC (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group 4:30 p.m.- Confirmation at the parsonage 7:00 p.m.- Choir	<b>21</b> Deadline for newsletter information	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> on <b>Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> <b>Easter Cantata at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Osage 4 p.m.</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 Worship- <i>Noisy offering</i> 10:30 Fellowship – <i>Recognition of Graduates and Confirmands</i> 10:40 Sunday School	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 1 p.m. Connection Group 4:30 p.m.- Confirmation at the parsonage 7:00 p.m.- Choir	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>  (Confirmation Sunday-May 1 <sup>st</sup> )	<b>30</b>  <b>Easter Cantata</b> <b>4 p.m. at ELC Grafton</b>





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<u>April</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<b>Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Jaxon Edwards	Sam & Shelly Venechuk	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Sophie Urbatsch	Anthony Walk	Donna Schilling
<b>Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter 7 a.m.</i>	Jaxon Edwards	***	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter 9:30 a.m.</i>	Weston Paulson	Joe & Kara Walk family	Marena Henkle
<b>Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	Kaelee Hicken	Nancy Walk	Marena Henkle

**Hospitality Team I:** Lori & Darren Marsh

**Ushers:** Mark Fredrickson, Steve McCready, Dick Neeley, Duane Rustad, and Gary Schotanus

**Lay Ministry:** Lisa Bartz

**Counters:** Kim Badker, Teresa Braun, Phil & Gloria Hackbart

**Altar Guild:** Doris Ralph

**Share Shoppe Volunteer:** Laurie Nack Bublitz

**PA Operator:** Garry Backhaus

