

EMMANUEL'S EPISTLE

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A New Year...

What do these words mean to you? When you think about a new year, are you filled with dread or anticipation? Do you, like many, wish to be done with the previous year and ready to move on to what may seem like a better one? Or do you like to look back on the past, reflecting on what the year was like, good and bad? There is no right or wrong answer. Your answer might depend on a variety of things- whether you are an optimist or a pessimist, whether you had a "good" or "bad" year, or maybe just your mood at the moment. No matter how we feel about beginning a new year, there is one thing that none of us can change and that is the fact that it is going to happen. And since this newsletter has come out a little later than I had anticipated, we are already heading into 2024.

That leads me to ask the next question: have you made any New Year's resolutions? Is there anything you might like to do differently this year? The following devotion caught my eye back in October and I earmarked it to use at just this time:

Our Daily Bread October 19th:

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

The morning commenced like a track meet. I practically jumped out of bed, launching into the teeth of the day's deadlines. Get the kids to school. *Check*. Get to work. *Check*. I blasted full throttle into writing my "To Do" list, in which personal and professional tasks tumbled together in an avalanche-like litany:

"....13. Edit article. 14. Clean office. 15. Strategic team planning. 16. Write tech blog. 17. Clean basement. 18. Pray."

By the time I got to number eighteen, I'd remembered that I needed God's help. But I'd gotten that far before it even occurred to me that I was going at it alone, trying to manufacture my own momentum.

Jesus knew. He knew our days would crash one into another, a sea of ceaseless urgency. So He instructs, "Seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (*Matthew 6:33*).

It's natural to hear Jesus' words as a *command*. And they are. But there's more here -an *invitation*. In Matthew 6, Jesus invites us to exchange the world's frantic anxiety (vv.25-32) for a life of trust, day by day. God, by His grace, helps us all of our days- even when we get to number eighteen on our list before we remember to see life from His perspective.

-ADAM R. HOLZ

How can we turn to God first each day? On stressful days, what helps you trust Jesus with things demanding your immediate attention?

Father, thank You for your invitation to relinquish my anxiety and to embrace the life of abundant provision You offer me each day.

Does the scenario seem familiar? I know it does for me. It's easy to get caught up in the day, racing to check off the "to-do" list and then realize, we've forgotten to put Jesus first. I'll make this our first challenge for the new year: **Put Jesus First!**

The second challenge is to realize that no matter what the last year was like, this is a new one, a time to start over, a fresh slate to fill. Of course, we can't forget what has happened in the past, but we can and need to move forward. The following devotion also speaks to this:

Our Daily Bread November 14th:

I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. Jeremiah 31:34

I never saw the ice. But I felt it. The back end of the pickup I was driving- my grandfather's- fishtailed. One swerve, two, three- and I was airborne, flying off a fifteen-foot embankment. I remember thinking, *This would be awesome if I wasn't going to die.* A moment later, the truck crunched into the steep slope and rolled to the bottom. I crawled out of the crushed cab, unscathed.

The truck was utterly totaled that December morning in 1992. God had spared me. But what about my grandfather? What would *he* say? In fact, he never said a single word about the truck. Not one. There was no scolding, no repayment plan, nothing. Just forgiveness. And a grandfather's smile that I was okay.

My grandfather's grace reminds me of God's grace in Jeremiah 31. There, despite their tremendous failings, God promises a restored relationship with His people, saying, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (v.34).

I'm sure my grandfather never forgot that I'd wrecked his truck. But he acted just like God does here, not remembering it, not shaming me, not making me work to repay the debt I rightfully owed. Just as God says He'll do, my grandfather chose to remember it no more, as if the destructive thing I'd done had never happened.

- ADAM R. HOLZ

How should God's forgiveness affect how you see your failures? How can you show other's grace?

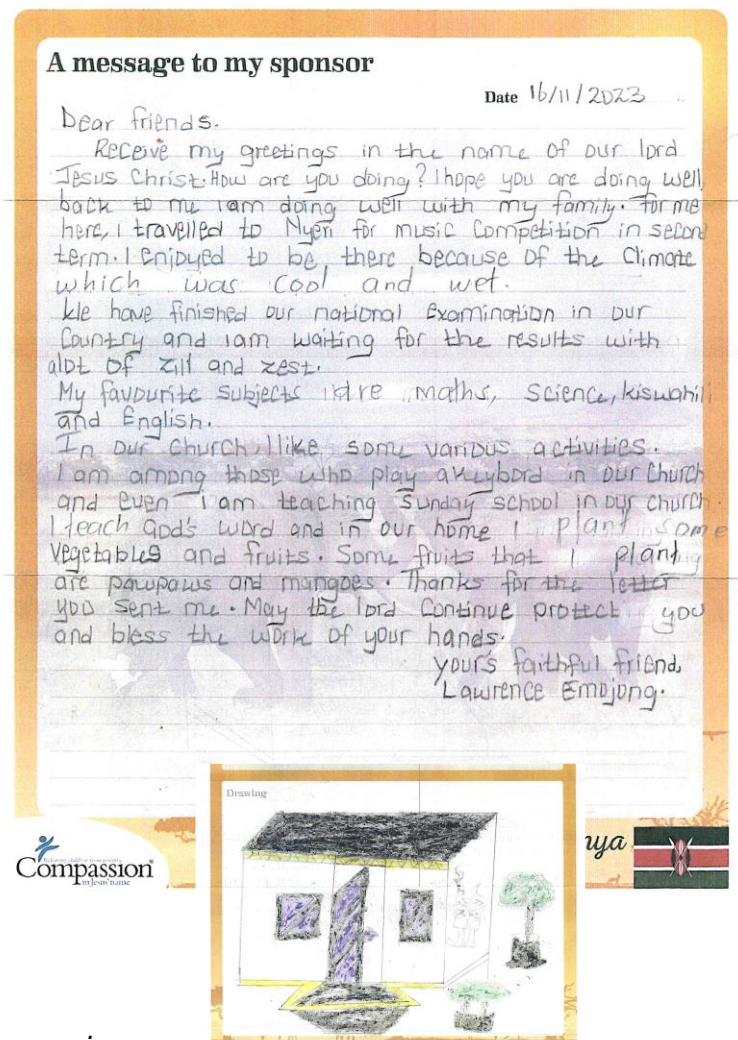
Father, thank You for Your forgiveness. When I cling to my shame, help me to recall that, in Christ, You remember my sins no more.

(Editor's note: I realized that both devotions were by the same author, as I was writing them today! Maybe it is one of those "God-winks"?)

May this year be a "New Year" of possibilities, one that can open up new or better things ahead. Remember that, "God forgives you and remembers no more". You have a clean slate, a new year, a new beginning. And He is always with you! Embrace this New Year and what it has in store for you!! -

A Happy, healthy, and Blessed 2024! - Sharon

A letter from our Compassion International sponsor child, Lawrence



Pastoral Acts

Kiera Jean Cook, daughter of Tyler and Kelsey Cook, was baptized at Emmanuel on December 10th by the Rev. W. Paul Weeg. Kiera was born on September 24th, 2015. Kiera's sponsors are Allison Bates and Nicole Kleckner.



(submitted by Kelsey Cook)

We welcome Kiera as a member of our church family and pray for her as she continues to grow in the Lord!



(bottom two pictures submitted by Charlotte Cole)



Kiera and siblings, Teagan, and Aiden



Bibles were presented to five 2nd Grade students on December 10th, during worship service. Those receiving a Kids Spark NRSV Bible were: **Eponine (Penny) Bartz, Harper Bass, Kiera Cook, Griffin Steinberg, and Nova Steinberg.**

We pray these young people will use their Bibles and that God will be their guide and comfort in the years to come!



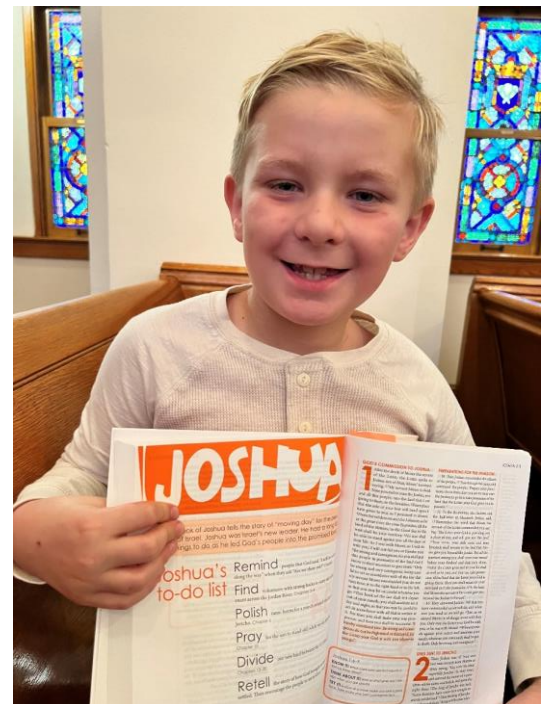
Jeremiah (JD) Steinberg and Nova



Abbie Steinberg and Griffin



(Photos submitted by Brittany Bartz and Abbie Steinberg)



Griffin Steinberg showing off his new Bible



Manger Tales was presented on December 17th during worship service. This was the children's Christmas Program which told the nativity story through interviews with the animals that saw it happen.

If you were unable to be there, you may watch the video on the church's Facebook page!



The kids did a fantastic job! Thanks to all who had a hand in putting it together!



(Photos submitted by Brittany Bartz and Abbie Steinberg)



Noisy Offering... will be collected on **Sunday, January 21st**. we will resume designating it for Camperships, as we have a larger group of young people that may begin going to camp in the near future. Thank you to all who donate to this worthy cause!



Biblecamp...

is open for camp registration: remember to take advantage of early bird summer camp pricing through February 15! Families who are members of a Riverside Member Church (*which we are*), will receive a \$15 discount on one week of summer camp. Also keep in mind that Emmanuel Lutheran will pay for half of your regular cost, whether you attend a full or partial week. If you are in confirmation, we pay 100%! This is only for the cost of attendance and not for extra costs for crafts, horse rides, or special camps. We have our own special church code that you can enter on your registration that lets them know what we will contribute. The church will be billed in the month that your child attends camp. So, make certain you check with Sharon for the code when you register.

Logos Legos Cookie Walk- December 17, 2023



Thank you to all who supported our youth sponsored **Cookie Walk**: With your support, they were able to raise \$248 which was evenly divided between Camperships and support for our Compassion International child, Lawrence!

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Matthew 6:21

My Offering

Name _____
Address _____
Amount _____

2024 Offering Envelopes... are here and available on a table inside the wooden doors

for you to pick up for yourself and others! *If not picked up by the Annual Meeting on the 21st, they will be put in your bulletin boxes.*



Our own **Dale Schultz**, resident of the LRH in Northwood, shown celebrating the New Year!
(photo copied from the LRH Facebook page)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

GRAFTON TOWN POTLUCK

BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE

SUNDAY, AT 5 PM
UNTIL THE FOOD IS ALL GONE!!

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MEET GRAFTON RESIDENTS, NEW AND OLD!

MORE INFO TEXT
ABBIE (641) 420-4974

Mark your calendars for this fun town event and come out to share a meal with your neighbors!

Connection Group Bible Study... will continue on Wednesdays, as determined by the group and weather. **At this time, due to busy schedules and illness, we plan to begin again on Wednesday, January 17th at 1 p.m.**



Season 4 of The Chosen will be released in theaters sometime in February, but we may watch some other shows of interest and use a shorter Bible Study format while we are waiting for it to release to the livestream app. *If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Cole or Sharon Hulshizer.*

Poinsettia Gifts

Given by . . .

Clarice Bartz - In Memory of Loved Ones
 Ardis Hanson - In Memory of Allan Hanson
 Rod & Emi Kuntz - In Memory of Loved Ones
 Merlin & Lisa Bartz - In Memory of Jane Buechele
 Phil & Gloria Hackbart - In Memory of Loved Ones
 Charlotte Cole & Family - In Memory of Loved Ones
 Dean & Mardine Meyer - In Memory of Dale & Shirley Meyer

Mark Fredrickson - In Memory of Ken & LaVerne Fredrickson

Greg & Shal Zillgitt - In Memory of Zillgitt and Wytaske Family
 In Memory of Fehr family

Laurie Nack-Bublitz Family - In Memory of Loved Ones and Kuper Dean Malmin-Love you !

Keven Bruesewitz Family - In Memory of Koral Rosendahl
 In Memory of Gene & Connie Bruesewitz and Tom & Jean Fretty

Connie Rosenberg Family - In Memory of Harper Putz, Don Anderson, and Elmer & Pearl Rosenberg

Chris and Teresa Braun Family - In Memory of Allan Hanson
 In Memory of Everett & Chrystal Braun

Pastor W. Paul and Peggy Weeg - In Memory of James R. & Beverly C. Erickson and Rev. Warren C. & Rebecca N. Weeg
 W. Peder Weeg - In Memory of William Peder Johnson

Chris Paulson Family - In Memory of Scott Paulson, Ray Smidt, and Bob & Marlis Ames

Thank you to all who shared plants to beautify our sanctuary.

Joys and Sorrows

Congratulations...
 to **Jason & Martha Crail**
 on the birth of a son,
 Mattis Andrew Crail, on
 December 27th. His twin
 sisters are enjoying their
 new baby brother!
*We pray for God's continued
 blessings on their family!*



... to **Marcy Hyde** and family on the death of her father, Gordon Lynn Wiemann, on November 30th.

...to **Belinda Borchardt** and family at the death of her aunt, Violet Steffen, on December 13th.

...to **Keven Bruesewitz** and family on the death of his sister, Koral Rosendahl, on December 20th

May God comfort all who mourn and give you his peace!

Keep in your continued prayers...Pastor and Peg Weeg, Earl & Judy Trenhaile, Jon Navratil and family, Opal Diedrich and family, Gary Braun, Clarice Bartz, Laurie Nack Bublitz, Sue Walk, Alan & Mavis Stevens, Kim Mogk, and any others that may not be mentioned, but are in our hearts.



Earl Trenhaile is in the Good Samaritan in St Ansgar. Since there is currently COVID in the home, visiting is discouraged at this time.

Opal Diedrich is a resident of the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, being moved there after a recent hospitalization.

Gary Braun is a resident of the Good Shepherd in Mason City, after a fall at home.

Jon Navratil is currently on a heart transplant list and in a Minneapolis hospital. His address is **U of M Medical Center Unit 4A CVICU Rm #226 500 Harvard St S.E. Minneapolis, Mn 55455.**

Thank You, Stewards

...to our organists: Charlotte Cole, Marena Henkle, and Donna Schilling. We look forward to another year of your musical talents!

...to our December counters: Belinda Borchardt, Michael Cole, and Connie Rosenberg.

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

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

...to our PA operator: Darren Marsh

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

...to Renae Kroneman, our website manager.

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

...to Lay Ministry members who open and close the church building on Sundays.

Special Thanks

...to Lisa and Merlin Bartz for assembling and distributing the SS sacks of peanuts and candy- it is a nice tradition at Emmanuel!

...to Sheila Lundon and Crystal Wilde for sharing their musical talents during the Candlelight service.

...to Linda Koschmeder for assisting Sharon with building and office duties during her illness.

...to all those who help in ways not always acknowledged!.

Thank You, Emmanuel

...for sending the church newsletter to us each month. Lucy and I marvel about how much you do in your church, especially not having a regular fulltime pastor. The newsletter keeps us in touch with Grafton and we appreciate it. We hope you find a pastor soon. May the good Lord watch over you... *Rog & Lucy Hackbart*

...for the generous Christmas gift. I enjoy my position here at Emmanuel and all those who help in any way while we are awaiting a new pastor. I am thankful to Pastor Weeg for his assistance in our time of need as well. *God Bless you all in the New Year!*
- Sharon Hulshizer

...I am so appreciative of the generous Christmas gift you gave me! I am pleased to be part of the music in our service, and I thank you for that opportunity, and for your gift to me.

Sincerely, Donna Schilling

...People of Emmanuel, during this season of Advent, you will be in my prayers as you continue to look for a settled pastor and as you prepare to share and celebrate the Good News with Pastor Paul. Thank you for your partnership in serving our global neighbor. *Grace and Peace, Tim Krick (Lutheran World Relief)*

...on behalf of the **American Red Cross**, thank you for your generous gift, which will be applied to Service to the Armed Forces- General. Support like yours is truly making an impact in the lives of those we serve every day. During their darkest hours, people know they can turn to the Red Cross for comfort and care...*Sincerely, Gail J. McGovern, President and CEO*

...Dear friends at Emmanuel, Greetings from **Riverside!** I'm so grateful for you and your continued partnership in the Gospel! Thankful for many years together in furthering our mission, "To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all." God's blessings to you in this new year ahead!
In Christ, Chris Dahl



The Annual Meeting... will be on **Sunday, January 21st**, following worship service, with a snow date of January 28th.

The Northwood Lions Club and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a **blood drive on Thursday, January 18th from 1-5:30 p.m.** at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room. You can schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or call 641-324-2252 and ask for Bob Perry. Thank you!

Sponsorships Encouraged:
\$90/month

**Thank you to those past and present,
for your support!**

Did You Know

...that with our Mission Fest offering collected through December 10th, we were able to send \$589.50 to both the USO and to the American Red Cross, both designated as recipients for their assistance to Military families? Thank you to all who generously donated.

...there is information about many events and organizations on our bulletin board across from the office? Sharon tries to keep it updated with the latest information from Hospice and Lutheran Services in Iowa, any posters with upcoming events, activities, and opportunities for all ages.

...in the same manner, the bulletin boards between the offices has information from the NALC and the Iowa Mission District? Take a stroll through the area sometime and check it out!

...the Christmas newsletter from Bishop Dan Selbo can be found on the bulletin board, along with the message from our Iowa Mission District Dean, Pastor Christopher Staley? (*For Iowa Mission District info, visit the website at www.iowamissiondistrict.com.*)

...Registration is now open for the North American Lutheran Church's Continental Youth Gathering (CYG) July 1-4, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, Texas (near San Antonio)? NALC youth will rally around the theme "We Belong: 'I Know My Own and My Own Know Me.'" The mission of the youth gathering is to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to not only grow in their faith, but to be encouraged by connecting with other believers throughout North America. For more information go to cyg.thenalc.org.

Stewardship Musings

The following is taken from a devotional, Mornings with Jesus and appropriate to think on as we enter a new year:

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38 (NIV)

As a youngster, I watched the offering basket get passed around at church each Sunday. Almost everyone gave, and we dutifully put our family's envelope in too, with my mom's perfect penmanship indicating name, address, and amount. I grew up

understanding I was supposed to give in the offering plate, but as a young adult in the work world, I got stingy. I had learned about biblical tithing, giving one-tenth of my income to the local church, but it took me a while to get on board. I loved to travel and eat out and accumulated a good amount of credit card debt to prove it. I ran out of money by the end of the month. How could I give away 10 percent?

My transformation around tithing was gradual but effective. As I grew in my relationship with Jesus, I was struck by the depth of His sacrifice for me on the cross. I realized that I prospered personally because I acknowledged that Jesus ordered my steps and orchestrated my success-not me. Once I understood this, I knew I could not withhold support for the church- a place where I watched people answer altar calls and give their lives to Him.

Through tithing and giving with a grateful heart, I play a part in advancing Jesus's kingdom on earth. There's no better investment!

- PAMELA TOUSSAINT HOWARD



FAITH STEP: Pray about the possibility of giving financially to your local church regularly and cheerfully. If you already tithe, ask Jesus to show you new opportunities to give.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Balance Information for November 1-30, 2023

General Fund

Beginning Balance: \$96,028.93

Interest: \$14.46

Offering Revenues: \$7,918.00

Other Revenue: \$80.00

(Operation Christmas Child box mailing donations)

E-giving Revenues: \$374.38

Total Revenues: \$ 8,386.84

Total revenues + Beginning balance: \$ 104,415.77

Expenses: \$6,163.27

End of month Balance: \$98,252.50



Congregational Council Minutes
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
November 6th, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by: Mark Borchardt – President

Attended: Greg Zillgitt – Vice President, Belinda Borchardt - Evangelism, Emi Kuntz - Lay Ministry, Patti Rustad – Stewardship, Will Bartz – Youth & Education, and Sharon Hulshizer - Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Lonnie Hillman – Property

Devotions: none

Agenda Review: M/S/C to approve agenda.

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

Treasurer's Report: accepted

Administrative Report: 1) Pastor Weeg will be gone from the 8th until Thanksgiving. Pastor Barbara Wills has agreed to be our Emergency Pastoral Contact during that time. Lisa Bartz will teach confirmation class. 2) Elaine Huebner visitation tonight, funeral tomorrow. 3) Thanksgiving service will be incorporated into the Sunday service on the 26th, along with a baptism that day. 4) Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year. Since there are going to be two services already on the 24th, there will not be Christmas Day service this year. 5) There is a wedding on the schedule for September 2024 and an inquiry about lining up a pastor. Council would like to check with Pastor Weeg first if he would like to do the wedding and then proceed from there. 6) Custodian update: due to college and scheduling, Harley's hours are being reduced. Shal Zillgitt has been hired to fill in to complete the hours, assisted by Jeff Miller, as needed.

Board highlights:

Stewardship: 1) Had a meeting via text to determine this year's budget. 2) Mission Fest Sunday is on the 19th. Rusty Rustad will lead the service and Shal Zillgitt will be guest speaker. Offering will be directed to one or two entities to benefit military service families.

Lay Ministry: Budget set up.

Evangelism: 1) Met via text to determine budget. 2) New membership reception planned for next year.

Y & E: 1) Logos Legos kids assembled several Operation Christmas Child boxes. 2) AWANA club is continuing to grow in number, with over 30 kids now attending.

Property: 1) List of items to be done in the church 2) Insurance change: have met with insurance representative, submitted required information. One item still needs to be clarified. 3) Letter to Noss Landscaping, requesting layout design and list of plants received.

Membership review: none

Unfinished Business:

- a) Endowment Fund: Numbers are correct in report. An Endowment Fund Advisory Committee is to be appointed to govern the fund. Council suggests having three persons serve on the advisory committee, Stewardship Board can make suggestions to the nominating committee for the Annual Meeting.
- b) Mass Mutual Review: Mark will meet with Dennis Rustad to discuss the policy.
- c) Vanco: **M/S/C to discontinue the VANCO program, effective December 31st.**
- d) Thrivent Funds: are available, as needed.
- e) Call Committee: received a feedback letter on updating Emmanuel's profile. That looks good and we continue to wait for candidates.

New Business:

- a) Signatories at bank: Dan Nack has been added as a signatory for a CD for the Endowment Fund. Discussion of existing signatories at the bank on behalf of the church and whether Church Council president should be added each time a new one is elected. At this time, there are three signatories that were appointed to continue until such time as they are no longer able to serve.
- b) 2024 Proposed budget: Council began looking at the budget for the next year, placing figures each board has submitted for their portion. More will be discussed in December.

Next meeting devotion's preparer: Lonnie Hillman

Next meeting date and time: Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m.

M/S/C – meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



TWC
(The Women's Council)
December 12th, 2023

Belinda shared devotions from Our Daily Bread entitled *Lean on God*, based on Proverbs 10:15. It reminds us that God is like a strong tower and we can lean on him for comfort and security when we tend to seek other things to lean on. TWC began with the reading of the purpose statement. Secretary minutes from November were approved as read. Treasurer's report shows \$3,180.60 in Checking and \$4,011.64 in Savings. Emi has a bill for napkins. Other items need to be purchased yet for fellowship and kitchen.

Old Business: 1) LWR Projects: Clarice has purchased towels for personal care kits. Quilting days will be set up in January/February, supplies can be inventoried for kits to be assembled also. 2) Kitchen Report: waiting on someone to come and look at the dishwasher. 3) Hospitality Teams: Emi will be unit leader for Team VIII. Donut holes were donated by Christa Trenhaile for fellowship and we thank her for that. 4) Bible Study: this week we will be attending the movie "Journey to Bethlehem" in Northwood. Bible Study will resume sometime in January. 5) Christmas gifts for LRH residents: are being taken care of by Mavis Stevens. We have five gifts to provide this year. 6) Yearbooks: are updated and distributed to TWC members.

New Business: End of year disbursements-
M/S/C to accept the disbursements for 2023 of \$1000.00 for 12 entities.

Upcoming dates: December 13th: Journey to Bethlehem movie at Northwood. Next TWC meeting is January 16th at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sharon Hulshizer



*I'll leave you with this toast
for the New Year:*

May you have...

Enough happiness to keep you sweet;
Enough trials to keep you strong;
Enough sorrows to keep you human;
Enough hope to keep you happy;
Enough failure to keep you humble;
Enough success to keep you eager;
Enough friends to give you comfort;
Enough wealth to meet your needs;
Enough enthusiasm to look forward;
Enough faith to banish depression;
Enough determination to make each
day better than yesterday;
Best wishes for the New Year!

*(Submitted by Clarice Bartz,
printed in the 1992 Iowa REC news)*

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 	3 No Connection Group <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	4 	5 	6 
7 <i>Baptism of our Lord</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Merlin Bartz 10:40 a.m. Fellowship Sunday School	8 	9 Annual meeting reports due to office	10 No Connection Group <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m. <u>Church Council:</u> 7 p.m.	11 	12 	13 
14 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:40 a.m. Fellowship Sunday School	15 M L King Day 	16 TWC (The Women's Council) 9:00 a.m.	17 <u>Connection Group</u> <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	18 	19 	20 
21 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship (Noisy Offering) 10:40 a.m. Annual Meeting Sunday School	22 	23 	24 <u>Connection Group</u> <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.	25 	26 	27 
28 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Fellowship Sunday School (Annual Meeting snow date)	29 	30 	31 <u>Connection Group</u> <u>Confirmation</u> 4:30 p.m. <u>AWANA Club</u> 5:30-7 p.m.			



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<u>January</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Organist</u>
Sunday, January 7th <i>Baptism of our Lord</i>	Gus Walk	Julie Schulz	Marena Henkle
Sunday, January 14th <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Raiden Kuntz	Jason & Nicole Schuttler	Donna Schilling
Sunday, January 21st <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Landon Hillman	Tammy Schuttler	Charlotte Cole
Sunday, January 28th <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Kenzie Sorenson	Suzanne Seleskie	Donna Schilling

Hospitality Team IV: No Unit Leader

Ushers: Keven Bruesewitz, Val Bork, Phil Hackbart, and Jason Hackbart

Lay Ministry: Sheila Lundon

Counters: Belinda & Mark Borchardt and Michael Cole

Altar Guild: Val Bork

Share Shoppe Volunteer: Christa Larson

PA Operators: Michael Cole and Corrie Kuntz

