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Sunday School begins at
9:00 AM

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10:00 AM

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Walther on New Year

As we get ready to move into a new year, I think that there are some reasons to be hopeful for 2015. Gas prices are starting to go down, which will have a positive impact on so many areas of our lives. There are newly elected officials who will hopefully bring fresh ideas to our state and federal governments. Figures indicate that the number of aborted babies in the United States is going down, or at least not increasing. I think people are looking forward to a new year, a year of happiness, prosperity, change, and so they ring in the New Year with bells, whistles, and parties. But what a lot of these people don't realize is that their hopes and dreams for 2015 mean nothing without realizing the true blessings of the New Year, and their hopes and dreams will be worthless without the true joy that can only come from a living and active faith in Christ.

C.F.W. Walther (the first president of the LCMS) covered this well in a New Year's Day sermon. He said,

"The most necessary thing for a truly happy and blessed beginning to a new year is that we do not carry forward the sins of the old year. Isn't the rich person very poor if he still lacks the most important good – the grace of God? How can such a person be truly happy if he cannot rejoice in the forgiveness of sins? How can he truly be at peace today if he must still fear that God is angry with him, that he has not been reconciled with his heavenly Father? Indeed, only the person who carries this comfort in his heart can enter the new year truly happy and blessed. He knows that all

his past sins are forgiven and buried in the depths of the sea. He can draw near to God as a child draws near to his dear father. On our own we merit nothing before God. Even if we could cry bloody streams of tears, perform the greatest work of repentance and submerge ourselves in the deepest sorrow and contrition we could not wash from our soul even one of the past year's sins and we could not satisfy the offended righteousness of God.

"There is only one who can wipe out our debt of sin. It is He who made atonement for us all by His blood...O let us in faith and with joy embrace the holy Christ Child, who so willingly submitted Himself to the most humble divine Law for us. Now no law that we have transgressed can damn us. Now God Himself, whom we have offended, can no longer be angry with us. Now like the old year itself, all our old sins have eternally disappeared."

My prayer for you this New Year is that you will know the joy and peace that comes from being reconciled to God. Like 2014 is gone, so are your sins, and having that knowledge is a great way to start your new year.

In Christ,
Pastor

LWML



Ladies Aid: Christmas party

Dorcas: Dorcas celebrated their Christmas party at Judy Kramers. Submitted by Deb Stehr, Dorcas Secretary

Daughters of Emmanuel: A brief meeting was held at Rachel's home on Dec 7th, 2014 and 8 members were present.

Old Business:

* X-mas books were located and will be distributed to kids either Xmas eve or after the Xmas program.

*X-mas ornaments will not be ready this year. Moved to Board of Education for follow up.

*Cookie walk was held today. Profit to be divided between Reka and LYF for Higher Things.

We had 50 containers for today, but may need to check on having Lake View Foods order for next year due to availability issues.

New Business:

*Mollie asked for motion to pay for plant and gift. Motion passed.

*Sign-up sheets for next years hostess' was passed around.

*Lenten dinner set for March 25th.

*November meeting will be 3rd Wed again in 2015.

Meeting adjourned with Gift stealing.

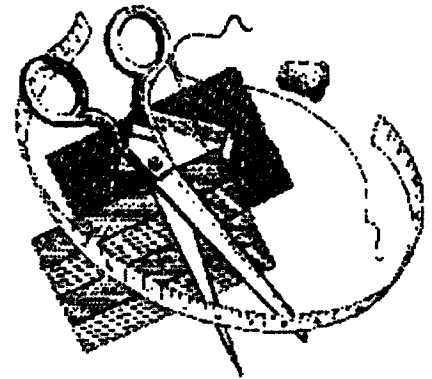
Circuit Convocation And Forum

Everyone is invited to the Circuit Convocation and Forum which will be January 18th at 2:00 here at Emmanuel. During the convocation there will be a presentation entitled "Congregations Leadership Transition" which addresses the difficulties congregations face as church membership changes over time.

Following the convocation will be the forum where the Circuit Visitor will be elected and discussion of possible memorials for the District Convention in June. If you have any questions please contact Pastor

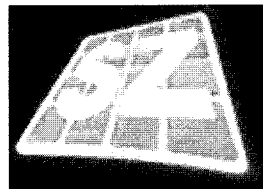
Quilting

All are invited to come join the Ladies Aid on January 8th from 9:30-1:30 to tie quilts and to cut out quilt blocks. There will be a potluck at noon.



LYF

LYF will be going to SkyZone on Sunday January 11th following service. Youth are asked to bring \$13 plus money for lunch.



JIF

JIF will be going to SkyZone on Sunday January 25th following service. Youth are asked to bring \$13 plus money for lunch.

Council Meeting Minutes—December 4, 2014

THOSE PRESENT: Pastor Peterson, Tom Reaman, Lannie Miller, Wes Drost, Lyle Tegels, Lance Peters, Jackie Wallace, Pat Smith and Deb Stehr.

Pastor opened with prayer. Tom Reaman called the meeting to order. Minutes from November 12th were read and approved. The financial report was given. Wes Drost made a motion, seconded by Lyle Tegels to accept the financial report. The motion passed.

ELDERS REPORT: Items for the treat bags will need to be purchased. Tammy Auen will donate candy bars and Kim and Wes Drost will donate the oranges. The rest will need to be bought. The elders will meet after church on the 17th to put the bags together. The Children's program is December 21th. The extra cups and ornaments left from the centennial were discussed. They will be available for a free will donation.

TRUSTEES REPORT: The hand rail by the back door will need to be extended. Lance Peters will put a clean-out valve in the sewer pipe. The heat tape in the gutters needs to be plugged in. A six or eight foot ladder needs to be purchased for the church.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor made 6 shut-in visits, 1 counseling visit and 3 hospital visits. The LYF went to a hockey game November 22. Thanks to Wes, Kim, Roger and Jodi for helping drive. The vacancy has been going well.

OLD BUSINESS: Thrivent dollars were discussed. Requests are currently made to a committee. It was suggested that council be responsible since they already make budget decisions and would be good stewards of the money. Lannie Miller made a motion, seconded by Pat Smith that the council shall be responsible for Thrivent Dollar requests and distribution of the funds after written request has been made to the council. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: The annual meeting was discussed. Officer nominations have not been filled yet, but there are some possibilities. The meeting is after church December 14th. Nominations will be taken from the floor if positions are not filled at that time.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING- December 14, 2014

Tom Reaman called the meeting to order. The minutes from the December 15, 2013 meeting were read and approved. Jackie Wallace gave the financial report for the year. A motion was made by Minard Petersen, seconded by Don Cole to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

Tom Reaman presented the budget for 2015. It was distributed prior to the service. Jim Wallace made a motion, seconded by Bob Cleveland to approve the 2015 budget. The motion passed.

Ballots were distributed. The following were on the ballot: President, Gary Kruse, Elder, Lannie Miller, Trustee, Jeff Frank, Financial Secretary, Beth Hatch, Financial Committee, Carletta Brown. Tom Reaman asked for nominations from the floor. Minard Petersen for the financial committee, Jennifer Peterson and Rachel Hemer for Board of Christian Education. The remaining position will need to be filled. Wes Drost made a motion, seconded by Lannie Miller to accept the nominations. The motion passed.

The Elders and counters will be going to a weekly schedule in 2015. Tom Reaman thanked everyone for the volunteer work they do for the church. There will need to be another voters meeting in January to finalize plans and budget for the front step project. There was no more discussion, so the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary

Happy Birthday To You January 2015!!!

Jan. 1 Tami Auen
 Brynn Boeckman

Jan 2 Rev. Herman Kramer
 Joanne Leitz
 Donita Mork

Jan 3 Macy Monahan

Jan 6 David Cole
 Lois Meyer
 Jeff Sharp

Jan 9 Robert Freese
 Michael Stehr

Jan 10 Larry Bundt
 Lisa Garrels

Jan 11 Sue Frank

Jan 14 Tom Shelp

Jan 15 Ryan Page

Jan 16 Darlene Mohr

Jan 17 Ashton Racobs
 William Clausen

Jan 18 LaVon Freese

Jan 19 Raymond Larsen
 Garry Leonard

Jan 21 Richard Schultz

Jan 24 Nancy Fertig
 Layne Huisenga

Jan 26 Charles Wollesen

Jan 27 Leo Werkmeister

Jan 30 Rickie Nelson

Jan 31 Craig Meyer

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4 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Take Down Christmas Decorations	5 7:00 PM Bible Study	6	7 4:00 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM LYF	8 Pastor @ Pilgrim 9:30-1:30 Ladies Aid Tie & cut quilts 7:00 PM Dorcas	9	10
11 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 LYF to SkyZone	12 7:00 PM Bible Study	13	14 4:00 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Pastor @ Pilgrim	16	17
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25 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION JIF to SkyZone	26 7:00 PM Bible Study	27	28 4:00 PM Confirma- tion 7:00 PM DOE's	29 Pastor @ Pilgrim	30	31

Elder:

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Greeters:

January 4: Charles & Pam Wollesen
January 11: Bob & Twila Cleveland
January 18: Tom & Juli Reaman
January 25: Craig & Jackie Wallace

Acolytes

January 4: Brayden Weber
January 11: Tawna Gross
January 18: Elizabeth & Kristen Drost
January 25: Brianna & Brooklyn Boeckman

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Emmanuel's Values Jesus Christ, our Savior, leader and teacher has bonded these values to guide us ever forward in expanding God's kingdom to all people. Therefore these values are the foundation and future of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

- **God's Vision** – Discipling that all people may be saved (Matthew 28:18-20)
- **God's Grace** – A gift to all from Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8-9)
- **Prayer & Praise** – We honor God through prayer and praise (Philippians 4:4-7)
- **Stewardship** – Using the time, talents, and treasures God has given us to serve Him (Matthew 25:14-28)
- **People** – We are committed to the Christian Education and Spiritual growth of all (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Compassion** – Sharing a life of care, concern, love, and kindness for all (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

The following are stations and times for the Lutheran Hour:

KTLB	Fort Dodge	105.9 FM	Sun	8:00 A.M.
KJYL	Newell	96.3 FM	Sun	6:00 P.M.
KSCJ	Sioux City	1360 AM	Sun	8:30 A.M.
KICD	Spencer	1240 AM	Sun	10:30 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	Sun	10:00 A.M.

You can also listen to the Good Shepherd Hour each Sunday.

KSCI	Sioux City	1360 AM	8:00 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	10:30 A.M.
	Storm Lake	101.7 FM	10:30 A.M.
KVFD	Fort Dodge	1400 AM	8:00 A.M.

President: Gary Kruse **Secretary:** Deb Stehr

Elders: Wes Drost, Lannie Miller, Lyle Tegels, Dave Woltman

Trustees: Randy Drost, Jeff Frank, Roger Pieken

Treasurer: Pat Smith **Financial Secretary:** Beth Hatch

Board of Christian Education/Youth: Jennifer Peterson (Chair), Helga Gross, Julie Kraft, Tara Reaman, Rachel Hemer, Angelina Huegerich

Sunday School Superintendent: Tara Reaman & Jennifer Peterson

Submit articles to Londa by January 21 19 for the February Newsletter. office@lakeviewemmanuel.com