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Event Times:

Sunday School begins at
9:00 AM

Church begins at 10:00 AM

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WHITE AS SNOW

I have been blest to spend a large majority of my life living in the Midwest. I've moved from Minnesota to Nebraska to Colorado (which is more west than Midwest) to Indiana to Washington (way west) to Indiana to Minnesota finally to Iowa. In all these states (even in Washington) winters have included a fair amount of snow. Some winters it was more, others less, but every winter I have been able to watch the falling flakes cover everything in a beautiful coat of white.

When it first falls the snow is quite beautiful as it covers up the brown grass and dirt fields. But it doesn't take long for the snow to lose its loveliness; cars and plows throw up sand and dirt, geese leave their "mark", and the brilliant white just fades away. But then the sky once again opens up and drops down a snowy blanket and everything is beautiful again.

I bring this all up because it's snowing this February morning, but also because it is a great illustration about our lives. When we're baptized, we're clothed in the sparkling white gown of Christ and the forgiveness of sins. David said in Psalm 51:7, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" and truer words haven't been spoken. When we are washed in the water of Baptism, we're cleansed of all the evil and sin that cling to us and we are pure as the new fallen snow.

But then what happens? We go through our day and it doesn't take long for our snow white gowns to become disgustingly filthy. Our daily sins leave their mark, our acts of disobedience to God cause our white gowns to fade, and our sins against others throw up dirt and

grime all over us, and before you know it, what was once a brilliant white is now a dingy grey or even a soiled black.

So what do we do now that we are muddy and mucky from our sins? We do the only thing we can – we go back to our baptism. We remember that we are baptized and because we are baptized we are forgiven. In His death, Christ Jesus has given us the forgiveness of sins which restores our soiled gowns back to their dazzling white. As Isaiah said, "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." This is the wonderful news that is for you! You're forgiven, you're not grey or black, you're white as snow. Every day, we return to our baptisms that we might once again have our sins washed away and receive the brilliant snow white gown of forgiveness.

In the name of Jesus,
Pastor

Lent Services

The theme for our Lenten services this year is "Tears Tell the Story". Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 as we look at the events surrounding our Lord's Passion that bring people to tears. But we'll also see how, in the end, Christ turns our tears of sorrow into tears of joy.



LWML



Ladies Aid: Emmanuel Ladies Aid met February 12 with 10 members answering roll call with "Winter Handiwork". Devotion was given by Ivadell Huisenga. The topic led by Pastor Peterson was on forgiving.

Minutes of the last meeting and treasurers reports were read and corrected. Thank yous were read from Gail Ludvison, Pastor Peterson and the Christmas Charities. Magnets for the Convention were put together by Carol Roth, Joyce Bettin, Gert Drost & Donna Smidt and the 4 baby quilts were made by Donna Smidt.

LWML Spring Rally is April 21 at Emmanuel. District President Sieveking will be the speaker. Needed are ideas for theme, decorations or door prizes based on Servant hood.

Ladies Aid will serve the Lenten Supper March 4. The next day to tie quilts will be March 9. The Birthday song was sung and Bonnie Peters gave the Mite box devotion.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Prayer.

Hostesses were Ivadell Huisenga and Dee Cole. Gert Drost—Sec. Pro-tem

Dorcas: No Minutes

Daughters of Emmanuel: Mollie hosted the January DOE's meeting in the fellowship hall and 5 members attended. December minutes were read and approved.

2 thank you's were received—from Reka and Pastor.

Old Business:

*All the money for poinsettias has been collected. 15 sold this year

*Children's Xmas books were missed in December and can be used this year.

*There were no updates yet for any of our committees.

New Business:

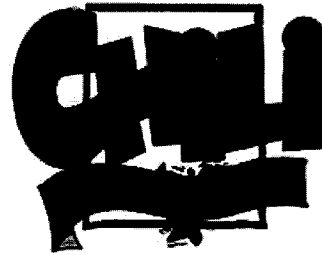
*Booklets—Jenn to complete and put in boxes.

*LWML Spring Rally is April 21st. Mollie to call Judy about our participation in the planning.

*Mission ideas—to come

*DOE's lenten dinner is March 25th. There will not be a formal meeting in March.

*February meeting will be after Lenten service on Feb 25th.



Father Son Chili
Cook off Contest at
Peace Lutheran

Church Sunday March 15th from 2:00-4:00.

This is a free event. Rev. Max Philips will present "Boys to Godly Men" with lessons for dads that celebrate God's plan of family and the blessing of sons. While fathers and sons are invited, so are stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends, teachers, mentors, and coaches of all ages. Guests are invited (but not required) to bring a Crockpot of chili for the contest. Winner receives 10 pounds of hamburger.

Call 712-664-2961 to register.

Great News!

The choir will be starting up once again soon. Anyone interested in being part of Emmanuel's choir should contact Nancy Fertig or Pastor.



DOE'S Continued:

*April's meeting is moved to the 8th for planning/a devotions on the many hats we wear. Meeting was adjourned with the organizing for the Spring Rally. Mollie led the Lord's Prayer.

Council Meeting Minutes—February 11, 2015

THOSE PRESENT: Pastor Peterson, Lannie Miller, Lyle Tegels, Wes Drost, Dave Woltman, Jeff Frank, Randy Drost, Beth Hatch, Pat Smith and Deb Stehr. Jackie Wallace was present during the financial report.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Lannie Miller called the meeting to order. The minutes from January 14th were read and approved. The financial report was given. We lost A Sunday offering due to bad weather. Wes Drost made a motion, seconded by Jeff Frank to approve the financial report. Emmanuel received Thank you letters from Lutheran Family Service of Iowa and the Orphan Grain Train for donations made during 2014.

ELDERS REPORT: The weekly schedule is working well and the Elders like it.

TRUSTEES REPORT: The doorbell at the parsonage has been fixed. The microwave door has been replaced at no cost.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor gave his report. He made 15 shut-in visits and 6 hospital visits. The vacancy is going well. The call committee is leaning towards calling a candidate from seminary, but waiting on more information. Lent starts next week with Ash Wednesday. Lutheranism 101 had to be postponed for two weeks due to the weather.

OLD BUSINESS: The Front Entry Project was discussed. Randy Drost is waiting for a more current bid from Kevin Schmidt. We will need to have a voters meeting to approve it. A new railing at the back door will be about \$300.

NEW BUSINESS: The youth really enjoyed their visit to Mission Central.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Deb Stehr, Council Secretary

Bereavement Support



Anyone who has experienced grief or loss (i.e. death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce) is invited to attend a support group being hosted by Gentiva Hospice. Groups will meet every other month starting February 19th from 6-7:00 at the Gentiva Office in Carroll or at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City starting February 26th from 6-7:00. For more information contact Pastor.

Beginning Tuesday, March 3rd, the Farber and Otteman Funeral Homes will be sponsoring a seven-week grief support group for those individuals, couples, or families that have experienced the loss of a loved one or friend through death. The death may be recent or some time in the past for grief has not specific timetable. Meetings will be held at the Farber and Otteman location in Sac City from 7:00-9:00. Sessions will be lead by Brad Smith, a certified bereavement facilitator with over 30 years experience. For more information or to register for the group, please contact Pastor or call the Farber and Otteman Funeral home at 712-662-7135.

LYF

The LYF will be serving a Palm Sunday Breakfast beginning at 8:30 AM. They will be serving egg bake, coffee cake, fruit pizza. Free will donation.



Board of Education Minutes

The Board of Education met on Sunday, February 8 (rescheduled from the 1st) in the fellowship hall following service. Chairwoman Jennifer Peterson opened the meeting with Helga Gross, Julie Kraft, Tara Reaman, Rachel Hemer, Jenna Boeckman, Angelina Huegerich and Pastor Peterson present. We welcomed and thanked new members Jenna and Angelina!

Minutes from the October 12th meeting were read and approved.

Reports

Adult Education – due to the vacancy, Sunday morning class is taking a hiatus; Monday's attendance is just ok; Lutheranism 101 class starts today and will continue for 4-5 weeks

JIF – around 60 kids/adults among LV, WL, and Sac visited Mission Central last Wednesday; had a fun trip to Sky Zone; no February event scheduled yet

LYF – meeting twice a month; Wes and Kim Drost are great leaders for the kids; had a good turn out for Sky Zone; getting ready for their Lenten dinner; 5-6 kids cleaned and polished the church pews; want to meet with WL and Sac groups to ice skate

Higher Things Conference – July 2015; three kids are attending; Thrivent Choice Dollars gave \$100 to each, kids each paid \$100, youth group paid a portion; hoping to refund the kids some of their money after the Lenten dinner and Palm Sunday breakfast

Sunday School – see below

Cradle Roll – just one baby on the current roll

Confirmation – new policy for 7th/8th graders: if they are not doing homework/memory work, they have to stay late to write it out; Helga Gross has been assisting with listening to memory work and keeping record of it

Old Business

SS staffing – ok but can always use more substitutes

Children's Handbell Choir – kids aren't staying for church and/or practice so playing once a month is not feasible yet

SS Newsletter – hoping for another issue before Lent

SS bulletin boards and children's mailboxes – bulletin board will have a new Lent theme; still need to put parents' board on landing

Mailboxes – Board of Ed 1st Sunday; DOEs 2nd; Ladies Aid 3rd; Dorcas 4th

March – Rachel; April – Tara; May – Julie

Recap SS program

Need to work on singing out the music

Collaborate with organist

Suggestions for an interactive program, kid-friendly vocabulary, play only 1 verse of bells, work on a program with a lot of girl parts for next year's class

Soup supper

Slightly smaller attendance than last year

Suggestions to put free will basket at start, no split pea soup, too many rolls (100 next year), put crackers at buffet line, chili powder is in freezer, need a host to seat people, more punch, less coffee

New Business

Confirmation reception and questioning – April 26

Julie will order cake from Kim (1 chocolate/1 white). Rachel will make red punch.
Helga will contact 7th grade parents to serve

Graduation reception – May 10 or 17 – Jennifer will ask moms Jodi Pieken and Marni Roth if they have a preference. Rachel will order cake from Gert (1 choc/1 white) Rachel will make punch

Last day of Sunday School – May 17—Jennifer will get milk and juice. Helga will pick up donuts. Rachel will bring a movie to watch

Vacation Bible School – June 1-5 from 9-11:30; Camp Discovery

Volunteers needed – look to sign up in March already

Snacks – Jennifer will check with Pat Smith to organize snacks and make a list of what donations to ask for; Rachel will check with Judy Kramer to work the snack tables again

Crafts – Rachel and Helga will meet next week to look through current supplies downstairs and decide what to use; Rachel will lead crafts this year

Games – Helga will organize and gather materials; kids will lead games

Rachel will put a note in the newsletter looking for donations of recreational supplies

Opening, lesson, closing – Pastor will lead these

Decorations – Jennifer will organize these; camping theme should be fairly simple

Will use the same rotation schedule as last year. Pastor and Jennifer will send out Save the Date cards and will advertise 2-3 weeks prior to the start of VBS

Upcoming meeting date – April 12 after church

Pastor closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Hemer



Looking for donations!!

Before VBS rolls around, please consider donating to our recreation collection.

Jump ropes, balls, badminton/volleyball nets, tennis rackets, hula-hoops, baseball gloves, bases, small traffic cones, and any outdoor games are a few ideas.

Anything you have around your house that you no longer use will surely be put to good use!

Donations can be left inside the south doors anytime.

Thank you!!

Happy Birthday To You March 2015!!!



March 2 Duane Petersen

March 4 Dianne Barry

March 5 Mallory Mork
Lori Tegels

March 6 Laryn Sharp

March 7 Mollie Scott

March 10 JoDee Sharp

March 11 John Bogue
Christian Reaman

March 12 Charles Bohm
Waunita Tegels

March 14 Nicole Beckman
Ashley Mohr

March 15 Jesse Werkmeister

March 17 Gina Schlepp
Emmett Hemer

March 18 Myrna Kruse
Travis Roth

March 20 Heidi Schmidt
Aaron Tjaden
Byron Goslar

March 22 Julia Reaman

March 23 Stuart Bohm

March 24 Ryan Barry
Barb Bundt
Wilma Petersen

March 25 Joan Vohs

March 27 Jennifer Peterson

March 31 Donald Busch
Jon Reaman

March 2015

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM LYF Ice Skate 2:00 PM Lutheran101	2 7:00 PM Bible Study	3	4 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Lenten Supper Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Lenten Service	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Lutheran101	9 7:00 PM Bible Study	10	11 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM Council Mtg.	12 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Dorcas	13	14
15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	16 7:00 PM Bible Study	17 6:00 PM LWML Zone Board Mtg. @ Emmanuel	18 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	19	20	21
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29 8:00 AM LYF Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship w/HOLY COMMUN-	30	31				

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Elders:

March 1: Lanie Miller
March 8 & 11: Wes Drost
March 15 & 18: Dave Woltman
March 22 & 25: Lyle Tegels
March 29: Lannie Miuller

Greeters:

Lannie & Judy Miller 8- Lance Peters
Roger & Rita Peters, 11, Don & Dee Cole
Minard Petersen 18: Karen Wetzstein
Larry & Barb Bundt 25: Jan Stock
Lori & Lyle Tegels

Acolytes

March 1 & 4: Mason Drost & Christian Reaman
March 8 & 11: Brayden Weber
March 15 & 18: Tawna Gross
March 22 & 25 Elizabeth & Kristen Drost
March 29: 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, Jenna Boeckman
Sunday School Superintendent: Tara Reaman & Jennifer Peterson

Submit articles to Londa by March 18 for the April Newsletter. office@lakeviewemmanuel.com