

EMMANUEL HERALD

Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:00 (Sept-May)

Divine Service: Sundays 10:00 am
Sundays 9:00 (Memorial Day
to Labor Day)



From the Pastor's Study

It's not unusual to hear someone say that a book changed their life, maybe you've said it yourself. *The Purpose Driven Life*, *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and countless others have shaped the thinking and behavior of the reader. I've been fascinated by a few books (*The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair), a few have challenged my thinking (*1984* by George Orwell), and a few I haven't been able to forget (*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne). I can't say though that any books have changed my life. I don't know why that is; maybe my life doesn't need to be changed (Ha!). We're all different, so a book that changes one person's life may have no effect whatsoever on another reader. The reason for this, other than that we're all different, is that books are written by people. Sure, some authors may be geniuses or experts in their field, but their words are just words; that's not true when it comes the Bible.

The Bible is like every other book because it was written by men, except it has one crucial difference. The Bible isn't comprised of the thoughts and words of the men who wrote it, rather it's comprised entirely of God's thoughts and words. Saint Peter explains, "**For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**" (2 Peter 1:21). Saint Paul explains, "**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work**" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Since the Bible was inspired by God (that's what "breathed out" means), it literally transforms you, taking you from death to life, from Hell to Heaven, from Sin to Forgiveness. It doesn't just change your life, it changes everything about you!

The fancy word for the power of God's Word to bring about change in us is "efficacy" (another *Trivial Pursuit* term). This means the Bible has divine power to bring people to faith and enable them to live Christian lives. Now, sadly it is true that some people refuse to hear God speaking and by doing so they resist the power of His Word. How this is done is beyond our understanding until we enter Heaven, and then it won't matter.

What matters most is that God's Word does what it says. When the Bible talks about forgiveness, it is giving you forgiveness. When it preaches about the way Christians are to live, it gives you the ability to do so. When it says it's the power of God for the salvation of the world, it gives you salvation. Again, how this works we don't know, but we don't need to understand it, we just need to believe it.

From Pastor's Study (con't)

The author of the book of Hebrews says, "**For the word of God is living and active**" (Hebrews 4:12). God's Word is never powerless or unable to do what God sends it to do, so look at it as the book that literally changes your life. Within the pages of God's Holy Bible, you will find comfort in your grief, peace in your hopelessness, strength for your weakness, and forgiveness for your sins. God has given us His Word for our use and benefit. While there are some confusing passages within it, God has clearly spoken what He wants us to know. He points us to our salvation in Christ, and then He brings us to faith so that we will receive that salvation.

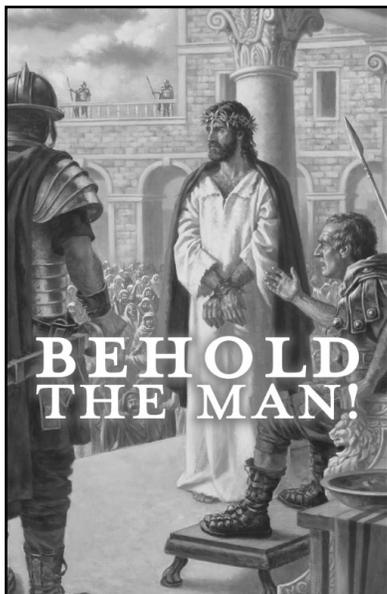
As we continue through the year, I pray that you'll read your Bible more than you already are, because God has given it to you. It's better than your favorite book and it can change you more than any other book ever will. God has breathed out His living Word for you and to you, read it and find that it changes your life.

In Christ, Pastor



Fish Fry & Game Night

Join us Sunday, March 24th at 5:00 for our Annual Fish Fry. Then stay to enjoy fellowship during Bingo, Cards, and other games of fun and laughter. Bring a White Elephant gift for a Bingo prize.



"Behold the man!"

Pilate's command to the crowd at Jesus' crucifixion speaks an incredible truth—Jesus was indeed man. More specifically, He was God and man, an eternal being inhabiting a human body.

Jesus had a body. He had a nose. Knees. Toes. Bones. Fingerprints. He hungered, prayed, and bled. He had a mother, He drank wine, He was baptized.

This Lenten season, behold the man—the man who suffered, died, and rose again. The man who lived a perfect life and defeated death. The man whose death led to your life.

Join us Wednesday nights at 6:00 for supper followed by service at 7:00.

March 6 (Ash Wednesday) —The God who Hungers

March 13 — A God Who Prays

March 20 — A God Beaten

March 27 — A God Exposed

April 3 — A God with a Mother

April 10 — A God Who Thirsts

April 18 (Maundy Thursday) — A God Who Loves

April 19 (Good Friday) — A God Who Bleeds, A God Who Dies

April 21 (Easter) — A God Who Rises

Mary & Martha— Met February 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Judy Kramer presented the opening devotion on God’s love, a constant Valentine to us. Mites were collected. Pastor led the topic from the Quarterly, “Lord, I Can’t Handle This!” on stress.

Roll call was answered by only 8 members, the fewest present ever (lots of sickness). There were a number of thank yous—Pastor for the Christmas gift, Board of Education for the soup, Ellie Menz for the money to furnish two \$300 tubs for fire victims and \$100 plus for the pastor’s family in Paradise, CA, and from our various Christmas charities. Treasurer Donna Smidt’s report shows \$297.61 in our working balance.

President Judy sent 9 Valentine cards to shut ins. She announced we will do Muffins and Mites the last Sunday in March. DOE’s will do a mite calendar for the entire congregation and both societies will make muffins and serve. Our Lenten supper will be a lasagna supper on Ash Wednesday. We will meet briefly after church February 24 to plan it.

Donna reported that Ellie Menz had called requesting help tying 50 quilts that a woman in Northwest Iowa has sewn. We agreed we could take 25. We will put out a plea to the congregation, the community, and the zone for help.

Our group decided to donate \$25 to show support for the housing grant the community is seeking. The new books for the year were passed. The Zone Rally will be April 30 at Sac City.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer and the table prayer and enjoyed treats served by the hostesses Judy Kramer and Carol Roth.

Daughters of Emmanuel— Meeting February 27, at 7:00 PM . Hostess is LuAnn Norris

LWML Mission Grants

This month we are featuring another mission project funded by the LWML: Mission Central. *In the middle of a cornfield in western Iowa, God is using ordinary people and an old set of farm buildings to accomplish his work.*

The Lord has provided this place for missionaries to stay when on home service, offices where some of the 98 volunteers work to support their missionaries, facilities for mission events and worship space for more than 300. A new addition in 2017 includes a creation theater.

Mission Central is the largest mission supporting agency as a part of LCMS World Mission global Gospel outreach. It has been blessed by God to be the conduit helping to raise millions of dollars every year to send and keep missionaries in the mission field.

Since 2003, Mission Central has had thousands of visits from LCMS missionaries and their families and tens of thousands of people from hundreds of congregations visit to tour, pray for and send these missionaries all over the world.

Again, we at Emmanuel are blessed to live within 30 miles of two of the largest mission projects of our synod.

This information is just a drop about Mission Central. You must plan a visit or go on line to get the whole story. And, finally, you know as you drop your mites in the “big mite box”, the wonderful things that are happening with your help.

God has indeed blessed this place to be a mission center, focusing on telling others about Jesus!

Photo courtesy Don Poggensee



Gary Thies left a successful banking career to found Mission Central, which is staffed by volunteers.

Church Council Minutes – February 13, 2019

Those present: Pastor Peterson, Jackie Wallace, Pat Smith, Lannie Miller, Jodi Pieken, Roger Pieken, Randy Drost, Lyle Tegels, Marlin Johnson, Dave Woltman, Wes Drost

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Wes called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Jan. meeting were emailed to all council members. Minutes were approved. The financial report for Jan. 2019 was given. Marlin made a motion, seconded by Randy to approve the financial reports. Motion passed.

Elder Report: Nothing to Report

Trustee Report: There are a couple lights that need to be replaced. One in the kitchen and one in the sanctuary.

Evangelism Report: The ice cream social was held the end of January with a light turn out which is probably due to the cold weather. Emmanuel is hosting the next Men's Fellowship breakfast on March 9th starting at 7:00 a.m. Possible menu will be biscuits and gravy and orange juice. All men are encouraged to attend. March 24th is the Fish Fry and Fun Night. 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Pastors Report: Visits: 7 shut in, 2 counseling. LYF and JIF are going bowling Wednesday, Feb. 20. The new Bible Study on the Bible started this past Sunday. Dave is looking into electronically locking the doors to the church. He will get pricing and report back to the council at the next meeting. We will be doing a new Church Photo Directory in September. Council discussed installing a chair lift. Council thinks this is a good idea, so pastor will contact someone for a quote. Wes agreed to vote and sign the paperwork for synodical president.

Old Business: Lannie purchased 6 smoke detectors for the church. Lannie and George Mohrhauser will put them up.

New Business: Council will be serving the Lenten meal on April 10th. The city Housing Committee is looking for donations to assist with the rehabilitation of houses in Lake View. The city has committed to \$10,000 and Region 12 will match funds. People who would like to rehabilitate their house will have to apply for this money. Dave motioned and Lannie seconded to donate \$300 to the Housing Committee. Motion passed. A CPR class is being held on March 5 @ 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Emmanuel and the cost is \$27.00 per person. It is open to anyone. Contact pastor to sign-up. Pastor passed out and the council reviewed the 2018 Annual Report.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Lannie and seconded by Roger to adjourn the meeting. Next council meeting will be March 13, 2019.

Submitted by Jodi Pieken, Council Secretary

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2018 will be expiring soon! If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to participate and direct Thrivent Choice dollars to Emmanuel and other LCMS organizations. Go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) before March 31 and say "Thrivent Choice."



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

Board of Education – February 10, 2019

The Board of Education met on Sunday, March 19th, following church in the Fellowship Hall. Chairwoman Jennifer Peterson called the meeting to order with Helga Gross, Rachel Hemer, Angelina Huegerich, Paula Addison, LuAnn Norris, and Pastor Peterson present.

Last month's minutes were read and approved.

Reports

Adult Education – Sunday morning class good attendance; Monday evening is having good attendance and good discussions with the Screwtape Letters

JIF – good attendance; going bowling February 20th with LYF

LYF – upcoming bowling with LYF

Cradle Roll- Jennifer is keeping on the current roll(s)

Confirmation – classes are going good, been catching up on lessons; good participation by the students; Helga has been quizzing students which has been helping the students tremendously

Old Business

SS Mailboxes –

Board of Ed has the 4th Sunday of the month

February – Jennifer & Helga (Lenten Activity/Offering Calendar)

March – Rachel

April – Paula

May – Helga (end of year item – VBS item)

Wrap Up: Christmas Program & Soup Dinner

Went good; Thank you to BOE members that were able to help with program and dinner

Program went smoothly; struggle with kids singing, CDs not working as well to help kids learn the music, will discuss other ways to get songs memorized

New Business

Sunday School Attendance

Teachers will be sending out follow up letters to those students/parents that did not attend Sunday School. These postcards and stamps will be in downstairs kitchen to assist the teachers getting these postcards out to students. Paula Addison discussed how these postcards would make it more personal coming from the student Sunday School teacher.

SS kinds singing

Will be processing in with Palms but not singing

Confirmation Reception – April 28th

1 chocolate and 1 vanilla, Kim Drost

Rachel will make punch (2 buckets)

Plates and napkins –Jennifer will check supply and add as needed

Flowers- Jennifer will check with Kim

Organize 6th & 7th graders to serve- Jennifer will be sending a letter home

Last Day of Sunday School – May 19st

Helga will update BOE on lesson at later meeting

Jen- juice boxes

Helga- cupcakes

Graduation Reception May 12th –

Jennifer will check with Kim and Brook

Cake- Jennifer and Helga

Plates & napkins- Jennifer will check graduation supply and add as needed
BOE members will serve

Palm Sunday & Easter

Helga discussed the 7 stations that would be set up, these stations would be engaging to the young and older members.

BOE members able to assist with setting up on April 10th

Vacation Bible School – Space Theme – June 10th-14th 9am-11:30am

Director – Helga

Lessons – Pastor

June 9th after church BOE members assist with set up for VBS

Crafts – many ideas were discussed (sun catcher, moon rocks, painting cross on canvas, etc)

Games –

Snacks – Jen is working on ideas

Music- Helga

Volunteers –will put out a sign-up sheet as date approaches

Respectfully submitted, Angelina Huegerich

Stewardship Minute for March

A young girl was dying. Her only hope lay in a complete blood transfusion, but she had a very rare blood type. Only her brother, even younger than she, had the same type blood. His parents and doctors explained the situation to him, giving him time to ask questions. He agreed and, without delay, he was laid on a bed, the needle was pushed into his tiny vein, and slowly his blood seeped from his small body into the bag hanging from his bed. He lay quietly as the nurse stood next to him, ready to attend to any need he might have. “How do you feel?” she asked. “Ok,” he answered, “but, Nurse, when do I die?”

What love this little boy had for his sister. What must he have thought when his own parents seemingly agreed, even asked him to sacrifice his life to save his sister’s?

The boys’ love for his sister can help us see how much Jesus loves us. Jesus suffered abuse, torture, persecution, and death for all of us. “*Greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends*” (John 15:13). He demonstrated His tremendous love not because of our worthiness, but because He is a God of tremendous love. Jesus’ love for His heavenly Father and for us changed the world. Through His death and resurrection from that death, we through faith have received the forgiveness of our sins and life eternal. God’s love to us in Christ is that power that enables us to love Him. “*We love because He first loved us*” (1 John 4:19).

The love of Jesus empowers us to be His stewards. Because of Jesus’ love, we change from people giving to a need to people responding out of love. Certainly, we give to needs such as our church budget, Christian causes, and people, but our primary reason for giving is out of love and commitment to Jesus. When needs arise, Jesus opens our eyes and hearts so we can respond to those needs. However, our primary reason for giving is a desire to express our gratitude and thanksgiving for our Lord and the love that He shows us every day. Because our love for Jesus is our motivation for giving, our giving becomes joyful. Love changes our giving from an obligation to a privilege.

We live in difficult and changing times. How wonderful it is that, as Christians, we know that there is the certainty that Jesus always reaches out to us and loves us. May our lives and our giving genuinely reflect His love for us.

Birthdays

Name	Date
Duane Petersen	March 2
Beth Hatch	March 3
Dianne Barry	March 4
Lori Tegels Mallory Williams	March 5
Laryn Sharp	March 6
Mollie Scott	March 7
JoDee Sharp	March 10
Christian Reaman John Bogue	March 11
Charles Bohm Waunita Tegels	March 12
Carter Huegerich	March 13
Kiersten Carroll Vanessa Swenson	March 14
Jesse Werkmeister	March 15
Gina Schlepp Emmett Hemer	March 17
Myrna Kruse Travis Roth	March 18
Byron Goslar	March 20
Julia Reaman	March 22
Stuart Bohm Jean Mohrhauser Ryan Barry	March 23
Barb Bundt	March 24
Joan Vohs	March 25
Jennifer Peterson	March 27
Jon Reaman	March 31

Anniversaries

Reggy & Faye Rohrbeck	March 13 (43 years)
Craig & Jackie Wallace	March 14 (38 years)
Gary & Myrna Kruse	March 15 (43 years)
Jon & Brigit Frank	March 28 (10 years)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office so our records can be updated.

Serving in God's House

Elders:

March 3: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151
March 10: Dave Woltman (712) 660-3532
March 17: Lannie Miller (712) 661-9216
March 24: Craig Wallace (606) 584-3321
March 31: Lyle Tegels (712) 830-7151

Greeters:

March 3: Ron & Joyce Bettin
March 6: Pat Smith
March 10: Bob & Waunita Tegels
March 13: Brigit Frank
March 17: Reggie & Faye Rohrbeck
March 20: Ivadel3 Huisenga
March 24: Tom & Julie Reaman
March 27: Jennifer Peterson
March 31: Lannie & Judy Miller

Acolytes:

March 3 & 6: Brody Boeckman
March 10 & 13: Brylea Wessels & Lily Peters
March 17 & 20: Greeley Schlepp
March 24 & 27: James Stock & Landon Graff
March 31 & April 1: Kiersten Carroll

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March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service	4 7:00 PM Bible Study	5 6:00-8:30 PM CPR Class	6 4:00 PM Confirm 6:00 PM Lenten Meal—Lasagna 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	7	8	9 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Emmanuel
10 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service	11 7:00 PM Bible Study	12 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting	13 4:00 PM Confirm 6:00 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Lenten Ser- vice 7:45 PM Council	14 1:30 PM Mary & Martha	15	16
17 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service	18 7:00 PM Bible Study	19 3:00 PM Serve at BHLCC—Joyce Bertin & Pat Smith	20 4:00 PM Confirm 6:00 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Lenten Ser- vice 7:45 PM LYF	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00 Divine Service 11:00 LWML Muffins 5:00 PM Fish Fry & Fun Night	25 7:00 PM Bible Study	26	27 4:00 PM Confirm 6:00 PM Lenten Meal DOE"s 7:00 PM Lenten Ser- vice	28	29	30
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