



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Bishop Hultstrand Celebrates 30 years as a Bishop.

Donald Maynard Hultstrand was elected bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, while he was living in Greeley, Colorado, and consecrated in Springfield February 6, 1982.



Don graduated from Macalester College and Bexley Hall Seminary. He holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from Nashotah House and Bexley Hall.

Don served as rector at Worthington, Wabasha, and at St. Paul's Duluth, Minnesota; Ohio Pennsylvania, Missouri and Colorado. He was Executive Director of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and President of the Living Church.

He is the author of the following books:

- God Shall Wipe Away All Tears
- Revelations of Effective Prayer
- Life in the Spirit
- Holy Living Today
- The Praying Church



Don retired September 1, 1991, and is serving as Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina., and is also Bishop in Residence at Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville, South Carolina.

We at Emmanuel are so fortunate to have this remarkable man, and his amazing wife Ann, as summer residents and members.

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Karen Reicks	Sr. Warden ('14)
Bob Baas	Jr. Warden ('14)
Edith Kelly	Clerk ('13)
Wendy Zander	Treasurer ('13)
Sheila Stanton	('15)
Tim Johnson	('14)
Wendy Zander	('14)
Edith Kelly	('13)
Betty Wolf	('15)
Mark Reicks	('13)
Bob Baas	('15)

Delegates to Region and Convention:

Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon
Laird Barber
Mary Sinning, Edith Kelly.

**Senior Warden's Report from
Karen Reicks**

On February 19, we voted on whether or not to continue with the process of **Total Ministry**. The vote was: 15 yes; 7 no; and 2 abstained. We will now begin the next steps in Total Ministry.

I would also like to assure our members who voted to keep things the way they are, that things are going to be the way they are for a long time to come.

Our next step will be learning more about each of the positions involved. Within the next couple of weeks, we will be emailing or posting material to everyone. If possible, please read the materials when you receive them. If you have any questions, you can let me know; and I will put them on a list of questions to ask Rev. Sandi Holmberg.

Sandi will be assisting us with this process. She will be coming to Emmanuel to answer questions on a Sunday in either late April or early May. This will give all of us time to read, consider, and think of questions.



Just a reminder: we will once again be doing our "Soup and Salad" meal on Tuesday, May 8. We are looking for a co-chair and people who are willing to work -- advertising, tickets, setting-up, planning food, etc.



The 2012 Church Directory has just been finished. You will be able to pick up your copy at church. If you have not been able to pick up your copy by mid-April, a copy will be mailed to you.

**Just what do we do at Bible study?
Laird Barber**

The Bible Study Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall and lasts until 9:50 or 9:55 a.m. We try to cover a short stretch of scripture—usually about five chapters of a given biblical book.

So far we have discussed Ezra-Nehemiah, Isaiah, Job, and we are now working on Jeremiah.

Proceedings are informal: people ask questions, make observations, and raise issues for further discussion. We deal with a book's author or authors, their lives and times, and what their concern or concerns appear to be. We compare translations of particular passages, we think about geography, theology, moral values, politics, history and buildings.

No topic is off limits; no certainties are sought.

**The 40 days of Lent
Laird Barber**

The number 40 is read to indicate extended periods of time—in days, months or years. For example:

Yahweh sends rain for forty days and forty nights and thus causes the great flood (Gen. 7:4); Moses stays on Mount Sinai with Yahweh forty days and forty nights and writes down the ten commandments and other instructions (Ex. 34:28); when Eli dies, we learn that he had judged Israel for forty years (1 Sam. 4:18); Psalm 95:10 tells us that the Lord, in his anger, kept Israel in the wilderness for forty years; the Spirit sends Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan for forty days (Mark 1:12-13); and finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples and others for a period of forty days (Acts: 1-3).

Mission Project 2012 is underway!

Faith communities across the Episcopal Church of Minnesota are working together with Episcopal Community Services to help alleviate poverty in Minnesota. Get involved now:

- Building houses: Sign-up to volunteer or make a donation to help build two single-family homes, one in Brooklyn Park and a second in White Earth.
- Collecting accessories: Collect new and gently-used accessories for the Ready for Success program.
- March 14: A Night Without Hunger: Serve a meal at your faith community, volunteer at a feeding program, collect food shelf donations.

Check out the basket in the narthex for your donations of accessories and toiletries.

3/14/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>JoEllen Doebbert</i>
Lector 2	<i>Belvin Doebbert</i>
Altar/ Intercessor	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Usher	<i>Bob Baas</i>
Coffee	<i>Lana & Mike Ennis</i>
3/11/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Linnae Hegg</i>
Organist	<i>Diane Alveshere</i>
Lector 1	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Lector 2	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Altar/ Intercessor	<i>Mary Sinning</i>
Usher	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Coffee	<i>Tim Johnson/Chris Mattson</i>
3/18/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Prebble</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>JoEllen Doebbert</i>
Lector 2	<i>Wendy Zander</i>
Altar/ Intercessor	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Usher	<i>Bob Baas</i>
Coffee	<i>Doebberts</i>
3/25/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Glenn Derby</i>
Organist	<i>Nancy Anderson</i>
Lector 1	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Lector 2	<i>Laird Barber</i>
Altar/ Intercessor	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Usher	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Coffee	<i>Bette Wolf</i>



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Important Dates

March 11 – Daylight Saving Time begins
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
March 21 – Vestry Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

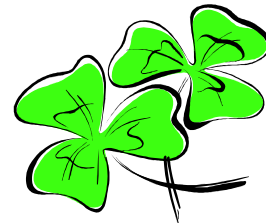
Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00 p.m.
Service of Compline and Evening Prayer.

Birthdays

Karen Runge
Bette Wolf
Summer Jeffrey
Jerry VanKempen

Anniversaries

Bill & Josie Heegaard – 3/18



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bishop Brian Prior-all clergy serving Emmanuel-Karen-John & Cleone Sherman-Riley-Al-Doug & Buzzi Rollins-Ted Hill-Mark and Bill-Donna's brother Ken-military personnel wherever stationed, especially Summer & Andy-Bob Baas family-Neal-Bill and Josie Heegaard-Mike and Lana E.-Pat & Bill Weinmann- Peace in Jerusalem- Pray for the future of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion-The Transitional Housing & Food Shelf-Our friends in Rwanda.

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Return Service Requested

Schedule for Easter Services

Wednesday April 4, 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Rev. Tom Sinning

Thursday April 5, Maundy Thursday – 6:00 p.m. - Agape Supper -
Communion - Rev. Linnae Hegg

This will be in the basement with a simple meal.

Friday April 6, Good Friday Noon Service - Rev. Linnae Hegg

Sunday April 8, Easter – 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Linnae Hegg