



EMMANUEL NEWS

July, 2012

Total Ministry

For the past several weeks during coffee hour, we have been discussing the possible roles that we should try to implement at Emmanuel. You have received a summary of the roles and a ballot to indicate which roles you feel that Emmanuel needs. The roles have also been explained in the July edition of the Newsletter.

The Diocese has listed a number of roles that can be a part of Total Ministry. The six roles that the Diocese considers most important are: Evangelist, Catechist, Priest, Deacon, Administrator, and Pastoral Care Minister. We will need to try to fill these roles as listed by the Diocese; we should not altar or combine them. Remember, however, that we may not be able to fill all six roles because we are a small church. That is OK.

One role that has concerned people is the role of Priest. I have talked to a number of parishioners about this, and most of the people I have talked to have indicated that they would like to continue as we are currently doing: use our regular Service Priests for services. If someone is interested in training for the role of priest, we could also combine Service Priests with our own Total Ministry priest. It does not have to be all or nothing.

There are a number of other roles that we can combine or adjust. These are: Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Christian Education Coordinator, Youth Leader/Advisor, Young Adult Ministry Leader, Intercessor, Liturgist, Stewardship Coordinator, Musician, and Parish Life Minister.

The vestry would like everyone to express an opinion on which of the second set of roles we should combine or adjust and/or which roles we should try to fill as listed. For example, I feel that the roles of Liturgist and Musician could be combined and called "Liturgist-Musician". I think that the roles of Christian Education Coordinator, Youth Leader/Advisor, and Young Adult Ministry Leader could be combined and possibly called "Child, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry Leader". I also would combine the roles of Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor. These combinations are just my opinion. We are seeking the opinion of everyone in the parish.

I will be emailing/snail mailing the list of roles and the ballot to

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Wendy Zander	Treasurer ('13)
Sheila Stanton	('15)
Tim Johnson	('14)
Wendy Zander	('14)
Edith Kelly	('13)
Betty Wolf	('15)
Mark Reicks	('13)

Delegates to Region and Convention:

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

members of the congregation. Please consider which of the second set of roles you feel are most important and if you would like to combine roles.

I would like to receive your opinions by the end of August so that we can compile a list of suggested roles for Emmanuel. On September 9, Rev. Dana Emery will be with us, and can answer any questions we may have. Sometime after that we will have a secret ballot to list people we would like to fill these roles.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Karen Reicks, Sr. Warden



Musical Notes

At our annual meeting last January, we approved a budget which included a line item for "special music." This allowed us to pay a small stipend to some very talented people to add to our worship service.

We began the year with Connor Doebbert doing "A time for all seasons" from Ecclesiastes with a musical accompaniment. During Lent, Nancy Anderson sang a beautiful solo, and Connor sang again during Easter.



Our summer season started in June when Connor sang "I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry" accompanying himself on the guitar for the baptism of John Hull and Madeleine Stanton-Geddes. What made it so exceptional is that Connor had to teach himself two chords that he had not played before. It was so beautiful.

In July we were treated to a beautiful solo by our newest member, Lecia Spellman Baas,

with her wonderful alto voice. What fun we had also with Connor leading the congregation in "How Great Thou Art." What a talented young man he is. At that same service, returning school girls, Jayne and Mary Beth Haglin again gifted us with their voices, and playing the cello and violin.



On August 5th, Jayne and Mary Beth will be back before Mary Beth goes to Spain for a semester of study. Lecia will do another solo on the 12th. At our annual service at St. Paul's in Glenwood, Mikko Cowdry will sing "Amazing Grace."

During the service at St. Paul's, we will be singing some of the old familiar hymns as well: "Fairest Lord Jesus", which I learned in the Lutheran church as "Beautiful Savior." We'll also sing "Abide With Me, and Rock of Ages."

Be sure to attend our service at St. Paul's, located on the Pope Co. Museum grounds, followed by our

Annual Parish Picnic

August 26th

at the Chalet in the park behind the museum. The church provides brats, hot dogs, buns, coffee, and lemonade. Everyone brings a dish to share.



Photo taken last year. We ended up with a full house!

On June 10th, Charles Preble celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination at Emmanuel. Here is his biography, which is remarkable by his connections to parishioners at Emmanuel.

I was born in 1936 and raised in California. In the fourth grade friends invited me to the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana (where Wendy Zander would later become parish treasurer.). I think I knew I had found the right church. I loved the deep spirit revealed in the beauty of quiet prayer, the light filling the sanctuary through the stained glass windows, red carpet, rich woodwork, beautiful music. It was my first sense of the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty. As time went on I found that religion was not about who is saved and who is damned, but more about loving justice and walking humbly with God. It was a church that included all persons. It was also a church where the intellect was respected and questioning and doubt were a part of spiritual growth.



Charles celebrating June 10th.

At UCLA and UC Riverside I majored in philosophy and came to the realization that I wanted to be ordained. With the Bishop and Standing Committee's approval I went off to seminary in Berkeley at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, followed by two years of advanced study at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

In 1962 the Bishop of Iowa called me to become Chaplain to Episcopal Students, and Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Grinnell, where I met Jana Marie Bollman, my future bride and the love of my life. Jana was a graduating Senior We were married the following June at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sioux City. It was at St. Paul's where I met Laird Barber who taught English at the College. During this time Jana who had majored in English and Journalism, taught English in High School, succeeding Dorothy Barber when Laird and Dorothy moved to the University of Minnesota, Morris. In 1965 I was called to be Associate Rector of St. Michael's Church, Manhattan, NYC. There my responsibilities included establishing St. Michael's Montessori School as well as a full range of pastoral responsibilities. It was there that our first daughter, Margaret, was born.



Charles & Jana at their wedding in 1963.

A few years later the Bishop of Utah called us to move to the Salt Lake Valley to be Vicar of two congregations. The Diocese of Utah was small and the church family was very close. There we met our good friends, former Suffragan Bishop of Minnesota, Sandy and Mari Hampton and eventually Bishop Bob Anderson (Minnesota) who at the time was Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City. At this time Jana was co-editor of the Utah Churchman. In Salt Lake our other daughter, Katherine, was born. After seven years in Utah I received a call to be Rector of St. Stephen's, Reno, Nevada where we stayed for thirteen years.

During this time Jana continued writing and editing for the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada as well as for the Episcopal Province of the Pacific. During the years in Utah and even more so in

Nevada, Jana was sought after as a spiritual guide and spiritual director, leading retreats and quiet days. Eventually she received a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University. Even though she had not majored in religion during her undergraduate life, the director of the program realized she was ready. She was also the first non Roman Catholic and first lay person to be admitted to the Creighton graduate program in Christian Spirituality. Her work as in spiritual guidance led Jana to eventually receive another Master's Degree and her Doctorate in Counseling Psychology.

In 1986 we moved to St. Joseph, MN. We are often asked "Why Minnesota?" Years before we had fallen in love with Minnesota when Jana's parents bought a cabin on Lake Vermilion. We vacationed in Minnesota from 1965. Jana had been invited to accept a faculty position at St. Cloud State University and I was called to be Interim Rector in St. Cloud from '86 to '88. I then became Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Little Falls, where I remained Rector for ten years until my retirement in 1998. Jana became a tenured professor in Counseling Psychology at St. Cloud State University, then chair of her department for eight years until her retirement five years ago. During those years she periodically taught courses in Christian Spirituality at the School of Theology at St. John's University. Jana continues her long time vocation as a spiritual director for Monks, Sisters and Lay folk.

Parallel to this work as Rector, I was an artisan in wood, featured in national and state magazines, as well as winning awards. One of my original designs, a chair, is in the permanent collection of the Minnesota State Historical Society. I also designed a rocker given to Kirby Puckett at his retirement by the Minnesota Twins. I retired from professional woodworking a few years ago, and now pursue my passion for poetry which I discovered in 2009 at the Loft Literary Center.

We are fortunate to have both daughters living in Minnesota, and delight in our two grand daughters. We have lived in an old farmhouse at the end of a township road outside of St. Joseph for twenty-six years. I celebrated my 50th year of ordained life this year. We enjoy being a part of Emmanuel Church in Alexandria.

Charles' first book of poetry is being published this fall.

Save the Date: October 7th, 2012
For the celebration of the 25th anniversary
Of the ordination of
Tom Sinning, Deacon
(Dig out your Minnesota Twins T-shirts and homer hankies!)

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August, 2012

8/5/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Lector 2	<i>Mark Reicks</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Usher	<i>Bob & Lecia Baas</i>
Coffee	<i>Karen & Mark Reicks</i>
8/12/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Lori Krueger</i>
Lector 1	<i>JoEllen Doebbert</i>
Lector 2	<i>Belvin Doebbert</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Mary Sinning</i>
Usher	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Coffee	<i>Sandy & Tarz Embry</i>
8/19/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Glenn Derby</i>
Organist	<i>Virginia Hegre</i>
Lector 1	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Lector 2	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Usher	<i>Donna Zeigelman</i>
Coffee	<i>Mary Ann Maameri</i>
8/26/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Linnea Hegg</i>
Organist	<i>Nancy Anderson</i>
Lector 1	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Lector 2	<i>Laird Barber</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Usher	<i>Doebberts</i>
Coffee	<i>Glenwood Picnic</i>

Important Dates

8/15 Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
8/26 Service at St. Paul's Church, Glenwood followed by Parish Picnic.

Birthdays

Pat Weineman
Jason Sinning
Caitlyn Parsons
Tarz Embry
Wendy Zander



Anniversaries

Tom & Mary Sinning
Josh & Rachael Sinning

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bishop Brian Prior—all clergy serving Emmanuel—John & Cleone Sherman—Riley—Al—Doug & Buzzi Rollins—Sally—Bill—Donna's brother Ken—Keith—military personnel wherever stationed, especially Summer & Andy—Bill and Josie Heegaard—Mike and Lana Ennis—Pat & Bill Weinmann—Peace in the World—Pray for the future of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion—The Transitional Housing & Food Shelf—Our friends in Rwanda.





Starring Connor Doebbert as the genie!



Connor in rehearsal as the Geni!

If you didn't get to see the previews at "Art in the Park" last weekend, don't miss this production.

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