



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Total Ministry Roles

Karen Reicks, Sr. Warden

The Total Ministry Nomination Forms were handed out on September 16th and 23rd. Forms were also mailed to anyone who was not in church on those dates. The forms were to have been returned by **October 20**. I have to say I am disappointed because only 13 people have returned their forms. In spite of the poor response, we will be continuing with the next step. If you have not returned your form but would still like to do so, please call Karen at 320-808-6484.

Our next step is for the local committee to sit down and evaluate the forms. Then the Diocesan committee will be consulted. After that, the committee will visit with the people who were nominated. The nominees will have time to decide if they feel called to train for a Total Ministry position or if they prefer not to take part at this time. The local committee consists of Father Charles Preble, Bill & Josie Heegaard, and Karen Reicks.

Somewhere in this part of the process, Emmanuel will select a mentor to assist us as we travel along the Total Ministry path.

Initially we had hoped to be finished with selecting the people to train for the TM roles by mid-November. But because the nomination forms were delayed in being submitted, it may be early to mid-December before the selection process is completed.

There are several training curriculums that we can select from. With the help of the Diocese and our mentor, we will select the program that we will use in training for Total Ministry.

The actual training for Total Ministry should start in mid to late January.



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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.

Great Thanksgiving Feast-Wednesday, November 14th

Don't forget this famous annual event. This year we are having the turkeys catered: cooked, sliced and delivered with gravy. The following people have signed up for:

Mashed Potatoes: Edith Kelly
Stuffing: Wendy Zander and Nancy Johnson
Cranberry Sauce: Bill & Josie Heegaard
Relish Tray: Don Krueger & Laird Barber
Salads: Bette Wolf
Pies-Pumpkin: Nancy Anderson



We still need more pies, other deserts, cooked vegetables, sweet potatoes and buns. The sign up sheet will be in the parish hall on Sundays, Nov. 4 and 11.

Linnae Hegg will be conducting our worship service with Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

Church School at Emmanuel

At their meeting in October, the vestry voted to proceed with establishing a Sunday School, with a generous grant from Tom and Mary Sinning. It was felt that this was one way to help grow our parish. A group of us met on Oct 21st to discuss hiring a director/teacher, finding a space, and work on a curriculum.

Karen Reicks and Mary Sinning agreed to re-do the present room used for confirmation training. We had several ideas of people to contact for a director/teacher, and Verlie Botz Sinning volunteered to prayerfully consider this position.

Several curriculums were discussed; one used by JoEllen Doebbert and one used by Karen Reicks. There was also a curriculum recommended by Sandi Holmberg at the diocese. The fourth option is Godly Play, which Sheila Stanton began to explore several years ago. Sheila has been an educator all of her professional life, and is committed to a children's program at Emmanuel. Fr. Preble also recommended Godly Play which has been in use for several years at St. John's, St. Cloud.

After two days researching various curriculums and putting together sample lesson plans, these were sent to Sheila for her to review. Her report: "those materials you sent me were not that desirable...I found them really cluttered...way too much stuff. From my perspective a mediocre Godly Play beats that stuff easy."

Therefore, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, Verlie, Wendy, Nancy, and Karen will attend a Godly Play session at St. John's.

Godly Play is a "way of religious education," written by Jerome W. Berryman, an Episcopal Priest, among other things. It is conducted through sacred stories, parables, and liturgical actions. This is something we will be exploring.

Hopefully, we will begin with the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd. We will need additional support from the congregation, as there must be two people in attendance, so please keep this prayerfully in mind.

An Advent Message

Dear Friends,

Every once in a while I find that my computer has me stymied. It just doesn't do what it should be doing and what I want it to do. It seems no matter what I try I end up exasperated with myself and frustrated with the computer. I can spend minutes and hours getting nowhere fast. What is wrong? I lean back in my chair, take a few deep breaths. Then it comes to me: reset. Evidently something has become jumbled in the computer. The program needs to be restarted. So I press restart and most times all begins to work properly.

As human beings we try to keep busy. Somehow we are driven and we don't know how to stop. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just take a break for a while. We might take the phone off the hook, turn off the TV, shut down the computer and cell phone. It is easier said than done because we've tied up our lives to such things. When we stop we may rest and then restart with a clearer focus.

Advent gives us such a time to reset and restart. Officially Advent begins four Sundays from Christmas and ends with the celebration of our Lord's birth. The word Advent means "coming". It is the church season in which we focus on Christ's two great comings: first as the child born to Mary and Joseph but also, and equally important, the time when we focus on Christ's second coming. It is a time where we, as a church, as the faith community of Emmanuel, begin anew the Christian story and our own story.

Having said that, Advent is very rich, and is more than we do at church or on Sundays alone. Like many good things the more we get into it, the more we shall derive from it. Here is a suggestion: begin early. Although the official date to begin Advent this year is December 2nd, you might consider beginning it now as a personal time of renewal. The Bible readings which are used now begin to look forward to what Advent is all about. Each Sunday and each weekday the readings begin to focus on the Advent theme of "The last days:" the time when Christ will return. In the church narthex are copies of "Forward Day by Day" which will list the daily readings as well as the Sunday readings plus a little "meditation" on that day.

Choose a time and place each day when you can begin the daily process of restarting and resetting and being quiet and let God speak to you personally. As you do this I wouldn't be surprised that your perspective changes, and, for sure, you will bring more to your celebration of Advent for yourself and for our faith community. You will find that in the frenzy of the "Christmas season" you know more surely what you are about. Then, maybe, you may bring the true peace of the season with you to give to others.

Blessed Advent!

Charles Preble

The first Sunday in Advent this year is Dec. 2.



The Tract Rack...

It's not just for newcomers!

Tim Johnson has been hard at work finding new tracts for us. He has come up with some wonderful new ones you will be seeing on Sunday, December 2, the beginning of advent.

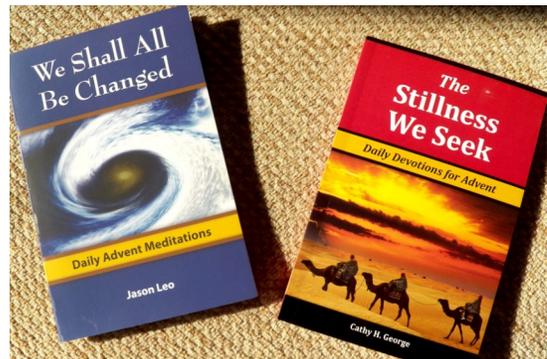
What are tracts?

“As religious literature, tracts were used throughout the turbulence of the Protestant Reformation and the various upheavals of the 17th century. They came to such prominence again in the Oxford Movement for reform within the Church of England, after the publication in the 1830s and 1840s of a series of religious essays collectively called Tracts for the Times.



These tracts were written by a group of Anglican clergy including John Henry, John Keble, Henry Edward Manning, and Edward Pusey. They were theological discourses that sought to establish the continuity between the Church of England and the patristic period of church history. They had a vast influence on Anglo-Catholicism. They were learned works and varied in length from four to over 400 pages.” (Source: Wikipedia)

These short discourses are full of information and advice. Tim has also selected a couple of daily devotional booklets. While we have our Forward Day by Day, these are specific to Advent. One is written by Jason Leo, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. The other is by Cathy H. George, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dorchester, Massachusetts.



Be sure to check these out beginning December 2nd.

Don't forget the Great Thanksgiving Feast: Wednesday, November 14th!



More pictures from Tom Sinning's 25th Anniversary of Ordination



Thank you, Edith Kelly for these great shots.



Lectionary Readings for November:

November 4, All Saints Day

[Ruth 1:1-18](#)
[Psalm 146](#)
[Hebrews 9:11-14](#)
[Mark 12:28-34](#)

November 11, Pentecost 24

[Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17](#)
[Psalm 127](#)
[Hebrews 9:24-28](#)
[Mark 12:38-44](#)

November 14, Thanksgiving

[Joel 2:21-27](#)
[Psalm 126](#)
[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)
[Matthew 6:25-33](#)

November 18, Pentecost 25

[1 Samuel 1:4-20](#)
[1 Samuel 2:1-10](#)
[Hebrews 10:11-14 \(15-18\) 19-25](#)
[Mark 13:1-8](#)

November 25, Last Sunday of Pentecost
Christ the King

[2 Samuel 23:1-7](#)
[Psalm 132:1-13, \(14-19\)](#)
[Revelation 1:4b-8](#)
[John 18:33-37](#)

Christ the King is a title of Jesus based on several passages of Scripture. It is used by most Christians. The Roman Catholic Church, together with many Protestant denominations, including the Anglicans, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Methodists, celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (before a new year begins with the first Sunday of Advent, the earliest date of which is 27 November). The Feast of Christ the King is thus on the Sunday that falls between 20 and 26 November, inclusive. (Source: Wikipedia.)

Christ the King (History)

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32).
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31).
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33).

Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*. Jesus said: You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45, NAB). *Written by David Bennett.*

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11/4/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Lector 2	<i>Laird Barber</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Usher	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Coffee	<i>Doebbert's</i>
11/11/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Glenn Derby</i>
Organist	<i>Diane Alveshere</i>
Lector 1	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Lector 2	<i>Mark Reicks</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Mary Sinning</i>
Usher	<i>Reicks'</i>
Coffee	<i>Tim Johnson/Chris Mattson</i>
11/18/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Charles Preble</i>
Organist	<i>Margaret Kalina</i>
Lector 1	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Lector 2	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Karen Reicks</i>
Usher	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Coffee	<i>Bette Wolf</i>
11/25/2012	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	<i>Rev. Glenn Derby</i>
Organist	<i>Nancy Anderson</i>
Lector 1	<i>JoEllen Doebbert</i>
Lector 2	<i>Belvin Doebbert</i>
Altar/Intercsr	<i>Edith Kelly</i>
Usher	<i>Doebberts'</i>
Coffee	<i>Nancy Anderson</i>

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Important Dates

11/14 Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. followed by
the Great Thanksgiving Feast
11/15 Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Gordon Zeigelman
John Sherman
Mary Sinning
Bill Weinman



Anniversaries

Belvin & JoEllen Doebbert
David & Nancy Anderson

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bishop Brian Prior—all clergy serving Emmanuel—DeAnn Runge—Edith Kelly—John & Cleone Sherman—Riley—Al—Doug & Buzzi Rolins—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.



11/14/2012 Great Thanksgiving Feast Holy Eucharist

Celebrant *Rev. Linnea Hegg*
Organist *Nancy Anderson*

Great Thanksgiving Feast
Wednesday,
November 14th



There will be Holy Eucharist starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by our famous Thanksgiving Feast. This is a wonderful event to invite family and friends. If you will be inviting several people, please let Edith Kelly know so that we can plan accordingly.

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