



EMMANUEL NEWS

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An Easter Message

Rev. Glenn Derby

Although I have always wanted to be an accomplished writer, I am not. I still believe there is a paragraph, a chapter, a journal, or a book waiting to burst out of me. So each year I start with a resolution to write a few sentences a day. I now have two or three decades of beautiful journals, some leather, all beginning with the sentence, "It's New Years Day! I will write each day!" The next entry is usually in May. But here I am writing! I much prefer telling a story aloud, then scripting it.

This is only the second week of Lent, and yet I am already looking forward to saying and singing, "Alleluia". Our Episcopal Church seasons provide us with the opportunity to become immersed in the liturgy and the readings for a penitential experience. We participate in this year after year, even though we know the ending. It's very similar to seeing a movie multiple times, always knowing the outcome. If it is a good movie, we come away from it with something different each time, just as we do when we hear the story from the different perspectives of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on a three year cycle.

I am always very perplexed as to how to celebrate the blessings of each moment during Lent. This is the paradox; having to live in the world, and yet not of this world. We are asked not to walk around showing our penitence, yet we leave church with an ash cross on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. We are asked when we pray to go into a closet, yet we pray loudly in church (sometimes :-).)We are asked to proclaim Jesus as Lord, yet most of us think it or whisper it. So, just how do we show our love of Jesus and His love of us to others? I usually look to Paul's list of the gifts of the Spirit: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL. " If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." Galatians 5:22...)

Everyone exhibits these gifts in a different way. Sometimes one gift is more evident than another, but together we exhibit what it means to be a Christian. It's not easy, but totally rewarding for us and our family of God.

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Betty Wolf	('15)

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Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon
Laird Barber
Alternate: Mary Sinning

We receive the sign of the Cross on our forehead at Baptism. That Cross is retraced throughout our life, with the oil of Chrism, the oil of Confirmation, the oil of Unction, and the ashes on Ash Wednesday. All except the ashes are not visible to others. But we know in our hearts that the sign of the Cross is present.

Finally a story--A first time mother and father chose the day of their baby's Baptism to be on the day of the parish picnic. Everyone was so excited, and the church was full. The Priest made a wide sign of the Cross with the Chrism oil. After the service, all went outside to celebrate the Baptism and share in wonderful food. Joyful conversation filled the churchyard. With a gasp, the new mom realized she had left the baby in the stroller, not in the shade but in the sun. All was fine, except the next morning the baby had a very sunburned Cross on his forehead. (Oh, how this story would be better if I included it in a sermon!)

We usually wipe the ashes on Ash Wednesday from our forehead or they wear off before the next morning. I suspect, however, that his mother spent quite a long time explaining the sunburned cross on the baby's forehead.

I wonder how we, the Baptized, would live if the Cross were burned on our foreheads, for all to see. I would hope proclaiming that Jesus is Lord, and living our lives in the fruits of the Spirit.

HE IS RISEN!! What would our life be, if the Cross were visible.....



Senior Warden Report - March 2013

Winter weather has forced delay in our journey towards Total Ministry. Rev. Sandi Holmberg was scheduled to be here on Sunday, February 10; but bad weather caused her to cancel. We have rescheduled her visit for Sunday, April 7 (weather permitting, of course). She will meet with the candidates for roles in Total Ministry to explain in detail exactly what training is involved and the time commitment that will be necessary.

We are looking for help for the Soup & Salad Supper scheduled for Tuesday, May 14. We need a general chairperson, someone to be in charge of advertising and tickets, and someone to be in charge of scheduling workers. If you are willing to take on any of these important rolls, please let me know.

Karen



Easter flower donations are now being accepted. There are envelopes in the narthex for your convenience. If you would like to make a donation, but are not in the area, you can use this form:

In Thanksgiving of / In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Emmanuel's Organ

On January 4th, Nancy Anderson, one of our fabulous organists, and Wendy Zander met with Allen Moe of Moe Pipe Organ Company. He presented us with a proposal to repair the organ and get it working properly. At our annual meeting in January we gave the parishioners the following summary of Allen's proposal to update the organ:

1. There are 2 keyboards on the organ, however they use the same pipes, so they sound pretty much the same.
2. The way the organ was designed, there are loud sounds and soft sounds, but not much in the middle. At the time when this instrument was built, it was popular to build organs with a "bright" sound. This causes many to feel that the organ is too loud. It is more of a sound quality issue rather than a volume issue.
3. The organ has a swell pedal, but it is not connected to anything. The term "swell" is the name for the upper keyboard. The swell pedal is used to open and close shutters on a chamber which contains the pipes for this keyboard and therefore allows the organist to control the volume of these pipes. This may have been left incomplete due to each of the two keyboards using the same pipes, the lack of funds to complete a chamber, or both.



There are two ways to get the organ working properly:

- a. Add new pipes, which would require more construction including a chamber with shutters to enclose the pipes, and cost between \$120,000-\$180,000.
- b.
 1. Upgrade the pipes (without adding any) which would mellow out the tone and improve the blend of the various ranks of pipes;
 2. Add electronic components which would include speakers and amplifiers, with the swell pedal controlling the volume of the new digital voices, giving the organ more expression —more quiet, medium and loud sounds.
 3. Provide new ventilation on the organ case to mitigate the build-up of heat generated by the blower.

Cost of the project would be \$39, 711.

Allen is currently booked through Feb., 2014.

Nancy Anderson listed our options as:

1. Leave the organ as is and not update it.
2. Purchase an electronic organ that would be similar in size for the church - which would end up being approximately \$35,000-\$40,000.
3. Purchase a keyboard for Sunday use - which would be similar to using the piano every Sunday.
4. Do fundraising (i.e. memorialize the pipes for instance) and see if you can raise the funds needed to update the organ.

The vote was nearly unanimous in favor of number 4, raising the funds for repairing/updating the organ, and the Friends of Music committee was formed which currently consists of Tim Johnson, Nancy Anderson and Wendy Zander. Our campaign officially begins with this newsletter. You will find a pledge card on the following page. You will be hearing more from us later this month.

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church is here to stay,
and we will make a joyful noise unto the Lord!**

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Organ Repair Fund**

“Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth” *Psalm 66:1*

I/We pledge to give the following amount for the organ repair:

\$ _____

In Thanksgiving / Honor or Memory of

Once we have reached our goal, 10% of the pledge will be due. We hope to have the drive completed by November 30, 2013. Balance will be due when the project starts, hopefully in 2014.

Name & Address _____

Phone # _____ e-mail address _____

Make checks payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and reference Organ Fund in the memo line. Mail to P O Box 231, Alexandria, MN 56308. Thank you for your support..



Check out the tract rack for Lenten brochures.

And remember: There are NO halleluiahs during Lent!

Serving for Holy Week

March 28/H.E. Maundy Thursday		March 29 Good Friday	
Celebrant	Rev. Linnae Hegg	Celebrant	Rev. Linnae Hegg
Lector 1	Mark Reicks	Lector 1	JoEllen Doebbert
Lector 2	Karen Reicks	Lector 2	Mark Reicks
Altar/Intcsr	Edith Kelly	Altar/Intcsr	Edith Kelly
Agape Supper	Wendy Zander	Usher	Bette Wolf

What does Godly Play look like?



Since Godly Play uses both the bible and the liturgy, the children experience the church seasons with the liturgical calendar with the proper colors. You can see Noah's Ark, the manger, and the gold boxes on the shelves which contain parables.



School Director, Verlie Sinning, telling a parable to students: Avery, Tallon, and Trappier. Assisting Verlie on Sundays are Rachael Sinning, JoEllen Doebbert, Alison Derby, Mark Reicks and Wendy Zander.

Mission Project 2013

The cost of educating a child in the Rift Valley province of Kenya is \$200.00 per year for a high school student who lives at



home. This works out to approximately \$4.00 per week, or \$16/\$20 per month.

Our goal at Emmanuel is to raise \$400 for two students to attend school for a year through the Mama Ada Foundation. You will find a calendar in the undercroft which began February 24th, for you to sign up for a month, or months, to help support two children get an education.

The best way to stop poverty is through education. The vision of The Mama Ada Foundation is to release the Rift Valley Province in Kenya from the bonds of poverty.

The Mama Ada Foundation is a faith-based initiative working within the worldwide fellowship of churches called The Anglican Communion.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS (please take this list home and use as a daily prayer list): Bishop Brian Prior - All clergy serving Emmanuel - Mission Project 2013 - John & Cleone Sherman - Doug & Buzzi Rollins - Riley - Bill & Josie Heegaard - Mike & Lana Ennis - Donna's brother Ken - Mike & Lana's daughter Nicki - Pat Weinmann - Linnae's sister Linda - Military personnel, especially Andy -- The Food Shelf - Peace in the world - The future of the Episcopal Church - Our friends in Rwanda - The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley



Lectionary Readings for March:

March 3 Third Sunday in Lent

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)
[Psalm 63:1-8](#)
[1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)
[Luke 13:1-9](#)

March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)
[Psalm 32](#)
[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)
[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)
[Psalm 126](#)
[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
[John 12:1-8](#)

March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Liturgy of Palms

[Luke 19:28-40](#)
[Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

Liturgy of the Word

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
[Psalm 31:9-16](#)
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

March 28 Maundy Thursday

[Exodus 12:1-4, \(5-10\), 11-14](#)
[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)
[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)
[Psalm 116:1, 10-17](#)

March 29 Good Friday

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#)
[Hebrews 10:16-25](#) or
[Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9](#)
[John 18:1-19:42](#)
[Psalm 22](#)

March 31st **Easter Day**

[Acts 10:34-43](#)
[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)
[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)
[Luke 24:1-12](#)



Maundy Thursday

Use of the names "Maundy Thursday", "Holy Thursday", and others is not evenly distributed. What is considered the normal name for the day varies according to geographical area and religious allegiance. Thus, while in England "Maundy Thursday" is the normal term, this term is rarely used in Ireland or Scotland in religious contexts. The same person may use one term in a religious context and another in the context of the civil calendar of the country in which he lives.

The Anglican Church of England uses the name "Thursday before Easter" in the Book of Common Prayer, and "Holy Thursday" as an alternative name for Ascension Day. But outside of the official texts of the liturgy, Anglicans sometimes apply the name "Holy Thursday" to the day before Good Friday.

The Washing of the Feet is a traditional component of the celebration in many Christian Churches and is becoming increasingly popular as a part of the Maundy Thursday liturgy in the Anglican/Episcopal churches.

Source: Wikipedia



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Important Dates

3/21 5:00 p.m. Vestry meeting.
 3/24 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday service.
 3/28 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service
 with Agape supper.
 3/29 Noon—Stations of the Cross
 Followed by Good Friday service.
 3/31 10:00 a.m. Easter service.
 No Godly Play.

Birthdays

Karen Runge
 Hunter Botz
 Bette Wolf

Anniversaries

Bill & Josie Heegaard

Serving for Holy Week see page 3

March 3	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Virginia Hegre
Lector 1	Mark Reicks
Lector 2	Karen Reicks
Altar/Intrcsr	Mary Sinning
Usher	Edith Kelly
Coffee	Tim Johnson & Chris
Godly Play	Verlie/JoEllen
March 10	Morning Prayer
Celebrant	Rev. Tom Sinning
Organist	Laurie Krueger
Lector 1	Edith Kelly
Lector 2	Laird Barber
Altar/Intrcsr	Bette Wolf
Usher	Mary Sinning
Coffee	Bette Wolf
Godly Play	Verlie/Wendy

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March 17	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Margaret Kalina
Lector 1	JoEllen Doebbert
Lector 2	Belvin Doebbert
Altar/Intrcsr	Bette Wolf
Usher	Edith Kelly
Coffee	Rachel & Josh Sinning
Godly Play	Verlie/Wendy
March 24	Palm Sunday/H.E.
Celebrant	Rev. Glenn Derby
Organist	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	Karen Reicks
Lector 2	Laird Barber
Altar/intrcsr	Edith Kelly
Usher	JoEllen & Belvin Doebbert
Coffee	Karen & Mark Reicks
Godly Play	Verlie/Alison
March 31	EASTER DAY / H.E.
Celebrant	Rev. Glenn Derby
Organist	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	Alison Derby
Lector 2	Edith Kelly
Altar/Intrcsr	Karen Reicks
Usher	Tim Johnson/Mark Reicks
Coffee	Edith Kelly
Godly Play	None

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