



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Dear People of Emmanuel,

There is the sound of water running and trickling. The rain gutters gush over with snow melt. Rivulets race down the cracks on frozen dirt roads. Ponds percolate water over greenish brown ice. Creeks and streams are bubbling faster and faster, building up momentum as snow melt courses down them... bringing all the winter debris with it. The sound of water is everywhere, washing away the long winter and leftover dirt from fall, softening up the earth for planting and for the spring rains that will signal the start of new life.

“What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

Hymn written by Robert Lowry, *pub.* 1876, Public Domain

We continue through Lent, preparing our hearts, minds and spirits for the empty tomb, the resurrection... Easter! Our Lenten disciplines that have begun the melting, the softening of our hearts now gets ready for the cleansing...the cleansing that only can be done most completely by the blood of Jesus on the cross. His blood washes away our winter hearts, our minds full of debris, our winter weary souls, making us clean, fresh and joy filled. Jesus lays down his life freely so that we can stand tall, with arms out stretched, our faces to the Son...knowing with confidence that through him, with him and in him we are all inheritors of God's Kingdom.

Soon, be very soon we will proclaiming that Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Therefore let us shout Alleluia, Alleluia, and Alleluia! But not quite yet...wait for Easter Morning.

God's Peace,

The Rev. Linnae Grabner-Hegg

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Mary Sinning	('17)
Rachael Sinning	('15)

Delegates to Region and Convention:

Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon
Laird Barber
Alternate: Belvin Doebbert

Senior Warden Report

The Total Ministry Team from Emmanuel met with the Commission on Ministry in Chaska on March 15th. The people on our team were interviewed by a committee to determine if the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (formerly called the Diocese) approved our progress in Total Ministry. We were interviewed as a group, with our mentor, the Rev. Linnae Grabner-Hegg sitting in with us.



The COM approved the following people: Tom Sinning as Priest, Wendy Zander as Liturgist and Musician, Karen Reicks as Administrator and Preacher, Belvin Doebbert as Evangelist and Preacher, JoEllen Doebbert as Evangelist and Christian Education.

In March there was some electrical work done to our building. The wiring in the attic was checked and new lights were installed so we can now really see to put things away. A light switch was installed in the basement storage area beside the elevator so we no longer have to search in the dark for a string to turn on the light. Extra outlets were installed in the sitting room and the nursery. Programmable thermostats were installed in the basement and the nave of the church; this means that no one has to come to the church early on Sunday to turn up the heat.

The Vestry also made the decision to seek out another church to share our I-94 Ministry with. Since it is too difficult to find people able to set up and take down, we cannot continue on our own. Therefore, we have invited Bethany Lutheran Church to share this ministry. Bethany is a small ELCA Lutheran church, and Chris Mattson, who bakes all those wonderful caramel rolls, is a member.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

From Prayers of the People, Form I

Not just the wisdom, but the will to conserve is what we are asking everyone to do during coffee hour by using the biodegradable cups during coffee hour. Using two cups is still better than using one Styrofoam cup. So please...let's take care of our earthly planet.

Have a Blessed Easter

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

Once again, the members of the Friends of Music committee encountered yet another difficulty when it came to selecting a Hymn of the Month for April. The chief element of this dilemma is that the first two Sundays of that month fall during the Season of Lent while the second two begin the Season of Easter. As these two Seasons of the Church Year differ so greatly, it was impossible to find a hymn that would be appropriate for use during both of them. Therefore, the Hymn of the Month project will resume in May when we are securely within the Easter Season.

After some discussion, the decision was made to add a musical version of the “Agnus Dei” (Lamb of God) which we currently speak just prior to the distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. We will begin using this piece of liturgical music on April 20th, Easter Sunday, and will continue to do so through the month of May.

The Mass, which is the basic formula that our Service of Holy Eucharist makes use of, is made up of five major parts: 1. Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy), 2. Gloria (Glory to God in the highest), 3. Credo (Nicene Creed), 4. Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) and Benedictus (Blessed is he), and 5. Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). At this point in time, we sing only three of these pieces of service music. The Gloria is sung for the majority of the year with the Kyrie taking its place during Lent and occasionally other penitential seasons and the Sanctus / Benedictus is sung at the beginning of the Great Eucharistic Prayer.

The Agnus Dei is an invocation to Christ (the Lamb of God) where we make a plea to Him, as the words clearly state, for mercy and peace after the Great Prayer and just prior to receiving the Sacrament. When choosing a musical version of this prayer from the Hymnal 1982, we took special care to select one that is appealing and relatively effortless to learn. Those who prefer to read notes to learn a melody may want to keep #S-164 marked in the hymnal; however, the words will also be printed in the bulletin and it's doubtful that it will take very long before the this piece of music will become as familiar as our current Gloria and Sanctus.

This setting is taken from the Deutsche Messe (German Mass) composed by Franz Schubert (1797 – 1828). This composition does not follow the Latin text of the Mass, but rather is made up of German poems written by Johann Philipp Neumann who commissioned this work. His inspiration was for this service to be made up of simple music that would appeal to “the widest possible congregation”. Schubert and Neumann had fully intended this mass to be used as a version of the Roman Catholic Mass but as it was an “unauthorized” German translation of the Latin Mass, it was banned by the Church. However, it has gradually gained popularity and has been translated into several languages, including English. The wording of the Agnus Dei from this work is also one of the three versions which appear in the Church of England's “Common Worship” liturgical resource.

By Tim Johnson

Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_Mass

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Messe_\(Schubert\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Messe_(Schubert))

Notes from Friends of Music

The annual report booklets failed to include the annual financial report for the Organ Fund, due to an oversight on the part of the Treasurer. It is included below.

EEC-Friends of Music 2013 Income Statement Year to Date

Income	
Pledges & Cash	24,296.00
Glenn Derby Memorial	2,640.00
Concert Proceeds	237.00
Total Income	<u>27,173.00</u>
Expenses	
General	
Checks	26.95
Moe Pipe Organ Co	4,000.00
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Total Expense	<u>4,026.95</u>
Net	<u>23,146.05</u>

Concerts

Income	
Tickets	1,272.00
Program	250.00
Advertising	438.00
Total Income	<u>1,960.00</u>
Expenses	
Stephen Marq	500.00
Mikko Cowdery	-
Christian Zamora	300.00
Program	394.50
Advertising	528.50
Total Expenses	<u>1,723.00</u>
Trans to Organ Fund	<u>-237.00</u>
Net	<u>-</u>

Alexandria Area Mens Chorus concert a huge success. Held on Sunday, March 23, over 100 people attended this concert, hosted by Emmanuel for the benefit of the Outreach Food Shelf.



Following the concert was a reception in the undercroft with deserts provided by members of Emmanuel. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who responded so generously.

Mary Sinning, director of the Food Shelf reports preliminary figures of just under \$1,800 collected!

Easter Triduum, Holy Triduum, Paschal Triduum, or The Three Days, is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday and ends with evening prayer on Easter Day, the three-day period therefore from the evening of Maundy Thursday (excluding most of Thursday) to the evening of Resurrection Sunday. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, as portrayed in the canonical Gospels.

In Anglican/Episcopal churches, there is no prayer of consecration on Good Friday, and the Reserved Sacrament is distributed at services on that day. Veneration of a simple wooden cross is common in Anglican/Episcopal worship, with the faithful touching and or kissing it.

News and Notes

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Steffanie's mother, Paula Joy age 53, of Alexandria, passed away peacefully February 12, 2014. She was a longtime resident of the Bethany Nursing Home in Alexandria, MN. Preceded in death by parents, Richard and Olive Schaper and brother, Stephen. Survived by daughter, Steffanie, grandson, Christian; grand-daughter, Ciara; son, Nathan Schaper; brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Steffanie's children Christian (3 years) and Ciara (18 months) were baptized at Emmanuel.

Jana Preble reports that she is coming along a little better. She is not quite up to

coming to church, but she hopes it won't be too much longer. Jana says that the pneumonia hit her harder this time than it did last year.

Don Krueger says that his body is not making iron, so he has no strength. He is currently getting blood transfusions every 6-8 weeks, and hoping it will correct the problem. As soon as it gets warmer, he hopes to get to church.

One of the advantages to living at Grand Arbor is being able to share meals now and then with John and **Cleone Sherman**. John's Parkinson's is apparent, but he still has his trademark smile and sense of humor. However, his bad days are harder on Cleone.

Keep all of these people in your prayers.

Remember in Your Prayers

(please use as a prayer list):

All clergy serving Emmanuel, especially Charles, Linnae and Tom

Jana Preble

Bishop Brian Prior

Edith's daughter Dana

Don Krueger

Pat Weinmann

John & Cleone Sherman

Bill & Josie Heegaard

JoEllen's father Al

Alison Derby

John

Military Personnel

The Total Ministry Team

Peace in the World

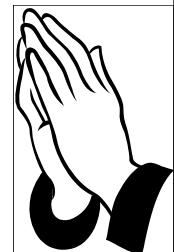
The Food Shelf and those who use

Heartland Girls Ranch

Dylan's Glove's of Love

The future of the Episcopal Church

The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley





Lectionary Readings for April

April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)

[Romans 8:6-11](#)

[John 11:1-45](#)

[Psalm 130](#)

April 13 Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion

The Liturgy of the Palms

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

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

The Liturgy of the Word

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Matthew 26:14- 27:66](#) or

[Matthew 27:11-54](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

April 20 Easter Day

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

or [Jeremiah 31:1-6](#)

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

or [Acts 10:34-43](#)

[John 20:1-18](#)

or [Matthew 28:1-10](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

April 27 Second Sunday of Easter

[Acts 2:14a,22-32](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

[Psalm 16](#)

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Important Dates

April 10 Vestry Meeting 5:30 p.m.
April 12 Total Ministry 9:00 a.m.
April 13 Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m.
April 17 Agape Supper 6:00 p.m.
April 18 Stations of the Cross Noon
April 20 Easter Service 10:00 a.m.

Anniversaries

John & Cleone Sherman
Mike & Amanda Baas

Birthdays

Trappier Botz
Don Hultstrand
Karen Reicks
Verlie Sinning
Josie Heegaard
Patty DenHartog
Kitty Bundy
Bill Heegaard
Belvin Doebbert

April 6	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Linnae Hegg
Organist	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	Laird Barber
Lector 2	Wendy Zander
Altar/Intrcsr	Mary Sinning
Usher	
Coffee	Karen & Mark Reicks
April 13	Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Linnae Hegg
Organist	Virginia Hegre
Lector 1	
Lector 2	
Altar/Intrcsr	Karen Reicks
Usher	John Hull & Tim Johnson
Coffee	Donna Barry

April 20	Easter Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Margaret Kalina
Lector 1	Karen Reicks
Lector 2	Mark Reicks
Altar/Intrcsr	Edith Kelly
Usher	Karen & Mark Reicks
Coffee	Edith Kelly
April 27	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Fred Nairn
Organist	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	JoEllen Doebbert
Lector 2	Belvin Doebbert
Altar/Intrcsr	Mary Sinning
Usher	Tim Johnson & Farren Morical
Coffee	JoEllen & Belvin Doebbert

Holy Week Services

April 17-Agape Supper—6:00 p.m.

April 18-Stations of the Cross—Noon

April 20-Easter Day service—10:00 a.m.

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