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"Simple Gifts" written by Elder Joseph
'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
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Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

I think the Jewish calendar has it most right when it places its new year, Rosh Hashanah, in the month of September. I always think of September as the start of something new. School starting in September had a lot to do with that. There was a new grade, sometimes a new school, hopefully new clothes and the promises to myself that I would be smarter, more confident and have the best year ever. That first day of school was a new beginning and the start of new possibilities. I don't have school anymore. All my own children are finished with school...for now anyway. The grandsons are still too young for official school. Still, for me, my summer job as a camp site director ends and I find myself at the beginning of something new. I just don't know what that is yet.

Earlier in August, I had an email from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Office asking me what I thought my gifts were and how the diocesan office could best make use of them. Hmm. I often wonder what my gifts are. People tell me that I'm a good listener or I seem to be an awesome mother. Some are envious of my ability to organize a household or to keep calm at those time when chaos surrounds me. But are those really gifts the church can use? Can I make a living around these gifts?

I often look to the Spiritual Gifts Profile that Emmanuel did together as we discerned what each of our gifts were and could they possibly be used in a Shared Ministry Team. The results of that profile have made me wonder if they had the right person. I'm a prophet? A healer? Have a gift of knowledge? I should be a missionary, a pastor or an evangelist? I question these gifts that I supposedly have and really, really wish that I instead could play the guitar with ease, or sing in a way that makes people gasp or paint a picture worthy to be hung in an art gallery. THESE are the gifts I want! Why can't I have these gifts? They are so much cooler than being an intercessor, an administrator or a caregiver. But these are the gifts that the Spiritual Gifts Profile says I have and that I should be using in my daily life and in the work of the church. But do I really use the gifts that God gave me? They just don't seem very exciting or even very helpful.

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The other night I was listening to an NPR broadcast while making cookies. I don't remember who was talking and where this took place, but I do remember this man speaking about the gift of being present. He explained that sometimes the best gift you can give is to simply show up. He was talking about a situation where someone has died and you show up to just be with the person who is grieving. Not trying to say the right thing, because there is no right thing to say. Not trying to fix the situation because there is no fixing someone who is dead and gone. Just being present is the best gift of all. It's so simple, but so hard for us to do. While baking the cookies, I realized that I wasn't present enough to know that I had put in too many eggs and not enough chocolate chips into my dough. My husband was talking to me at the same time I was listening to NPR and making the cookies so I wasn't present enough to remember who the guest speaker was or even what my husband was telling me. It's a simple gift, this being present but one that very few of us are able to do well, especially in this world with multiple distractions!

Jesus, obviously, had many gifts. He was an engaging storyteller. He was a healer. He was a teacher. He apparently was someone who was fun to be with. He was constantly eating dinner with ALL kinds of people! Though never mentioned in the bible, I bet he could even paint and play a mean guitar! One of the most important gifts he offered us was simply being present. Emmanuel, one of the names Jesus was called...means God is with us...and that is what he did. He came down to earth in human form and he walked with us, lived with us and ate with us. Then he promised that he would be with us until the end of the age. According to the NPR guy, this is a gift we can offer each other too. To simply be present for one another.

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I've had this song going around in my head as I mull over this question about what my gifts are. I think though, that it is indeed a "gift to come down where we ought to be". When we are using the gifts that God gives us...even if they aren't what we would consider "sexy", then we "find ourselves in the place just right...in the valley of love and delight." God asks us to use the gifts he has given us and he gives us the Holy Spirit to help us make the most of those gifts. Then he promises that he will be with us to the end of time. He will be present. It's that simple.

I have all these God given gifts. How am I going to use them to further God's kingdom and to give hope to God's people? I think I will start with being mindfully, spiritually and even bodily present. It's a simple thing, but it's a gift with much meaning and purpose.

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It's September, the start of new possibilities. May you use the gifts that were discerned for you. May you experience the simplicity of being present. May you "bow", "bend", and "turn" until you come "round right."

The Rev. Linnae Grabner-Hegg

Senior Warden Report

A long-time tradition came to an end this summer. On August 21, the vestry voted to discontinue the I-94 Rest Area Ministry.

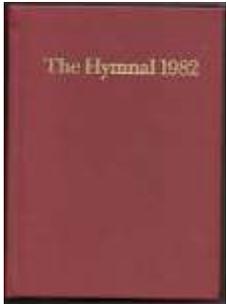
For the last several years, it has become increasingly difficult to staff the rest area on holidays. Part of the problem has been setting-up and taking-down on each of the days. This is the part of the ministry that requires both strength and a large vehicle.

At the Annual Meeting this year, the I-94 Ministry was discussed at length. It was decided that the only way we could continue would be to find another church to share with us. The hope was for Emmanuel to do one day and the other church to do the second day. Members of the vestry contacted a number of churches; but they all had their outreach projects in place and were not interested in adding another.

Discontinuing the I-94 Rest Area Ministry was not an easy decision to make since we have been doing it for many years – but it was necessary.

We want to find another project – one that will better suit our current congregation. If you have any suggestions as to what you think this project might be, please contact any of the vestry members.

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HYMN OF THE MONTH

BY Tim Johnson

Hymnal 1982 #556 “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”
Words: Edward Hayes Plumbtre (1821-1891)
Hymn Tune: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

As summer begins to wind down and September often signifies our returning to routine schedules, we also make a turn back toward traditional hymnody this month. This is not to say that we will not be including any contemporary selections over the next months, it just feels symbolically fitting at this time of year to shift our focus to a time-honored hymn for the next few Sundays.

Even though “Rejoice, ye pure in heart” has its roots in our own Episcopal tradition, it has found widespread acceptance and made its way into numerous mainline Protestant hymnals. From my Lutheran upbringing, I recall this hymn often being used as a “rouser” at the close of the service. Over the past 30 years, give or take, it seems as though this hymn has been used less often than was previously the case. One reason for this might have had to do with its length. However, this was not necessarily the result of a composer who couldn’t think of enough ideas that he wanted to express. There is a specific, valid reason for this selection’s duration.

This hymn was composed by Edward H. Plumbtre, a well-known Anglican (Church of England) scholar, author, poet, and preacher. He spent much of his life as Chaplain for King’s College and later as the Dean

of Wells Cathedral. During the spring of 1865, he was helping to prepare for the annual choir festival to take place in the cathedral of Petersborough, England. As a long processional hymn was necessary to allow for the participating choirs to process down the aisle, Plumbtre penned this hymn to fulfill that need. The original version of, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart" contains 11 verses! In our Hymnal 1982, seven of these verses are used and many other hymnals limit the number to four. It may come as a great relief to the reader that the Friends of Music Committee has decided to limit our singing of this hymn to verses 1 through 3 and verse 7 on each of the Sundays that we use it this month.

Apparently, a different tune had originally been used for the singing of this hymn as the tune that we currently use was not composed until later. Arthur H. Messiter, an active career musician who was born in England, but held positions in various parishes in the United States, composed this tune to be used with "Rejoice, ye pure in heart" in 1883. It does appear set to Marion (the tune most widely associated with it today) as well as to an alternative tune (Carlisle) in the 1940 Hymnal; however, this second tune is published without the refrain. The source Hymnary.org suggests that choir directors may want to use this hymn as an anthem sung to the tune Vineyard Haven, a very beautiful and stately tune that is used with #392 "Come we that love the Lord" in the Hymnal 1982. I have, in fact, heard it performed to this melody and have to say that the result is quite lovely. But then again, this would not have been the original melody either as "Rejoice, ye pure in heart" predates this hymn tune as well. Therefore, it remains a mystery as to the original tune setting for our hymn of the month.

Finally, there is the question as to the source for the tune's name Marion. As mentioned in previous articles, it seems to be the case that tunes originating in the English language tend to be named for the first parish or geographical site in which they were first sung whereas melodies that have their beginnings in other languages seem to have tune names that are the literal first line title. The naming of the tune for our September Hymn of the Month was not inspired by a parish, town, or any other place. Messiter simply named this melody for his wife!

Even though there is a bit of melancholy as the season of summer comes to a close, the Friends of Music Committee is working with some excitement to develop ideas for upcoming monthly hymns as well as other ways in which to enhance our worship experience. We hope you will share our enthusiasm! Once again, we always welcome your input and will do all that we can to accommodate your requests!

Sources:

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http://www.hymnary.org/person/Messiter_Arthur

Organ News

In October, Allen Moe will be ordering supplies for the rebuilding of the organ! We're still on schedule for completion late February 2015.

Just a reminder to those of us who are making pledge payments, 10% of the pledge has been received, an additional 30% is due in October.

The remaining payments are as follows:

An additional 30% due in January 2015 when the console is removed from the church, then 20% when Allen is ready to begin installation in mid-February, and a final 10% when all the work is completed in late February.

Call Wendy Zander at 320-759-4717 if you need to know where your pledge stands.





Lectionary Readings for September

September 7

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 149
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

September 14

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31
 Psalm 114
 or Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

September 21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

September 28

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

Position	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Priest	Eucharist Rev. Charles Preble	Eucharist Rev. S. Schaitberger	Eucharist Rev. Charles Preble	Eucharist Rev. Dana Emry
Organist	Margaret Kalina	Bev Steuck	Margaret Kalina	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	Wendy Zander	JoEllen Doebbert	Shiela Stanton	Mark Reicks
Lector 2	Laird Barber	Belvin Doebbert	Edith Kelly	Karen Reicks
Altar	Mary Sinning	Karen Reicks	Edith Kelly	Mary Sinning
Usher	Karen & Mark	JoEllen & Belvin		Tim & Farren
Coffee	Edith Kelly	Shiela Stanton	Tom & Mary	Verlie & Jason



Annual Church Picnic

On August 24th Emmanuel had its annual service at St. Paul's Church at the Pope County Museum in Glenwood. As we do every year, we used the 1928 Prayer Book and held an old-time service. Nancy Anderson played the original antique organ, and we sang traditional hymns such as "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art". Mikko Cowdry sang "Amazing Grace".

Bishop Brian Prior conducted the service with assistance from Deacon Tom Sinning. Gavin Doebbert was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church. Gavin's parents are Belvin and JoEllen Doebbert.

After the service we continued the day at the Chalet in the Glenwood Park. We grilled hot dogs, cooked corn-on-the-cob and shared the food that everyone brought. The weather was beautiful and some of the younger members enjoyed wading in the creek that runs through the park. We are all looking forward to the service and picnic next year.



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Birthdays

DeAnn Runge
Sheila Stanton
Liam Sinning
Tallon Sinning
Charlee Sinning
Rita Smith
Ellen Hormel



Anniversaries

Brad & Dyanne Parsons
Randy & Karen Runge

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

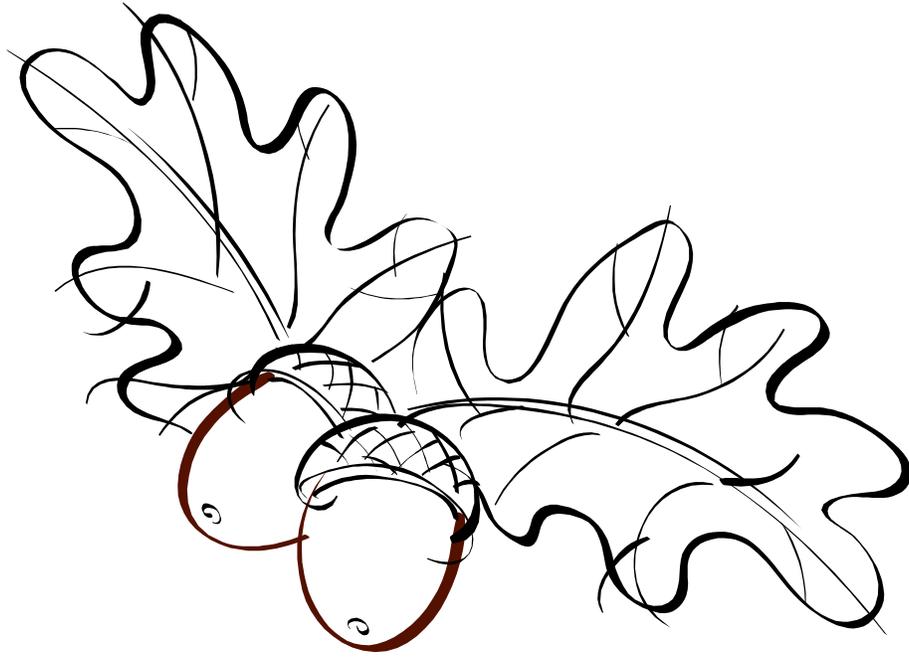
The Food Shelf and those who use it Heartland Girls Ranch

Dylan's Glove's of Love

The future of the Episcopal Church

The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley





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