



EMMANUEL NEWS

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God is with you, within you.

Many of us have been brought up to believe that God exists outside of ourselves. We call on God to come to us. Sometimes our prayers sound like God is somewhere else. Perhaps this is because we sense a gap between us and God. Evangelists tell us to call on God that God would come to be with us. Evangelists try to get us to buy something which they are selling. But the evangelist is trying to sell us something we already have. Churches try to draw people to their fellowship that these people might have Jesus in their lives. I believe they are trying to get us to buy something we already have. The good news is that each of us has within ourselves the divine presence. In other words God is within each of us. God has created each of us and is still creating us in God's presence. God is within us. God will never take God's self from us. It is God who created each of us, sustains us, and will never abandon us.

Of course God is also beyond us. God dwells within the entire universe drawing it into being.

"How great thou art!" Yes, and I-AM is still within us. Still we tend to act as though God is somewhere else. But if we begin to realize God's presence, a change occurs. It is a profound change of heart-mind. This is when we begin to accept God's presence within us (each one of us) and within all persons, and within all creation. To do this takes practice. Each of us has an ego which tends to act as if God is somewhere else. We tend to be egocentric rather than theocentric. We each need to practice taking times during our day to gently pause and take a breath and say a simple word that reminds you "I am with you always." You might take these twelve second breaks often during your day. It is a lot like pushing your own reset button. We are the ones who need to be reminded of God's love and presence. It may take a life time to get it right. That's why we must keep on trying. Practice!

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Each of us is made by God, and our deepest happiness is in the divine indwelling. No one else can do this for us. No priest or bishop. No church can do this for us. No one else. No one. If I am living a God aware life it means that I will be living consciously in God's love. If we do this we will be kinder to ourselves, and to each other. To do this is to have our life transformed from the inside out. Yes, we screw up. We all do. When we mess up it is a reminder that we need to go to our quiet center where God dwells. We don't have to crawl back to God on our knees, only relax and know that God is there at work, restoring your soul. This continual drawing from God's life giving will changes us and changes the world.

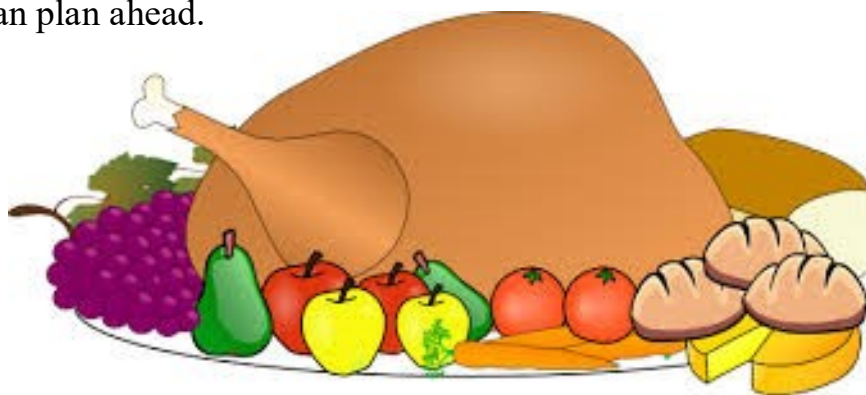
- Charles William Preble+

November - Senior Warden Report **Great Thanksgiving Feast – Wednesday, November 18**

Once again it is fall – and time for another special get-together for the members of Emmanuel and their families. Holy Eucharist will be held at 5:30 p.m. with Rev. Fred Nairn as the celebrant and Nancy Anderson as organist. The Thanksgiving Feast will start immediately after the service.

This is a wonderful meal – with turkey, gravy, and real mashed potatoes provided by the church. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share, which means there will be a wide variety of delicious food, including pie and dressing. If you are inviting anyone other than your immediate family, please notify Karen so that we can plan ahead.

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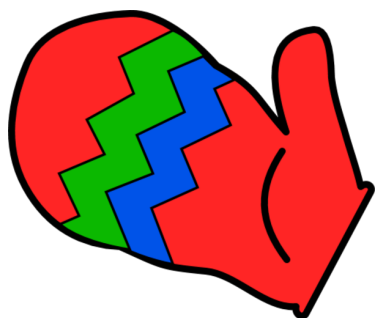


October Birthdays

Gordon Ziegelman
John Sherman
Mary Sinning
Bill Weinman

Anniversaries

Belvin & JoEllen Doebbert
David & Nancy Anderson



WINTER IS COMING...and Dylan's Gloves of Love is still looking for new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves, especially for children! During the school year, our friend Donna Barry collects these items and donates them to the local schools to be given to children who lose, misplace, or just don't have, especially while they are at recess. And not only children; last year Donna prepared a box for the Food Shelf, which were gone within a week. Donna has mailed these gloves to neighboring states as well. All of this done out of her love for her son Dylan, and the need to make some sense out of his suicide, the day before he was to leave for college. There is a box at the back of the

church for donations of new items, as well as a jar for donations of money. God bless you Donna for caring.

Lectionary Readings for November

November 1
All Saints' Day

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8
Twenty Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost

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

November 15
Twenty Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost

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

November 18
Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

Ephesians 4:1-6
Matthew 19:27-29
Psalm 122
or Psalm 33:1-5,20-21

November 22
Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King

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

November 29
First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Position	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 18	November 22
				<i>Wednesday</i>	
Priest	Rev. Shaitberger	Rev. Emery	Rev. Rich	Rev. Nairn	Rev. Preble
Organist	Gale Maxwell	Jonette Brogaard	Margaret Kalina	Nancy Anderson	Mertice Brueske
Lector 1	Mark Reicks	JoEllen Doebbert	Wendy Zander	JoEllen Doebbert	Belvin Doebbert
Lector 2	John Hull	Karen Reicks	Laird Barber	John Hull	Farren Morical
Alter	Karen Reicks	Tim Johnson			
Usher	John & Mark	Karen & Mark	John Hull		Tim & Farren
S School	Verlie & JoEllen	Verlie & Wendy		<i>Great Thanksgiving Feast</i>	
Acolyte	Wendy	Tim & Farren			Wendy
Coffee	Edith Kelly	Doebberts	Verlie Sinning		Edith Kelly

Position	November 29	Remember in Your Prayers (please use as a prayer list): All clergy serving Emmanuel, especially Charles, Linnae and Tom Bishop Brian Prior Mary Sinning Bill Heegaard & Josie Edith's daughter Dana Don Krueger Pat Weinmann John & Cleone Sherman JoEllen's father Al 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			
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>				
Priest	JoEllen Doebbert Wendy Zander				
Organist	Nancy Anderson				
Lector 1	Belvin Doebbert				
Lector 2	Mark Reicks				
Alter					
Usher	John Hull				
S School					
Acolyte					
Coffee	Nancy Anderson				





Hymn of the Month

By Tim Johnson

Hymn #334 - First Line Title: “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” - Tune Name: Alles ist an Gottes segen

Text Author: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

Tune Composer: Johann Bathasar Konig (1691-1758)

Harmonized: Johann Lohner (1645-1705), after chorale ver. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

When seeking a hymn to feature for the month of November, the Friends of Music opted to make another selection from the Holy Eucharist portion of the Hymnal 1982. While we are already familiar with several hymns pertaining to this Sacrament, there are many others which we often overlook. A couple of months ago, we selected a title from this portion of the hymnal which many found somewhat challenging. This time, we made special effort to find one which we feel is a bit more accessible and hope will provide more ease with regard to learning it.

As is the case with many of the more recent (1900 and forward) English hymn writers, Howard Charles Adie Gaunt was a clergy member of the Church of England. He spent much of his early career as a schoolmaster teaching at Malvern College and Winchester College. He entered the Holy Orders becoming a deacon in 1954 and a priest in 1955 within the Diocese of Winchester and continued his work with Winchester College until 1963 when he became the Sacristan (the person in charge of the sacristy and its contents) for Winchester Cathedral. In 1966, he continued with the cathedral in the position of Precentor (one who leads a congregation in singing or in prayer) and from 1974 to his death in 1983, he held the title of Canon (administrator) Emeritus. His hymns began to appear in various collections beginning in 1964.

The original German hymn “Alles ist an Gottes segen” (“Everything is in God’s blessing”) provides the tune for “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”. The composer, Johann Bathasar Konig, was a contemporary of Johann Sebastian Bach. Konig was a director of church music in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany and is best known as editor of “Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz oder Allgemeines evangelisches Choral-buch”. I am often amused when I use Google’s translation feature in an attempt to interpret the English equivalent for titles which originate in other languages And it reinforces the fact that more often than not, literal translations do not provide the exact intention of the original language! The first part of this volume’s title prior to the word “oder” (“or”) translates into English as “Harmonious Sweet Songs”. The second part of the name renders more appropriately as “General Protestant Chorale (Hymn) Book”. This volume was very comprehensive for its time as it contained 1,940 tunes! The main intent of this book was to compile as many hymns as possible which were in use within the German Church, simplify them, and provide ease to the singing of them.

Bach used “Alles ist an Gottes segen” as a theme for one of his many chorales. These chorales are elaborate vocal renditions based entirely on the text of a given hymn and these works became an important feature of German Lutheran services of his time. Even though they were for the most part performed by the choir, singing was an important aspect of the German Church. Therefore, the congregation would join in the singing during portions of these arrangements. This was also the case with many of his cantatas, which were sacred works based on a specific theme but not necessarily on a single hymn’s text. Perhaps you have attended certain performances of “The

(Stanza 3 begins “Sins forgiven, wrong forgiving, we go forth alert and living . . .”) Therefore, we decided it would more appropriately serve as a Recessional and so it will conclude our services on November 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

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In memory of Glenn Derby

For those of you who did not get Alison’s email this month, or were not able to follow her blog during the year after Glenn’s death, this is a very poignant remembrance.

October 13, 2015.

“I finally chose a final resting place for Glenn's ashes...he will be buried at his first church, the church where we were married. It suddenly felt right, and I knew it was where he should be. So we are leaving for Milwaukee on Thursday...the interment is Friday at 4. I would appreciate your prayers as I lay him to rest. **I am going to read an excerpt from the blog I kept...and Emmanuel is featured in it, as such a huge part of his last years. Here it is...**

Love to everyone there...

Alison Derby Kavanaugh

Friday, January 31, 2014

HERE I AM LORD

Thirty years ago this Sunday, February 2nd, Glenn Evans Derby was ordained a priest in God's church. Glenn was a child of prep schools, a leader in his toney Episcopal church in Pittsburgh, and had won a scholarship in football to Duke University. Between a serious knee injury, being away from his controlling mother, and the presence of beautiful southern girls, he kind of forgot to come back from spring break one year. Oops.

Sparing the details, he was a dad at 20 and had three children by age 25. He worked hard and played hard. By his own account, he never went to church except for his children's baptisms. Glenn and his first wife Ellen lived a rather vagabond life, traveling through Texas and Wyoming, working as ranch hands where there was work, and finally settling in Montana. Glenn went back to college, earned a degree in vocational agriculture and landed a sweet teaching job in Red Lodge, Montana, at the base of the Rocky Mountains, where he also coached football. They lived on beautiful acreage and had horses, dogs, cats, and the kids got out at noon every Friday to ski. He went back to the small local church and as was his nature, became a leader. Life was good. Really good. And then he got the call.

You know, THE call.

The one you question whether to answer. The one from God, and fellow believers who believe you should be set apart for ordination. He answered the call, and in 1980, he arrived at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, outside of Milwaukee, with a multitude of dogs, a wife, two teenagers and a 5th grader, none of whom were

excited to be there. Glenn described to me the nightmare of walking into his first class with others who had already earned PhD's and other higher degrees. He was an ag teacher from Montana.

Three years later he graduated with an M.Div. (Masters of Divinity), and 6 months later was priested at Zion Church in Oconomowoc, Wi. And so his journey in parish ministry began. He went on to be the parish priest of St. Alban's in Sussex, Wisconsin, growing it from 20 members, to being a viable parish in 13 years.

I used to tell him that his ordination was proof of God's excellent sense of humor. Glenn Derby was just what you saw. He so wanted to be the intellectual muse of a scholar, but he could never pull it off. He was the proverbial bull in a china shop.

Glenn loved his calling. Loved it. He took to heart his vows, that through the laying on of hands, his vocation became who he was, not what he did. He wasn't a "Father knows best" kind of priest. He rarely wore a collar, unless deemed necessary. He never announced his vocation unless asked. His gift to evangelism was the people whose lives were broken like his- divorced, perhaps estranged from family members, hurting. He offered them safety, dignity and hope through our faith. He welcomed back the disenfranchised. One of his favorite quotes was, "The trouble with following Jesus is that He brings his friends along, and they don't always look like us." He loved those people that stopped by his office for money or food vouchers in Brainerd.

As often happens, his strength was his weakness. He didn't know how to play the game. A woman who was a priest in Milwaukee told him in front of me, "Glenn...you are either the stupidest person or the most trusting person I've ever met. I'll go with the second." He didn't know that people didn't always mean what they said, even in the church. He trusted people to a fault. Our time at the church in Brainerd, Minnesota, and the obstacles he faced there were challenging to his belief in his true calling. He gave up believing in himself for a long time.

There were more than three years where we never darkened the door of a church. The depth of his hurt was that great. Oh, from time to time we joined our UCC friends, having found kindred spirits, but our traditions were so different.

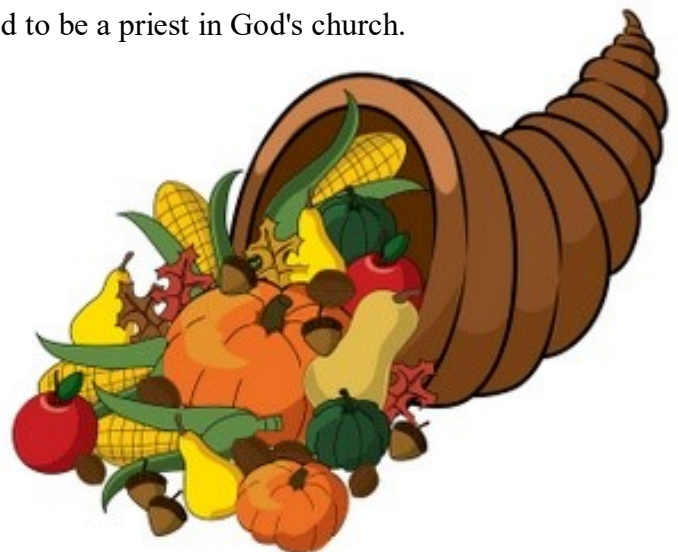
It was Glenn's time to be in the desert of his soul.

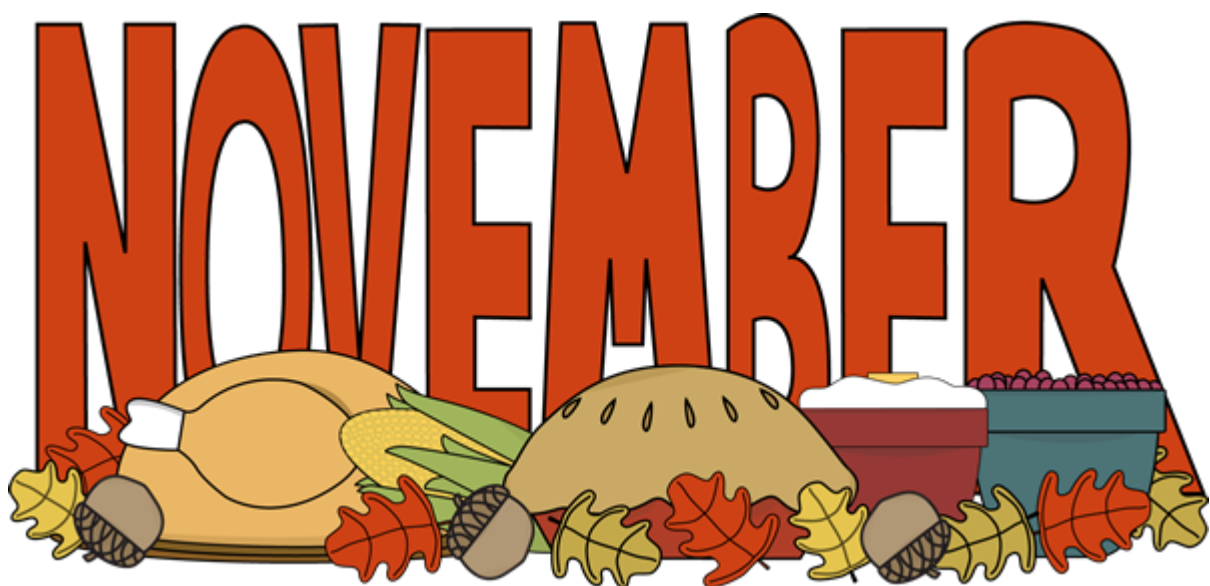
During that time, we found many friends, mostly through my job. Eventually through therapy and time, he was able to embrace his retirement and look for new ways to serve. Although not church related, he loved being the resident "man - nanny" for our friends with school aged kids.

And then three plus years ago, he got a call to do a Sunday supply in Alexandria, Minnesota. And it became a living version of the story of the prodigal son. He was gone....and they welcomed him back with open hearts, minds and love. They gave him the best of themselves. And in turn, I saw him re-emerge and give them the best of himself. He celebrated with them at the Eucharist on the day of his death. As fitting, and almost eerie, his sermon that day was about finding the Christ in each other.

Happy anniversary dear Glenn...you were indeed, truly called to be a priest in God's church.
It was an honor to walk the path with you.
Rest in peace.

I'll continue the journey.





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