

EMMANUEL NEWS

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From Fred Nairn

Don't end up like Adam! Who's Adam? Well, he's not Eve's partner, not that Adam, though it would seem, like his biblical namesake, he was deceived into doing something that he will likely regret.

Adam is English or British if you want to be more inclusive of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. He voted to leave the European Common Market aka European Union. What's so wrong with that and what does it have to do with us anyway?

Depending on which side of the question you would find yourself, there's absolutely nothing wrong with Adam voting for "Brexit" i.e. Leave, or there's a whole lot wrong with his choice and his vote. Once the reality of the Brexit election set in, and after he had voted, Adam said, "I'm shocked that we actually voted to leave. I didn't think that was actually going to happen." Here's a word from the reporter of the story, "Your vote counts." Wow! I didn't know that, well actually, I do know that if I had a vote and exercised it, that it would count on Election or Referendum Day, thought that might be the last you see of my opinion being taken seriously. The British arm of Google reported that the greatest single "hit" on its search site after the polls had closed on Thursday, was ... wait for it ... "What is the EU?"

Wait a minute, you don't know what you were voting for, or, your vote wouldn't make any difference? Or you vote with your gut, or something, ignorant of the fact that voting for a radical political action will affect not only your life but the lives of your children. Though I can vote in the UK I didn't, but I should have sent in an absentee ballot, so I can't blame anybody because I didn't take the thing seriously or think that this would ever happen. Here I can state a personal philosophy: Ignorance is the enemy of democracy.

Now, has any of this got anything to do with us in the US and has it anything to do with how we live our Christian lives? The answer to both questions is yes.

On the political and economic side of things, the repercussions have already been seen: stock market down, exporters' of goods and services to the UK (stronger dollar) will have a harder time being competitive and, most serious of all, I take a hit on my UK pension. On the plus side, golfing trips to Scotland will be cheaper (strong dollar.)

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Oddly enough, Scotland and Northern Ireland, probably the most economically struggling regions in the UK, voted strongly to remain in the EU. The larger question for them, and one that is coming is, will we remain part of the United Kingdom of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland or will we leave the Union? Scots seem to have spoken loudly but their voices will have to be raised even more. Same in Northern Ireland.

I have an assignment at school for the Fall Semester: I have to present a lecture and then moderate a discussion on the topic (hokey title) "What Would Jesus do in the Fall Election?" Which party or which individual would Jesus support on November 8th? I have not yet begun to work on this but the kind of things I will be thinking about are enshrined in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew Chapters 5 through 7. But, Jesus is a radical or was a radical, some might say, all that stuff about turning the other cheek, loving your enemies, doing good to all and sundry, look what happened to him; totally impractical, nobody lives like that that I have ever heard of. Can't agree - Jesus did live like that and his followers try to imitate his mode of life.

In the briefest of summaries, the Brexit thing was about Immigration and Economics. The "Leave the EU" supporters hankered for an era in Britain - post World War II - that is gone and will not return, and, truth to tell, it wasn't all that it was cracked up to be; the country was in ruins, exhausted, half starved. No immigrants, though ... you got to sweep your own streets and clean your own toilets and wait seven years after the war to be able to buy as much butter or sugar as you wanted. Ah! Those were the days, the Good Old Days. Victory did not come cheap, you see. Europe was awash with displaced persons and devastated cities and a massive reconstruction was underway, courtesy of the United States and the Marshall Plan, who didn't actually have to get involved at all - you all had done your bit and then some. But, that story of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel keeps coming to mind.

In the parable it is the Samaritan, the hated outsider, who does what Jesus would do, he showed mercy and compassion to the stranger, went out of his way, inconvenienced himself, even gave money for lodging the injured traveler ... he didn't have to do any of that, and what's he doing in our country anyway? It is a parable of Jesus, of course, so we don't have to press it too hard in order to understand what the meaning was and is. In the Kingdom of God on earth, there are no outsiders, there are no "Them" versus "Us." That is precisely what happened in Britain the other day - it was a question of "Me" versus "You." It is a question which will be heard again in these United States, in not so many months. Or, put another way: "I was a stranger and you took me in ..." WWJD?

June Pack the Pews

If you're wondering why we didn't have "toilet paper" Sunday in June, it's because the Food Shelf did not need toilet paper. Instead we were able to provide the Food Shelf with 192 packages of toothbrushes, and 150 tubes of toothpaste.

Remember all those blue necessity bags we were all buying? \$2.00 went toward the cost of the bag, and \$8.00 toward items to fill them. We sold 27 bags, plus cash donations received for that purpose, totaling \$418.

We are grateful to the staff at Ron's Warehouse who had almost all their toothbrushes in the office waiting for Verlie and myself to select (we took them all.) We were pleased by the number of children's toothbrushes. Our next stop was Dollar Tree where we purchased 150 tubes of toothpaste. Of course, we had our tax exempt forms with us, so we paid no sales tax. We're looking forward to our September in-gathering of jars, but be assured, donations can be made at any time.



Wendy Zander

Senior Warden Report

July 2016

July newsletter already!! where did June go? The wonderful weather makes the days go faster. Our outdoor coffees after Church are very cheerful. We have a lot more space for the kids to run and we are more visible to our neighbors: two good things. I know it is harder to set up outside but everyone is patient and seems to enjoy it. Thanks to everyone for the extra effort.

Our first Wednesday night Evening Prayer was very beautiful. I was worried because the ground was not level, the shrubs were not trimmed, the benches were not moved but none of that made any difference. When Tom started reading the service time slowed down, calm came on us and 16 people shared a Holy moment. I sincerely hope we can do it again on July 20th and August 17th at 7:30 weather permitting. Please join us.

On June 23rd Dennis Poissen of Colorful Seasons met with the garden committee at the Church. We had concerns about several trees in the front and west sides of the Church. He helped us identify several trees that needed trimming and some that were dead or dying that need removing. He also listened to our questions about renovating the Meditation Garden. We measured and walked and talked about how we might use it, and what might be the best design for it. He graciously offered to sketch out a design for us. We are working on several new ideas. Do you have an idea or suggestion? Please ask us questions and share your thoughts with us.

On June 20th the Vestry voted to help pay for 2 or 3 of our Sunday School children to attend the Episcopal music Youth Quest Camp. Avery Sinning and Autumn Botz have decided to go this July! We are excited for them and can't wait to hear about their experiences when they come home.

Please keep in mind our Glenwood Annual Picnic on August 28th. Put it on the calendar. Please plan to come and sign up to help with something.

Our deepest condolences to Tom and all the Sinning family. We miss the love and light Mary brought to us. Our parish was blessed by her presence with us and also blessed by the glorious celebration of her life on Saturday, June 15th.

A big thank you to John Hull for keeping things ship shape, in working order and on schedule at Emmanuel. We appreciate all you do, John. Thank you.

God bless you all, see you Sunday,
Sheila





Hymn of the Month

By Tim Johnson

Hymn #810 (“Wonder, Love, and Praise”) First Line Title: “You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord”

Tune Name: “*On Eagles Wings*”

Text Author and Tune Composer: Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

Our rich heritage of hymnody involves both time-honored, well-established titles as well as those which have been penned more recently. For July, the Hymn of the Month is the one of the latter, being a contemporary selection composed within the past 50 years.

The text author and tune composer of this month’s selection is Michael Joncas who was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1980. He serves as artist-in-residence at St. Thomas University in St. Paul. His writings are many and he has authored three books, over 100 articles, and compiled numerous collections of hymns and liturgical pieces which are widely used throughout the Catholic Church.

Joncas’ inspiration for writing “On Eagles Wings” was the passing of his friend’s mother. He began writing it in 1975 and it was recorded in 1979. As is the case with many of his other titles, “On Eagle’s Wings” quickly became popular within the Catholic Church and is most commonly used in Funeral Masses. The hymn has since gained widespread use in many Protestant denominations as well.

The text is based on various verses of scripture from Isaiah, Psalms, and Deuteronomy. One source, [lectionary.com](http://www.lectionary.com), states “The promise of the song is that those who ‘dwell in the shelter of the Lord’ can trust that the Lord will ‘raise (them) up on eagle's wings . . . and hold (them) in the palm of his hand.’ The faithful need fear neither snare nor famine, because they can find refuge under the Lord's wings. . . . So also, those of us who trust in the Lord can be assured that he will be our protector, our rock, our salvation. In life and in death, God will "raise (us) up on eagle's wings.”

Along with “People look east” which we use during the Advent season and “Here I am Lord” which we have sung several times for our Processional, “On Eagle’s Wings” is a title from “Wonder, Love, and Praise”, the official supplement to our Hymnal 1982. By occasionally making use of this collection we hope to lend variety to our music and to enhance our worship experience.

Sources:

<http://www.lectionary.org/HymnStories/On%20Eagle's%20Wings.htm>

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



SUMMER PARISH PROJECT OFF TO A COLORFUL START!

With the help of Verlie Sinning and the Sunday School children who created these beautiful jars, we have handed them out to the parish members to fill with change over summer. On the first Sunday in September, we will ask that they be returned—as full as possible. We will convert the change to dollars to purchase paper or personal products for the Food Shelf. The Vestry has set a quarterly goal for packing the pews.

We have been very successful so far, and have \$400.00 to spend for this quarter ended June. The money came from the purchases of necessity bags, plus cash donations. The need this quarter was for toothbrushes and toothpaste. If you haven’t picked up your jar yet, there’s still time. For those of you who are not with us for most of the summer, please join our summer project and fill your own jar (we would ask you not to send a jar full of change in September, but convert and send dollars, Checks welcome.)

Lectionary Readings for July

July 3

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

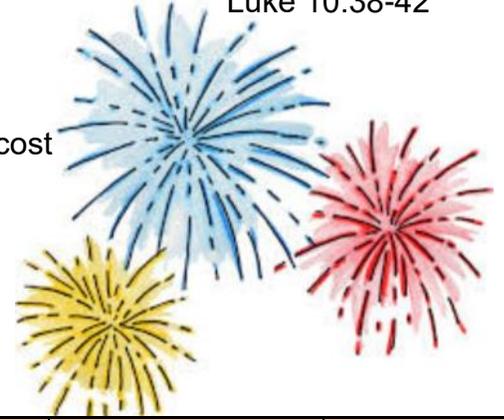
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



Position	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
		<i>Morning Prayer</i>			
Priest	Steve Shaitberger	Tom Sinning	Fred Nairn	Dana Emery	Fred Nairn
Organist	Margaret Kalina	Virginia Hegre	Jonette Brogaard	Nancy Anderson	Mertice Brueske
Lector 1	Sheila Stanton	JoEllen Doebbert	Wendy Zander	Shiela Stanton	Mark Reicks
Lector 2	John Hull	Belvin Doebbert	Laird Barber	Donna Ziegelman	Karen Reicks
Alter	Karen Reicks	Sheila Stanton	Donna Ziegelman	Karen Reicks	Sheila Stanton
Coffee	Edith Kelly & Sheila Stanton	Edith Kelly	Shiela Stanton	Donna Ziegelman	Mark & Karen Reicks

Remember in Your Prayers: *(please take this list home and use as a prayer list):* All clergy serving Emmanuel, especially Charles, Linnae and Tom - Jana Preble - Bishop Brian Prior - Don Krueger—Bill Heegaard and family—John — Sinning Family— Edith Kelly - Roger - Cleone Sherman - Pat Weinmann- - Don's daughter Tracy - Josh Sinning - Edith's daughter Dana - Laird - Don & Ann Hultstrand - Mike & Lana Ennis - JoEllen's father Al - Nathan - The Total Ministry Team - The Heartland Girls Ranch - Military Personnel - Law Enforcement Officers - Peace in the World - Total Ministry Team - The Food Shelf, volunteers & all who use it - People of Ziwa and the Rift Valley - Future of the Episcopal Church



July Birthdays

Alison Derby
Ann Hultstrand

Anniversaries

Charles & Jana Preble
Verlie and Jason Sinning



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