



# EMMANUEL NEWS

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## From Charles Preble

One of the oldest and best ways the Episcopal Church has reached out has been in its ministry to immigrants. As long as I can remember that has been a vital part of our ministry. In 1976 our parish in Reno sponsored a Hmong family (some twenty-three of them). It was a joyful and mutual relationship. One Sunday, maybe five years later, the family came to our Sunday Eucharist to thank us with gifts of flowers and confections. That day I don't think there was a dry eye among our congregation. There are many ways to welcome the immigrant. Christ commands us to do as much: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." For example, three of our friends in St. Joseph, individually, tutor Somali immigrants in English.

I came across the following poem, part of which is familiar, part of which was not to me. In 1903 the poem was inscribed on a bronze plaque mounted inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty where it continues to be displayed today.

### *The New Colossus*

Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our asea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-toast to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

As a Christian, as an Episcopalian, this makes me proud to be an American.

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**Sunday Service: 10 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.**

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### **Vestry:**

Tim Johnson, Co-Sr. Warden ('18)

Sheila Stanton, Co-Sr. Warden ('18)

Mark Reicks Jr. Warden ('19)

Verlie Sinning Treasurer ('19)

Mark Reicks ('19)

Verlie Sinning ('19)

Rachael Sinning ('18)

Wendy Zander ('18)

Farren Morical ('18)

### **Delegates to Region and Convention:**

Belvin Doebbert

Alternate: JoEllen Doebbert

## Senior Warden Report

May, 2017

Just when it seems we are well into spring and headed toward summer, Old Man Winter seems to demonstrate how he really isn't ready to let go for the season! The past week has felt more like late October than Late April! Hopefully, the predicted warm up is returning once more by the time you are reading this.

Speaking of spring being in the air (sort of), please keep our annual Salad Supper in mind that will take place on May 9th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the undercroft of the church. By now, you will have received a mailing including a letter, a flyer, and ten tickets. To quote from the letter than Karen has sent out, "Some people like to sell them (the tickets) to friends or co-workers; others buy the tickets themselves to give to friends and neighbors." Please do whatever you see fit to benefit this event. This is perhaps our biggest annual fundraiser for the church, so let's make this year's event our most successful yet! If you would like additional tickets, please call Karen at 320-808-6484 or email her at [klreicks@midwestinfo.net](mailto:klreicks@midwestinfo.net). Also, we will need people to make salads and to help in many ways at the actual event. Again, please ask Karen what you can do to assist with this occasion!

One other reminder I would like to make is that we continue to have the need for individuals to help make our Sunday mornings complete. We are always in need of people to acolyte, crucifer, usher, act as chalice bearer, lector, and host coffee after church. Let's do our best to keep our Sunday leadership schedule with as few "holes" as possible!

Finally, please join with me in extending a heartfelt "welcome home" to Sheila who will be re-appearing in our midst in a few short days! She will gradually assume the lead as Senior Warden during the month of May and will pilot Emmanuel's journey during the summer and early fall. I would like to give a hearty thanks to all for your patience with me as I took the lead last October! So many of the Senior Warden duties are new to me and so I do very much appreciate your tolerance as I have muddled through them! It's wonderful to have you back among us, Sheila!

It is my hope that as you read this, we have seen the last of the snow until next winter! I wish everyone the best of summers!

Peace and Blessings,

Tim Johnson, Co-Senior Warden



## Lectionary Readings for May



**May 7**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10  
Psalm 23

**May 14**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**May 21**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21  
Psalm 66:7-18

**May 28**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



Position	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
		<i>Mother's Day</i>		
<b>Priest</b>	Noel Rich	Dana Emery	Steve Shaitberger	Fred Nairn
<b>Organist</b>	Margaret Kalina	Mertice Brueske	JoNette Brogaard	Nancy Anderson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Karen Reicks	Wendy Zander	Mark Reicks	Mark Reicks
<b>Lector 2</b>	John Hull	Farren Morical	John Hull	Farren Morical
<b>Altar</b>	Karen Reicks			Donna Ziegelman
<b>Coffee</b>	Verlie Sinning	Sheila Stanton	Rachael Sinning	

**Remember in Your Prayers:** All clergy serving Emmanuel - Bishop Brian Prior - Jana & Charles Preble - Don & Ann Hultstrand - Laird Barber - Hunter - Cleone Sherman - John - Mike & Lana - Jim - Dana - Al Weinmann Family - Law Enforcement Officers - Military Personnel - Peace in the World - The Food Shelf, Volunteers & all who use it - Total Ministry Team - Heartland Girls Ranch



### May Birthdays

Mary Lu Rich

Laird Barber

Cleone Sherman

### Anniversaries

Mark & Karen Reicks

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SALAD SUPPER

*Tuesday, May 9th*

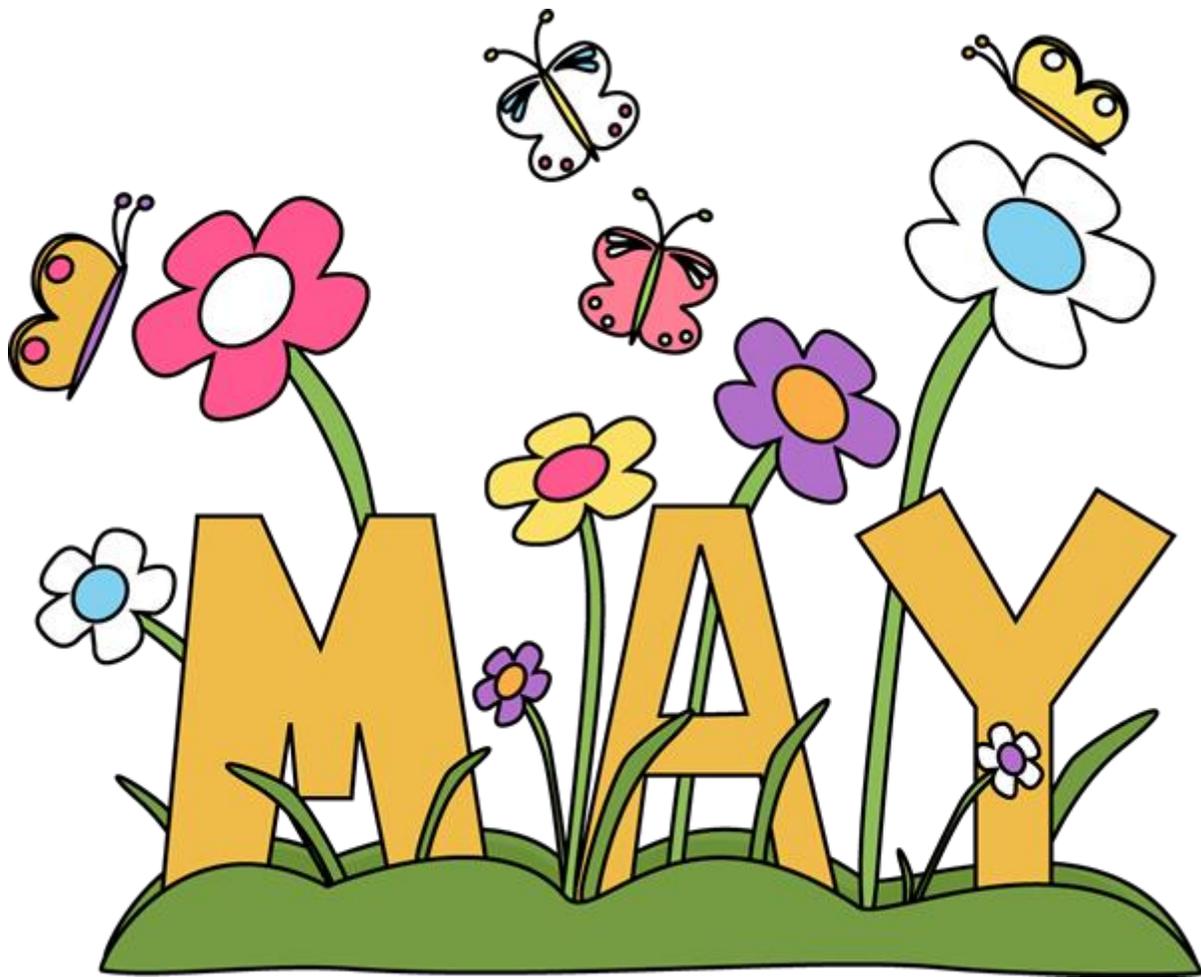
4:30 PM – 7 PM

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ALEXANDRIA, MN

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ADULTS \$6  
CHILDREN \$4  
(AGES 5 - 12)





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