



EMMANUEL NEWS

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From Fred Nairn

On a lovely Sunday morning in late summer or early fall, numbers of Emmanuel parishioners and visitors made their way to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Glenwood for their annual Celebration of the Eucharist and parish picnic which followed. I was fortunate to be the Presider and Preacher on that occasion. In the congregation was a lady (Carol) with a very long attachment to that building and parish, her late husband's grandfather, I think it was, being one of the founding members.

For the service we used the 1928 Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church which seemed appropriate for the occasion; we even had the Lectionary readings from the Authorized King James Version of the bible of 1611. That is quite a challenge - the words and syntax no longer flow smoothly and the reader may easily stumble. One lesson from that being that though it is old and beautiful it is not necessarily better than our current modern versions. Another lesson is that we do this sort of thing with some intention to preserve, rather than to wallow in nostalgia, to worship rather than observe.

The purpose of this annual event, besides wonderful Chocolate Cake and Brownies (I only had time for dessert as I had a funeral to attend and sing for in Excelsior) is to keep that lovely old church open. Apparently if an abandoned or unused church building is not used for worship at least once a year, it becomes subject to deconsecration, if there is such a word, and can then be used for any legitimate secular purposes. In England in the past, it was not uncommon for the roofs of such churches to be removed. What we do at Glenwood is a much better idea and gives us the chance to practice those ancient words and phrases that have almost completely disappeared into

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Verlie Sinning ('19)

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Farren Morical ('20)

Sheila Stanton ('20)

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JoEllen Doebbert

Alternate: Belvin Doebbert

antiquity. Tradition is important so long as it does not descend into nostalgia or sentimentality. We know that God speaks and hears both Elizabethan English as well as 21st Century American English, so we needn't be afraid that God will not accept our worship as well as our efforts to celebrate the past and a place of worship which was very dear to a generation almost gone. If we keep up our efforts to grow and strengthen our church family at Emmanuel then we will say no to the day when the doors of that building will be closed on a beloved community. We can stroll down memory lane on occasions but we must always look ahead and plan for a vibrant congregation at home.

PRAYER CHAIN



We have been considering the possibility of beginning a Prayer Chain at Emmanuel. A Prayer Chain is a group of people associated with a given church who commit to the act of praying for others.

This organization is often very loosely formed and there are few, if any, meetings. Members of this group may not even be aware of whom the others are. One person agrees to be the leader. If this leader receives a notice that someone is in need of prayer, she/he will initiate sending the message down the chain. The Prayer Chain participants may be linked by phone, text, or email.

Once receiving a message stating that a person needs prayer, the members will find time daily or weekly to offer prayer for those in need. Occasionally, members may not even personally know the person who is needing prayer. Prayer needs may be varied: Homebound, healing, severe or chronic pain, confidential and/or emotional issues, family issues, and financial issues are only some examples of prayer requests.

A Prayer Chain is held together by willing people and the Holy Spirit. It may be entirely anonymous. Each church creates their own Prayer Chain to fit the needs and inclinations of their parishioners. Here at Emmanuel we have several snow birds as well as members living at Grand Arbor or who are homebound. Having a Prayer Chain could be a way for those members who are unable to physically be with us to continue to be active in our church life and mission without necessarily being in the church building.

Tom has found an app for smart phones called Prayer Echo (or just Echo). It seems to have many functions that would be efficient for Prayer Chain members. Once we are established, we could possibly use these different functions to organize or store specific prayers.

I am offering to initially lead our Prayer Chain. If you are interested in forming and joining with this ministry, please call or text me (314-435-4750). If you so choose to contact me via email, please know that I am Very Slow with responding by that route.

Sheila Stanton



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the beginning of my 10th year of serving as the Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota on the horizon, and after much prayer and conversations, the Spirit has led me to believe that it is time to begin the process of calling the 10th Bishop of Minnesota.

The question inevitably is, why now? ECMN is clear about its calling to engage God's mission of becoming the Beloved Community. In every corner and in countless neighborhoods faithful Episcopalians are participating in the Jesus movement through building relationships and cultivating partnerships across the great state of Minnesota.

ECMN is incredibly healthy. We are blessed to have great clergy and lay leaders, a phenomenal Team of Missioners and very competent leaders at all our affiliates. Our Elected Bodies and our Mission Areas are functioning at a high level of collaborative leadership. We are, and have been for a number of years, very financially solid; including being debt free on all ECMN properties.

Why now? Because what I have learned in over three decades of leadership and ministry development is that the best time for leadership transition is when the organization is healthy, has strong shared leadership, and a clear sense of its mission. ECMN is in a great position to expand its capacity for engaging God's mission of the Beloved Community.

Serving as Bishop of ECMN is an incredible privilege and an immense blessing. I absolutely love serving as the Bishop here. And that, too, is why now. Because I believe others should have the opportunity to serve in such a Spirit-filled place with such gifted people. It's a great time for me to get out of the way and create space for the Spirit to bring whom you will bless next as you have immeasurably blessed me.

My family and close friends know that for years I have had a countdown app on my phone that marked the date I was eligible to activate my pension. That date was a little over a year ago. During the last year, Staci and I began to discern what a next chapter might look like for us and our family. Bishop Todd Ousley, Bishop for Pastoral Development, Presiding Bishop Curry and a few close colleagues and confidants have walked with us during this time and we are exploring a myriad of possibilities to use our gifts for God's mission. Staci and I would greatly appreciate your prayers.

The election of your 10th Bishop will be at our ECMN Convention. The Ordination and Consecration of your 10th Bishop will be in February of 2020. Between the election and the Consecration I will take a portion of that time for my unused sabbatical. In short order, the Standing Committee, working with Bishop Ousley will call a search Committee and Transition Committee.

As ECMN begins this season of discernment for the 10th Bishop, we will continue to engage God's mission of the Beloved Community. As always, I invite all of us to pray deeply and participate fully.

Blessings,

The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota

New Titles in the Tract Rack

If it has been a while since you've taken a look at the pamphlets in the tract rack just above the guest book in the Narthex, please take a moment to do so. I will make an effort to rotate titles every two or three months, so be sure to check back often! Some of the brochures have been written for the benefit of those who are seeking or those who may be newcomers desiring to discover more about our Episcopal expression of faith. Others have been printed with all of us in mind, whether we are relatively new or rather seasoned parishioners.



There are approximately 10 titles which are new to us this fall. Many suggest methods by which to enhance our Christian lives. Examples of these titles are “Keeping Sabbath”, “Practicing our Slogan (The Episcopal Church Welcomes You)”, “Practicing Evangelism”, and “The Spiritual Practice of Decluttering”. I have to admit that I had myself in mind when I ordered that last booklet! There are also some new pamphlets that speak to younger families. Two such titles which are up on the rack at this moment are “Raising Children of Faith” and “Teaching Children to Pray”. Seasonal titles will be offered in time for the First Sunday in Advent.

Almost all of these publications are distributed by Forward Movement, a ministry of the Episcopal Church which seeks to educate and reinvigorate our spiritual lives. This is the same publisher from whom we receive our daily devotionals “Forward Day by Day”. Speaking of which, please pick up a current copy of this booklet which is published in three month increments throughout the year and may be found on the table in the Narthex.

Emmanuel provides all of these materials free of charge, so please take anything that may be of interest to you! Should you find a title especially meaningful, consider passing it along to someone else who may appreciate it as well!

Tim Johnson



Lectionary Readings for October

October 7

Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 21

Twenty Second Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45



October 14

Twenty First Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

August 19

Twenty Third Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Lectionary Readings for November

November 4

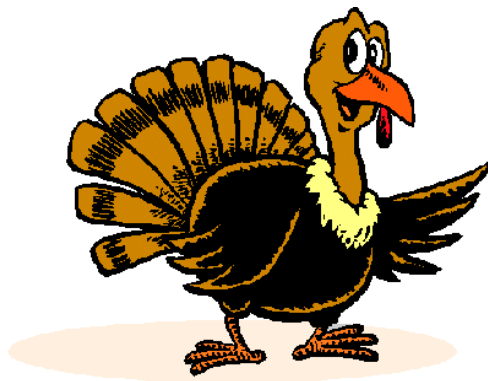
Twenty Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
All Saints Day

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 18

Twenty Sixth 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 11

Twenty Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

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

November 25

Last Sunday after Pentecost

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

Position	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Priest	Randy Welsand	Fred Nairn	Tom Sinning	Steve Schaitberger
Organist	JoNette Brogaard	Laurie Krueger	Jonette Brogaard	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	Tim Johnson	Mark Reicks	Karen Reicks	
Lector 2	Farren Morical	Donna Ziegelman	Mark Reicks	
Altar	Tim Johnson	Donna Ziegelman	Karen Reicks	
Chalice	Kay Welsand	Mark Reicks	Karen Reicks	
S School	Verlie & Karen	<i>No Sunday School</i>	Verlie & Karen	<i>No Sunday School</i>
Coffee	Farren Morical	Donna Ziegelman		

Remember in Your Prayers: *(please take this list home and use as a prayer list):* All clergy serving Emmanuel - Bishop Brian - Tom - Jana & Charles - Don & Ann - Kathleen - Dana - Edith - Cleone - Linda - Laird - Wendy - Jessie - Hunter - Tarz & Sandy - Law Enforcement Officers - Military Personnel - Peace in the World - The Food Shelf, volunteers & all who use it - Total Ministry Team - Vestry at Emmanuel - Heartland Girls Ranch



October Birthdays

Rachael Sinning
Gavin Doebbert
Fr. Charles Preble
Brad Parsons
Colin Parsons

Anniversaries

Linnae & Barry Grabner-Hegg

November Birthday

Gordon Ziegelman

Anniversaries

Belvin & JoEllen Doebbert
David & Nancy Anderson



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