



# EMMANUEL NEWS

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## From Rev. Tom Sinning

As I write this from my desk the sun is just coming up on another morning of unmelted snow that has turned crusty from the early spring balminess of the last few days. The snow is finally yielding to the warmth that envelopes the world. It is no longer in piles six feet deep. They have shrunk to less than four. Deer have been digging in my backyard for roots buried deep in the snow. For the last few days a bright red cardinal has perched in the highest branches of the trees, announcing to everyone who will listen that he is claiming the territory around our neighborhood and it is time to wake up from the darkness of winter. Venus rises in the morning sky as an early herald of the new day.

I spent a morning in the woods with a friend helping to run collection lines for the tap buckets on the 100 maple trees from which he collects sap to turn into the most marvelous nectar of spring. And now, it is just a matter of days before this sap of life will start coming up from the earth to give renewed life to the trees. By the time you read this there will be the wonderful smell of hundreds of gallons of maple sap cooking down into syrup over a wood fire. How blessed we are to be reminded of the wonder and beauty of God's creation.

This newsletter will take us from the reflection and soul searching of the last days of Lent through the first glorious and renewing days of Easter. When our next one comes out it is likely that much of the memory of 60 below wind chills and 6 feet of snow will have melted like the ice on the lakes and we will have been refreshed with the wonderful scent of daffodils and lilacs. I am selfishly anticipating being in a blind during my turkey season the first week in May, not so much to bag a turkey, but to be in the woods at 4:30 AM to listen and watch in awe as God's creation around me awakens with the new dawn.

These seasons of Lent and Easter which mirror our own lives are at the heart of the mystery of the cross and resurrection. When we attend to and walk through the pain and anxiety in our lives, the joys that accompany a new life, a new discovery, or a reconciliation of a broken relationship are amplified a hundredfold. For us, as Christians, during the time of Easter, our God is magnified beyond our comprehension as a result of the crucifixion and death that The Christ experienced, and we reflect on during the dark and cold days of Lent. How blessed we are to live in this part of the world where we are reminded every year of the how the darkness and cold of winter, are the messengers of such wonder and joy in the spring.

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## Vestry:

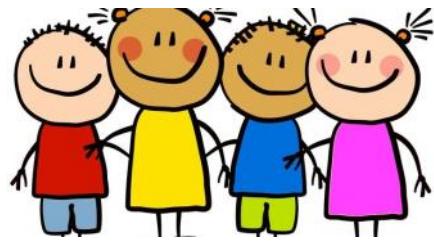
JoEllen Doebeert, Senior Warden ('21)  
Sheila Stanton, Junior Warden ('21)  
Karen Reicks, Treasurer ('20)

## Vestry Positions:

Tim Johnson ('22)  
Farren Morical ('20)  
Karen Reicks ('21)  
Sheila Stanton ('20)

## Delegates to Region and Convention:

Belvin Doebeert  
Alternate: JoEllen Doebeert



## Kid's Corner

We thought it would be fun to talk to some of our youth, so we are starting a Kid's Corner article every issue to showcase our Sunday School kids. Here is the first one where we talk with Avery Sinning.

**Interviewer (Int):** Hi Avery! How old are you?

**Avery Sinning:** I'm thirteen. As a matter of fact, I'm thirteen today!

**Int:** Oh, Avery, I didn't know! Thanks for talking with us on your thirteenth birthday.

What grade are you in now?

**Avery:** I'm in the seventh grade.

**Int:** Do you like Sunday School? Do you have friends at school who go to Sunday School?

**Avery:** Yes, I like it. I have friends who go, but they call it Youth Group.

**Int:** What do you like about Sunday School?

**Avery:** Well, lately we have been learning about the creeds and other things in our faith that are in our book (Book of Common Prayer).



**Int:** What Bible story is your favorite? What do you like about it?

**Avery:** I like the story about Adam and Eve. ...they were the very first people ... and they sinned. They had to learn. God didn't want them to eat from that one tree, but they chose to disobey.

**Int:** Is there a Bible story you don't like? What don't you like about it?

**Avery:** Well, um, not really.

**Int:** Religion is supposed to help us choose good and kind over bad or evil. Do you think coming to Church helps you make tough choices?

**Avery:** Yes, because we read about things other people have done in the past. In the Bible there are lots of lessons taught, morals, that help you not to be rude, or ungrateful ... things from God.

**Int:** Last summer your grandfather became a priest. Does that change the way you feel about Church?

**Avery:** Well, kind of. He gives the sermons to the whole Church. Learning about God and Jesus from him, a family member, who is teaching the whole Church, that is special.

**Int:** Do you have any ideas about what you want to do when you get out of school and get a job?

**Avery:** Yes, I want to be a medical person, something in the medical field or a therapist. I want to work with kids, medical work with kids or something with kids.

**Int:** What is your favorite out of school activity?

**Avery:** I love acting and theatre. I have done eight shows at the Andria Theatre...I've been doing shows there since I was in the third grade. I love meeting people there. When we do a show, you get to know other people, spend time with them. It's almost like another family. You do the show together and hang out together.

**Int:** I want you to know, Avery, all of us grownups at Emmanuel appreciate you coming to Sunday School. We are thankful we have young Episcopalians in our Church.

Thank you for this interview, especially taking time on your birthday! God bless you as you learn about our faith.

Sheila Stanton

## A Message from the Sr. Warden

Dear members of Emmanuel: As we enter a new year, I would ask you to share your thoughts on the following questions:

1. If we could do one thing this year at Emmanuel, what would it be?
2. What would you like Emmanuel to look like in 5 years? Or, another way of saying that is, what is your dream for Emmanuel?

I have asked your Vestry to think about these questions and I am hoping everyone at Emmanuel will comment. Please feel free to either email me or call me with your thoughts. Email: [eastreno@runestone.net](mailto:eastreno@runestone.net); cell: 320-219-3673. Or, just write down your ideas on the boards that will be up during coffee hour in coming weeks.

I look forward to your thoughts, your enthusiasm, and your ideas as move forward together.

JoEllen Doebebert  
Sr. Warden

## Commissioning of Vestry

Rev. Tom Sining presided over the commissioning of the Vestry at the service on Sunday, March 31. Pictured are (from left to right): Farren Morical, JoEllen Doebebert (Sr. Warden), Tim Johnson and Karen Reicks (also Treasurer). Not present: Sheila Stanton. Please join in the congregation's commitment to "do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church." Please keep your Vestry in your prayers, that they may be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and that in all things, they may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ.



## United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering

Although we had a couple of unavoidable delays with regard to the distribution of the blue boxes, the UTO mission is now under way! If you have not yet received a box, we will try to keep them available on the table in the Narthex. We still intend to collect them on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This project encourages us to remember the blessings in our lives for which we are thankful. When we feel grateful for these things, it is a good time to add a little to the donations that we will keep in our UTO boxes until the ingathering, or collection. 100% of what is collected goes to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church.

If you have any questions, or if you need a box and are unable to find one in the Narthex, please talk to Tim, Sheila, Karen, or Fr. Tom. Thank you for sharing with us in this mission!

## Flooding on Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations in Southern South Dakota

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2019/03/27/episcopalian-join-with-others-to-help-neighbors-on-two-south-dakota-reservations/>

Consider donating to any of the following to help our brothers and sisters in need on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in southern South Dakota:

The Diocese of South Dakota; Episcopal Relief and Development; The Rev. Edward Hunt discretionary fund: Pine Ridge Mission - PO Box 352, Martin, SD 57551-0532; and/or The Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley discretionary fund: Rosebud Mission West - Episcopal Church - Rev. Dr. Lauren Stanley, PO Box 188, Mission, SD 57555-0188

## Bishop's Search Holy Listening in Saturday

April 6 10-2 at St. Luke's, Detroit Lakes

The Search for ECMN's 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop "Holy Listening Session" will take place at St. Luke's next Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. (With Lunch and Holy Eucharist) This is a very important time to give voice to our hopes and dreams for the church of the future. All are welcome! If you can attend, please either let JoEllen know or contact Rev. Dana Emery directly.

Even if you cannot be there in person, please consider taking a few minutes to share your thoughts on the following questions. Feel free to email your thoughts to JoEllen, [eastreno@runestone.net](mailto:eastreno@runestone.net) or Rev. Dana Emery, [danadanakaren@arvig.net](mailto:danadanakaren@arvig.net). Also, there will be an online survey available during Holy Week. We will send out a notice At that time.

Questions that ECMN would like feedback on:

1. Where in our common life has God been most vibrantly alive for you? (in your community/mission area)
2. What new things does God seem to be doing among your community/mission area?
3. How would you describe the Episcopal Church in Minnesota? \***What are our joys and blessings?\* What are our longings and concerns?**
4. Where is God beckoning you as you look toward the future? \* What is your **BIG DREAM for ECMN?**
5. **Describe the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Minnesota!** (Have some fun with this one!)

## 2019 Lent and Easter Schedule at Emmanuel

### Palm Sunday – April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday with Agape Supper

April 18 at 6:00 p.m.

### Good Friday Service with Stations of the Cross

April 19 at Noon

### Easter Sunday – April 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist

**Please join us in celebrating the season of Easter!**

**Invite a friend to attend with you.**





## Lectionary Readings for April

**April 7**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8  
Psalm 126

**April 14**  
Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms  
Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
The Liturgy of the Word  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56  
or Luke 23:1-49  
Psalm 31:9-16

**April 18**  
Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17

**April 19**  
Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
or Hebrews 4:14-16;  
5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42  
Psalm 22

**April 21**  
Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
or Isaiah 65:17-25  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18  
or Luke 24:1-12  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**April 28**  
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31  
Psalm 118:14-29  
or Psalm 150



## Lectionary Readings for May

**May 5**  
Third Sunday of Easter

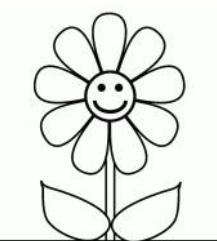
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19  
Psalm 30

**May 12**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30  
Psalm 23

**May 19**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35  
Psalm 148



**May 26**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29  
or John 5:1-9  
Psalm 67

Position	April 7	April 14	April 18	April 19	April 21	April 28
	<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Maundy Thurs</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
<b>Priest</b>	Fred Nairn	Tom Sinning	Dana Emery	Tom Sinning	Tom Sinning	Randy Welsand
<b>Organist</b>	Laurie Krueger	Laurie Krueger		Margaret Kalina	JoNette Brogaard	Nancy Anderson
<b>Lector 1</b>	JoEllen Doeber		JoEllen Doeber	Karen Reicks	JoEllen Doeber	Mark Reicks
<b>Lector 2</b>	Belvin Doeber	Farren Morical	Belvin Doeber		Belvin Doeber	Farren Morical
<b>Altar</b>	Karen Reicks			Church Members	Karen R/Karen S	
<b>Chalice</b>	Tom Sinning		JoEllen Doeber		JoEllen Doeber	Kay Welsand
<b>S School</b>	Verlie & Karen				???	<i>No Sunday School</i>
<b>Coffee</b>	<i>Reception &amp; Cake</i>	Karen Sinotte	<i>Evening Meal</i>			Karen Reicks

Remember in Your Prayers: (please take this list home and use as a prayer list): All clergy serving Emmanuel - Bishop Brian - Tom - Jana & Charles - Hultstrand Family - Kathleen - Edith - Cleone - The Families of Dana Christenson & Patty Den Hartog - Al - Belvin - Trappier - 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 - Those affected by recent wildfires & Hurricanes Florence & Michael



### Baptism Sunday April 7 at 10:30

Heath Rutledge, the son of John and Billy Jo Rutledge, will be baptized on Sunday, April 7. Join us as we celebrate Heath's initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's body, the church.

**Mark your calendars!** Calling all golfers. Let's have a Team Emmanuel at the BS Open at Osakis Golf Club August 24 - a fundraiser for cancer research founded in honor of Bob Sinotte. Contact Karen Sinotte for more info.



### Anniversaries

Mike & Amanda Baas  
Mark & Karen Reicks

### May Birthdays

Mary Lu Rich  
Laird Barber  
Cleone Sherman  
Debbie Rocks



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