



# EMMANUEL NEWS

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## 1928 Service at St. Paul's in Glenwood September 15 at 10:30

Followed by the  
Annual Pot Luck Picnic at the Chalet in the Park  
Hot Dogs, buns, plates, utensils provided  
Bring a dish to share and your own beverages  
Come join us for a fun afternoon.



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**Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.**  
**on the 1st and 3rd Sundays**

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**Vestry:**

JoEllen Doebbert, Sr. Warden ('21)  
Sheila Stanton, Jr. 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 Doebbert  
Alternate: JoEllen Doebbert

## The Power of Prayer

At Emmanuel we have a long and wonderful tradition of prayer groups. Below is a prime example of this written by our Senior Warden's mom several years ago. As we continue the tradition of a prayer chain we will pray daily for our brothers and sisters, known and unknown. Contact Sheila Stanton at 314-435-4750 or sheila13stanton@gmail.com for more information.

"After two devastating incidents at a former church we attended, I organized an "Around the Clock" Emergency Prayer Chain. Twelve people each took a time. We prayed not only during our time during the day but found God was waking us up at our designated hour in the night, too! On the guideline sheet I included: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person availeth much."

YOU CAN BE THE INSTRUMENT THAT MOVES THE HAND OF GOD.

The first prayer request was from a lady who had seen the notice of the new prayer chain in our bulletin. She belongs to a new Catholic congregation that was temporarily meeting in our sanctuary while its church was being built. Her friend's son had a brain mass and he was given almost no chance of surviving surgery. Over the years and after several hundred prayer requests in three years, most of the details have been forgotten, but the boy recovered fully.

X-rays showed a tumor in a lady's throat. When she got into surgery, the lump was just under the skin. During my surgery, I knew my group was praying. As it turned out, someone had not passed the message, but faith was enough!

Scott, with terminal abdominal cancer, chose an operation although doctors said it was useless. No cancer was found, only scar tissue. He had been on the prayer chain for many months. When he visited our church on Christmas Eve, we were finally able to meet the boy we had grown to love through prayer. The last I heard, he was studying medicine. Many times doctors were surprised at a patient's recovery. Although all requests did not result in healing, we had faith Gods will was done.

1 John 5:14

Shirley Pfeifle"

**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.



## ***Presiding Bishop issues video message on immigration: 'Who is my neighbor?'***

Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs Posted Jul 15, 2019

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The Presiding Bishop’s video message can be found here: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/presiding-bishop-issues-video-message-on-immigration-who-is-my-neighbor/#.XUB1FOON7VA.email>

I’m Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. It goes without saying that there is a humanitarian crisis at the southern border of the United States. It is a human crisis, a crisis that has deep and complex roots, sources, and origins. But it is a crisis, a crisis of the human children of God.

There is suffering and there is hardship.

There is complexity and difficulty.

But it is a crisis that we as nation, that we as a global community, must face and find a way forward for the sake of our brothers and our sisters, for the sake of us all.

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In the Hebrew scriptures in the book of Deuteronomy, the book writes and says you shall love the stranger, for remember you were once strangers in the land of Egypt.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew in the New Testament, Jesus in the parable of the last judgment says that when you welcomed the stranger, when you did it to these who are members of my family, you have done it to me.

When you welcome the stranger, you welcome Jesus. The book of Hebrews in the New Testament says those who have welcomed the strangers have sometimes welcomed angels unawares.

Welcoming the stranger, welcoming those who are visiting among us is a cardinal virtue and value in our Christian faith.

Jesus was talking to a lawyer once; the story is told in Luke’s gospel. And, when he was talking to the lawyer, the lawyer asked him what he must do to inherit eternal life. And Jesus said, what did Moses teach in the Hebrew scriptures? The lawyer said, well, Moses said you shall love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself.

And Jesus said do that and you will find life.

But the lawyer went on and he asked, well, can we define neighbor more precisely? Who is my neighbor? And that’s when Jesus told what we now know as the Parable of the Good Samaritan where one person helped another person, a person who was completely unlike them, someone that person considered other, not my tribe, not my nationality, not my religion, not even my friend. And Jesus at the end of the parable said, who was the neighbor to the man who was in need? And the lawyer said, well the one who actually showed compassion.

And Jesus said, now go and do that likewise.

That parable of the Good Samaritan invites us, calls us, challenges us, to be neighbor to the neighbor.

Some of our neighbors are at the border and some of our neighbors are those who have immigrated to this country and are living right in our neighborhood or in our city or in our community, or our state. To show compassion to them is to obey Jesus. Go and do likewise.

Show compassion. Show mercy. Help the neighbor. Help the stranger. Love the Lord your God. And love your neighbor as yourself.

## Lectionary Readings for August

### August 4

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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



### August 11

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### August 18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### August 25

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

## Lectionary Readings for September

### September 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



### September 8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

### September 15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### September 22

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### September 29

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

Position	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
<b>Priest</b>	Steve Shaitberger	Linnae Hegge	Tom Sinning	Greg Johnson
<b>Organist</b>	Mertice Brueske	Laurie Krueger	JoNette Brogaard	Nancy Anderson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Sheila Stanton	JoEllen Doebbert	Tim Johnson	Mark Reicks
<b>Lector 2</b>	Donna Ziegelman	John Rutledge	Karen Sinotte	Karen Reicks
<b>Altar</b>	Karen Reicks	Donna Ziegelman	Tim Johnson	Sheila Stanton
<b>Chalice</b>		JoEllen Doebbert		
<b>Coffee</b>	Donna Ziegelman	Karen Reicks	Doebberts	

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 - 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



*In Memory of*  
**Albert H. Pfeifle**  
 September 28, 1927 – May 27,

**Celebration of Life**  
 Atonement Lutheran Church  
 1144 29th Aver  
 Saint Cloud, Minnesota  
 Visitation 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
 Thursday, August 01, 2019  
 1:00 pm

**Officiant**  
 Rev. John A. Gabrielson

**Military and Burial of Ashes**  
 Albert H. Pfeifle and Shirley D. Pfeifle  
 Ft. Snelling National Cemetery  
 Friday, August 02, 2019 10:30 am

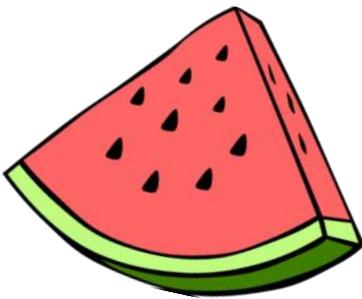
**Memorials**  
 In lieu of flowers,  
 we would be honored  
 if you would make memorials to  
 Knute Nelson Hospice  
 Alexandria  
 or  
 Atonement Lutheran Church  
 Saint Cloud

**August Birthdays**

Jason Sinning  
 Caitlyn Parsons  
 Amanda Baas  
 Tarz Embry  
 John Rutledge  
 Wendy Zander

**Anniversaries**

Josh & Rachael Sinning



**September Birthdays**

DeAnn Runge  
 Sheila Stanton  
 Liam Sinning  
 Tallon Sinning  
 Charlee Sinning  
 Rita Smith  
 Ellen Hormel

**Anniversaries**

Brad & Dyanne Parsons





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