

EMMANUEL NEWS

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From Rev. Randy Welsand

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I trust all is well with you as we continue to weave our way through this new reality which is the COVID-19 pandemic. Kay and I are well and continue to adjust to this new “normal”.

Normal is looking like “hunkered down”, venturing out only for essentials with a mask on, social distancing, limiting contact. Wave, bump elbows, keep at least 6 feet apart, don’t touch your face and keep your hand sanitizer handy at all times! I can say without hesitation.....I DON’T LIKE IT!!! But I get it.

Change is difficult on a good day and even tougher on a bad one. Most people I come across seem to understand and do what is required to keep the most vulnerable safe, some fight it tooth and nail. I saw an individual at Wal Mart the other day get into a shouting match with the greeter who merely stated that a mask was now required for entrance.

We just need to adapt a little bit, do things just a little differently. We live in a time when technology allows us to stay in touch with each other, to get what we need and do what we need to do in a safe manner. A video chat with the grandchildren is never as good as a hug, a ZOOM church service isn’t as good as meeting in person, but it works for now.

Kay has made over 300 masks and given most of them away to anyone in need. I have made dozens of calls; we stay in touch with the amateur radio community though daily “welfare checks” on the air and text and email like crazy people!!

Jesus spent his whole adult life taking care of people in difficult times. We can and must do likewise. Even though we may be somewhat isolated from each other today, we are never alone.

God is always here, with us.

Blessings!

Randy+

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Senior Warden Report by JoEllen Doebbert

Anti-Racism Covenant

Our new Bishop, Craig Loya, invites us to join with him in signing a Covenant Against Racism. The death of George Floyd challenges us to look at the inequalities amongst the races in our country, and even in our community. For some, the challenge seems overwhelming - what can I, just one person, do about hundreds of years of racism? For others, it may not seem real because we are not directly touched by it. Or perhaps we turn away because the issue has become politicized and polarized.

On August 13th, your Vestry will consider signing the Anti-Racism Covenant written by the Bishop of Missouri and adopted by Bishop Loya. Please read the Covenant, pray about it, and consider signing the Covenant; please pray for your Vestry as it prayerfully considers signing the Covenant. If we sign it, we are making a promise; we would not just be agreeing to the principle, but committing to, covenanting with, our brothers and sisters of faith to make a difference. See the full text of the Covenant printed in this newsletter. To sign the Covenant online: <https://www.diocesemo.org/news/2020/07/15/anti-racism-covenant>

We will be continuing our outdoor services through the summer. Please join us! We have been so lucky to have good weather. Parishioners bring their own lawn chair, wear masks and socially distance. For communion, we receive a wafer sealed in plastic, but no wine. We have been blessed with guitar music on occasion by John Rutledge. As the temperature cools and we receive additional guidelines from Bishop Loya, we will keep you posted about any changes in our services at Emmanuel. Watch your email.

No decision has been made yet regarding how to offer Sunday School this year (virtually by Zoom, sending packets of materials or ideas to do at home etc). We will be getting in touch with the Sunday School teachers and parents to brainstorm options and seek their input.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13th: the 1928 service at St. Paul's in Glenwood. We do not know yet if it will be an outdoor service and whether we will be able to hold the picnic. Stay tuned! The annual service allows the church to remain a consecrated church, so it is important to hold at least one service a year at St. Paul's. Hope you can join us!

We miss you, stay well and God bless you.
JoEllen Doebbert



Sunday Services at Emmanuel

10:30 A.M.

In the church yard

Because of the Covid-19 crisis, we have been having outdoor services Sunday mornings at Emmanuel. We are so lucky to have a beautiful yard with lots of shade trees. We gather every Sunday to attend a Eucharist, to hear a sermon, and to enjoy getting together with each other. We all wear masks and maintain the recommended social distance. Hand sanitizer is provided, and people are asked to bring their own chairs.



Bell Ringing

In April, churches in Minneapolis started ringing their bells at noon each day to build a sense of community during the isolation of the COVID19 shelter in place time. Each Monday, Rev. Tom has been ringing Emmanuel's bell at noon. We will get through this together!



Save the Date for the Picnic

Another long-standing event for Emmanuel is uncertain. The church service at St. Paul's and the picnic at the Chalet in Glenwood are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020. Whether this event will actually happen is not known right now. We will keep you posted later in the summer.

Online Resources for Worship:

Live Stream this Sunday's service from the National Cathedral at 10:15 a.m. (Minnesota time): <https://cathedral.org/worship/>

Live Stream this Sunday's service from St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis at 10:30 am: <https://ourcathedral.org/live-video/>

The Prayer Book and daily/weekly readings can be found at: www.bcponline.org and <http://lectionarypage.net/>

Daily Services can be found at these sites: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> and <https://www.missionstclare.com/>

Or if you would rather listen to Morning Prayer: <https://amato.podbean.com/>

Morning Prayer and Hymns for home use (from St. Clements, St. Paul): https://faithconnector.s3.amazonaws.com/stcstp/files/prayer_booklet_for_home_use.pdf?r=95036130

Daily meditations from Forward Day by Day online, the podcast: <https://www.forwardmovement.org/Pages/Item/12306/Podcast.aspx>

Lectionary Readings for August

August 2

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 13

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 16
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 16

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 15

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28



August 9

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 14

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 23

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 16

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 17

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Lectionary Readings for September

September 6

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 18

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 20

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 20

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 13

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 19

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 27

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 21

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

August

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

Anniversaries

Josh & Rachael Sinning

September

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

Anniversaries

Brad & Dyanne Parsons

Need a prayerbook or hymnal for use at home?

If you would like to have a Book of Common Prayer or Hymnal at home while we are not holding Sunday services, please either call the church and leave a message (320-763-3201) and we will mail or have one delivered to you (let us know your address), or feel free to stop by the church and check one out.

Remember in Your Prayers: (please take this list home and use as a prayer list): All clergy serving Emmanuel - Bishop Brian - Bishop Elect, Craig Loya - Tom - Jana & Charles - Hultstrand Family - Kathleen - Karen - 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 - All of those who are affected by the COVID19 virus and those who are bravely on the front lines of service - Jason and Deb - Guide us in the way of peace





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