



The Emmanuel Epistle

Learn, Love, Serve

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Lifting the Veil

Intellectually I know that Lent is the time of year, about six weeks, in our Liturgical calendar when believers and churchgoers spend time in prayer, self-reflection, repentance, and fasting, perhaps giving up Chardonnay, chocolate or Facebook. We are preparing ourselves to meet Jesus on Palm Sunday and walk with him on his journey of Holy Week to the cross, anticipating the celebration of Easter and the Risen Christ.

But what does that mean for my day to day life? How does my relationship with God and Jesus change because I actively participated in the Lenten journey? Lent is about transformation. Lent is not just about doing a few things in order get in good with God. Like if I give up Chardonnay for Lent maybe God won't notice that I drink a bottle every night the rest of the year. (I'm sober, but I thought this made a really good example!) Lent is the ongoing transformative journey that starts on the inside and works its way out.

Over different periods of my life I have taken the outward-in approach. I would say to myself and God, after a night of heavy drinking, "I'm going to quit smoking, go to the gym, move to a new apartment, go back to school, become a vegetarian and get my hair cut, that will surely fix my problem!" And I would do those things, and feel okay for a while. Like, phew! I finally got it together! And then, I'd find myself in another destructive relationship, or drunk again, or some other behavior unbecoming to a future priest. Because deep, profound, transformative change comes from what spiritual teachers have been saying for millennia. It is in the dying of the self when true change can take hold. Lent is the season when we look at ourselves and in our prayer time with God face the truth about ourselves. Where have I been dishonest, selfish,

afraid? Where am I holding resentments, and what part might I have had in creating that resentment? Why do I judge that person so harshly? Do I judge myself that harshly, too? The small self dies to make room for the light of Christ. Lent is but a mere six weeks but the practice of prayer, self-reflection and repentance we can do any time we sense the light of Christ in our heart going dim, to lift the veil on its brightness.

Blessings, Rev. Holly

Emmanuel Episcopal Preschool

Dear Emmanuel Friends,

Our annual "Pizza with a Purpose" California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to those who joined us! I hope that all of you enjoyed yourselves. Each preschool family that attended received a raffle ticket. We will have a big drawing at our Open House.

This month we celebrate Dr. Seuss Day on March 2nd. The children will dress up like their favorite character and then each teacher will read a book and do an activity or lesson for their book. Of course, we will have green eggs and ham for lunch! On March 9th, the children will have pictures taken by Playful Portraits. They do fine work and they are fast. The families will be able to view the proofs in the online gallery after a few days.

On March 13th, we will do parent conferences. Then on March 19th, we will have our annual Open House. Everyone is invited! We will have an activity in every room. We will also have our big drawing. It should be a fun and exciting night. At the end of this month, we will have our Spring Break, March 23-27.

As always, many thanks to our secret donors. These special people have assisted us in paying for professional development opportunities, renovating the sandbox as well as purchasing the tablets, and they do so anonymously. We are blessed to work with such a generous church family. Currently, we have 40 children and counting....

Warm Regards,
Lisa Seggelke



A Few Words from Your Treasurer

January was a tough month for us financially. Operating Fund income was only \$13,600. That's about \$300 less than January of 2019. Expenses were higher this year primary because we paid our annual Workers' Comp bill which was \$3,382. Our Operating Fund expenses for January totalled \$26,283 versus \$21,337 for 2019. So for January 2020 we had a net loss of \$12,683 in the Operating Fund as compared to a loss of \$7,434 in January of 2019.

Work started on the Memorial Walkway (Patio) project on February 10th and it's just about complete as I'm writing this article on February 19th. All 90 of the personalized pavers have been placed and the new patio is looking wonderful. We couldn't have done it without you!

We had a Million Meals ingathering on January 19th and raised a total of \$1,505. Thank you all for your support.

With much gratitude!
Dave Dunlap, Treasurer

Why Emmanuel?

Rev. Holly had a brilliant idea about a new column for everyone in Emmanuel. We will be writing Emmanuelites' stories about why they came and stayed at Emmanuel as their church home. Please consider sending your story to me at lnyaggah@gmail.com. Stories can be anonymous if you wish, but we do have both wonderful and heart-rending experiences that we should share with each other. This month, Sue Wilson shares her story:

We come to Emmanuel in many different ways, but it's the Holy Spirit that fills and animates our Rectors and our congregation that keeps us here.

Two days before Christmas, 2015, our daughter, Carolyn, and her husband, one on each extension, called to speak to her younger sister's husband, who is a physician. In the middle of cutting up meat for her six-year-old, she stopped, turned around and went upstairs. Her husband found her on her hands and knees in their closet, sorting belts.

Within twelve hours, tests discovered a large mass in her brain, and our entire family entered a horror story from which there was no escape. Following surgery, she was diagnosed with

advanced Glioblastoma, a primary brain tumor for which there is no effective treatment or cure.

Carolyn, who had a PhD in biochemistry and was directing research into women's cancers, lost first her career, then her freedom, and finally her ability to care for her three children.

Our younger daughter and her family decided to postpone (and actually to forfeit) their planned move to New Zealand in order to move closer and help. Our eldest daughter, who is a military wife in Virginia with two daughters and a son with special needs, flew out when she could, often arriving at key moments when her experience and skills were most needed.

Carolyn's husband, Jim, who had been by her side since they were sixteen, continued to care for her even when she could no longer respond.

My husband, Carrie's father, couldn't cope. An only child, he had never recovered from the loss of both his parents within six months of each other. He moved out in the fall of 2016.

- When I came to Emmanuel in 2017, I was lost. I didn't know what I was looking for, but I knew I had to find something to fill the hole inside me. It was the love that came through the music, the hugs and healing hands, and you, all of you, that finally, gradually helped me to find peace and restored my hope.

I am grateful to be part of a church and a congregation with such a loving and generous spirit. Thanks be to God!

Review of the Emmanuel Legacy Fund for Long Term Planned Giving!!

At the Annual Meeting I gave an update of the Emmanuel Legacy Fund at Reverend Holly's request. For those that weren't there this may be new information and for those that were, it might be a good review.

The Emmanuel Legacy Fund was started quietly, a few years ago by a small but enthusiastic Committee of Beth and Robert Jahncke, Bev Simmons, Dave Nicholson, Walter Palmer and myself. It is an endowment type fund and was adopted officially by a Vestry Resolution and a lengthy Plan of Operations approved by the Vestry.

It was created to give an opportunity to further the *future mission and ministry* of the Church; to provide for the long term, by bequests, "planned giving" and charitable gifts.

These gifts are invested in a separate account for Emmanuel in the Diocesan Investment Trust Long-Term Diversified Fund. Although operated in a large pool of investments by the well-known Willshire Associates, Emmanuel's funds and the gains from those funds are strictly our own.

The Legacy Fund is an endowment fund. That means that the capital gifts in the fund are not to be touched, but to let grow so that the interest, dividends, and capital gains produced by the fund can be used in the future, up to a maximum of 5% per year. In our case, it was decided, at the outset, that no proceeds could be taken until the fund reached and maintained \$100,000. Each expenditure must be approved by the Rector and Vestry and cannot be used for current operating expense.

Our Vision:

Our vision for the Emmanuel Legacy Fund is to give folks an opportunity to join in the FUTURE mission, projects and outreach of Emmanuel. It is to be an opportunity for a donor to make a long-term difference by their charitable gifts or bequests from their estate.

Also, are you aware that planned giving.... wills, bequests, charitable gifts, annuities and other planned giving vehicles can often give win/win solutions of giving and saving tax dollars too? For example, we are able to donate to a charity directly from an IRA with no tax consequence on the distribution. More importantly, that donation would build the endowment fund for the future ministry of the church we love so much!!!

How's it Doing?

We have several folks who have signed a letter of intent by making a provision to include Emmanuel in their will or estate plans. We have a few others who have donated a one-time charitable gift to the Legacy Fund. The Fund has endured the great recession (2008) and has grown from about \$35,000 of original contributions to \$85,000!! Closing in on our goal!! Please give thoughtful prayer and commitment to a wonderful legacy that you could leave to this special Church!

I would be delighted to answer any of your questions or fill in more details.... and even buy you coffee to discuss tax saving strategies on charitable giving.

Ted Jones
Senior Warden

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Eucharist (Single Service)	2 7:00 PM Evening Lenten Series	3 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Eucharist 3:30 PM Girl Scouts troop 1999 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders' Meeting 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	4 7:00 AM Eucharist 7:00 PM Taizé Service	5	6 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 101 Meeting	7 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous
8 8:15 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist	9 7:00 PM Evening Lenten Series	10 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Eucharist 6:30 PM Visibility Committee 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	11 7:00 AM Eucharist	12 1:00 PM OWLS (women of girl scouts) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders 6:30 PM Early Birds	13	14 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous
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This Month's Happenings

In addition to the usual services here are more opportunities to gather together:

Mondays	Evening Bible Study/Lenten Series	7 pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study, Eucharist	10 am
Wednesdays	Eucharist and Breakfast	7 am
Saturdays	Men's Bible Study	9 am
3/4	Taizé	7 pm
3/12	Early Birds	6:30 pm
3/21	Emmanuel Garden Plant Sale	9 am – 12 noon
3/27	Movie Night	6:30 pm

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