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The EMPHASIS

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The EMPHASIS

a Monthly Newsletter from Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines **EMPHASIS** as:

Noun: em·pha·sis *plural:* em(p)-fə-sēs

- a forceful quality in the way something is said or written
- special importance or attention given to something

Other meanings: importance, weight, accent, prominence, highlighting



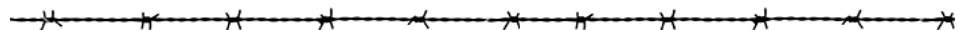
The Wednesdays of Lent Continue through April 5!

Lenten Evening Theme: *It's the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! We will continue studying Luther's Small Catechism and Luther's Small Prayer Book, on Wednesdays, through April 5. Lead by Pastor Daugs, downstairs, in the Fellowship Hall.*

Soup Supper - 5:30—6 PM Lenten Devotions - 6—6:55 PM

Thank you to the following supper host groups:

- ✦March 8: Youth & Family ✦March 15: Adult Choir & Bells
✦March 22: "Old Dudes" ✦March 29: ELCW ✦April 5: Church Council



Maundy Thursday Worship

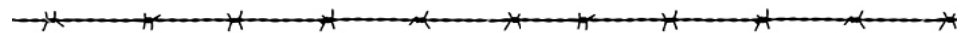
April 13, 6:30 PM



Good Friday Worship

April 14, 6:30 PM

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary.



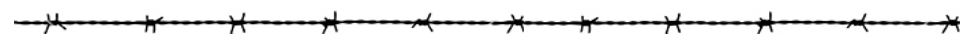
Easter Sunday - April 16, 2017

Sunrise Service at Cordelia, 6 AM
Easter Worship at Emmanuel, 9:30 AM



Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt following service 11 AM

Join us in continuing the Easter celebration after church with our Youth & Family hosted Easter Brunch. You will be greeted with wonderful food and fellowship! All donations from the brunch will go towards sending the youth to Lutherhaven this summer, through the Dave Isakson Memorial Scholarship Fund. There'll be an Easter Egg Hunt following the brunch.



If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary, to take home with you following Easter worship, see page 17 for an order form!

Welcome to Emmanuel!

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Ed Opps

i.e. Christian Education Opportunities

Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 8 AM.



Our Adult Sunday School will continue the walk with Luther through the Small Catechism. Join **Pastor Daug**, 8 AM, Fellowship Hall, for this instructive study!
(NOTE: Class will not meet on 4/9 and 4/16.)

Prayer Pieces in The Gallery at 8:30 AM.



Join us in prayer, fellowship, and conversation, while we knit, crochet, and cross-stitch. Contact **Gretchen Isakson** (gretchenisakson@yahoo.com) or **Robbie Giles** (robbiegiles@roadrunner.com) with questions.

J.A.M. - Jesus and Me! for children through age 12.



Following the Children's Sermon, J.A.M. leaders will escort the kiddos down to the Fellowship Hall for crafts, games, songs, and a snack. Children will return to the Sanctuary just prior to Holy Communion. (Note: There will be no J.A.M. on Easter Sunday. Join us for brunch & an Egg Hunt after worship!)

The "Old Dudes!" Wednesdays at 7 AM.



This is a group of Emmanuel Men that meet weekly on Wednesdays and would love it if you joined them! On the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 AM, meet at the Breakfast Club for breakfast and devotions. Following breakfast, the men will head to church for a work day! On all the other Wednesdays, 7 AM, meet for coffee at the Moscow Co-op. Questions? Contact CindyMarie in the Church Office. 208.882.3915

Theology on Tap! 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 5:15 PM.



Join us in the backroom of One World Cafe (corner of 6th and Main, Moscow) the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 5:15 PM. Our April meetings are on 4/6 & 4/20. Come join the conversation! Questions? Contact **Walter Hesford**. hesford@uidaho.edu

MARY Circle! 1st Monday of the month, 1:30 PM at Good Sam.




The group will meet on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1:30 PM, at Good Samaritan Village Community Room. Questions? Contact **Shelley Dale** (882.9555 or sdale@turbonet.com)

LEAH Circle! 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM



All women are warmly invited to meet for devotions and a potluck lunch on Tuesday, April 4, at **Gen Long's** home, and **Charlene Olsson** will be the Bible Study leader. We will meet in the parking lot by the Dollar Store at 11 AM to carpool out to Gen's. Questions? **Jeanette Johnston** 208.892.9549, or **Charlene Olsson** 208.882.1028. All are welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						APRIL 2017
						1 11:00am Celebration of Life of Dwaine Martin
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	3 <i>Pastor Off</i> Youth Director Office Hours 1:30pm MARY Circle (Good Samaritan)	4 11:30am LEAH Circle 12:30pm Mighty Youth PLAY DAY (Hall) 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	5 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 10:00am ELC Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Supper - Host: Council (Hall)  6:00pm Lenten Devotions (Hall) 7:00pm Adult Bells	6 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 5:15pm Theology on Tap! (One World Café, Moscow) 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 8:00am No Preschool-Conferences 10:00am Luth Youth POTLUCK (Hall) 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	8 11:00am Celebration of Life of Edna Holbrook
9 Palm Sunday 8:00am CANCELLED: Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	10 <i>Pastor Off</i> Youth Director Office Hours	11 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	12 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 7:00am Men's Breakfast (The Breakfast Club) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall) 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Bells	13 Maundy Thursday 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 6:30pm Worship (Sanctuary) 	14 Good Friday <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled 6:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)	15
16 Easter Sunday  6:00am Easter Sunrise Service (Cordelia) 8:00am CANCELLED: Adult Christian Education (Hall) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir 11:00am Fellowship Easter Brunch (Hall)	17 Tax Day <i>Pastor Off</i> Youth Director Office Hours	18 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	19 Emphasis Deadline for May Issue 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Bells	20 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 12:30pm Mighty Youth PLAY DAY (Hall) 5:15pm Theology on Tap! (One World Café, Moscow)	21 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 3:00pm Children's Chime Choir 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	22
23 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	24 <i>Pastor Off</i> Youth Director Office Hours	25 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 12:00pm ELC All Staff/Preschool Meeting (Hall) 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	26 Administrative Professionals Day 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 7:00am Men's Breakfast (The Breakfast Club) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall) 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting (Hall) 7:00pm Adult Bells	27 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 11:45am Teacher Meeting 6:00pm Preschool Spaghetti Feed/Silent Auction	28 Lay out quilts for Quilt Blessing Sunday 3:00pm Children's Chime Choir 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	29 9:00am Moscow Ecumenical (Kitchen)
30 Third Sunday of Easter Youth Led Worship Quilt Blessing Sunday 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	NOTES: 					

April 2017 Servant Schedule

If you can fill in where servant volunteers are still needed, please contact the Church Office at 208.882.3915 or emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com. Thanks!

Serving on:	April 2, 2017	April 9 Palm Sunday	April 13 - 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday	April 14 - 6:30 PM Good Friday	April 16 Easter Sunday	April 23, 2017	April 30 Youth-Led Worship
<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation
<u>Presiding:</u>	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug
<u>Dir. Of Music/Organist:</u>	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh
<u>Altar Guild / Bread:</u>	Carolyn Todd	Carolyn Todd	Carolyn Todd	NA	Carolyn Todd	Carolyn Todd	NA
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Abby Cox	Connor Perry	Connor Perry	SERVANT NEEDED	Cooper Cox	June Kirchmeier	Henry Roberts
<u>Altar Flowers:</u>	Walter Hesford	Gwen Mitchell	NA	NA	NA	NA	Matt & Kathy Foss
<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	Kris Daug	Ben Beard	SERVANT NEEDED	Gwen Sullivan	Kathy Kwiatkowski	Gwen Sullivan	ELC Youth
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Nancy Sasser Anne Peterson	Gwen Sullivan Gwen Mitchell	Charlene Olsson Gwen Mitchell	NA	*Stations - Pastor Kathy Kwiatkowski Tammy Greenwalt Sarah Greenwalt Kas Dumroese Tara Roberts Lisa Bender JoDee Brooker Cooper Cox Henry Roberts	Deb Dumroese Lisa Bender	NA
<u>Counters:</u>	Helen Joyner	Gwen Mitchell	NA	NA	Helen Joyner	Carolyn Todd	Kathy Foss
	Tammy Greenwalt	Kas Dumroese	NA	NA	SERVANT NEEDED	Julie Spangler	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Jon & Sharon Kimberling	Larry & Carol Lass	NA	NA	Easter	Marilyn & Jack Mastro	Jackie & Leo Greenwalt
	Shelly McGuire	Roger & Gen Long	NA	NA	Brunch	Steve & Carol Nelson	Marge Remington
	Paul & Kathy Kwiatkowski	Deb & Brian Marsh	NA	NA	By	TBD	Bob & Sue Ritter
	Ron Landeck & Deb Wyatt	Neil & Jan Martin	NA	NA	Youth & Family	Kevin & Anne Peterson	Tara & Tim Roberts
<u>Greeters:</u>	Walter Hesford Pat Blaufuss	Liz & Tom Brandt	Karen & Jack Kelly	Bob Carver	Tara & Tim Roberts	Debbie Stone, Noell Swearingen	Martha & Carl Hunt
<u>J.A.M. Leader:</u>	Lisa Bender	Deb Marsh	NA	NA	NA	Carolyn Todd	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>J.A.M. Assistant:</u>	Gretchen Isakson	Janet Williams	NA	NA	NA	Julie Spangler	Robbie Giles
<u>Quiet Room:</u>	Nikki Cox	Elaina Perry	Elaina Perry	SERVANT NEEDED	Chie Baker	SERVANT NEEDED	Matt Foss
<u>Reader:</u>	Jolene Halladay	Kris Daug	Jack Kelly	Kris Daug	Lisa Bender	Debbie Stone	ELC Youth
<u>Ushers:</u>	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison
	Noell Swearingen	Noell Swearingen	Noell Swearingen	Noell Swearingen	Tara Roberts	Tara Roberts	Martha Hunt
	Lisa Bender	Tara Roberts	Pat Blaufuss	Craig Allen	Tim Roberts	Tim Roberts	Carl Hunt
	Don Bender	Tim Roberts	Carolyn Todd	Bob Carver	Martha Hunt	Martha Hunt	Pat Blaufuss
	Walter Hesford	Garth Sasser	Chris Watts	SERVANT NEEDED	Carl Hunt	Carl Hunt	Mitzi Houska





- 1-Apr ~ Lisa Allen
- 1-Apr ~ Blake Paris
- 1-Apr ~ Robert Ritter
- 3-Apr ~ Christina Lish
- 5-Apr ~ David Daugs
- 5-Apr ~ Turi Hoversten
- 6-Apr ~ Laura Hart
- 6-Apr ~ Delores Bennett
- 8-Apr ~ Luke Gresback
- 9-Apr ~ Leah Wendt
- 10-Apr ~ Dean Vettrus
- 10-Apr ~ Brita Meyer
- 12-Apr ~ Shirley Gunther
- 13-Apr ~ George Germer
- 14-Apr ~ Debbie Stone
- 15-Apr ~ Caitlin Murn
- 15-Apr ~ Garth Sasser
- 17-Apr ~ Josi McConnell-Soong
- 18-Apr ~ CindyMarie Polley
- 18-Apr ~ Ruby Stroschein
- 20-Apr ~ Mark Hoversten
- 23-Apr ~ Stephen Kwiatkowski
- 23-Apr ~ Tyler Wendt
- 25-Apr ~ Julie Roberts
- 27-Apr ~ Annika Schwarzlaender
- 28-Apr ~ Grace Lyon
- 29-Apr ~ Jon Kimberling
- 30-Apr ~ Sue Ritter
- 30-Apr ~ Doris Odenborg
- 30-Apr ~ Kathy Kwiatkowski



- Gerald & Kathy Henson ~ 4/5/1969
- Paul & Kathy Kwiatkowski ~ 4/11
- Bradley & Sharon Carr ~ 4/11/1987
- Michael & Linda Sprenger ~ 4/25/1987
- Larry & Carol Lass ~ 4/27/2003

Meet our Members!

Congratulations to our latest MQM Winner!

Marie Andresen!

Marie, your MQM prize is on the file cabinet in the church workroom for you to pick up! Thanks again!

The **Membership Question of the Month** (aka MQM) is a fun and painless way to get helpful information (on a wide variety of topics) to the Church Office.

Over the life of this program, the staff in the church office have gathered the congregations thoughts, ideas, and feedback on things such as new church publication formats, participation in church programs like completion of Time and Talent Surveys, what format of worship bulletins are preferred, and it has been a great asset in gathering current contact information such as full names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.

- **How does it work?** Every month or so there is a new MQM printed on the Welcome! Card inserted in your worship bulletin.
- **All who supply a completed card** and a reliable MQM answer is entered into a drawing.
- **The winner** of the random drawing receives recognition in all our church publications and a prize!
- **The drawing takes place** when we move on to a new question (about every 4-6 weeks).

Your participation in this program is sincerely appreciated, as it gives the church office staff valuable information to help us do our job better for you.

Thanks for helping us out!



Letter from the **EDITOR**

Hello wonderful Emmanuel Family!

Just a quick little note this month... between celebrating the life of three of our honored members (*Kurt Olsson, Edna Holbrook, and Dwaine Marten*)... and Lenten and Holy Week preparations... and major building maintenance issues... and upcoming Council Retreat preparations... oh, and thank you to either my husband Ron, or Pastor Daugs for sharing their latest cold with me during the busiest time on the church year! ... OK... I'm done with my rant ☺ I can't wait to visit with you next month!

Hope you have a Happy Easter!

At our Sunday, March 5, 2017 Regular Congregational Meeting following worship,
we welcomed our 2017 Emmanuel Church Council and Executive Board.

Introducing Our 2017 Church Council



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***Thank you
for serving!***

PIAIT! - PRAISE! Awesome! Thanks!

PIAIT! Someone!

Do you have a PRAISE you would like everyone to know about?

A bit of news you would like to share with your Emmanuel Family that you think is just AWESOME?

Someone you would like to give a big THANKS to?

Let us know! Call 208.882.3915 or email emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com

Thank you to **all of you who brought food for the luncheon** following Kurt's memorial service, as well as **those who helped serve and clean up**. The food was delicious, and the tables looked lovely. A special thank you to **Gen Long** and **Gretchen Isakson**, who organized everything. I am so grateful for all of you. I also appreciate all of your prayers and cards. I feel very blessed! — **Charlene Olsson**

Thanks to **all who attended and participated** in the March 5 Congregational Meeting. Thanks to **Church Council** for hosting a delicious soup and bread meal in conjunction with the meeting.

Thank you **to all who** joined during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, March 26, and **"showed off your moves"** playing checkers and chess!

Thank you to our Youth & Family Committee for thinking up and hosting such fun activities for all of us to become involved in!

We invite you to come and have some fun with us at any of our Emmanuel YOUTH events!

Please contact **Lisa Allen**, Emmanuel Youth Director, with questions. Phone: 208-882-3915.

Email: emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com

Thanks to the following Emmanuel groups that are hosting our Mid-Week Lenten suppers at 5:30 PM:

March 8: **Youth & Family**

March 15: **Adult Choir & Bells**

March 22: **"Old Dudes"**

March 29: **ELCW**

April 5: **Church Council**

Congratulations and thank you to our 2017 Executive Council

Ben Beard, President

Martha Hunt, Vice-President

Liz Brandt, Secretary

Jon Kimberling

and **Gwen Mitchell**,

Co-Treasurers

And, thank you to our additional Church Council Representatives:

Barbara Kirchmeier, Julia Keleher,

Mark Schwarzlander,

Walter Hesford, Irv Johnson,

Janet McIntosh, Kim Campbell,

Pat Blaufuss, Tom Stroschein, Pastor Daug.

Thank you for your dedication to the mission of Emmanuel and its members!

BIG thank you to all the many folks involved in helping to fix the BIG water leak outside our church building on March 28. Thanks to **K & K Excavating, McCoy Plumbing, Craig Greenwalt, Vern Kinnison, Kevin Peterson, all our Preschool Staff and families** having to deal with school being cancelled while the repairs were being done, **the staff** who DID come to work to assist the contractors and dealt with spending the day without water or heat, **our cleaning service** for cleaning up the muddy mess when the job was complete, **Gretchen Isakson** for providing cookies for the contractors (which were VERY MUCH appreciated!) and **our Executive Committee** dealing with all the paperwork involved.

Thank you, **Anne & Kevin Peterson**, for caring for our coffee maker in our new coffee station in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for all your research in finding out how to maintain it, and "taking it to the cleaners!"



P!A!T! - PRAISE! Awesome! Thanks!

Pastor Gordon Braun served as Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church from 1981 - 1995.

In 1988 he put together a "Worship Guide" for the members of Emmanuel which explains many aspects of how Lutherans worship. Here is a segment of this Worship Guide. In our March issue, we continued with an explanation of our Worship service. We move forward with a few more aspects of this. This is shared in hopes that it may enhance your worship life.

Absolution is God's word of forgiveness. Confession is not complete without it. The Pastor as God's spokesman declares the word of forgiveness. Check John 20:21-23, Romans 5:18 and John 1:12 for the basis of this.

The minister greets the congregation with the common New Testament greeting as found in 2 Cor. 13:14. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." This is one of the practices and traditions that takes us back to and ties us with the Biblical times of God's people.

Kyrie is a Greek word that means "Lord." This portion of the service is a series of short sentence prayers followed by the response "Lord have mercy" which is like saying "Lord, hear our prayer." Each petition is general in nature. It is up to the worshipper to put his/her own personal content into the prayer as when we pray for the "peace of the whole world" you might think of one of the war-torn parts of the world or someone in the armed forces.

The Kyrie and hymn of praise belong together for the concept comes from the story of ten lepers who were healed by Jesus (Luke 17:11-19). They cried to Jesus for help. He healed them. One came back and praised Him with a loud voice.

In the Lutheran Book of Worship there are two hymns of praise. The first one is used on the non-communion Sundays. The second is referred to as "This is the Feast" from the first words in the hymn and is used on communion Sundays.

"Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth" is the song of praise the angels sang to the shepherds on the first Christmas (Luke 2:14). The remainder is a combination of Biblical thoughts praising Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Psalm 24:7, Psalm 95, John 3:16, John 1:29, Hebrews 1:3, Isaiah 45:15, Acts 4:12, Romans 11:36).

Many of the thoughts in "This is the Feast" come from the book of Revelations 5:13, 7:14, 19:1, 22:1-5. "The

Lord be with you. And also with you" can be found in Ruth 2:4. This is a mutual prayer between the pastor and congregation which is followed by the prayer of the day. This is a short sentence prayer summarizing the thoughts of the scripture lessons which follow.

At this point the service changes. We have been mostly speaking to God in confession, prayer, and praise. Now He speaks to us through His Word. Portions from four key parts of the Bible are read: Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament letters and the Gospel. The highlight is the Gospel, for which we rise, out of reverence for Christ's own words or a story intimately connected with Him.

Singing the Psalms has become a part of our service since the publishing of the Lutheran Book of Worship. They have been specially translated for this. The red markings indicate the point where the tone changes. Singing psalms is an ancient Hebrew practice dating back to their origin.

Jesus was teaching the people (John 6). Some didn't like what they heard and began to walk away. Jesus turned to His disciples and said "Will you also leave me?" Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We sing that as a response to the second lesson but it really expresses our attitude toward all scripture: It is the word of life. During Lent a somber response is sung based on Psalm 34:6 and Psalm 145:8-9.

The sermon is a proclamation of God's Word to God's people. It is usually based on one of the scripture readings for the day or a combination of them. Do not come to church only to hear the sermon. If you do, you may often be disappointed. Come to worship. You will never be disappointed.

Check in with us again next month as Pastor Braun, in this "Worship Guide", continues to explanation special segments of our worship service.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- **The churches' ongoing ministries of care** for the hungry and neglected, especially in Zimbabwe, China, Darfur, Ethiopia.
- **Military service people from our families serving:** John M. Swanson & Evan B. Marten, grandsons of Maureen & Dwaine Marten; Jaren Doherty Jr., Clara Dockter's grandson; serving with the Marines in Afghanistan.
- **Victims of war, oppression, injustice, and cruelty.**
- **People and organizations working for justice and peace.**
- **Any people we have come to see as our enemies.**
- **All those living in fearful homes and circumstances.**
- **All those who are victims of natural disasters.**
- **Students and members abroad.**
- **Our sister churches:** Grace Lutheran Church - New Orleans; Ulanga-Kilombero Synod - Tanzania.
- **Those who've lost loved ones.**
 - Friends and Family of Kurt Olsson
 - Friends and Family of Edna Holbrook
 - Friends and Family of Dwaine Marten
- **Prayers of Thanksgiving.**

Those with special needs:

- **Carol Lynn**, sister in law of Irv & Janice Johnson, having surgery on 3/30 for a clot in a carotid artery.
- **Jean Langeman**, Debbie Stone's mom, dealing with the loss of her husband Hank on 12/27/16
- **David**, friend of Carol Nelson, recovering from a lung transplant surgery.
- **Janice Rounsevel**, Janet Strey's aunt, who is in her last days.
- **Janet McIntosh**, continued healing following knee surgery.
- **Pastor Dave Daug**s, continued healing following total knee repair.
- **Janet Temple Larson**, friend of Kendyl Landeck, for healing following a neck surgery.
- **Sue**, Julia Keleher's mother, in hospice care.
- **Daniel Kinnison**, Vern's brother, in a nursing home dealing with dementia.
- **Carl Hunt**, suffering from cluster headaches.
- **Mel Torgerson**, Gwen Sullivan's brother, recovering from a heart attack and stent placement.
- **Doris Edgar**, Julie Spangler's mother, suffering from lewdy body dementia.
- **Debbie Stone's Family**, as there are many concerns with health issues.
- **Dr. James Garrett**, son-in-law of Dyne Weisenstein, recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.

Those, dealing with cancer:

- **Janet Williams sister's stepdaughter**, dealing with aggressive breast cancer; **Lyle Eacker**, in hospice care, friend of Clara Dockter; **Becky**, Sharon Carr's dear friend, and **Barbara**, her wonderful mother-in-law, both with cancer; **Meg Gollnick**, friend of Debbie Stone; **Henry Johnson**, Irv Johnson's brother; **Lillian**, Vern Kinnison's sister, under chemo treatment for cancer, post surgery.; **Landon Hill and family**, friends of Phyllis Vettrus; 2 ^{1/2} year old Landon has been diagnosed with cancer; **Paul Osterberg**, friend of Charlene Olsson; **Kathi Nakashima**, Janice & Irv Johnson's son's mother-in-law, having surgery for colon cancer; **Betty Keene**, friend of Louise Mowrer, fighting pancreatic cancer; **Bert Kerstetter**, friend of Ron Landeck, recovering from kidney cancer surgery; **John Pritchett**, friend of Shirley Frafjord; **Layton Tannahill**, friend of Noell Swearingen, battling leukemia; **Diana Jones**, a soccer mom friend of several members of our congregation, would like us to pray that her breast cancer treatment will be successful; **Richard Woock**, Jessie Weller's uncle suffering with bone cancer; **Karen Grant**, former ELC member, friend of Charlene Olsson; **Erich Lear**, friend of Carolyn Todd; **George Morris**, friends of the Holbrooks, fighting brain cancer; **Nancy Dannettel**, friend of the Beards, with Stage 3 Lung Cancer; **Terrie Gilbert**; **Dean Rogers**, dealing with prostate cancer and related back problems.

Those with special needs - continued:

- **Neil Martin.**
- **Dwaine Marten**, at Good Sam.
- **Gwen Sullivan's son and his family.**
- **Tom Henderson**, grandfather of Jessica Weller's friend.
- **Ron Landeck**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Jerry Giles**, recovering from knee replacement surgery done on 12/12.
- **Corey Williams**, healing after a severe bicycle accident.
- **Eddie, Clint, Christy, JP and Jasmine**, sister of Robbie Giles.
- **Douglas Dion**, Edith's son, suffering from congestive heart failure.
- **Randy Dion**, Edith's son, recovering from a paralyzing stroke.

Those who have requested our continued prayers:

- **Matt Foss.**
- **Dean Vettrus.**
- **Andy Fountain.**
- **Sandra Lytle.**
- **Edna Holbrook**, continued strength.
- **Theo**, Shirley Engerbretson's grand-nephew.
- **Fukuko Garrett**, Janet Williams' mother.
- **Mike Voegtle**, Katy Beard's cousin.
- **Rosanne Manley.**
- **The Thane Family**, Ann, **Pastor Braun.**
- **Yolanda Wyatt.**
- **Mike Sprenger.**
- **Dorothy Schnaible.**
- **Jean Langeman**, Debbie Stone's mom.
- **Devin Revard**, Clara Dockter's grandson.
- **Carol Nelson's Aunt Dorothy.**
- **Larry Clott and his service dog, Maya.**
- **Clara Dockter**, continued strength.
- **Sara Kimberling**, continued healing.
- **Bob Bennett.** Prayers for healing.
- **Lynda & Cari**, sister and niece to Shirley Engerbretson.
- **Robbie Harvey**, former student of Debbie Stone, a High School student who suffered a head injury last spring and has been admitted to the Children's Hospital in Corvallis, OR.
- **Janet Strey's father**, that he finds Jesus in his life.
- **Grace Lyon**, living at Whitman Senior Care in Pullman.
- **Joan Plowman and her family**, to become reunited.
- **Ken Strassburg**, Kathy Kwiatkowski's brother.
- **Elanor Vanderbeek**, Shirley Engerbretson's granddaughter.
- For strong community & welcoming in the **Lutheran Campus Ministry.**
- **Patients of the Lugala Hospital** in Tanzania.
- **Residents of Good Samaritan Nursing and Special Care units.**

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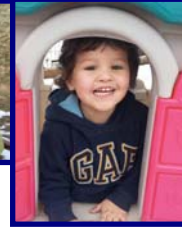
Please help us as we update our prayer list. If you wish to make a prayer request or update an existing one, please call the church office at 208.882.3915, or email emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com. Thank you.

LUTH Youth

Emmanuel

Our Incredible

The sunshine graced us with its presence during a couple of youth events held in March! The Mighty Youth started off the month with a play day at Emmanuel. These 2-4 year olds have the best time playing hide and seek inside and out, eyes open or shut!



The Luth Youth took advantage of a sunny afternoon as they piled in the church van and visited Russell Elementary School's playground. This was such a great way to end a rainy spring break- playing outside in the sun with friends!



Throughout the month, the children's chime choir has been meeting after school to practice at Emmanuel. Thanks to **Liz Brandt**, this young group of musicians are learning to read music and chime in on time.

This month we also registered and reserved our spots for a week at Camp Lutherhaven. So far, there are 14 kids signed up to go this summer! Many are returning campers, as well as some first timers.

The ability to take part in this amazing experience at Lutherhaven is made possible by the **Dave Isakson Memorial Scholarship Fund**. These kids could not go without this generous financial help! **Lisa Allen** - Youth Director



Camp Lutherhaven has programs available throughout the summer for kids 1st grade through high school.

Emmanuel Youth mark your calendar for the week of June 25-30, and we'll go to camp together!

Adults you can sign up too! Volunteers are always welcome!

Contact Lisa Allen with questions and to help get registered for camp! emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com



Coming Up in April!



Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt following service 11 AM

Join us in continuing the Easter celebration after church with Easter Brunch. You will be greeted with wonderful food and fellowship! All donations from the brunch will go towards sending the youth to Lutherhaven this summer, through the Dave Isakson Memorial Scholarship Fund. There'll be an Easter Egg Hunt following the brunch.

Mighty Youth (pre k -toddlers) PLAY DAY at Emmanuel!!

Tuesday April 4, 12:30-2:30 PM & Thursday April 20, 12:30-2:30 PM

Luth Youth, there's NO SCHOOL on Friday April 7- so come on over to Emmanuel for a potluck lunch! 10 AM-1 PM. Bring something lunchy and delicious to share, Lisa will bring the dessert! Hope to see you there!

Questions about Emmanuel's Youth Program?

Contact our Youth Director, Lisa Allen. 208.882.3915 or emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com

Exploring

Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool



Thanks to our amazing **PRESCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** who have been serving this school year. If you have any ideas, concerns, or kudos for the preschool, you may pass it on to any of our board members at any time. We will be looking for new board members to serve next school year, please let me know if you are interested.

Larry Clott: Chair	Debbie Stone: Congregational Rep.
Carol Nelson: Co-Vice Chair	Tara Roberts: Parent Rep.
Janice Johnson: Co-Vice Chair	Shawna Kermott: Parent Rep.
Julie Spangler: Secretary	Jessie Thill: Parent Rep.
Steve Nelson: Treasurer	Marnie Langworthy: Teacher
Pastor Daugs	Terri Schmidt: Teacher
Nikki Cox: Preschool Director	

Registration is currently open for the fall. You can get a form online at emmanuelmoscow.org. I also have forms available if you would like to stop and see me or have one e-mailed, just let me know.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming **Spaghetti Feed/Silent Auction**, Thursday, April 27, 5 - 7:30 PM. Thank you so much for the donations that have already come in for our silent auction. If you would like to donate or may know of a business willing to contribute any items, please let me know.

Upcoming Events

March 22: Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM	April 27: Spaghetti Feed/Silent Auction 5 PM
March 30: Open House 12 -2 PM	May 9 & 10: Preschool Graduation 6 PM
April 7: Conferences/No School	May 11 & 12: Last Day of School
April 26: Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM	

Questions about Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool? Contact our Preschool Director, Nikki Cox!

208.882.1463 or 208.310.6106 - emmanuelutheranpreschool@gmail.com - Office Hours: *M, W, Th, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM*

The preschoolers have been having fun learning about...

... the art of dance at Spectrum II Art & Dance School!



... the five senses!



... Fancy Day!



... Dr. Seuss!



How to Make a Palm Frond Cross

Edited by AHS, Krystle, Maluniu, Knowledge Junkie and 22 others

On the Sunday before Easter, many Christians celebrate Palm Sunday. Recalling the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, churches distribute palm leaves in remembrance of people who waved them and carpeted his path with them. One of the things you can do with these palm leaves is to fold them into crosses. These are great to give out as little gifts or hide as secret presents!

Steps:



1. Gently tear or snap off a palm blade off the palm stalk. The type of palm doesn't matter provided it bends easily; just test its give before snipping and keep testing until you find blades that are adequately flexible.



2. Hold the palm blade pointy side up.



3. Fold the blade to the right to make a 90 degree angle.



4. Fold down once. Then, fold down again. You should now have a small square shape.



5. Push the pointy end around the back of the square and fold over.



6. Take the pointy end on the left, and loop it towards you without making any turns. Then:

- Push then pull the pointy end through the square until it comes out of the square.



- Pull through all the way.



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7. Hold onto the square with one hand and tug on the fat and pointed ends to secure it. You should now have a locked 90 degree angle.



8. Take the pointy end and turning it towards yourself, push through the square. This is the head and base of the cross.



9. Turn 45 degrees to where the pointy end is facing downward and the fat end is facing to your right.



10. Flip it so that the fat end is now on your left.



11. Take the fat end and loop it away from you into the square. Pull it until it reaches about the same length as the head.



12. Turn it over to where the straight fat end faces left again.



13. Take the fat end and loop it towards you back into the square. Pull until it is about the same length as the other two parts. Be sure to tuck it inside the other loop so that you can't see it. You're done!



14. Finished.

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

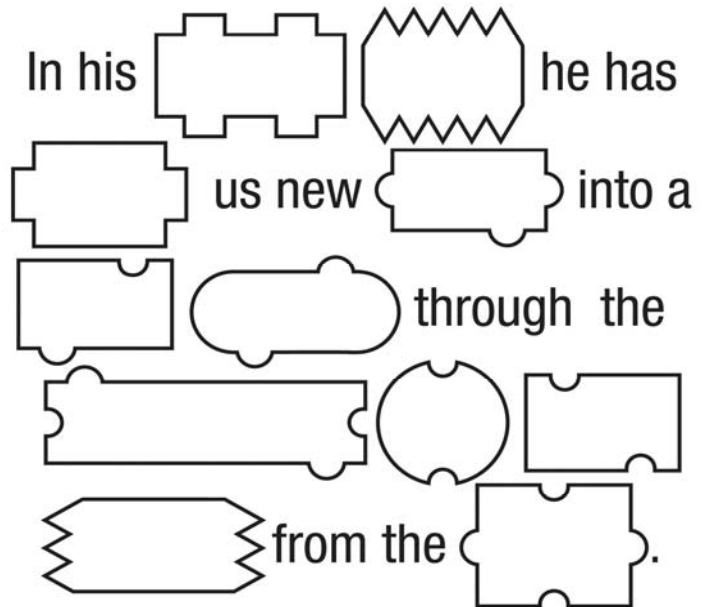
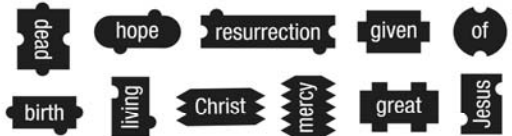


For the KID in ALL OF US !



How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Adult Sunday School at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

At this note-worthy time,
we will seize the opportunity
to read and study the Small Catechism together.

Through this Lenten season, in both our Mid-Week Study and Adult Sunday School, we have been studying from *Luther's Small Catechism Anniversary Study Edition*. The Small Catechism gives us common language for engaging the Bible, talking with others about our relationships with God and neighbors, making sense of our callings in daily life, and making a witness to Christ in God's world.

We plan to continue our walk with Luther through the Small Catechism in our Adult Sunday School Class.

**Join Pastor Daugs, 8 AM, Fellowship Hall,
for this instructive study!**

LOOKing ahead... ...Upcoming Sermon Topics!

April 2, 2017 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Sermon Topic: Them bones, them bones... dry bones

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday

The Cry of the Whole Congregation

Readings: Matthew 21:1-11 (Procession with Palms) Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66;

April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday

Sermon Topic: Cross Over - Pass Over

Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14, 2017 - Good Friday

Sermon Topic: The Lamb and the Altar

April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday

Sermon Topic: The Secret of Lilies

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

April 23, 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sermon Topic: Premarital Counseling

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 30, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Youth-Led Worship

Sermon Topic: The Unended - Emmaus

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

WELCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!

There is a Place for you Here!

We hope you join us for
Worship and Fellowship at Emmanuel.

Check out **Lutheran Campus Ministry**
at the University of Idaho

Wednesdays 6 PM, at The Center.
Retreats, shared meals, worship and social events.



The Center is open from 9 AM
until the last program ends Monday through Friday.

We invite those who are practicing faith, exploring
faith, or who have no faith to attend our programs.

We are located at 822 Elm St.
across from Hello Walk.

Every Day at the Center:

- Free Wi-Fi - Frontier Access Point, no monitoring
- Free drip coffee! We use fair trade coffee and each pot is freshly ground
- Free filtered water! Provided by Idaho Ice. Come fill your re-usable bottles
- Free cookies! Homemade cookies and sweets provided by our local churches
- 50" flat screen TV
- Pastoral care and conversation
- Bible study resources
- Free Bibles
- Sofas and comfortable seating (great place to nap!)



Send A Kid to Camp Lutherhaven!

The Dave Isakson memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Gretchen Isakson and her family in 2013. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to champion sending children to Camp Lutherhaven.

In the past years, that fund has sent numerous children to Camp Lutherhaven.

Lutherhaven offers many Christian based camping opportunities for children, grades one through high school.

If you would like to contribute to this great cause, as a memorial... a gift... in celebration of... please note on your offering, "Dave Isakson Memorial Scholarship Fund." You can put your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday morning, drop it by the Church Office, or mail it to:
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
1036 W A Street, Moscow, ID 83843.

Thank you for helping our youth make special relationships, have exciting experiences and make lasting memories!

Dave Isakson
Scholarship Fund
Sending Kids
To Camp!



Emmanuel Stewardship



Fellowship and Stewardship go Hand-in-Hand!

Invite a friend or family member to lunch! Save and turn in your receipts from *Seasons Public House* to the Emmanuel office and the church can receive 10% back in a cash donation.

Please note these guidelines regarding this program:

- Receipts should be turned in monthly.
- The receipts turned in should not be more than 3 months old.
- **Please submit the original receipt.** Credit Card receipts are not accepted.
- Reimbursement is for the amount of food only. Beverage, tax and gratuity are not included in the reimbursement amount.

For more information on this program, please call the Church Office at 882.3915.

If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily, for the sanctuary, to take home with you following Easter worship, please fill out the information below and return this slip with payment to the Church Office before 10 AM, Friday, April 7.

I would like to purchase: _____ Easter Lily (s) at \$10 each

I have enclosed a total payment of \$ _____

My Name is: _____ Phone: _____

(Please mark one)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

These notes of acknowledgment will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Looking for Something to Do? We Can Help!

There are many ways to be involved in the missions and ministries at Emmanuel. All you have to do is let us know what you hold interest in, what your gifts are, what you like to do! Call the Church Office at 208-882-3915 or email at emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com. *Help is always needed in the following areas! What would YOU like to do?*



• Sunday Morning Ministry Servant?

Our worship at Emmanuel is enriched when a variety of members participate. There are many areas of help need on Sundays. Have you ever wanted to learn more about being an Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Greeter & Thanker, on Altar Guild, an Acolyte, a Counter, a Scripture Reader, an Usher, make Communion Bread, lead a Sunday School class, co-lead our J.A.M. - Jesus and Me children's class? Contact the Church Office and we can tell you more about these worship areas! These activities do not require any special skills, just a desire to participate. Training sessions are available.



• Love kids?

Doesn't matter what age, we have opportunities for working with every age! Let us know!



• Women's Ministry?

ELCW (Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women) have monthly circle meetings and quilting twice a month, plus many other opportunities to make a difference.



• Are you an "Old Dude"?

Our men's group, the "Old Dudes," meet every Wednesday morning at 7 AM for breakfast & devotions or coffee & Fellowship.



• How about photographs?

Do you like taking pictures? Hanging pictures? Looking at and organizing pictures? There are many areas where "camera savvy" folks are needed!



• Altar Flowers?

Sign up to bring Flowers for the Altar on a Sunday morning. It couldn't get simpler than this... sign up, CindyMarie will email you the preceding Monday to remind you. Bring your arrangement before church, take it home after church, and enjoy it at home!



• Fellowship Host?

Each Emmanuel family helps out with Sunday morning fellowship privileges on a rotating basis once every few months. A letter with the schedule and instructions is sent to each family as well as a reminder postcard sent a few days before your scheduled Sunday. *If you have not been asked to serve yet, please let us know.*



• Are you Musical?

Be a part of the Adult Choir, Emmanuel Bells or other musical offering. We also have a Children's Choir and Children's Chime Choir.



• Do you like to write?

Are you good with pen and paper? Do you like to write articles? We are looking for ways to make the "Emphasis" more interesting. Share your ideas! Contact CindyMarie in the office!



• Can you cook?

You don't even have to know how to cook... just how to buy food... or drive food! At times, members of our church family find themselves in temporarily stressful situations and could use a meal provided to them (due to sickness, accident, etc.). If you know of a member who might benefit from this gesture, or would like to be on the list to provide a meal or deliver a prepared meal, please contact us.



• Is working outside "your thing"?

Spring is coming. Adopt an Emmanuel flower bed! There will be lots of yard work, clean up, and "deep cleaning" in the church building. Let us know if you can help!



• Office Work?

We are looking for regular volunteer help in the church office, answering phones, greeting visitors, assembling bulletins, etc. If you can help out a few hours a week, please contact CindyMarie!

Call the Church Office at 208.882.3915 or email us at emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com if you can help out!



Camp Corner

Lutherhaven Ministries is your congregation's year-round outdoor ministry. We're Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Shoshone Mountain Retreat & Ranch up the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, Idaho Servant Adventures, and week-long Lutherhaven Day Camps held in communities around the Northwest. The Camp Corner features news and happenings at Lutherhaven.

Did you know? 2016 marked our 70th year offering quality, safe, Christ-centered programs for campers of every age!

Here are a few things coming up at camp:

Spring Golden Ager's Day Out- April 25

- Spend a beautiful spring day on the lake at Camp Lutherhaven!
- Join us for a fabulous lunch, great friends and plenty of laughs.
- Speaker Jennie Johnson RN BC, PhD will be speaking on "Healthy Heart and Mind Into Retirement."

Shoshone Spring Servants Weekend- April 28-30

- Help prepare Shoshone Mountain Retreat for the upcoming summer season!
- Spend the morning working on projects, then spend the rest of the day enjoying fun camp activities!
- Come by yourself, bring a friend, your family or a crew of friends.

Spring Men's Retreat at Shoshone- May 19-21

- No other weekend like it! Bunch o'guys... weekend away in the mountains... bacon... Jesus!
- Spend time in the wood shop, participate in fun competition shoots, climb the rock wall, spend time in word and worship and meet our speaker, Dick Hardel.
- Bring a youth age 12-18 for a reduced cost!

Family Camp at Lutherhaven- July 14-16

- Bring your family, friends and neighbors and leave the rest to us!
- Build life-long memories, life-renewing relationships and life-changing faith.
- Bring your boat or jet-ski to us from Lutherhaven's fabulous waterfront!

Questions?

Call: 208-667-3459 x 113

Email: registrar@lutherhaven.com
www.lutherhaven.com/events

Spring Golden Ager's Day Out

April 25, 10 AM - 2 PM



Fall Golden Ager's Day Out at Lutherhaven! One Of The Best And Most Popular Retreats We Do! Spend a beautiful spring day at Camp Lutherhaven! A one day retreat especially for retirees, senior adults and older adult groups; a great day during a beautiful time of year at camp! Join us for a terrific day at Lutherhaven, a fabulous lunch, great friends, and plenty of laughs, as always!

TOPIC: Healthy Heart & Mind Into Retirement

The same things that protect you from a heart attack & stroke will also protect your brain from most cases of dementia. Learn how to recognize the symptoms of a heart attack & stroke. Understand what proactive things you can do to prevent these debilitating diseases. Our body is a gift from God: So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

SPEAKER: Jennie E Johnson RN BC, PhD

Jennie is a Christian nurse who has counseled hundreds of people to stick with healthier changes. She is a co-founder of Living for a Healthy Heart, LLC as well as an author, professional speaker, and lifestyle counselor. Jennie seeks to provide innovative evidence-based lifestyle counseling and creative programming to enhance motivation to reduce individual risk for a heart attack and stroke.



Jennie has counseled nearly 1,000 heart hospital patients in the Chicago area, using motivational interviewing techniques to prescribe simple realistic strategies that fit more easily into everyday life. It starts with simple steps that you can fit more easily into your everyday life. Her philosophy is simple: "the best diet is the one that you don't know that you are on." This strategy can be applied to all other changes as well. Small changes are more realistic and often lead to positive changes.

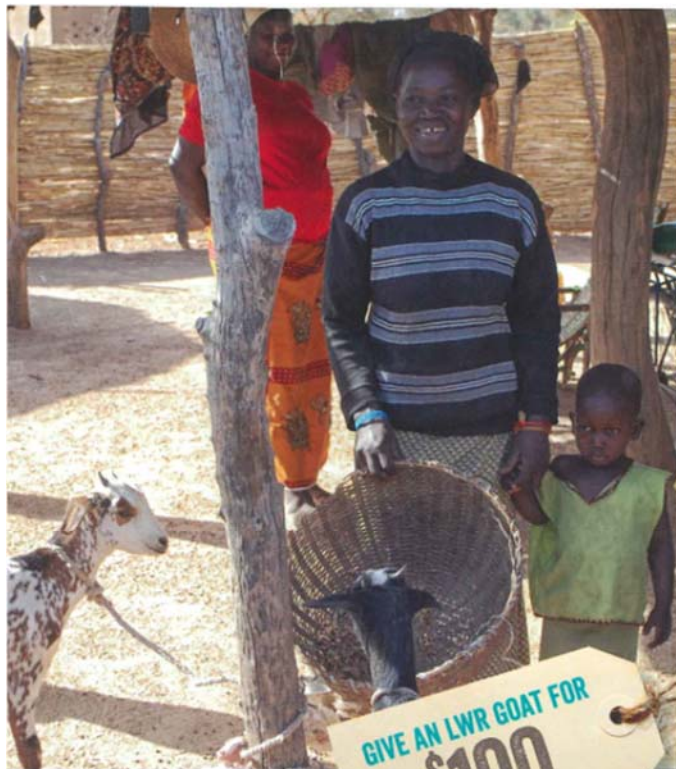
COST: \$12/person includes lunch and program!

REGISTER: Register by Tuesday, April 18 to reserve your spot!

Toll Free 1.866.729.8372 ext. 119

Local 667.3459 ext. 119

Email: registrar@lutherhaven.com



LWR GOATS

Around the world, goats are extremely valuable assets — especially to people living in the Gnagna province in Burkina Faso.

Situated in the Sahel region of Africa, Burkina Faso is prone to drought, unpredictable rains and food shortages. Families here depend on their crops to eat and to earn income. When the rains don't come, crops don't grow and they have little food to eat and virtually no money to feed themselves.

In these situations farmers — especially women farmers — have to sell their livestock and other assets to support their families. This provides only a short-term solution.

Your gift of an LWR Goat helps create a more sustainable solution to hunger and poverty. How? Families are able to participate in a traditional livestock sharing system called *habbanayé*. The concept is simple and effective.

Women's groups get together to determine the most vulnerable among them, and those women receive male and female goats. When those goats produce kids, the parents are passed to another woman in need. Slowly, entire villages of farmers can build herds of goats that produce milk to drink and sell.

Help a farming family overcome drought and food shortage with an LWR Goat!

ELCA Good Gifts

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world - together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Together, we can do more than we ever could alone. Making a huge collective impact on the needs of our church and the world.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO GIVE:

ONLINE: www.ELCA.org/goodgifts
 PHONE: 800-638-3522
 MAIL: Send an order form to:
 ELCA
 P.O. Box 1809
 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



SEND 8 MISSION QUILTS \$18

Yesterday a quilt covered a sleeping child in Chad. Tomorrow it may comfort an aging grandmother in Cambodia. Today send the gift that warms and reassures all God's people. Mission Quilts are sent all around the world to people in need.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES \$25

Some of the most simple medical supplies can save lives — but only if you have them! Give the gift of Medical Supplies to patients in Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem.



SMOKELESS COOK STOVE \$35

This simple technology does so much for a family. Smokeless cook stoves replace open indoor cooking fires and use less wood for fuel, reduce cooking time and eliminate dangerous smoke from homes. Give a family in Nepal a cleaner, healthier home.

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SMALL IS BIG AGAIN: RECLAIMING SMALL CHURCH MINISTRY

Although megachurches garner a great deal of attention, these supersized congregations comprise only a small fraction of all worshipping communities in the U.S. The current estimate is that only about 1,650 megachurches (worship attendance exceeds 2,000) dot the landscape out of a total 330,000 congregations across America. In fact, most churches are small: two out of three Protestant churches attract less than 100 worshipers in a typical week. Some scholars predicted that megachurches would essentially put small churches out of business. But the percentage of large churches as part of all churches is growing slowly while the number of small churches has remained stable. While the church's larger mission continues to be carried out by many small worshipping communities, small churches may get locked into self-criticism. However, more congregations are embracing the strengths associated with their small size. As one congregation proclaims: "We're not just any small church. We're the small church that's here!"¹

What Do Small Churches Need?

Lewis Parks, a champion of small congregations, claims that they can do big things with "a little cooperation with the Spirit on the part of those gathered, a little striving for excellence, a little freedom to express local religious creativity, and all things sprinkled with lots of hospitality"² A few other suggestions include the following:

A compelling story about their history, purpose, and mission. Members often possess a common narrative about when and why the church was established and some specifics of that particular historical period. But fewer members know the chapters in the church's history. For example, which pastors or lay leaders exerted a major influence in embracing new mission or overcoming risks? What community events (such as rapid population growth, departure of a major employer) affected the church in a major way? How do mem-

bers describe the current chapter in the church's narrative? Too often, the church's story that clearly reveals the congregation's ongoing ministry remains implicit. When members share greater awareness of the church's mission and history (how did we get here?), they gain greater clarity about the congregation's unique identity. Consider engaging members in an exercise that surfaces the church's history, experiences, traditions, and untested assumptions.³ Then, create a vision statement that captures these insights and use it on your website, with social media, and other church communications.

Intentional efforts to increase visibility. Effective approaches are size-specific. Every small church can creatively send the message to newcomers and the community—"we are here, we care about you, and we welcome you!" An electronic presence (website, Facebook, Instagram) establishes a virtual welcome mat. A well-maintained and lighted church building signals a physical "home" that anticipates visitors.



OUR OLDER DEMOGRAPHIC INTERPRETED
"AN ELECTRONIC PRESENCE TO INCREASE VISIBILITY"
AS STRINGING TWINKLE LIGHTS AROUND THE STEEPLE.

Participation by members and leaders in community events suggests commitment to the well-being of neighbors. Hosting community events, speakers, workshops, and the arts indicates that the church is a willing partner in promoting their neighbors' quality of life.⁴ Form a team of six members to test the congregation's visibility by instructing them to approach five people they do not know. Next, have these members inquire: "Have you ever heard of (the name of your church)? What do you know about it (for example, location, programs, etc.)?" Reconvene these volunteers and share the results. Based on what you learn, devise one or two new action steps to increase the congregation's community profile.

Customized methods for outreach. Context is everything when developing strategies to welcome newcomers. Would your community be described as active or sedentary, family- or career-focused, a stable or mobile population? A family-focused and stable community is more likely to respond to family and friend networks. If a population is career-focused and mobile, investments in electronic and social media will likely pay dividends. Have leaders discuss the key characteristics of the church's community five years ago, currently, five years from now, and ten years in the future.⁵ Refine the church's strategies based on these observed changes.

Purposeful efforts to pass along the faith to future generations. Following the words of Robert Schuller, congregations should view faith development as planting seeds: "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed." Research shows that when congregations value nurturing faith in children and young adults, that emphasis and their hard work bears fruit. How does the church measure success in this ministry area?

Seed-planting congregations in this way also make ministry with millennials a priority. Parks makes a convincing argument that small churches are best suited for reaching out to this age group—adults born between 1981 and 1996.⁶ Millennials' life experiences differ greatly from previous generations and one in three are religiously unaffiliated.⁷ They were more likely to be raised in a nontraditional family and are more culturally diverse than past cohorts. Despite growing up in an online world, they place a high value on friendships and relationships. Small

churches offer them the unique opportunity for intimacy and caring relationships. They are looking for safe spaces for themselves and their children. Review the demographics within a fifteen-mile radius of the congregation to determine the age profiles of residents and to create updated strategies to reach unrepresented groups.

Accept reality and build on strengths. Garrison Keillor famously said: "I believe in looking reality straight in the eye and denying it." Small churches cannot afford to deny reality. Leaders can accept the things that cannot be changed while identifying the advantages that small size affords. Sometimes, cherished programs or even the church building have to be sacrificed in order for the congregation's future mission to thrive. Consider a four-session group study to discover new insights for small-church ministry.⁸

Making Small Big Again

Margaret Mead's statement inspired many in earlier generations: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." A parallel truth applies to congregations. Never doubt that small churches have changed the world and they will continue to do so.

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Things to Know About ELCW

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (ELCW) encompass a huge part of our ministries here at Emmanuel. This group of strong Christian women have a continuing emphasis on Evangelical Outreach, Global Mission, World Hunger, Bible Study, Justice, Worship, Prayer, and Christmas for Kids. The group has Standing Committees for Emmanuel Weddings, Funeral Receptions, and Church Women United.



DID YOU KNOW?

You belong to a special group here at Emmanuel! ALL women of Emmanuel Lutheran Church are members and are invited to ALL meetings and programs of the ELCW!

WHAT IS THE ELCW YOU ASK?

This stands for Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women, which is a part of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America!

WHAT IS ELCW'S PURPOSE YOU ASK?

A community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED YOU ASK?

Join a Circle! It's easy! Just jump right in! All circles meet once or twice a month at varying times and locations. Stop by the Church Office and pick up an ELCW Directory which gives information about the circles.

ELCW 2016 OFFICERS:

President: **Jan Martin**
Vice President: **Charlene Olsson**

Secretary: **Janice Johnson**
Treasurer: **Verla Olson Clauss**

Don't be a ! Join a !



MARY Circle!
MARY Circle meets the first Monday of the month, 1:30 PM, at Good Samaritan Village Community Room. **They will meet next on Monday, April 3, 2017.** Questions? Contact **Shelley Dale** (882.9555 or dale@turbonet.com)



LEAH Circle!
All women are warmly invited to meet for devotions and a potluck lunch on Tuesday, April 4, at **Gen Long's** home, and **Charlene Olsson** will be the Bible Study leader. We will meet in the parking lot by the Dollar Store at 11 AM to carpool out to Gen's. Questions? **Jeanette Johnson** 208.892.9549, or **Charlene Olsson** 208.882.1028. **All are welcome!**

ELCW PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP



Help us quilt! Bring a friend!
Have some lunch!
We **USUALLY** meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
Join us on **April 12 & 26, at 9 AM**, to help tie quilts, then share a potluck lunch.
Contact **Gretchen Isakson** (882.7289 or gretchenisakson@yahoo.com) with questions.

*"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might."
Ecclesiastes 9:10*

Welcome!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



Join us!

Sunday mornings:

Parish Education - 8:00 AM

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

and Fellowship - 11:00 AM

Emmanuel is a community of faith celebrating the life of Jesus Christ in, among and for us all. Our mission is to proclaim God's loving care through ministries of worship, serving, learning and compassionate living for others.

Music is integral to Emmanuel's life and worship. There are adult and children choirs, adult and children bell choirs, guitarists, cellists and ensembles involved in our life together.

Emmanuel highlights and celebrates seasons and commemorations throughout the year with children's programs, special services, music, soup and bread meals, potlucks, coffee hours, outings, etc.

Companionship is central to our life together here and with people far and near whose lives are connected to ours through Christ's call and leading. Many hundreds of quilts have been sewn and sent abroad, and many thousands of dollars have been given for food, books, scholarships, medical supplies and many other needed items.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (ELCW) encompasses women of the congregation and friends, meeting in groups monthly for Christian education, prayer, companionship, service to missions and to host joint annual gatherings.

Youth groups including confirmation classes, camps and family outings provide fun and fellowship for Emmanuel's children.

Emmanuel Ministers to the Community

Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool serves children from 3-6 years old. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Families select the schedule of days. Email: emmanuelutheranpreschool@gmail.com

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U of I is housed in The Center. Karla Newmann-Smiley, Lutheran Campus Minister, provides programs and services to college students. Email: lcm@uidaho.edu

Cordelia Lutheran Church is maintained by Emmanuel. Historic Cordelia Lutheran Church is Idaho's oldest and smallest Lutheran church. Cordelia is available for concerts, weddings, visits, and mediation. Email: cordeliachurch@gmail.com

For Your Convenience:

- Parking is available near both levels of the church. Upper level parking is on the north side and lower level is on the south side.
- Main restrooms are located on the lower level.
- An elevator is located near the sanctuary entrance.
- There is a child care room adjacent to the sanctuary and includes a restroom.
- Hearing devices, reading glasses, large print bulletins and children's worship activity bags are available at the upper entrance.

Come serve along side us.

*Come study, learn, discuss and
grow with us.*

