

The EMPHASIS

a Monthly Newsletter from Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Mid-Week Lenten Services Every Wednesday

Beginning February 21 and ending March 21.

Join us for the *Wednesdays of Lent* in the Fellowship Hall.
Soup Supper: 5:30-6 PM -- Lenten Devotions: 6-6:55 PM

Lenten Evening Theme:

You Are the Way—Devotions for Lent 2018

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself with a series of "I am" statements. Most of these include an image (light of the world, good shepherd, and so on). *You Are the Way* explores one or more "I am" sayings of Jesus during each week in Lent.

- Week One: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life"
- Week Two: "I am the gate"; "I am the good shepherd"
- Week Three: "I am the light of the world"
- Week Four: "I am the true vine"; "I am the vine, you are the branches"
- Week Five: "I am the bread of life"; "I am the living bread that came down from heaven"

Join us on *Wednesdays, February 21—March 21.*

Led by Pastor Daug, downstairs, in the Fellowship Hall.

Soup Supper begins at 5:30 PM.

Devotions following in the Hall at 6 PM.

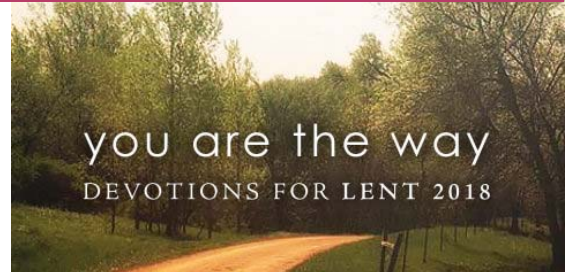
Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 PM Worship— Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 30, 6:30 PM Worship— Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Worship at Emmanuel

April 1, 2018 at 9:30 AM

**Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt, around 11 AM,
following worship. Join us!**



you are the way
DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2018

Mid-Week Lenten Devotional for 2018

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself with a series of "I am" statements:

"I am the light of the world,"
"I am the good shepherd,"
"I AM," and so on.

This devotional explores one or more "I am" sayings of Jesus during each week in Lent. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, reflection, and prayer. What a wonderful tool to use through your Lenten journey.

**Join us Wednesdays
through Lent!**

**Supper: 5:30 PM
Devotions: 6 PM**

Welcome to Emmanuel!

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**Submissions to the April 2018 issue
of the Emmanuel Emphasis
are due in the Church Office
Noon, Thursday, March 22, 2018**

March 2018

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes:				1	2	3
Daylight Saving Time				CindyMarie Out of the Office Office Volunteer: Kathy Henson 9 AM - 12 PM 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal	CindyMarie Out of the Office 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours	8:00am Church Cleaning Scheduled 9:30am Luth Youth at the Movies (Hall)
Spring Ahead March 11!						
4 Third Sunday in Lent 8:30am Adult Sunday School (Hall) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Confirmation Class 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	5 <i>Pastor Off</i> 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours 1:30pm MARY Circle (Aspen)	6 11:30am LEAH Circle (Maureen Marten's Home) 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	7 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 5:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Supper 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:15pm Adult Bells	8 CindyMarie Out of the Office Office Volunteer: Kathy Henson 9 AM - 12 PM 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours 12:30pm Mighty Youth Play Day (Hall) 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours	10 8:00am Church Cleaning Scheduled
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Forward Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:30am Adult Sunday School (Hall) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	12 <i>Pastor Off</i>	13 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	14 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 7:00am Men's Breakfast (The Breakfast Club) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall) 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 4:00pm Executive Council Meeting 5:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Supper 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:15pm Adult Bells	15 CindyMarie Out of the Office Office Volunteer: Kathy Henson 9 AM - 12 PM 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 8:00am Church Cleaning Scheduled
NO Preschool		Moscow School District Spring Break		NO Preschool		
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:30am Adult Sunday School (Hall) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Confirmation Class 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	19 <i>Pastor Off</i>	20 Spring Begins 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled 6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Hall)	21 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 5:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Supper 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:15pm Adult Bells	22 April Emphasis Deadline CindyMarie Out of the Office Office Volunteer: Kathy Henson 9 AM - 12 PM 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Board Meeting	23 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am Easter Lily Orders due! 3:00pm Youth Advocacy Council Talent Show Auditions	24 8:00am Church Cleaning Scheduled 11:45am ELCW Spring Friendship Luncheon
25 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 8:30am Adult Sunday School (Hall) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	26 <i>Pastor Off</i> 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours	27 8:30am Youth Director Office Hours 5:30pm Church Cleaning Scheduled	28 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 7:00am Men's Breakfast (The Breakfast Club) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall) 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Bells	29 Maundy Thursday CindyMarie Out of the Office Office Volunteer: Kathy Henson 9 AM - 12 PM 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	30 Good Friday Church Office Closed 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	31 Resurrection of Our Lord, Vigil of Easter 8:00am Church Cleaning Scheduled

March 2018 Servant Schedule

<u>Serving on:</u>	March 4, 2018	March 11, 2018	March 18, 2018	March 25, 2018	March 29, 2018 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM	March 30, 2018 Good Friday 6:30 PM	April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM
Please let us know in the church office if you can fill in a "SERVANT NEEDED" spot! Thanks!							
<u>Ministers:</u>	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	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 :</u>	Gwen Mitchell	Deb Dumroese	Deb Dumroese	Gwen Mitchell	Gwen Mitchell	NA	Carolyn Todd
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Olivia Halladay	Connor Perry	Connor Perry	Henry Roberts	NA	SERVANT NEEDED	Cooper Cox
<u>Altar Flowers:</u>	Halladay Family	Elaina Perry	Elaina Perry	Roberts Family	NA	NA	Easter Lily Garden
<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Ben Beard
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Paul Collins	SERVANT NEEDED	Paul Collins	Julie Spangler	SERVANT NEEDED	NA	TBD
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Anne Peterson	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	Tara Roberts	SERVANT NEEDED	NA	Stations
<u>Counter:</u>	Tammy Greenwalt	Kas Dumroese	Deb Dumroese	Carolyn Todd	NA	NA	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Counter:</u>	Anne Peterson	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	Julie Spangler	NA	NA	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Craig & Tammy Greenwalt	Gretchen Isakson	Jon & Sharon Kimberling	Larry & Carol Lass	NA	NA	TBD
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Matt & Jolene Halladay	Janice & Irv Johnson	Shelly McGuire	Roger & Gen Long	NA	NA	Easter
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Walter Hesford	Cam & Jeanette Johnston	Paul & Kathy Kwiatkowski	Deb & Brian Marsh	NA	NA	Brunch
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Jeff & Karen Hill	Leo & Jackie Greenwalt	Ron Landeck & Deb Wyatt	Jan Martin	NA	NA	TBD
<u>Greeter:</u>	Walter Hesford	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>J.A.M. Leader:</u>	Lisa Bender	Deb Marsh	Chie Baker	Carolyn Todd	NA	NA	NA
<u>J.A.M. Assistant:</u>	Gretchen Isakson	Elaina Perry	Deb Wyatt	Julie Spangler	NA	NA	NA
<u>Quiet Room Attendant:</u>	Janet McIntosh	SERVANT NEEDED	Chie Baker	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Reader:</u>	Walter Hesford	Paul Collins	Kas Dumroese	Deb Dumroese	NA	NA	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Usher:</u>	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison
<u>Usher:</u>	Walter Hesford	Kas Dumroese	Kas Dumroese	Tim Roberts	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	Tim Roberts
<u>Usher:</u>	SERVANT NEEDED	Deb Dumroese	Deb Dumroese	Kas Dumroese	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Usher:</u>	SERVANT NEEDED	Todd Perry	Todd Perry	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Usher:</u>	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED

Thank You for your service!

President's Message

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

WOW! It is March and we are on the Lenten Journey. A time of reflection. A time to contemplate the wonders of the sacrifice on the Cross of our Lord that has saved us all, and that allows us to serve our Lord freely and joyfully.

Council met in February and began the process of authorizing and charging our Mission Groups to begin the work of creating a Legacy of Ministry for the future of Emmanuel. FIRST, the Council has asked the Pre-School Board to recommend ideas for meeting the space needs of the Pre-School. We are currently at maximum enrollment given the space available on the ground floor of the Church building. Council indicated its support for a plan to re-assign space on the first floor as classroom space, moving some offices upstairs. We have asked the Pre-School Board to develop recommendations to Council for the best ways to meet the short-term capacity needs of the Pre-School. Longer-term, Council would like the Board to determine what the optimal size of the pre-school would be, and consider how we might best meet future space needs, including possible additions to our existing building.

SECOND, Council re-charged the LOTTTS Mission Group to begin studying the development of the property across Peterson Street for residences for a 55+ demographic. This was one of the development possibilities reported by LOTTTS in 2016 and Council has asked LOTTTS to begin more detailed work with soil samples, and preliminary concept drawings for such a phased development. Pastor Dave has noted that Emmanuel may apply for grants from the ELCA to fund such project development work, and Council has asked LOTTTS, as a first step, to work with Pastor and others in preparing such a grant of up to \$10,000 to begin soil sample testing and obtain preliminary concept drawings.

THIRD, Council authorized the Resource Reallocation Mission Group to oversee the management and development of ALL Emmanuel's resources from the properties around the Church building, to the lots across the street, to the financial resources currently held in the Good Shepherd Fund (which will be augmented by the proceeds of the Cordelia Sale upon its consummation) and Mission Endowment. This will be a big and continuing undertaking requiring constant coordination and cooperation among the Congregation's Mission Groups. It will require working with the Pre-School Board, LOTTTS Mission Group, Mission Endowment Mission Group and others, in addition to making sure that the Congregation is kept apprised at all stages. The Resource Mission Group will work with all involved to develop recommendations for Council, and ultimately Congregational consideration, to get the best guidance and input possible so that the ministries of Emmanuel can be funded appropriately and richly.

As I said at the close of my February letter – there is MUCH to do. But with the blessings showered upon Emmanuel by our Lord, it will be done. The richest of our blessings are the hearts and minds of you all – the faithful people of Emmanuel! I give thanks for you each day!

Blessings to you all,

Ben Beard

Ben Beard, President

LOOK ing ahead... ...Upcoming Sermon Topics!

March 4, 2018
3rd Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title:

Here Come the Clowns

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

March 11, 2018
4th Sunday in Lent

**Daylight Saving Time Begins
SPRING FORWARD!**

Sermon Title:

Good as Dead. Almost.

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 18 2018
5th Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title:

Magnets for Christ.

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Psalm
119:9-16 (alternate); Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 25 2018
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Sermon Title:

The Passion Narrative

Readings: The Passion Narrative.

March 29, 2018
Maundy Thursday

Sermon Title:

Priestly Food

Readings: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14;
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30, 2018
Good Friday

Sermon Title:

The Third Hour... The Ninth Hour.

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;
Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

April 1, 2018
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday

Sermon Title:

Will you join the Parade?

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8



Letter from the Editor

Hello Emmanuel Family!

Lots happening this month! I get so caught up in the “daily grind” that once it’s time to publish and get out the monthly *Emphasis* Newsletter, I realize all the things that are going on, just in the world of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and it amazes me!

One thing you may all want to remember is on March 11, Daylight Saving time visits us again. I have a hard time wrapping my brain around this event. I can never remember which one holds the threat of being late to church! While I was surfing the web, trying to find out if I needed to warn everyone about not being late, I ran across this article by Debbie Lord, cox Media Group.

Daylight saving time 2018: Seven things to know about ‘springing forward’

You may want to store up some extra sleep in the next few weeks because you are about to lose an hour of it. Come March 11 at 2 AM, most of America will be “springing forward” as daylight saving time kicks in, giving us another hour of sunlight.

Here’s a look at seven things you may not have known about daylight saving time.

1. “Spring forward and fall back” (or as one of our Emmanuel Staff shared with me, “SPRING out of bed and get moving so I’m not late for church and FALL back into bed because I have an extra hour to sleep!”) is an easy way to remember how to set the clock when daylight saving times begins and ends. You set your clock forward one hour at 2 AM on March 11. You’ll set it back one hour at 2 AM on Nov. 4.

2. In the United States, daylight saving time began on March 21, 1918. U.S. government officials reasoned that fuel could be saved by reducing the need for lighting in the home.
3. Ancient agrarian civilizations used a form of daylight saving time, adjusting their timekeeping depending on the sun’s activity.
4. Many people call it daylight savings time. The official name is daylight saving time. No ‘s’ on ‘saving.’ (Or, as Neil Martin pointed out to me, technically you are in Daylight Saving Time during the summer months, but Daylight Saving Time doesn’t end, rather Standard Time resumes.)
5. Benjamin Franklin came up with an idea to reset clocks in the summer months as a way to conserve energy.
6. A standardized system of beginning and ending daylight saving time came in 1966 when the Uniform Time Act became law. While it was a federal act, states were granted the power to decide if they wanted to remain on standard time year-round.
7. Arizona (except for the Navajo, who do observe daylight saving time on tribal lands), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time.

What is so hard to wrap my brain around is that even though we have one more hour of daylight, we lose an hour, and in the Fall when we gain an hour, it seems like it takes me until next Spring to make up for the loss of time. I guess I wish they would just leave it Daylight Saving Time ALL the time!

Also while doing research for this month’s newsletter, I ran across this wonderful quote from the same guy who is credited (in part) for the creation of Daylight Saving Time. I think this will be my new mantra:

Do Something

God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, “The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.”

May you all have a wonderful Lenten season!

At ya later :)

Cindy Marie Polley, Church Administrator

2018 Emmanuel’s *Emphasis* Submission Deadline is noon on:

Tuesday, February 20 for the March *Emphasis*.

Thursday, March 22 for the April *Emphasis*.

Thursday, April 19 for the May *Emphasis*.

Wednesday, May 23 for the June *Emphasis*.

Wednesday, June 20 for the July *Emphasis*.

Monday, July 23 for the August *Emphasis*.

Thursday, August 23 for the September *Emphasis*.

Thursday, September 20 for the October *Emphasis*.

Tuesday, October 23 for the November *Emphasis*.

Tuesday, November 20 for the December *Emphasis*.



ELCW's Spring Salad Luncheon

will take place on Saturday, March 24, at 11:45 AM.

We will honor our preschool staff, and our preschool director Nikki Cox will give us an update on the preschool. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Ladd Bjerneby from Lutheran Community Services Northwest. He will tell us about the important work the organization does to help individuals and families, including foster children, refugees, and victims of sexual assault and trafficking. He has an inspiring message and will let us know how we can help support this important mission! Ian and Tyler Wendt will provide special music. Babysitting will be available. The offering will be divided between Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool and Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Bring a friend and join us on March 24.

Hope to see you there!



Ed Opps i.e. Christian Education Opportunities



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL! Join our study, *Embracing Spiritual Awakening: Diana Butler Bass on the Dynamics of Experiential Faith*, a 5-Session Study, led by **Paul Collins**, Sunday mornings, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



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.



THE "OLD DUDES!" This is a group of men that meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at the Breakfast Club for breakfast and devotions. Following breakfast, the men head to church for a work day. On all the other Wednesdays, 7 AM, meet for coffee at the Moscow Co-op. Join the group at the Breakfast Club on March 14 & 28 for devotions. (Leader TBD.) Questions? Contact CindyMarie in the Church Office. 208.882.3915



THEOLOGY ON TAP usually meets the first and third Thursdays of the month in the backroom of One World Cafe, corner of 6th and Main St., Moscow. Contact **Walter Hesford** for more information. (hesford@uidaho.edu).



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 March 14 & 28, at 9 AM, to help tie quilts, then share a potluck lunch. Questions? Contact **Gretchen Isakson** (208.882.7289 or gretchenisakson@yahoo.com)

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



MARY Circle! This group usually meets the 1st Monday of the month. Join them on Monday, March 5, 1:30 PM, at Aspen Park in the Hospitality Room. Questions? Contact **Shelley Dale** (208.882.9555 or rdale@turbonet.com)



LEAH Circle! This group usually meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM. All women are warmly invited to meet for devotions and a potluck lunch on Tuesday, March 6, 11:30 AM, at **Maureen Marten's** home (623 East D St, Moscow). Bible Study Leader: **Kristin Johnson**. All are welcome! Questions? Contact **Jeanette Johnston** (208.892.9549), or **Charlene Olsson** (208.882.1028).



ELCW'S SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON will take place on Saturday, March 24, at 11:45 AM. Read all about it on this page!

Emmanuel Stewardship



Help Float the Emmanuel Boat!

In addition to our regular pledge campaign this year, we have also requested folks to

Help Float The Emmanuel Boat!

This campaign will help us eliminate our line of credit and roof indebtedness so we can move ahead with other pivotal church projects.

You can help Float the Emmanuel Boat!
How? Here's how! "Buy a cloud!"

(Clouds and information can be found in the Narthex.)

Your debt-reduction pledge can be paid anytime, including with installments, between now and the end of 2018.

Currently, 43 clouds have been "bought" totaling \$35,875.00 toward debt reduction!

Thank you for your support!

December 2017 Treasurer's Report

With a 2017 budget of \$363,284, that includes the roof loan, income needs to average about \$30,300 per month to meet budget. Income from the general fund in December totaled \$34,315 and expenses were \$34,523. As a result, the operating loss this month was \$208 and the year-end loss totals \$36,637. This compares to our 2016 operating loss of \$26,368

The balance on the roof replacement loan is \$40,257 and our monthly payment is \$987. The balance on the line of credit is \$34,985 and each month we pay the accrued interest. In 2017 we paid \$2,254 interest on the roof loan and \$2,282 on the line of credit.

The Stewardship Committee introduced a new stewardship campaign last fall. The goal of the "Float the Emmanuel Boat Campaign" is to elimination the balance on roof loan and line of credit – roughly \$90,000. At year end, we had \$35,375 in commitments and received \$34,590 that has been deposited into the bank. Of this total, \$18,475 was designated to pay down the roof loan. The balance of \$16,115 goes to pay down the line of credit. Church Council is presently studying how we can create the flexibility we need to pay the remaining \$18,325 to these respective accounts.

About a third of our giving units have purchased a cloud to date. We would love to see that number increase so you can get a 2018 tax deduction and help us accomplish our goal of paying off both debts. That will put Emmanuel in a position to focus forward as we celebrate our 50th year of service.

Thank you for continued and generous support of Emmanuel and its vital missions.

In his work,

Jon Kimberling and Gwen Mitchell, Treasurers

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, March 23, 2018.**

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: _____

P!A!T! - Praise! Awesome! Thanks!

Thanks to all **our youth** who attended the LUTH YOUTH Valentine's Day Party on 2/16! What fun! If you have questions about ELC Youth Program, please contact Youth Director, **Lisa Allen**.
208.882.3915 or 509.841.4302 or emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com

Our worship on February 18 was in conjunction with the **Celebration of the Life of Marilyn Mastro**. Thank you to our **ELCW ladies** who hosted the memorial luncheon following worship.

Thank you to **Leah Wendt** for sharing your talents creating the beautiful and delicious cakes on 2/4 & 2/11 for Fellowship Celebrations! Yum!

Thank you to our **Church Council** for hosting the Sunday, February 11, Salad & Bread Meal in conjunction with our Regular Congregational Meeting, following worship. And **thank you to all who attended** this important meeting!

Thank you to **Jon Kimberling** and **Gwen Mitchell** for serving as our congregation's treasurers the last few years. Thank you to **Roger Long** for coming in as our new treasurer! Your service to our Lord and our church is so appreciated!

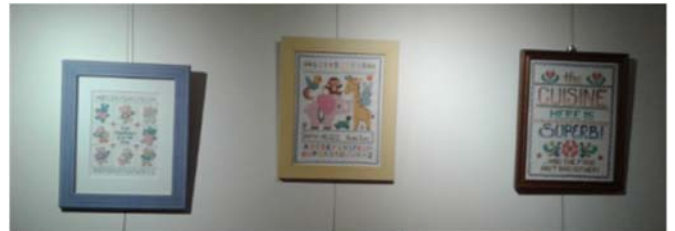
Thank you to **Larry Lass and the "Old Dudes"** for mounting the fire extinguisher in the kitchen and fixing the outlet covers in the hallways to help with compliance on our fire department inspection for the preschool. Your care for our building is appreciated!

Thanks to **all who participated** in the LUTH YOUTH FUN DAY! here at church on Friday, January 26. Thank you to **Lisa Allen** for organizing this fun event and being such a fantastic Youth Director!

Richard and Verla Olsen Clauss have moved. They now live at 4610 West Park View Lane, Spokane, WA, 99205. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 9858, Spokane, WA 99209. Verla's cell phone is 208-596-5117. The landline is 509-325-2383. Verla says: "We will be down to visit... we are nicely settled and welcome visitors. Love to all."

Thank you to **Carol Nelson** for bringing to our attention the needs of the **Harner family!**
(See the letter written by Carol, on behalf of the Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool Board on page 5.)

A huge thank you to **Jacob Perry**, ELC member who we have hired for snow removal this year. He has been doing a FANTASTIC job. Your work ethic, dependability, and great attitude is SO appreciated!
Thank you! - CindyMarie



ART IN THE GALLERY!
The Gallery, just outside the sanctuary entrance, features the artistic abilities, the God-given talents, of Emmanuel's members and friends. Currently, *The Gallery* showcases the work of **Anne Peterson!**



Do you have a Pray! Praise! Congrats! Yay! Thanks!?! Let us know!
Call 208.882.3915 or email emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com

Emmanuel = Village

Dear Emmanuel Family,

They say it takes a village to raise a child. We at Emmanuel have an opportunity to become a village for one of our preschool families. Cat and Arch Harner have two of their four children enrolled in our preschool. Their youngest child, Thomas, age one, was born with leukemia. His treatment has been continuous since birth. Now he faces a bone marrow transplant. This will require he and mom to be in continuous residence at Sacred Heart in Spokane for about six weeks. If treatment progresses satisfactory they will be sent on to Children's Hospital in Seattle for the actual bone marrow transplant. Recovery time could then be several months. Mom and baby will have to get an apartment in Seattle during this time. Incidentally, Thomas's oldest brother (age seven) has qualified as his donor.

The Harner's are members of Moscow's First United Methodist Church. Their pastor and congregation have created a website titled "Harner's Helping Hands". They have requested a coordinated effort with our congregation for adding people to the website, so Emmanuel's Anne Peterson has offered to gather names and emails. If you are willing to be a part of this effort you can let her know or email her at shortiemom@live.com. Preschool parents please give your name and email information to director, Nikki Cox at gert2245@yahoo.com. Help is needed in many ways including: dog walking on weekends so the family can be together in Spokane; help with shopping; preschool pickup; and weekday dinners.

We especially ask that you keep the Harner family in your prayers. Emmanuel's Prayer Chain has been praying for the family since Thomas's diagnosis at birth. As a village we ask that everyone surrounds them with our prayers.

The Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool Board
Written by Carol Nelson



Birthdays & Anniversaries!!!

HEY! Do you have a **BIRTHDAY** or an **ANNIVERSARY** this month?
So you see it **LISTED OVER THERE?**
If you don't, please **FIX THAT!** →

Please let CindyMarie know the dates of your **SPECIAL DAYS!**
Your Emmanuel Church Family wants to **CELEBRATE WITH YOU!**

Contact CindyMarie in the church office at any of the following:
emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com - 208.882.3915



- March 1 - David Swearingen
- June Kirchmeier
- March 2 - Karen Hill
- March 5 - Dave Dean
- Eric Perry
- March 7 - Norene Bennett
- Katie Miller
- Grace Allen
- March 8 - Jessie Weller
- March 9 - Cynthia Whiteman
- March 12 - Shelly Anderson
- March 13 - Clayton Halladay
- March 14 - Gerald Henson
- March 15 - Andy Fountain
- March 17 - Sabrina Knock
- March 18 - Jacy Knock
- March 20 - Luke Miller
- March 22 - Katie Campbell
- March 23 - Kathy Foss
- Rev. Dean Stewart
- Cooper Cox
- Jane Lawrence
- Gwen Sullivan
- March 25 - Janet McIntosh
- Steve Fountain
- March 26 - Debbie Wyatt
- March 27 - Jeanette Peterson
- Clifford Todd
- March 29 - John Rauch
- Gretchen Stewart
- March 30 - Charlotte Staihar
- March 31 - Jodee Brooker



- John & Traci Rauch - 03/01/1997
- Shelley & Rodney Dale - 03/03/79
- Nancy & Garth Sasser - 03/24/1968
- Norene & Bob Bennett - 03/24/56
- Noell & David Swearingen - 03/25/2005

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:**
Steven Kwiatkowski, serving in Okinawa Japan;
Captain John M. Swanson, grandson of Maureen Marten, serving in the Army; **Jaren Doherty Jr.**, Clara Dockett'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 Marilyn Mastro.
Friends and Family of Pastor Rehley,
friend of Steve & Carol Nelson.
- **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

Those with special needs:

- **Emery Ewan**, Janet & Chris McIntosh's granddaughter, undergoing diagnostics for seizures.
- **Don Bender and family**, as Don recovers from hip surgery.
- **Larry Clott and daughter Lindsey** as Larry recovers from an auto accident which resulted in a shattered hip.
- **The family of Gwen Sullivan's sister, especially Gwen's nephew.**
- **Debbie Stone's Mom**, as she transitions from her home to a Senior Living Center.
- **Garrett**, Debbie Stone's son who has health issues.
- **Shirley Gunther**, prayers to strengthen her heart, heal her legs and foot, and regain her physical strength.
- **Janet Strey**, as she will be going through an intense two-month process for her thesis at WSU.
- **Douglas Dion**, Edith's son, suffering from congestive heart failure.
- **Randy Dion**, Edith's son, recovering from a paralyzing stroke.

Those, dealing with cancer:

- **Janet Williams sister's stepdaughter**, dealing with aggressive breast cancer.
- **Landon Hill and family**, friends of Phyllis Vettrus; 2 ^{1/2} year old Landon has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Richard Woock**, Jessie Weller's uncle suffering with bone cancer.
- **Baby Thomas Harner**, continuing his fight with leukemia.

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.

Those who have requested our continued prayers:

- **Matt Foss.**
- **Andy Fountain.**
- **Sandra Lytle.**
- **Mike Voegtle**, Katy Beard's cousin.
- **Rosanne Manley.**
- **Yolanda Wyatt.**
- **Mike Sprenger.**
- **Dorothy Schnaible.**
- **Devin Revard**, Clara Dockter's grandson.
- **Carol Nelson's Aunt Dorothy.**
- **Clara Dockter**, continued strength.
- **Brien Golis and Family**, cousin of the Streys, whose son is battling a horrible disease.
- **Mark Strey**, Mandy's dad, who is struggling with health issues and alcohol.
- **Sue**, Julia Keleher's mother, in hospice care.
- **Carl Hunt**, suffering from cluster headaches.
- **Doris Edgar**, Julie Spangler's mother, suffering from Lewy body dementia.
- **Sara Kimberling**, continued healing.
- **Bob Bennett**. Prayers for healing.
- **Janet Strey's father**, that he finds Jesus in his life.
- **Grace Lyon**, living at Whitman Senior Care in Pullman.
- **Ken Strassburg**, Kathy Kwiatkowski's brother.
- **The Castro Family**, prayers for families of Mexico. - Janet Strey.
- That **Candi & Brittney** find guidance and prayer from God, from **Janet Strey**.
- **Susen Porter**, Jeanette Peterson's niece and Kevin Peterson's cousin, diagnosed with Primary Progressive Aphasia.
- **Dean Vettrus.**
- **Vivian Fountain**, Carol & Steve Nelson's granddaughter, diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy.
- **Gwen Sullivan's son and his family.**
- 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.

Notes:

The Prayers & Concerns Sheet is updated every few months by church staff. If a prayer request has been removed and you wish to keep it on the list please contact us with an update! 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

WHAT WE DID IN FEBRUARY:

The Luth Youth had yet another no school Friday in February, which meant it was time for a Valentine Party/Potluck. The fellowship hall was decorated with Valentine Party meets Winter Olympics flair. You may not have known, but we have a number of Olympians here at Emmanuel! We had all the major events: speed skating, figure skating, cross country skiing, ski jumps, and of course curling. Who knew paper plates could double as ice skates and a swiffer wet jet mop could be used in curling?! We had lots of fun, gold medals and all!



The SOUPerbowl food drive came to an end the last Sunday in February. The Philadelphia Eagles won the collection competition hands down! Ryann Pilcher and Grace Allen appreciate all of your donations. They plan to deliver the soup & oats to the Moscow Food Bank.



COMING UP IN MARCH!

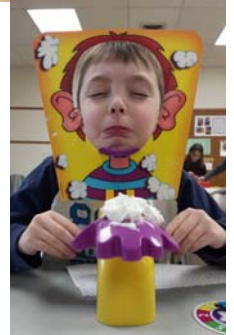
Luth Youth are going to the movies! Saturday March 3, meet at Emmanuel at 9:30 AM and we'll carpool to Eastside Cinemas to watch Jumanji (the 1995 version- as part of the winter children's matinee series). This movie is rated PG. Tickets will be provided!

Mighty Youth Play Day! Thursday March 8, 12:30-2:30 PM at Emmanuel.

Questions about Emmanuel's Youth Program?

Contact our Youth Director, Lisa Allen.

208.882.3915 or 509.847.4302 or emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!!! Emmanuel & Lutherhaven VBS / Day Camp!!! June 18—22!!! SAVE THE DATE!!!

For the KID in ALL OF US !

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V at top each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



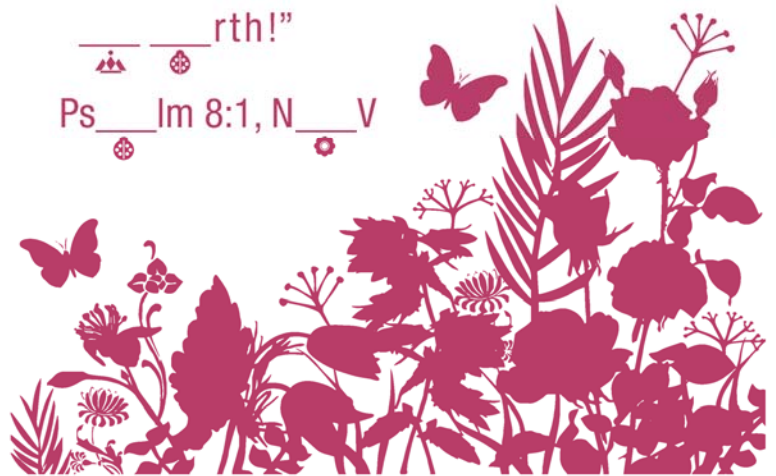
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = 🍄 E = 🌲 I = 🌸 O = 🌲 U = 🌊

"L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n__ll th__
 __rth!"
 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



A BATCH of OODLES (i.e. a little of everything!)

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* at the *Best Western* 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 208.882.3915.



Saturday, April 21ST 2018
at the Historic Davenport Hotel



The 34th Annual **Chocolate & Champagne Gala**

Champagne, Chocolate, Dinner & Auction

A fun evening that supports a serious cause

All proceeds support the Sexual Assault & Family Trauma Center and other programs of Lutheran Community Services Northwest

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Scandinavian Breakfast and Auction

Saturday, March 10, 8 - 11 AM

Valley Community Center

549 5th St, Clarkston, WA

Adults - \$7. Children 6 and under - \$2

Supports food packs and back packs to area schools.

For more information, contact Jeanette Johnston at 208.892.9549

MORE A BATCH of OODLES (i.e. a little of everything!)

University Inn's Reimbursement Program

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 received by the University Inn 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 great program, please call the Church Office at 208.882-3915.

Help the Halladay's

Olivia and Clayton Halladay are collecting box tops for McDonald school. They will turn them in this fall. Please look at your cereal, Zip-Locks, Kleenex, and Mac n Cheese boxes to see if you can help. Give them to Jolene any time. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Emmanuel Lutheran Church



& Lutherhaven

VBS / Day Camp!!!
June 18—22!!!

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Help Our Kids!

Here is a win-win way to help support our Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool and finally make some free space in your garage!

We are accepting donations of your RV, Car, Pickup, or ATV to raise funds so our Emmanuel Preschool kids can experience a bright educational beginning in a loving Christian environment!

If you have:

- ➔ an old car taking up space in your driveway,
- ➔ or an old truck that is taking up valuable "shop" space,
- ➔ or an ATV that is in the way of the new planter box you want to build,
- ➔ ANY vehicle you wish to donate all or part of its sale,

let us sell it for you!

Help provide a safe fun place for our kids to learn, play, and grow. Please contact **Steve Fountain, Craig Greenwalt, Pastor Daugs**, or the Church Office (882.3915).

We would love to hear from you!

Fuel the Church With Coffee!

To help be responsible financial stewards, we are beginning a coffee ministry here at Emmanuel. We invite you to pick up an extra bag of coffee while you're on your Costco run or grocery shopping, and donate it to our coffee ministry here at church. We have heard that **San Francisco Bay, Pleasant Hill Farms Restaurant Blend** is a favorite! (Regardless of the brand, please make sure the package says Ground for all Drip Coffeemakers.) Thank you!



Why Donate?

- You can avoid the hassles of selling a car
- No need to pay hefty repair bills
- Free up space in your garage
- 100% tax deductible



Donating is Easy!

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FINDING SIGNIFICANCE AS A SMALL CHURCH

Imagine a company with more than 300,000 small retail outlets, which are locally owned and supported. Their presence is so evenly distributed geographically that every county in the U.S. has one or more outlets—in some cases, even dozens of outlets. Almost all own their facilities and attract millions of volunteers. If such an enterprise existed, it would be widely recognized as a success story of unmatched magnitude. Such an organization does exist. It is the story of American congregations, whose founding dates go back hundreds of years. Frequently, commentators focus on the size of each church rather than the large numbers of congregations engaged in ministry in local communities. If a congregation is small, is it also small in mission or significance? What are we worth?

How Location Does and Doesn't Matter

When a small congregation claims a small corner of creation as their own, their corner is the same size as any other church. In this way, all congregations are created equal—uniquely called to a particular spot on the globe. Further, worshipers and leaders believe that God founded their church or parish at a particular moment in history. Members reveal this belief in the stories they tell about the church's founding, in the biblical characters that members reference as inspiring, and in the hymns that members find most meaningful.

The more than 150-year history of one church illustrates how often members faced the question, "Is something significant happening here?" In 1849, nine members organized a church in the heart of their Southern city. Three years later, they purchased two lots downtown as a site for their sanctuary. During the Civil War, the church closed but later reopened with six members. After demolishing the old sanctuary and rebuilding in the same spot, the congregation worshipped in their new sanctuary for the first time in 1918

just as World War I ended. In 1955, after defeating a proposal to relocate, the congregation divided into two churches, one of which relocated to a different site. Another motion to relocate was defeated in 1980. Then in 2004, a motion to merge with another congregation (with the understanding that their church would close) failed. The congregation struggled until 2007 when they called a new full-time pastor. Over the next six years, various innovations and new strategies yielded a revitalized ministry in the *same place* established in 1849.¹

Why Do We Feel Insignificant?

Lewis Parks writes in *Small on Purpose* that to say "God" is to insist that there is more here than meets the eye in the small church. He says there is always "more" in our midst, but leaders spend too much time checking for symptoms rather than looking for strengths.² He cautions against simple solutions and encourages leaders to find ways to release energy and surrender "wish dreams."



Multiple disrupters cloud the perspective of small-church leaders, their members, and even denominational leaders. Here are several foes that hinder small churches from realizing their significance.

The focusing illusion. People assume that someone who becomes disabled will be unhappy. Yet people prove to be remarkably resilient when they focus on all the things they can still do or enjoy, in spite of their disability, rather than on the activities they can no longer do. Two economists first identified this mismatch between happiness and a real life condition or living experience.³ In a similar way, when a congregation focuses on one thing—often something they regard as a deficit—the members undervalue other aspects that play a role in their vitality. A one-factor focus exaggerates the importance of that one dynamic, which then incorrectly equates significance with that one factor.

As the church story above illustrates, the congregation repeatedly faced the focusing illusion—change the location and our ministry will be revitalized—and yet their continued successful ministry came because they repeatedly rejected the single-factor solution. Location is not the only single factor subject to the focusing illusion. Congregations overestimate the difference other single factors might make, such as finding the right pastor, starting a youth program, building new educational facilities, and more parking.

Distractions. Agitations large and small can cause irreversible harm. Small ones may go unnoticed and unevaluated, yet still direct us away from what is most significant in our church's ministry. Large ones lure the congregation away by their size, complexity, and demands for attention. Recording and reviewing distractions allows leaders to objectify, and thereby evaluate and possibly dismiss many noisy but unimportant demands. Therefore, in addition to marking which distractions are worth exploration, focus can also mean discerning what you are *not* going to do.

Inward focus vs. outward focus. Clergy turnover, budget constraints, building maintenance, aging members, and declining attendance are examples of issues that can easily swallow up all the attention of church leaders. Without due diligence, a focus on these internal matters will snuff out the light the congregation offers to the community. A congregation that is “out of balance” in terms of inward vs. outward focus begins to

feel less significant in the world. Members can feel like the church only exists for current members unless they stay focused on how they can make a difference in the community. When a church finds a genuine human need in the community and develops ways to address that need, it thrives.

Imagine a Blueprint for Significance

A blogger writes about reinventing the work experience and gives a “recipe for significance.”⁴ Church leaders can translate this advice into language that helps them better grasp the significance of their congregation's ministry.⁵ When people—or in this instance, congregations—operate in survival or security mode, they lose track of what matters most to them. Ask a leadership group to discuss the following questions:

- What do we really care about? What matters most to us as a congregation?
- Can we list ten of the most significant achievements of this congregation? Why do we believe these accomplishments are significant?
- Do we have the creativity to create the next chapter of our congregation's life?

Claiming Local Religious Creativity

The scale of small-membership churches grants opportunities for broad participation. The witness of persons in the pew includes prayers, presence, gifts, and service.⁶ Parks asserts that church is one of the few places where people regularly gather and sing. He concludes that worship is the most important thing a small church does. Other small-church gifts involve serving as the community's prayer voice, providing soul care, being a surrogate family, and a place of “time out.” In every community, people whose life story has been disrupted, seek God's presence, and search for a local place of worship.⁷

1. <http://1stpresalbany.org/who-we-are/our-history>.

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3. Daniel Kahneman and David Schkade, <https://www.economics.com/whatis/the-focusing-illusion/>.

4. <https://powertochange.com/discover/world/significantwork/>

5. See also Church Effectiveness Nugget, 25 Turnaround Strategies for Small-Membership Congregations, <https://www.theparishpaper.com/sites/default/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%2014%20.pdf>.

6. Parks, 38-39.

7. *Ibid.*, 60.

Upcoming Events at



LUTERHAVEN

Spring Cut Crop & Quilt :: March 2-4

Lots of time for quilting, scrapbooking, & crafting plus speaker-led devotions.

Lutherhaven Women's Retreat :: March 9-11

A weekend of relaxation, refreshment, & rejuvenation with spa time, massages, crafts, and outdoor adventures.

Wild West Men's Weekend at Shoshone :: May 18-20

A weekend away in the mountains with a special emphasis on bringing generations of guys together.

Cabernet, Canvas & Camp up the Creek :: July 27-29

Wine tasting & painting women's retreat at Shoshone

Fall Cut, Crop & Quilt :: Oct. 19-21

Even more time for quilting, scrapbooking & crafting!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Kerri, our friendly registrar!

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Local: 208-667-3459 ext. 119

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The Providence of God

The seed was sown long months ago,
And through the winter's cold and snow,
We trusted that God's care would bring
The green and tender blade in spring,
Which cherished by the sun and rain
Of summer, now has yielded grain
In autumn, when the reaper leaves
His cot to cut and bind the sheaves ...

So God's great mercies thus abound;
His love still brings the seasons round;
His blessings fill our happy fields,
And all our land its increase yields:
So if we serve him as we should,
Our Lord will give us all things good;
And he who doth the ravens feed
Much more will give us all we need!

—Author unknown

Taken from *The NEWSLETTER Newsletter*,
September 2016

Work at Camp this Summer!

Spend an unforgettable summer serving with
Lutherhaven Ministries in beautiful north Idaho!

Paid Positions Include:

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- Support staff
- Lifeguards
- Cooks
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*Summer staff positions are tremendously rewarding,
incredibly challenging, and almost always life
changing. We look forward to serving alongside you!*

Apply Today!

The Grocery List

Vern Kinnison shared this with me and gave me permission to share it with you. What a great lesson this is! - cm

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family needs, she said: "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store. Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family.

The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir" "O.K" he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries."

Louise, hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

Both the grocer and the customers eyes showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the

other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list; it was a prayer, which said: "Dear Lord, I certainly deserve nothing from you, but you promised to forgive me and supply all my needs and I am leaving this in your hands."



The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny of it. Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs."

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He will never fail you because He is Awesome! Peace and Blessings. In God we trust, let's keep it that way! Praise God, He is all Merciful. Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to MOVE your feet.

When God leads you to the edge of the cliff, trust Him, for if God made the death of His son in your favor, will He not let all other things work in you favor too! The power of one sentence! God closes doors no man can open & God opens doors no man can close. If you need God to open some doors for you...PRAY!! Have a blessed day and remember to be a blessing.

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