

The Emmanuel Light

FROM Father Rich...

February

2012

It's called "ordinary time", that period between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday. The buildup of Advent and the crescendo of Christmas has past. Christmas decoration and presents have been put away. We hunker down for winter (although this winter has been pretty mild) and look to spring. We are half way through the season after Epiphany and about now we start thinking about what comes next. What comes next is Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22nd, followed by Lent, then Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

Most of Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter we will be doing the familiar rites that mean so much to most of us. Some things will change. Or maybe we should say returned to.

The Imposition of Ashes along with Eucharist will take place on Ash Wednesday at 10 am and 7 pm.

During Lent, at the request of the Black Hills Daughters of the King, we are returning to a previous tradition of combined Soup Suppers on Wednesday night with St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's. All meals will be at 6:00 pm. The schedule will be:

February 29th @ St. Andrew's
March 7th @ Emmanuel
March 14th @ St. Matthew's
March 21st @ St. Andrew's
March 28th @ Emmanuel

The full schedule for Holy Week will come out in the March newsletter. One change from last year that we will carry over to this year is having the Good Friday liturgy at 5:30 pm instead of noon. Noon is the traditional time to do this but so many more people were able to attend with it at 5:30 that we will keep the change for this year. We will also have the Great Easter Vigil at 8 pm on the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

I pray that you had a blessed Christmas season this year. I pray that you will be equally blessed as we head into what is considered the most spiritually significant season of the year, Lent and Easter.

Fr. Rich



SOUP & SUPPERS

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Lent begins this year on February 22. Most of us usually begin Lent with a checklist of things we need to give up or additional practices we should take on. But often the Lenten message of self-denial seems like one more thing to add to our demanding schedules. This approach usually results in failure and may make us feel guilty when we don't accomplish what we set out to do.

Perhaps this year we should approach Lent as a season of renewal, a time to get our own lives in balance.

It is vital to see our spiritual life as integrated with every aspect of who we are so we can begin to see Lent as an opportunity for renewal and enrichment.

We can begin by thinking about our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. What part of each of us needs to be renewed? In thinking about this perhaps it's not so much about what we do, but how we do it. When we enter into our ordinary routine willingly, the possibility of discovering God there opens many new possibilities.

Next pray daily with your family and begin to talk about your faith with others.

Choose a person to care about in a special way you may not have thought about before. Pray for them daily, do nice things for them without their knowing.

Look at yourself and do one thing that helps you take care of yourself better.

Lent can be a time of growth that can enrich our lives and others we are connected to. It is a time of renewal, to do what we know we need to do—for ourselves, for one another, and for God.

Micah 6:8 *“He has showed you, O Man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God”.*

Blessings,

Vicki Sweet, RN

Parish Nurse

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HEALTH & WELLNESS



Will offer Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screenings in the Library after both services on Sunday **Feb 26**

Eight hour fasting is recommended prior to the blood sugar testing. Water is allowed. If you choose to do this screening please bring a snack for breakfast to eat after the test.

Please stop by and check your numbers!



We're Holy When We're Wholly God's

How many times a month (or day) do you wonder if you're on the right track with your teenager and their relationship with God? Many parents often ask themselves if they are providing enough depth, enough fun and enough challenge for their youth. Thankfully, you have a reliable guidebook to consult: the Bible. More specifically, Colossians, a passage that can lead everyone to solid ground and restore confidence in the direction they are moving in.

The Scripture Read the passage below with your teenager or family, and in an attempt to see God's words with new eyes, do these things to notice details you may have overlooked:

1. Draw a smiley over anything that describes us, God's people.
2. Doodle a megaphone over any instructions we're being given.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful" (Col. 3:12-15).

Think About It In this passage, Paul ascribes to us the adjective used to describe God's things: holy. It's an anchor point for the passage.

People throughout generations have provided their own interpretation of holy. For some, it's been avoiding worldly behavior such as dancing and card playing; for others it's been shunning modern advances.

Holy isn't a state we achieve through an easy checklist of external behaviors. It's a position we're given—set apart for God's use—and then we act from that point. In Colossians 3, because we are set apart, we are to blanket ourselves with Christ-like virtues such as compassion and patience; because we are set apart, we are to interact with others using Christ-like actions such as forgiving others and bearing with them. Then, think of the glaze that's drizzled over an already decadent dessert: Just when we thought it couldn't get any better, we put on love. Love is what makes it all work. It's the defining trait that creates an atmosphere we need.

Imagine the atmosphere of forgiveness and love that's to be produced when God's people gather—people who are grateful that God has chosen them, set them apart for use and dearly loves them. Now picture a seeking or hurting teen in that peculiar and curiously attractive atmosphere. It is in this environment that's set apart from anything else where the teen will find what he or she needs.

Apply It This passage shows us how to get on the right track, possibly without even changing much at all in our relationships with our teens. In fact, here's a one-evening Bible study outline for Colossians 3:12-15.

Worship: Share with each other out of gratitude what it means to be chosen, holy and dearly loved.

Discuss: Share with each other a commitment and conviction about each virtue listed in Colossians 3:12.

Apply: Become hyper-practical about what you and your family can do to bear with, and forgive as Jesus forgave and to love in a way that binds all these positive traits together. Brainstorm about how these actions and the list of virtues can flow into every aspect of your youths relationship with God.



The 125th Celebration Adult Forum will feature three life-long members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Sunday February 12th, at 9:10am in the Parish hall. JoAnn Edstrom, organist and choir director, will present the remarkable changes over the years of the church's organ, purchased from the Elks Theater in 1941, its restoration and why music exists to enhance parishioners' spiritualities. Dwight Edstrom will provide the history and meaning of symbols found on various crosses within the church. Beverly Trull will speak on the history of ECW (Episcopal Church Women) and the "Traveling ECW Diocesan Quilt" made 20 years ago by various Episcopal churches, each making a quilt block to be sewn together with the opportunity to be displayed in Episcopal churches across South Dakota.



Acolytes

ACOLYTE NEWS!

We have renewed our acolyte ministry at Emmanuel Church. We are building on the strong acolyte tradition in this parish with new leadership, and we continue to seek new members (youth and adult). The acolytes are blessed to have several volunteer leaders and trainers to help with this ministry. In addition to me, we have Mary Helen Flanery, Brian Allen and Michael Luciano. We are working together to educate, train, and schedule the acolytes.

If you have been curious about this ministry, please contact us. It might look difficult, but it is not. We train new acolytes gradually so that they will learn one aspect of the ministry at a time. This allows the new acolyte to have confidence in what he or she is doing before learning another task. Our newest acolytes include Russell Conti, Hunter Hammerbeck, Austin Kinsfather, Caitlyn Riggs, Riley Riggs, Joel Walker, and Kaleb Walker. We are always looking for more people to join the program!

Since we have made changes to our existing procedures we will be hosting ongoing training meetings for current and future acolytes at several times during the upcoming year. We can also work individually with new acolytes to train them prior to serving.

As a reminder, our future plans include hosting a diocesan acolyte festival. We also plan to have a group of us attend the National Acolyte Festival next fall at Washington National Cathedral! This will be an amazing experience that you can only have if you are a member of the acolytes.

Please contact Tim Pederson (wcrehabman@aol.com or 399-1863). Mary Helen Flanery (wild4tennis2@rap.midco.net or 355-9055), Brian Allen (brianjallen@live.com or 381-1651), or Michael Luciano (michael.i.luciano@gmail.com or 342-0543) for more information, or you can speak to one of us on Sundays. We would love to have you join us.



CELEBRATION DINNER'S

February 1st Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Green Beans & Desserts. Team 1 will be hosting this event.

February 15th Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas & Desserts . Team 2 will be hosting this event

Good food, Good friends and Good fun.

All Celebration Dinners are at 5:30pm in the Parish hall here at Emmanuel.

Come and enjoy this delicious event



YOUTH SUNDAY

Will be Sunday February 19th during the 10:15am service.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY

Don't forget the Lay Pastoral Ministry workshop that will be presented Feb. 18th. The workshop will start at 9 am and end no later than 11:30am. If you have ever thought about helping people one-on-one than this workshop is for you. We will explore what lay pastoral care is, how it is done and how you might become involved.



During the month of February, the ECW will be accepting donations for "the coffee fund". Each year the ECW purchases coffee for use during the coffee hours, salad luncheons, funerals, and any special events of the church. We find that each year the cost of coffee is running around

\$600 plus. To help defray the cost of purchasing coffee, the ECW is asking for donations. Please feel free to add your donations to the coffee can in the Parish Hall anytime during the month of February. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Put a big red X on February 11 on your calendar as a special events happening for Emmanuel! This will be a bunko party. You need not be proficient at anything to be able to be part of the fun. Just watch for the sign up sheets or call JoAnn at 341-4700 to reserve your seat at a table. The only requirement is that you be able to use your hand or hands to roll dice. No gambling is involved, just good clean fun and perhaps some goodies also. So be watching for more details about this special event.

Our 2nd Annual Emmanuel Chili Cook-off on Saturday Jan. 21 was a big success. Thanks to everyone who Competed in the cook-off as well as those who came just to enjoy good food and fellowship. Thanks to the Peterson boys, Tanner and Torin and the Lebrun brothers for their soulful rock and roll tunes. Your lively music adds so much to our evening.

Fourteen entrants competed for three chili titles. The Winners for each category were:

Anything Goes:

1st Place Winners-Joe & Mike Luciano

Runner-up: Randy Erickson

Family Style:

1st Place Winner-Sandy Reimenschneider

Runner-up: Bonnie Walker & Mary Lou Riggs

Code Red:

1st Place Winner-Mark Rude

Runner-up: Russ Conti



Winners and runner's up received an Emmanuel Cook-off apron.

Thanks to the fellowship committee for putting on this fantastic event!

Kibbe Conti Committee Member

FEB. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES					
Denise Maldeis	2	Nancy & David Seger	11	Hazel Kellogg	26
Lori & Joe Luciano	3	Babs Maldeis	13	Diane Watts	27
Helen Peterson	3	Evelyn Stone	13	Wiley Hughes	29
Les Larson	5	Nick Lucas	14		
Jacob Luckman	6	Virginia Sneve	21		
Marilyn Jones	7	Jordan Fenske	21		
Ken Kreimann	8	Jackson Hammitt	22		
Delores Ermish	9	Doc Savage	22		
Cora Koss	9	Brayden Estrup	23		
Jan Rathbun	11				










LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR February 2012

Vestry Lock-Up
Feb: Pamela Barnett
& Donna Burnap

	2/5/12	2/12/12
Year B	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Altar Guild	Lisa & Sara Kautz & Vicki Sweet	Vicki Sweet & Jean Kelley
LEM - 8am	Donna Burnap	Sande Riemenschneider
LEM - 10:15am	Nyle Hedin & Laura Orville	Nyle Hedin & Vicki Sweet
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-13, 21C 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1: 40-45
Lector	Don Burnap	Ann Kinsfather
Acolytes	Tim Pederson Justin Pederson Austin Kinsfather & Riley Riggs	Mary Helen Flanery Noah Fenske Ethan Janak & Brandon Williams
Ushers - 8:00am	Mark & Shelby Vickers	Doris Lind & Lynn Von Wald
Ushers - 10:15am	Lisbeth Leagjeld & Chris Trull	Barry Jones & Paula Pederson
Greeters	Chris Trull & Bev Trull	Patsy, Peter Nicholson & Mindy
	2/19/12	2/26/12
Year B	Last Sunday after Epiphany	First Sunday in Lent
Altar Guild	Jean Kelley & Cora Koss	Cora Koss & Diane Kreimann
LEM - 8am	Laura Lewandowski	Donna Burnap
LEM - 10:15am	Mary Helen Flanery & Laura Orville	Vicki Sweet & Mary Helen Flanery
Scripture Readings	2 Kings 2: 1-2 Psalm 50: 1-6 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9	Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15
Lector	JoAnn Edstrom	Rebecca Katus
Acolytes	Brian Allen Caitlyn Riggs Hunter Hammerbeck & Chase Wood	Mary Helen Flanery Rory Fenske Gavin Fenske & Jordan Fenske
Ushers - 8:00am	Nancy & David Seger	Streeter & Barbara Shining
Ushers - 10:15am	Joe & Lori Luciano	Rhonda & Richard Hatzenbuhler
Greeters	Mara Vucurevich & Bonnie Walker	Joe & Lori Luciano

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible study 5:30p Celebration Dinner	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p Book Group	9:30a Book group 5:00p O.A.	9:30a O.A. 5:30p Sat. Night Service
5			6	7	8	9
8:00a HE I 9:00a Choir 9:00a Sunday School, Youth group , Choir 10:15a HE II	7:00p Cen- tering Prayer	5:30p O.A. 6:00p Pastoral Care Commit- tee	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study 4:45p Outreach meeting 6:00p Christian For- mation	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p Book Group	9:30a Book group 5:00p O.A.	9:30a O.A. 5:30p Sat. Night Service 7:00pm Bunko party
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29			
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Services at Emmanuel

Saturday

5:30pm Service

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service

