

The Emmanuel Light

FROM Father Rich... I have to admit that house cleaning is not high on my list of favorite things to do when I am at home. I do it, and once entered into I can even enjoy it. But... Of all the tasks, the one I probably enjoy most is vacuuming. Part of it is the guy's thing with power tools. If you can add a motor to any job it makes it better. As Tim the Toolman Taylor on the old TV show "Home Improvements" would say, MORE POWER".



It also has something to do with the rhythm of the job. Between the whir of the motor and the rhythmic motion I can come close to a contemplative state. It's why I enjoy and appreciate the chance to vacuum the church. Vacuuming the church seems to focus my thoughts as I relax into the rhythm.

Lent is a very special time of year, a time to look more closely at our relationship with God and reflect on the sacrifice of Christ. Perhaps sitting still, meditating isn't your thing. On the other hand, maybe cleaning the bathroom is, or the kitchen, or the work room. Or maybe there is something else in your life that you can do that allows you to let your mind go in reflective thought. (I wouldn't recommend doing this while driving a car.)

This Lent, find something in your life that can help you focus your spirit on the grace of God and the depths of God's love for you. Peace, Fr. Rich

Saturday Night Alive!!!

Saturday, March 12th will be the inauguration of the Saturday night service here at Emmanuel, also being called *Saturday Night Alive!!!* As one of our Vestry members put it, "One service cannot be all things to all people." This service will be quite different from our Sunday morning services. It will be more relaxed and casual. While much of the music you may find familiar it will be led with stringed instruments and a single African drum. We will not have a choir, at least to begin with, but are looking for a vocalist who can help the congregation in singing. The service will need acolytes and Eucharistic ministers. If you are one now and would like to serve at this service or if you would like to be trained to serve in this capacity at the *Saturday Night Alive!!!* service let Fr. Rich know. This service will not be everyone's cup of tea, but consider trying it out some time.

BOWLING & POTATO PARTY

Saturday, March 26 the Social Committee invites everyone to go Bowling at Robbinsdale Lanes, then back to the Church for a Baked Potato Bar. Please sign up in the hallway for each event, or to bring toppings or sides for supper. Remember, the Saturday Night Service at 5:30!



March 26TH: BOWLING AT ROBBINSDALE, 3:00PM
BAKED POTATO BAR AT EMMAUEL, 4:45PM
SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE, 5:30 PM



SHROVE TUESDAY

The Youth Group will be hosting the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The supper will begin at 5:30 pm, Tuesday March 8th. Donations to the Youth Group program will be accepted. The Youth Group extends their hospitality and hopes everyone will come to enjoy the fellowship and food.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES & LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our Lenten season will begin with the Imposition of Ashes during two services on March 9th: 10 am Healing Service and Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm. On each Wednesday in Lent the evenings will start with a short evening prayer service lead by Canon Seger at 5:15 pm then Soup Supper at 5:30 pm followed by a conversation about the Lord's Prayer led by Fr. Rich.



PLEASE NOTE: The Progressive Supper scheduled in March is **postponed**.



FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Lent has been known as a time of giving something up or adding something positive to one's routine. However, the good intentions of Lent soon give way to Easter and disuse. There can be a plan to carry forth your Lenten disciplines into the next year and the rest of your life.

Small permanent changes are the key to making life changes. An example would be to add some exercise to your daily routines such as walking and thinking about a Bible verse as you walk.

"For the very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self control..." 2 Peter 1: 5-6

As a family you could walk twice a week together and keep track of the distance you walk. Balancing physical activity and a healthy diet is your best plan for managing weight and monitoring overall health and fitness. Set a goal to be physically active at least 30 minutes everyday. Continue to do this AFTER Easter!

May your Lenten journey continue to be a time of reflection, learning, and balance. Vicki Sweet, RN, Parish Nurse

MARKETING CHAIRPERSON

I have agreed once again to take on the Marketing Chairperson for Emmanuel. This is an important component to communicate that Emmanuel is alive and a "happening" center of worship. We have continued to place our weekly ad in the Worship Directory of the Journal and partake in the holiday sections for special services at Christmas and Easter times. I will submit articles to the Religious Brief Section, published Saturdays in the Journal, which entails special events, Adult Forum presentations or other noteworthy happenings. I NEED your assistance in making this a successful promotion for our church by contacting me a week in advance (deadlines are Wednesdays) with special news articles or functions at: dwilson@rap.midco.net. — Diane Wilson

WELCOMER'S COMMITTEE

Webster's Dictionary defines welcoming as being 'received with pleasure and hospitality into one's company or home: a welcome guest.' That definition can be witnessed any given Sunday when new faces attend services at Emmanuel. While Emmanuel has a committee designed to welcome new guests to our parish, it is wonderful to see this reception being practiced by any and all members of this church family. When you see a new face, welcome them & introduce yourself. Make them feel the warm hospitality that Emmanuel is known for! All of us can extend a hand, a smile, and a kind word to visitors. We are all welcome into the house of the Lord!— Kellie Rude

ANGEL TREE LEADERS

I have retired as the parish's coordinator for the Angel Tree program that provides Christmas gifts to children whose parents are imprisoned. The new coordinator is Janita Amiotte who has served so well for the past three years as one of the Archangels. Assisting Janita will be Robyn Opstedahl. The Archangels contact the caregivers of the children and recruit Angels to purchase and wrap the gifts. They also see that the gifts are delivered to the homes of the children. Janita and Robyn expect to increase the number of children from the 26 served in 2010 to 30 this year. Beginning in September they will need 30 parishioners to sign up as Angels. —Father Flinn



SUPPLIES NEEDED LIST

A clip board is hanging on the inside of the left set of doors for the closets outside of the Parish Hall. These sheets are for the writing down of supply needs. If you see that we are running low on paper towels, soap, or cleaning supplies or whatever is necessary in the ongoing operation of the church, open the door and write it down. Please be sure to include your name and date in case we have a question. Someone will check the list and arrange to get the necessary supplies.

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The Rev. Deacon Jo Hedin
 Deacon
Open
 Director of
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JoAnn Edstrom
 Organist
Kjersten Rathke
 Chancel Choir Director
Kathy Peterson
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Lisa Teachout
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VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 21



First on the agenda was a report about a Facebook page that is being developed. With the increased use of social networking it is important that Emmanuel should have a good presence. This allows the very large demographic that uses these networks to see who and where we are. The Vestry agreed and we will continue with developing and implementing the Facebook page and let everyone know how to access it when completed. It was also noted that we need to have someone to continue the work on the web page that Michelle Feiszli started.

We heard a report from the Center For Restorative Justice. This grew out of a conversation between Rev. Joann Conroy, member of Emmanuel and Executive Director of CFRJ, and Fr. Rich regarding possible space use at Emmanuel. Joann asked that we hold off on this so no action was taken. It was interesting to hear of all the work that CFRJ does in the community. Rev. Seymour Flinn also works with CFRJ.

The Christian Formation Committee reported on the appointment of Gayle Ressler as Sunday School Superintendent. The Vestry was very appreciative of Gayle's willingness to serve in this capacity. Gayle has a degree in elementary education and served as Director of Religious Education at Ascension Episcopal in Stillwater MN. Fr. Rich noted that there was no undo influence exerted on his part.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved. It was noted that Kathy Peterson has officially stepped down as treasurer. Inquiries have been made but no one has stepped forward yet.

A change in the budget needed to be made. Due to a change in insurance carriers the church is realizing a savings of over \$10,000. Les Koss also mentioned a couple of items that need to be added to the budget. The Vestry approved the changes in the budget.

The 2010 Parochial Report was approved.

The Vestry decided to have a day retreat on April 2nd. Steve Flanery agreed to find a place to hold the gathering. Sr. Warden Mark Rude noted that a breakfast for the women will be held between services on Mothers Day and a church participation in the Volksmarch followed by a picnic is being planned.

Jr. Warden Les Koss noted some changes in the facilities use procedures.

Les also announced that we are working on getting the church repainted for the 125th Anniversary celebration. He has two paint cans that people can put money in to help with the cost of the paint.

Fr. Rich shared a conversation he had with Bishop Tarrant regarding his vision for Emmanuel. He shared that his vision has shifted a little from one of Emmanuel being a resource to one of Emmanuel being a catalyst. A resource, while necessary, is by nature inert. A catalyst is active, it makes things happen. As with any vision it is a work in progress and Fr. Rich invited the Vestry to think about it with him.

Fr. Rich also reported that the Easter Vigil will return to the Saturday evening before Easter at 8 pm. Fr. Rich explained that, according to his understanding, the Vigil needs to start in the dark. With Rapid City sitting so close to the eastern edge of the Mountain time zone, we would have to start an Easter morning Vigil at 5 or 5:30 am several times in the next ten years. Fr. Rich is not optimistic of attendance at that time of the morning. He wants to settle on a consistent time and Saturday evening at 8 pm is the only time that will be consistently without sunlight during the service.

Fr. Rich also shared his appreciation for the Vestry member's willingness to serve. He is very excited about the coming year and the possibilities that lie ahead. The meeting closed in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT

The Christian Formation Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Gayle Ressler as Sunday School Superintendent. Gayle has a degree in elementary education and worked as Director of Religious Education at Ascension Episcopal in Stillwater MN before moving to Chicago. Gayle will be working with the Christian Formation Committee, teachers and rector to find and implement curriculum and to raise the visibility



NEW WEBMASTER

Father Rich is pleased to announce that Michael Luciano will be taking over as Emmanuel's Webmaster.



ACOLYTE MASTER

Fr. Rich is pleased to announce that Tim Pederson has agreed to take up the position of Acolyte Master here at Emmanuel.





A FEW WORDS FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Nov. 10, 2011, is the kick-off date of a yearlong celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. That year-long celebration culminates on Nov. 10, 2012 with a gala celebration. During the next several months leading up to the kick-off date, the Historical Committee will be requesting your help in assembling information and creating the story that is our history as a Parish.

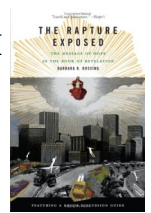
There will be many ways we can collect information and create our Emmanuel Church Story. To begin with, several people including Jan and Grove Rathbun and Janita Amiotte have mentioned that they have photographs that they would like to share. So the Historical Committee is asking **everyone** to look into photo albums (and if you are like me shoeboxes and drawers) for pictures having to do with Emmanuel Parish. We would like wedding pictures, baptisms, celebrations of all kinds: any time groups or committees have gotten together and taken pictures both inside the Church and in homes or in parks, wherever we have gotten together to celebrate precious moments in our Parish life. Many of you who are long-time members may have much older family and historical pictures going back many years. If you have historical pictures of Emmanuel/Rapid City or Diocesan events, these would also be priceless additions to our story. **Please begin to look**, and label (if possible) the people in the pictures and include the date and the activity. We will hold these pictures with care, scan them into our files to be included in our Emmanuel Church Story and we will return these treasures safely to each of you.

The pictures may be dropped off at the Emmanuel Office, or you may place them in my Vestry Box in the hallway at Emmanuel. Or you may call me at 348-2522 and I will pick them up at your convenience. Place your pictures in a manila envelope with your name, address and phone number in case the Committee or I have a question. We would like to begin this project immediately and your help is very much appreciated. In the coming weeks and months there will be more opportunities for you to become a part of the preparation of our Emmanuel Church Story. Not only will we share with one another but also we will be offering all of our stories to those who will come after us. This is a celebration of who we are, where we have been and where we are going as Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Sincerely, Donna Burnap and the Historical Committee donnabur@rap.midco.net

BOOK GROUPS STARTING NEW BOOK IN MARCH

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP – Begins Thurs., Mar 10, 7:00-8:30 pm in the church library.

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP – Begins Fri., Mar 11, 9:30-11:00 am in the church library.



The Thursday Evening Book Group and the Friday Morning Book Group will be reading The Rapture Exposed, The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation by Barbara R. Rossing. The book explores the popular concept of the rapture and the apocalypse and its basis as found or not found in the Book of Revelation. Rossing writes, that the book of Revelation is about hope and God's love for the world along with some interesting information and exploration of Revelation. I can promise lively discussion. I hope you will be able to join us. The book is available for purchase in the office. If you have any questions, please call me. —Pamela Barnett (718-2288)

<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
Mar. 10 Chapter 1	Mar. 11 Chapter 1
17 Chapter 2	18 Chapter 2
24 Chapter 3	25 Chapter 3
31 Chapter 4	Apr. 1 Chapter 4
Apr. 7 Chapter 5&6	8 Chapter 5&6
14 Chapter 7&8	15 Chapter 7&8
21 Holy Week—no meeting	22 Holy Week—no meeting
28 Chapter 9	29 Chapter 9
May 5 Chapter 10	May 6 Chapter 10
12 Chapter 11	13 Chapter 11

EMMANUEL ADULT FORUM

- March 6 Open
 March 13 *"CASA Informative Session"* Robyn Opstedahl, Diane Wilson, Father Flinn
 March 20 *"The Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter"* Palm Sunday, Canon Seger
 March 27 *"Psalms of Lent"* Donna Burnap & Laura Orville
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DOK QUIET DAY



The Black Hills Chapter of the Daughters of the King will be offering a Lenten Quiet Day "THE JOURNEY INTO AND THROUGH LENT" on Saturday, March 12th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at noon with a simple shared potluck lunch. A quiet day is refreshment to the body, soul, and spirit – it can be likened to a spa for our inner selves. All are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Burnap (348-2522) or Deacon Marty Garwood (390-2016).

CASA INFORMATIVE SESSION—ADULT FORUM

Attention to all Adults who love children!! Come to the Adult Forum, 9:05 AM, on March 13th to learn about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program. Four of our own parishioners who are/were CASA volunteers will give a presentation and tell about their experiences. This forum is sponsored by your Outreach Committee who will provide treats after the 8 o'clock and 10:15 services.

Every year, more than three million children in this country are reported abused or neglected. Many of these kids become trapped in the court and child welfare maze and can spend their childhood moving from on temporary place to another. YOU CAN HELP! Join us for a discussion on March 13th and learn about CASA. Joining to the Adult Forum this spring will be an opportunity to learn about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program. Four of our own parishioners who are/were CASA volunteers will give a presentation and tell about their experiences. This forum is sponsored by your Outreach Committee.

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DAKOTA EXPERIENCE

Emmanuel is again serving as the site for the Dakota Experience. This workshop, presented March 18-19 is taught by Rev. Paul Sneve, Rector of St. Matthew Church. The Rev. Paul Sneve will combine anthropology, sociology, psychology, history, and experience in an intense and fascinating weekend that explores Native American (and specifically Lakota/Dakota) culture, history, spirituality, tradition, and the impact of white imperialism, church mission work, and the reservation system on them. Fr. Paul ably carries on the session begun by Fr. Martin Brokenleg, and he will continue to impart information in an organized, succinct, and humorous manner that makes the weekend speed by. It is recommended for anyone (white or Native) interested in earning/ sharing about the Dakota way of life. Native Americans comprise over half the Episcopalians in the Diocese of South Dakota, and ministry improves when we can meet, know, and understand each other. **Costs:** \$50 to help cover meals during the conference and materials. Contact Father Paul at 605.381.2018 or paul@rushmore.com to register.



125TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMMANUEL CHURCH

PAINTING FUND



You will find an empty paint can at the front entry and in the back hallway labeled "Painting Fund." With the 125th Anniversary coming up in November 2012 we want to have our church looking its best. We expect a large number of participants and we want to show off our facilities. We plan to repaint as much of the church as we can so we ask that you donate generously. Also, at a later date we will be asking for volunteers to help with the painting. Our decorating committee is working to develop a painting scheme. —Les Koss, Jr. Warden

TALENT NIGHT

This year we should have named the event VARIETY show because we indeed had a fantastic array of talent that was truly filled with variety.

- ✦ The first act was the church mice that had Grove and Jan Rathbun in complete Minnie and Mickey Mouse costumes. They had audience participation, which was of good nature and fun.
- ✦ Then we had “The Group” or “The Boys” or “The Red Hot Chili Peppers”.....they haven’t really decided on a name as of yet. They will be furnishing the music for the Sat. night service starting on March 12. Tanner Peterson, Torin Peterson, Sam Adams, and Jason Ballard played and sang “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing.” These young people are very talented and we are fortunate to have them in our midst.
- ✦ Next were Karen Psiaki and Kjersten Rathke singing a beautiful Mozart duet. Their voices blend so well you would think there was one person with 2 voices.
- ✦ Then Abe Blumenthal played a Bach number on his cello. Abe has grown into such a handsome, talented young man. Years ago when he first appeared on the talent night he was very little. You should see him now!!!!
- ✦ Mike Rathke (Kjersten’s husband) played a Scott Joplin piece on the piano. We were so glad he agreed to come to perform for us. Mike is the minister of music at the South Canyon Lutheran Church.
- ✦ Lisbeth Leagjeld joined Karen and Kjersten to render a trio that was very beautiful. These ladies are in demand for music at the 10:15 service quite regularly. We are so fortunate to have them in the choir.
- ✦ Fr. Rich played his guitar and sang. Too bad he cannot sing in the choir because he has a wonderful voice and would be very welcome to the group.
- ✦ Kjersten sang a Mozart solo with Mike accompanying her on the piano. The piano accompaniment was truly amazing as was the vocal solo.
- ✦ Karen Psiaki did a monologue that had everyone laughing. She is quite the actress....perhaps will be up for an Oscar some day.
- ✦ Gene Opstedahl learned how to play the ukulele and shared that talent with us. He also sang a Hawaiian song but could not get Robin to do the hula dance that went with it.
- ✦ Closing the program was “The Group” playing guitars and drums and singing. Come to the Sat. night service and hear what these young people are doing for that service.
- ✦ Dwight Edstrom acted as the MC for the evening and the choir members provided the cookies and punch.

Thank you to everyone for their participation and generous contributions to the organ maintenance fund.....it was a fun event and we are sorry you had to miss it! — JoAnn Edstrom



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR March

Vestry Lock-Up
Mark & Les

	3/6/11	3/13/11
Year A	The Last Sunday After the Epiphany	The First Sunday of Lent
Altar Guild	Lynn Von Wald & Diane Kreimann	Diane Kreimann & Reva Kurtz
LEM - 8am	Sande Riemenschneider	Donna Burnap
LEM - 10:15am	Laura Orville Don Burnap	Mary Helen Flanery Nyle Hedin
Scripture Readings	Deuteronomy 11:18-28 Psalm 31 Matthew 7:21-29 Romans 1:16-17; 3:22-31	Genesis 2:15 - 3:21 Psalm 32 Matthew 4:1-11 Romans 5:12-21
Lector	Jan Rathbun	Nyle Hedin
Acolytes	Ryan Anderson Wyatt Anderson Shayne Anderson	Ethan Janak Gavin Fenske Noah Fenske
Ushers - 8:00am	Shelby & Mark Vickers	Doris Lind Lynn VonWald
Ushers - 10:15am	Paula Pederson & Janita Amiotte	Lori & Joe Luciano
Greeters	Kibbe & Russ Conti	Beverly Trull & Chris Trull
	3/20/11	3/27/11
Year A	The Second Sunday of Lent	The Third Sunday of Lent
Altar Guild	Reva Kurtz & Janita Amiotte	Janita Amiotte & Cora Koss
LEM - 8am	Sande Riemenschneider	Donna Burnap
LEM - 10:15am	Laura Orville Dave Janak	Karyl Shanahan Vicki Sweet
Scripture Readings	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 121 John 3:1-17 Romans 4:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 John 4:5-42 Romans 5:1-11
Lector	Jackson Hammitt	Chris Dunbar
Acolytes	Chase Woods Dwight Edstrom Justin Pederson Tim Pederson	Mary Helen Flanery Brandon Williams Tanner Peterson Torin Peterson
Ushers - 8:00am	Vicki & Bob Pollock	Barbara & Streeter Shining
Ushers - 10:15am	Brian & Lee Hammerbeck	Bernie & Dieter Breitkopf
Greeters	Robyn Opstedahl & Mary Bredenber	Pamela Barnett

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		5:30p O.A.	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study 1:30p ECW 5:30p Celebration Dinner 6:30p Choir	10:00a T.O.P.S.	5:00p O.A.	9:30a O.A. 9:30A Girl Scouts 10:30a Em- manuel Clergy
				Restorative Justice Training—Parish Hall		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00a HE I 9:00a SS, Adult Forum & Adult Confm 9:30a Choir 10:15a HE II	7:00p Cen- tering Prayer	5:30p O.A. 5:30p Shrove Tues. Pancakes 7:00p Welcomer's Com 7:00p Knitting Group	10:00aHE/Healing & Imposition of Ashes 11:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir 7:00p Imposition of Ashes	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p Book Group	9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A. 7:00p Stations of the Cross	9:00a Quiet Day 9:30a O.A. 12:00p Gather the Women 5:30p Saturday Night Alive Begins
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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			Events are updated regularly on the Master Calendar on Emmanuel's website: www.emmanuelrc.org Log on there for the most current information.			



**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

Wiley Hughes	Feb 29
Agnes Ehli	1
Vance Sneve	1
Patsy & Peter Nicholson	2
Donna & Ed Savage	3
Claudia Vucurevich	4
Ryan Pryor	4
Charles Starbuck	6
Jordan Smith	6
Mike Williams	6
Paula Pederson	7
Bob Bsharah	9
Tim Pederson	10
Stewart Flanery	11
Beth Halvorson	12
Lisa Teachout	15
Kiernan & Rick Zimbelman	17
Kay Van Vlack	18
Karyl Shanahan	19
Rob Riggs	19
Riley Riggs	20
Caitlyn Riggs	20
Kellie Rude	20
Robyn & Gene Opstedahl	20
Father Rich	22
Janet Flinn	22
Kaylee Williams	22
Jonel Geske	23
Liz Bogue	24
Gene & Robyn Opstedahl	24
Margaret Hise	25
Pamela Barnett	27
Karen Whitehead	31

Thank you to Sharon Benton for embroidering dish towels for the kitchen.



March 13 is the day to set your clocks ahead for Daylight savings Time.

From: Today's Turning Point with David Jeremiah
Thomas Austin's Rabbits

The righteous should choose...carefully. **Proverbs 12:26a**

In his book, *History's Worst Decisions and the People Who Made Them*, Stephen Weir tells the story of Thomas Austin's ill-fated plan in 1859 to have a Christmas hunt on his land 60 miles from Melbourne, Australia. Austin imported 24 rabbits from England and released them onto his property, where they promptly started multiplying like, well...rabbits. Within a few years, over 3,000 square miles of farmland around Austin's estate had been stripped of vegetation by the rabbits; and by 1866, the devastation spread as far as 2,000 miles north to Queensland. By the 1940s, the rabbit population was estimated at 800 million, and each rabbit was figured to have cost one Australian dollar in damage. To this day, Australians are still fighting Thomas Austin's rabbits.¹

Bad decisions have long-lasting effects. Our choices often come with unintended consequences. They set the direction of our lives, whether for good or ill. The value of making wise decisions is a lesson we all need. As you make decisions big and small, pray for guidance and make them prayerfully and thoughtfully.

Proverbs 14:15-18 (New King James Version)

¹⁵ The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his steps.

¹⁶ A wise *man* fears and departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is self-confident.

¹⁷ A quick-tempered *man* acts
foolishly,
And a man of wicked intentions
is hated.

¹⁸ The simple inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned
with knowledge.



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Services at Emmanuel
Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service

