



The Emmanuel Light

Michaelmas

September 29, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I begin this message with a word of thanksgiving—to Father Ressler for allowing me to fill in for him during the four weeks he was away from us; to you for your welcome and support as I ministered among you; and to our loving Father for the many blessings my family and I have received from Him. Coincidentally, I observed the thirty-ninth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood during my time with you on the Feast of Saint Matthew. Bishop Walter Jones ordained me at Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls., September 21, 1972.

With the onset of autumn most vestries and congregations “amp up” the responsibility of stewardship with financial planning for the New Year. Emmanuel is no exception. I know the rector, wardens, and vestry is working on this in preparation for our stewardship campaign. Allow me to share some thoughts with you on this matter.

“... for better for worse, for richer for poorer...”—familiar words to most of us. They are from the liturgy for The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage. I think they are also very realistic and descriptive of our lives. Sometimes things in our lives and relationships are on a path toward improvement, other times not so much. The “richer” or “poorer” part is easy to understand.

I have been thinking about our reasons, motivations and methods of giving to God and I have come to realize that there might be a relationship between the best attitude toward giving and these words from the marriage service.

Whether you are married or single, each Christian is in a marriage relationship with God. We, as the Church, are the “bride of Christ.” Saint Paul says that holy marriage between a man and a woman signifies the union between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:32). This has profound significance for each of us. It takes the notion of “membership” as we usually think of it and deepens it beyond this world. What this means is that a baptized person has not just recognized Jesus as Lord—but rather we have all been joined to him, together in the Church, in a bond that is like the permanent bond between husband and wife.

Consequently our relationship with Jesus through the Church is for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health. The only difference is that we are not parted from Him by death, as are the wives and husbands of this world parted from each other.

All of the above is a preamble to saying that when it comes to our money, making a commitment of a specific portion of our incomes of what we have to God becomes a permanent part of the relationship we have with Him. It is an expression of love and confidence in our Lord.

How do you compute the amount that you give? The minimum biblical standard is the tithe—10%! However, if one is not already a “tither” this may be a frightening concept in this economy or for those of us on fixed incomes.

May I suggest to you the proposition of “proportionate giving?” It is similar to tithing but is a way for those of us who are not already there to work towards it. Its base is a percentage of one’s income.

Here's the way it works. Take out your calculator and compute the percentage of your present total income that you are giving to God, i.e., your pledge to Emmanuel for 2011. That is your base. Now in prayer and consultation with anyone else in your family who participates in financial decisions determine if you are able to increase or lower the percentage of income that you give to God and His Church.

The beauty of the percentage share is that it sets you free from a dollar amount that may be perfectly possible in the better times but impossible in the worse times. A percentage of income pattern for giving rises and falls according to circumstances. The amount may be different but you will know if the percentage increases, decreases or remains the same. The hope and goal is that a person is able to consciously make a decision about increasing until the biblical tithe is reached.

Besides being a proven way of giving that is built on principles from Scripture, being a "proportionate giver" is a way of expressing our trust in God through whatever circumstances come to our lives. It is easier to give in good times; but being trusting and confident in harder times is not so easy for most of us. A settled pattern of percentage giving and by working year by year towards 10% is a way to be faithful and steady in any circumstances.

I pray you will favorably consider changing your thinking from "dollars per week" or "dollars per year or month" to "percentage of my income." I believe you will sense the difference right away and you will be on your way to a more confident and satisfying way of giving.

With blessings I look forward to seeing you in Church.

Canon Seger

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

I would like to thank the following musicians for their offerings of music during the summer months while the choir was on vacation. Lisabeth Leaheld, Karen Psiaki, Kjersten Rathke, Bill Rounds, Judy Vidal, Fr. Rich, Karen Whitehead, Dave Erickson, Dwight Edstrom and Jackson Hammitt. We appreciate these people sharing their talents with the congregation. You may think the choir sounds ok, however, if we have 1 or 2 people who are absent on a given Sunday, we may not be able to do the music we have rehearsed. **IF** we had more people in a section, it would not be that much of a problem. There is strength in numbers, so even if you think you cannot sing very well, we can put you beside a leader and you can follow. Please consider joining the choir. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Sanctuary. JoAnn Edstrom

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach committee from Emmanuel and the Methodist Church will join together in making a meal at the School of Mines, Monday October 3rd at 5:00pm. Emmanuel Outreach Committee will furnish lasagna and bread sticks and the Methodist Church will furnish salad's and dessert. You are welcome to join us.

Thank You :☺ To Canon Seger for celebrating and preaching Sept 9th-Oct 7 while Father Rich was away on vacation

Thank You: everyone for welcoming me to Emmanuel Church, I will do my best and any help is welcome. Stop in and say hi -Kim Kelley

EMMANUEL CHOIR:

Needs members our numbers are down please contact JoAnn Edstrom

Jani Lerback; has been accepted to Graduate School where she will be working on her Master's of Science Degree in Nursing and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree.

Noah Fenske Freshman at Central High is doing well in Central Golf Team. You can read about him in the Rapid City Journal.

Gavin Fenske Senior at Central High is a candidate for Homecoming King at Central.

SHARON BENTON

I am making cards for the children ages 10 to 17 years , boys and girls, at Well-spring. I am requesting any donations of bric-a-brac, ribbon, old cards, etc, as this is an ongoing project. Many of the children have never had any sort of birthday celebration, so the staff makes sure each child, receives a cake and 2 small gifts to open. Now they will receive a handmade card too! Also requested are small items, no glass, suitable for gifts. Thank you so much for any donations you can help out with. I will periodically have a display of cards made with old cards I've received. I will pick up any items you may have from the metal shelf near the coat closet each week. Love & God Bless

HOSPICE OF THE HILLS

Would you volunteer to help someone with a terminal illness? Hospice of the Hills is sponsoring a special training session for all who are interested in learning more about caring for those who are in an advanced stage of incurable illness- either in the home, nursing home or in the Hospice House. The sessions are open to the public, but are specifically designed for those who are interested in becoming hospice volunteers. The training will take place on Mondays 6:00-9:00pm September 19-November 7. To register for classes or for information about other classes call Barbara Vargo at 719-7729

HBITAT FOR HUMANITY

September is the month we raise funds to support Habitat For Humanity. The money has been designated to support Restore.

This is the 2nd year of our 3 year pledge commitment. If you were not here last year or were just unable to donate but would like to become involved now, please fill out the pledge card included in the bulletin there will also be cards in the office. Checks should be to Emmanuel Episcopal Church with a notation for Habitat. If you have any questions Barry Jones, of the Outreach Committee, will be happy to visit with you.



Emmanuel Parish Staff
The Rev. Richard Ressler
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Priest Associate

The Rev. Deacon Jo Hedin
Deacon

Kelly Conroy
Youth Leader

JoAnn Edstrom
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125TH ANNIVERSARY

1887-2012

EMMANUEL PRAYER INTERCESSOR

The Intercessors are a group of Emmanuelites who pray twice each day for the needs and concerns of others and to give thanks for all blessings. Prayer requests may be made to individual members or to the church office. This list is not the same as the one on the Sunday Bulletin. All requests are confidential and will be kept for two months. The names will be removed if no update is given. The Intercessors meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month {except December} at 9:30am in the Parlor. A printed list and suggested prayers is given to each member. In Between meetings, updates are made by email or telephone: Members:

Virginia Sneve Coordinates the List

605 716-3877 vsvsneve@gmail.com

Fr. Rich Ressler

Betty Furois

Diane Watts

Mary Olson

Deb Strassels

Marilyn Jones

Carolyn Finley

Vicki Sweet

Maxine Sieler

Deacon Jo Hedin

The Intercessors welcome new members please contact Virginia Sneve 605-716-3877.

Please come and join us.

CELEBRATION DINNERS:

October 5th ; Taco Bar, Spanish Rice, Corn & Desserts
Team 2

Lynn Von Wald/Leader

Nancy Seger

Joann Gaffaney

Doris Lind

Barbara Shining

Vicki Pollock

David Seger

Mary Lee Rude

Diane Wilson

John Cox



October 19th; Glazed Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Peas & Desserts
Team 3

Kellie Rude/Leader

Donna Burnap

Pamela Barnett

Kibbe & Russell Conti

Jo Hedin

Nyle Hedin

Diane Kreimann

John Cox

Special thanks to our chef, Cora Koss. Come join our Church family from 5:30p to 6:16p bring friends and neighbors there's always enough for everyone, and the relaxed atmosphere is great!

For 125 years people have gathered together as part of Emmanuel Parish to listen to the Word of the Lord, pray and affirm their faith beliefs in the Creeds of our Church. Through the years, the people have knelt in reverence: broken bread and shared the cup in Holy Eucharist. We at Emmanuel, are part of a long tradition of faith. That faith is part of a dynamic and complicated journey that is the life of this Parish. At the center of our lives and during the most precious life changing moments the people of Emmanuel have shared with one another their family history of births and deaths, baptisms and confirmations, weddings and funerals, war and peace. During the next year we are poised for discovery, poised for remembering and poised for clarifying who we are in the world. Beginning in November, **one Sunday a month**, the Sunday Forum Hour will explore our history. There will be speakers who will highlight historical information during the decades. A schedule of the **125th Anniversary Time Periods and Forum Dates** will be posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Parish Hall and in each upcoming Newsletter and various places throughout the Church. So while your children attend Sunday School please come and be a part of this opportunity! *For your convenience a nursery will be provided during The Historical Sunday Forum Hour.* Donna Burnap, Chairperson 125th Historical Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Sunday School will be starting Sunday, Oct 9th at 9:00 to 1:00am. There will be three groups this year, 3-4 year olds: K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. If you have children or grandchildren, friends or other relatives that would like to be involved in Emmanuel's Sunday School they are very much welcome. We are starting a little late this year due to our Sunday School Superintendent, Gale is on vacation, but we are excited about our upcoming year with a new curriculum.

Sunday School Teachers Needed:

We are looking for adults who are willing to nurture the spiritual life of this church by spending time with our children. Our goal is to have at least 2 teachers for each Sunday School age group. Do not hesitate if you feel you are not "qualified" as training and support will be provided. Contact Gayle Ressler at 381-6481 for more information or to volunteer.

Page in "Happy Times", a preschool magazine for Concordia House Publishing



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. It seems in the past year most of us have known someone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. We have experienced this through friends or relatives or having it ourselves. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and is most often treatable and curable if detected early. As the number of cases of breast cancer seem to be on the rise, some reports attribute this to women being more aware of what to look for and seeing a physician sooner than they would have 10 years ago. Most tumors are smaller than they were 25 years ago because women are getting mammograms on a routine basis and diagnosis is being made sooner. Early detection is thought to be a **major** factor in the survival of women with breast cancer. One of the first steps all women need to take is to learn how to do a self breast exam. A physician or nurse can give instruction. A baseline mammogram should be done before the age of 40 and every 1 -2 years till age 50, then once yearly. If a lump is detected, a person should consult a physician immediately. First of all, **don't panic** if you do feel a lump. According to www.breastcancer.org 8 out of 10 lumps are not cancerous. However all lumps need to be investigated by a physician. Breast cancer, like many health issues, has a number of risk factors you should know about. A risk factor is anything that increases the chances of developing breast cancer. Like most diseases, some risk factors can be controlled and some cannot. Those that we have **no control** over are: being a woman and growing older, a family or personal history of breast cancer, and previous chest radiation as in the treatment of a medical condition such as Hodgkin's disease. Not having children, or having a first child after the age of 30, taking birth control or hormone replacement therapy, drinking more than two alcoholic beverages daily, obesity and a high fat diet, lack of exercise all increase the chances of breast cancer to some degree.

You can take steps to reduce the chances of developing breast cancer. Limit your alcohol intake, limit fat intake, maintain healthy weight, and be physically active. If you have regular scheduled mammograms along with a yearly pap smear, do self breast exams, and report any unusual changes to your physician, you are taking charge of your health. With this you can live with the hope of living full, healthy, and productive lives.

As members of the church we can pray for those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and are undergoing treatment. We can support family members by phone calls, visits, sending cards, or communicating in some way our care and concern.

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord" Psalm 31:24 Blessings, Vicki Sweet, RN, Parish Nurse

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2011

	10/2/11	10/9/11	10/16/11
Year A	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Lynn Von Wald & Lisa & Sarah Kautz	Lisa & Sarah Kautz & Karyl Shanahan	Karyl Shanahan & Mary Olson
LEM - 8am	Sande Riemenschneider	Donna Burnap	Sande Riemenschneider
LEM - 10:15am	Karyl Shanahan & Vicki Sweet	Nyle Hedin & Laura Orville	Nyle Hedin & Vicki Sweet
Scripture Readings	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-4	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
Lector	Jackson Hammett	Chris Dunbar	Joann Edstrom
Acolytes	Brandon Williams Chase Wood Mary Helen Flanery	Gavin Fenske Noah Fenske	Justin Pederson Tim Pederson
Ushers - 8:00am	Shelby & Mark Vickers	Doris Lind Lynn VonWald	David & Nancy Seger
Ushers - 10:15am	Sherry & Bob Ermish	Lori & Joe Luciano	Jan & Grove Rathbun
Greeters	Lori & Joe Luciano	Marilyn Jones & Donna Andrews	Dieter & Berni Breifkopf
	10/23/11	10/30/11	
Year A	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Vestry Lock Up Key Parker & Donna Burnap
Altar Guild	Mary Olson & Janita Amiotte	Janita Amiotte & Diane Kreimann	
LEM - 8am	Donna Burnap	Sande Riemenschneider	
LEM - 10:15am	Laura Orville & Karyl Shanahan	Mary Helen & Nyle Hedin	
Scripture Readings	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 1 Thessalonian 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	
Lector	Justin Pederson	Don Burnap	
Acolytes	Brandon Williams Chase Wood Mary Helen Flanery	Ethan Janak Gavin Fenske Noah Fenske	
Ushers - 8:00am	Barbara & Streeter Shining	Doris Lind	
Ushers - 10:15am	Bernie & Dieter Breitkopf	Rhonda & Richard Hatzenbuhler	
Greeters	Reva Kurtz & Beverly Trull	Michael Luciano & Brian Allen	

OCTOBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:30a Girl Scouts 9:30a OA 5:30a Saturday Night Service
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00a HE I 10:15a HE II 9:00a Choir Meeting in sanctuary	7:00p Centering Prayer	5:30p O.A.	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study 1:30p ECW 5:30p Celebration Dinner	10:00a Tops 11:45a NA 7:00p Thursday Book Group	9:30 a Women's Book Group 5:00p OA	9:30a O.A. 10:30a Emmanuel Clergy 5:30p Saturday Night Service
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00a HE I 9:00a Sunday School 10:15a HE II 9:00a Choir meeting in sanctuary	8:00a Executive Meeting 7:00p Centering Prayer	5:30p O.A. 7:00p Welcomer's Com 7:00p Knitting Group	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study 4:45p Outreach Meeting 6:00p Christian Formation	10:00a Tops 11:45a NA. 7:00p Evening Book Group	9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A.	9:30a OA 9:30a Girl Scouts 5:30p Saturday Night Service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:00a HE 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Labyrinth Walk 10:15a HE II 9:00a Choir meeting in sanctuary	6:00p Vestry Meeting	9:30a Prayer Intercessors 5:30p O.A. 7:00p Altar Guild	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study 11:00a-1:00p ECW Fall Luncheon 12:00p BH Symphony League 5:30p Celebration Dinner	10:00a T.O.P.S. 11:45a NA 2:00p West Hills 7:00p Evening Book Group	9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A. 6:00p-9:00p Center for Restorative Justice	9:30a O.A 12:00-5:00p Gather the Women 5:30p Saturday Night Service
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00a HE I 9:00a Sunday School 10:15a Holy Eucharist II Mission Meal at Corner Stone 9:00a Choir Meeting	Newsletter Deadline 5:00p-7:30p Center for Restorative Justice	5:30p O.A. 7:00p Knitting Group	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study	10:00a T.O.P.S. 11:45a NA	5:00p O.A.	9:30a O.A. 5:30p Saturday Night Service
30	31					
8:00a HE I 9:00a Sunday School 10:15a HE II 9:00a Choir meeting in sanctuary	7:00p Centering Prayer					

The ANNUAL ECW HARVEST LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE

Wed., Oct. 19 2011 from 11:00am to 1:00 pm.

Luncheon and Bake Sale will be in the Parish hall

Come and enjoy.

Church will be open at 7:00am so you may bring your baked goods and or salads at this time.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

In 1995 the Grants Program was created from a generous gift given by John T. Vucurevich. The purpose of the Grants Program is to make possible specific projects or programs within or outside the parish, with the ratio of funds allocated having a goal of 60% within the parish and 40% without. These programs/projects are funded each year by appropriations of the interest income received from the foundation investments. The intention of this gift was not that it be used for the upkeep of the church itself, the "brick and mortar" expenses, but that the money be utilized to maximize the outreach potential of Emmanuel, enabling and fostering the mission of the parish: "To know our Lord and to make Him known."

The Grant's Committee is composed of five members, each serving a five-year term. It is their responsibility to receive and review the grant applications based on the established guidelines {available through the church office} and in consideration of available funds. The Committee then sends its recommendations for the allocation of the funds to the Vestry for their review and final approval.

If you have any further questions regarding the grant or the Committee, please contact Roger Wilson, Committee Chair.

Deadline for Grants to be in is October 30, 2011.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARYS



Russell & Kibbe Conti	1
Christopher Erickson	1
Sue Larson	1
Patsy Nicholson	2
Kim Elder	2
Mark & Kim Elder	3
Christopher & Laura Lewandowski	3
Tanner Peterson	3
Allison Marotz	4
Sierra Engesser	7
Wayne Halvorson	9
Jay Shultz	12
Kibbe Conti	13
Marti Maron	15
Kathy & Casey Peterson	16
Lee & Brian Hammerbeck	19
Fr. Seymour Flinn	22
Sam Chapman	26
Sherry & Bob Ermish	27
Brian Allen	28
Dwight Edstrom	28
Kathryn Peterson	28
Katherine Riggs	28
Harry Christianson	30
Cora & Les Koss	30
Paul Erickson	31

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Services at Emmanuel

Saturday

5:30 pm Alternate Eucharist

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service

