

# THE HERALD



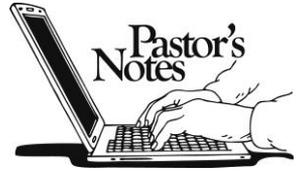
## February 2019

Sunday School at 9:00AM  
Sunday Worship Services at 10:15AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Contemporary Service at 6:00PM

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9AM -1:00PM

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## “Lord, You Give the Great Commission!”



When we hear the hymn, “**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**” it is typically used at mission festivals or as an opportunity for congregations to ‘refocus’ or ‘redirect’ their attention to Jesus Words in the Great Commission. Some congregations embrace the opportunity to turn the page and start new, because they clearly hear God’s desire for the message of the Gospel to be shared instead of being hindered, because the Gospel is free for all mankind. Others instead of embracing, like good soldiers, dig in and sing the song, but refuse the message and even the original sender, because it isn’t what they want nor are used to in their lives.

Here at Emmanuel, we have turned over a new page in the last few years. At times like one reading a novel, to be sure facts are remembered, the pages of the book are leafed back to previous chapters, because they were ‘the best’. Yet, always, there is a choice to be made. It is a choice to return to the past, or to keep moving forward for what is to come.

The disciples who followed Jesus had a decision to make, either listen to the scribes and teachers and reject Jesus, or embrace the ‘Great Commission’. It is clear which they chose. Today we have the same choice, will we ‘turn back the pages’ or will we the people of Emmanuel embrace the ‘Great Commission’?

During this time of Epiphany, between the festival of Christmas and the season of Lent, it is a time for the church to engage in discernment. Not always will the direction be clear, but to engage in a direction, one has to be willing to hear evaluations, discern the wisdom by people who love us and be willing to not ‘refuse the message’, but hear and heed in order for the next page to be turned. Recently, with our Mutual ministry committee, I had to make a decision for myself. Would I ‘hear the message’ given out of love or would I ‘refuse the message’? I have had to prayerfully consider what I heard and it is my desire to ‘**hear the message**’ and ask for forgiveness and grow and become the shepherd that Emmanuel needs in order for us to succeed.

It is my prayer that all of us will 'turn the page' together and grow to be the disciples that hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, heed His call and join together to 'turn the page' of Emmanuel by joining together as fellow disciples of Jesus Christ. For in our forgiving and growing together, we can look forward to how God can use each of us and be successful in fulfilling the "Great Commission" given unto all of us by our Lord and Savior Who loves us, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Yours In Christ, Pastor Darian L. Hybl

## February Lessons for Worship



### 2/3/2019 – Epiphany 4

Jer. 1:4-19; Psalm 71:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44

### 2/10/2019 – Epiphany 5

Is 6:1-13; Ps 138; 1 Cor 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

### 2/17/2019 – Epiphany 6

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15: 1-20; Luke 6:17-26

### 2/24/2019 – Epiphany 7

Gen 45:3-15; Ps 103:1-13; 1 Cor 15:21-42; Luke 6:27-38



### Praying for YOU...

We continue to pray for several Emmanuel members at each worship service. Please keep these members in your prayers throughout the week. The members being prayed for this month are:

- † **February 3:** Austin Vance, Christian Bruns, Marlyn Mandalay, Amy Ostrawski, Amanda Wertz
- † **February 10:** Ken Burky, Kyle Lysher, Joanne Visnic, Dennis & Kathy Potter, Fred & Julie Schamber
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# February Anniversaries!!!

2/09 Mark & Alma Heyl (38 years)  
2/18 John & Debbie Kolonay (29 years)

# February Birthdays!!!

2/06 Lisa Pepka  
2/08 Dorothy Barkey  
2/09 Joseph Ugen, Jr.  
2/10 Dana Visnic Ford  
2/11 Chase Pelusi  
2/11 David Vance  
2/11 Lee Woodward  
2/16 Nicole Zimmerman  
2/17 Douglas Frick  
2/17 Jordan Pelusi  
2/20 Landon Hill  
2/20 Sheryl Vance  
2/21 Peggy Lewis  
2/22 Aaron Long  
2/24 Destiny Fetter  
2/25 Stephen Cehovin  
2/28 Daniel Jones



If we have missed anyone, please let the office know so we can make the correction.





# Altar Guild

We are looking for new members of Altar Guild.  
Please contact Donna Berardinelli at  
724-744-4130.

**Friends of the Altar Guild  
are welcome to join us.**

Any questions, please call Donna Berardinelli at 724-744-4130

Youth Group/ W-DOGS Events		
2/17	5-7 PM	GROK w/ a Twist @ ELC
3/17	5-7 PM	Movie Night @ ELC
4/14	5-7 PM	Easter Theme @ ELC

Weekly text reminders & devotions are being sent. If you and your friend(s) would like to attend youth events, please let Dan Plance, Youth Group Leader, know at 412-965-8904 or [plance92@gmail.com](mailto:plance92@gmail.com)



## Bad Weather Policy

Cancellation of worship and congregational events seldom occurs, BUT when EXTREME winter weather makes for unsafe conditions it may become necessary to do so. In the event of worship or other cancellations, the decision will be made 2 hours prior to the scheduled time of an event. The recorded message on the church phone (724-327-2190) will provide notice of any cancellation AS WELL AS radio KDKA 1020AM and KDKA TV will be notified to provide notice of a cancellation. In any bad weather, we urge our members to use good old-fashion common sense when coming out to worship and other events. While God desires our praise and worship, God certainly doesn't want us to risk our safety and become injured in any way.

## Mutual Ministry Minut

The Mutual Ministry Committee has recently been reconfigured with **Dana Hillman**, **Karen Kuczek**, and **Ron Smith** being new representatives.



In recent years, our congregation has experienced several significant changes. While adjusting to these modifications, there has been something lost among our members. As Christians, each one of us is to promote the Gospel and live a Godly life. There have been breakdowns in communications and differing perceptions regarding how to achieve this goal. As we discuss and share our thoughts for arriving on the same page, this committee is charged with supporting and encouraging the pastor in his ministry with ELC. Mutual Ministry wishes to have your input. This is too important not to share appropriately if our church is to grow. We will be privileged to hear your concerns and hopes, and seek to use them to strengthen our mission together. Please contact any individual committee member, or the collective committee, with your thoughts, concerns, and hopes.

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# Meals on Wheels!



The following thank-you note has been received from "Murrysville Meals on Wheels" regarding the emergency bags we provided with some items for their clients to use on days when the program is unable to function:

*Dear Dan & Church Members,*

*You are an Angel for remembering us with emergency bags again this year. We sincerely wish to extend our appreciation to you for your generous gift.*

*Our clients will use them when we close because of too much snow.*

*Our motto is "Kindness and caring make a big difference in making this a better world." People like you make it a pleasure to volunteer in our community.*

*May we extend our heartfelt thanks for your support of our service and we wish you Peace and Joy.*

*Blessings,  
Lynn Staab*

We thank our youth leader, Dan Plance, and all Emmanuel members who helped pack the emergency bags.

## Praying for You

**Praying for YOU... Please note that mid-February we begin our 7<sup>th</sup> rotation of praying for Emmanuel members. We remind you that once a student is confirmed, they are prayed for separately.**

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**New rotation:**

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### Stewardship - January 17, 2019 - Benevolence Reminder

This is a reminder that 5% of your General Fund contributions are being earmarked for benevolence. Donations will be disbursed quarterly as finances allow at the discretion of church council.

The Benevolence Subcommittee will select the recipients and determine the amount of each donation. A list of organizations that have received donations from our church is maintained by the church treasurer and is available in the monthly financial statements provided to church council.

A quarterly report will be provided in the eNews showing which organizations were selected to receive benevolent donations from the General Fund and the amount.

If you have questions or recommendations, please contact a member of church council or the Benevolence Subcommittee. The Benevolence Subcommittee members are Arlene Woodward, Lee Woodward, Kathy Gustafson, Steve Cehovin, and Pastor Hybl.

Stewardship Subcommittee



## **CHURCH CHOIR**

Thanks to our Handbell Choir for enhancing our Epiphany Worship Service this past Sunday.

All Emmanuel choirs could use more members. The Handbell Choir practices at 7 PM on Sunday evenings, and the Chancel Choir practices at 9 AM on Sunday mornings. Contact our music director Homer Adams if you would consider participating in either of these. The Contemporary Music Group blesses our worship at the Saturday night services (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) and occasional Sunday mornings. They rehearse at 4 PM on selected Wednesdays. Contact leader Debbie Weigold if you are interested in joining this group.

**“The  
Screwtape  
Letters”  
production  
coming to  
the Byham**



**Theater in Pittsburgh**

The international smash hit stage adaption of famed Christian writer C. S. Lewis’s satirical novel “The Screwtape Letters” is coming to the **Byham Theater in Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 16, at 4 PM**. The novel takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, a junior Tempter, with the nephew’s responsibility being to capture the soul of an unsuspecting human on earth.

The play addresses Christian theological issues, primarily those to do with temptation and resistance to it, in a vivid and humorous way. The production is described as provocative and wickedly witty and is directed by Max McClean (Those of you in the Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will recognize him as the actor in “The Gospel of Mark” production), and it stars acclaimed actor Brent Harris. Tickets are in the \$40-\$50 range.

Anyone interested in attending may contact Fred or Julie Schamber if you would like to work together on plans.

Four times a year...

Is anything done “four times a year” too many or too few? Likely this answer depends upon what the “anything” is. To most, a relatively easy task is not too taxing to perform four times a year. Yet to a college student receiving a care package four times a year from his or her home congregation is a much-appreciated gift and a gesture long-remembered.



The Christian Education team is currently seeking a second volunteer to help send care packages four times a year to our college students to remind them that we are thinking of and praying for them.

Many of us are busy supporting the ministries of Emmanuel; however, please consider whether you have time in your calendar (and caring in your heart) to help with the college/young adult care package ministry.

If you have an interest or if you have any questions, please contact Michele Hiener (412-793-5639) or Diana Hillman (724-733-5750). Thank you for your consideration.

<b>FISCAL YTD FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF</b>		
<b>31-Dec-18</b>		
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Gap</b>
\$ 44,453.00	\$ 35,433.00	\$ 9,020.00
<b>Funding Gap --Contrasts the Congregations giving with annual Pledges and Budget</b>		
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Cash Flow</b>
\$ 44,453.00	\$ 34,635.00	\$ 9,818.00
<b>Cash Flow - Contrasts actual spending with General Fund Contributions</b>		



## Christian Life

(Come Grow with Us)

Let's look forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Afternoon Social on Wednesday, January 30 . Cathy Potter has scheduled several card games so you can select which table you want to

play on OR if you and your friend (**YES, bring a friend**) want to teach this group a **NEW** game, we should have a few new explorers to fill in. The time is 11:30 – 2:30. Bring a snack OR NOT, there are always snacks provided.

On February 2 (Super Bowl Sunday), Dan Plance is coordinating our Souper Bowl fundraiser. Come prepared with soup cans, packaged food or paper products. This will not be a coin collection, just food.

On February 17 look for a movie matinee. In past gatherings, we can see hot dogs and popcorn. This will occur after the service in Heritage Hall. Come and get a good seat along with a treat.

And before you blink an eye, the Easter calendar begins. So, stay tuned to the e-news and the Herald.

Keep warm, grab a cup of coffee and see you in Church.

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

## March

Wednesday  
March 6, 2019  
9:30AM

- Assembling "Thinking of You" baskets
- Work Day - Kitchen



Devotions: Peggy Lewis  
Hostesses: Gayle Wertz and Jeanne Yargar  
Program Rep: Kathy Potter



**SATURDAY** *Mission District event)*

## April

**Saturday**  
**April 6, 2019\***  
**9:00AM-**  
**12:30PM**

*(\*note this is an*

Program: WNALC Mid-Northeast Mission District  
Spring Gathering

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Amy Schiffrin, STS  
(President, NA Lutheran Seminary)

Continental breakfast & lunch \$6.00

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-12:30 Program & Business Meeting
- 12:30 Lunch

Hostesses: Women of Emmanuel

Program Rep: Jeanne Yargar

**Please remember we need your support!**

## February 2019 Schedules

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify the office.  
(phone **724-327-2190** or e-mail [elcna1c@gmail.com](mailto:elcna1c@gmail.com))

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	ACOLYTES		GREETERS	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	
2/3/2019	Sunday	Ken Burky		1	Jim & Peggy Lewis	Dan Hunter & John Jacoby		
2/10/2019	Sunday	Annaliese Piraino		1	Scouts	Scout Sunday (Alex Foust & Scout)		
2/17/2019	Sunday	Kathy Gustafson		1	Dana & Diana Hillman	Dan Hunter & Volunteer	Karla Gusafson	
2/24/2019	Sunday	Dave Whipkey		1	Laura Bruns and family	Mack & Karen Flood	Danette Hunter	Dan Hunter

DATE	SERVICE	COUNTER TEAM		NURSERY	COMMUNION BREAD	ALTAR FLOWERS
2/3/2019	Sunday	Scott Wilson	Bill Lavallee	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Jeanne Yargar	
2/10/2019	Sunday	Scott Wilson	Bill Lavallee	Holly Pelusi	Karla Gustafson	Farrell
2/17/2019	Sunday	Kyle Lysher	Jim Lewis	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Karla Gustafson	
2/24/2019	Sunday	Kyle Lysher	Jim Lewis	Kristi Lavallee	Karla Gustafson	

Thank you to all who serve!

## MINISTRY TEAMS/ORGANIZATIONS

**President: Mack Flood** (5/18)

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**VP/Secretary: MaryAnn Sinwell** (5/18)

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**Treasurer: Dan Hunter** (5/18)

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### **Ministry Teams:**

- **God's Property** – (*Property*) **Joseph Ugen**

† **Christian Life** – (*Evangelism, Fellowship, and Youth & Family*)

- **Dorothy Datasch** – Phone: (h)724-795-2881

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- Youth Group(6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>): Dan Plance
- W-DOGS(K–5<sup>th</sup>): **Volunteer Needed**

† **Soul Life** – (*Worship & Music and Christian Ed*)

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- Acolytes: **Volunteer Needed**
- Altar Guild: Donna Berardinelli
- Assisting Minister: **Volunteer Needed**
- Festive Bells: Homer Adams
- Memorials: Dana Fetter
- Nursery: Donna Berardinelli
- Ushers: Dave & Mary Whipkey
- Wedding Coordinator: Donna Berardinelli

† **Life Stewardship** – (*Finance, Social Ministry, and Stewardship*)

- **Bill Lavalley** (5/19) - Phone: (h)724-468-8102 (c) N/A

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**Loaves & Fishes:** Vince & Donna Berardinelli

**Safe Haven Coordinator:** **Volunteer Needed**

**ELC Women:** Pres. – Jeanne Yargar

Vice-Pres – Susan Smith

## STAFF

Pastor ..... Darian Hybl  
Secretary ..... TBD  
Youth Group Leader ..... Dan Plance  
Organist/Choir Director ..... Homer Adams

## FINANCIAL OFFICERS

Financial Secretaries ..... Danette Hunter & Kyle Lysher  
Treasurer ..... Dan Hunter & Karla Gustafson

## COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President ..... Mack Flood  
VP/Secretary ..... MaryAnn Sinwell  
Treasurer ..... Dan Hunter  
Pastor ..... Darian Hybl

*The deadline for the MARCH Herald will be*

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Thank you ~