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**In case of an Emergency**

**Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone  
286-1090**

## *Pastor's Message*

It was the longest journey of their lives. Roger and Nell, my in-laws, had been to Europe and the Caribbean Islands. Now they were flying to China, making stops in Taiwan and Japan. They saw the Great Wall of China and Tienanmen Square. They returned with a hand-tailored suit for Roger and stories of the sites they had seen and the people they had met. It was not only their longest journey it was also one of their most memorable.

Lent helps us understand life as a journey through this world on our way to eternity. On our journey, God teaches us lessons about trust and obedience. He teaches us about who He is and what He expects of us. We learn that life has a purpose and that this purpose is greater than who we are and that to fulfill God's purpose we will want to give up some of our desires.

On this journey God points us to another journey, one made by His Son who came from heaven to earth. Jesus is the incarnation of the Son of God. His journey included obedience to the Father, suffering on the cross of Calvary and dying as the innocent one. He did this that He might accomplish the purpose of the Father to restore or redeem a fallen humanity back into a right relationship with God. During Lent we lift our eyes above the horizon of our own experiences, our own cares and our own concerns to behold Jesus, who lived His life according to the Father's good will. In viewing Jesus we behold the greater purpose that God has for our lives.

We begin on the Mount of Transfiguration, where Jesus viewed His life all the way to the cross in Jerusalem. We follow Jesus on Ash Wednesday where He calls us to repentance and faith. Through the weeks of Lent we listen to Jesus as He teaches us about the Father and about the spiritual nature of life. Finally, in Holy Week, we walk with Jesus through His passion, His suffering and death. God's purpose was fulfilled in Christ who gave His life for others, and God's purpose is fulfilled in us as we submit our will to the Father.

May the peace of God tend your hearts on your journey through this world.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 26th  
  
Ash Wednesday  
March 1st  
  
First Sunday in Lent  
March 5th

**Reaching out to Martha & Mary**

On March 12th at 2 PM we will be leading a worship service for the staff and residents. This is something that Emmanuel provides twice a year. It is an opportunity to reach out to this vital ministry that we support. You are invited to attend. People may wheel residents to and from the service, read lessons, and assist them finding hymns. Together we serve these precious Saints of God.



**New Council President and Vice-President**

Just recently Emmanuel Lutheran Church held It's annual meeting. At that time we elected a new president, Keri Bjornemo Roberts, to serve this year. Long time member, Larry Ficca, will

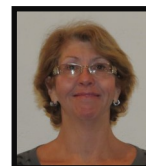


Keri



Larry

continue as our vice-president and Tersea Prange was elected to complete Chelette Williams term.



Teresa

**Special thanks to outgoing president, JoEllen Klempan and our council members of 2016. Well Done!**

**"Souper Sunday"**

**SOUPE Bowl Sunday was a great success!!**



52 cans of soup were donated representing our favorite football teams. That's 104 bowls of warm nourishing soup for our brothers and sisters who desperately need food this winter.

**Thank you for your love and support of this important mission.**

Our next "First Fruits" Sunday will be March 5th!

Special Thanks to Larry and Sally for this critical ministry. It is so necessary.

**Pregnancy Resource Center**

Don't forget to bring something in for our dresser ministry. Babies need so many things and this is a way to help a new mother out. If you knit or crochet Winter is a perfect time to make something for our dresser to go to the PRC. If you aren't crafty that's ok. Purchased items are also appreciated.

**Thanks to Carol R for coordinating this ministry!**

**Religious Educational Opportunities for All**

**For Children:** We offer Sunday School for children at 9:00 AM.

**For Adults: Adult Sunday School (9:00 AM)** is studying Creation and Evolution, looking at them from both a scientific and theological perspective. We are meeting in the fellowship hall and using DVD, instruction and discussion.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:30 PM)** We are studying the book of Joshua.

**Women's Bible Study—2nd and 4th Fridays at 10:00 AM.** We are currently studying the book of Hebrews.

**Men's Fellowship**

**Breakfast—1st Saturday of each month— 8:00 AM at The Bridge Deli.**



**Women's Prayer Group meets following the Friday Bible Study on the 4th Fridays. It begins approximately at 11:30 AM.**

## ***Congratulations Mark & Lynda !***

On January 28th Mark and Lynda (two of our newest members) were united in holy matrimony at Emmanuel. It was a lovely service! Emmanuel congratulates Mark and Lynda.



## ***Thanks to our Boy Scouts!***

Last Sunday was Scout Sunday. Special thanks to our scouts, Victor, Peter and Ward IV with their leader, Ward III. The four of them assisted with our worship service. Not only did they lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America, but they assisted with ushering, collecting the offering and collecting the prayer cards. Well done, thanks to these young men. Emmanuel is proud to have you as part of our church congregation.



## Our Missionaries

### Bob and Cheryl Fox—serving in Niger, West Africa

Currently Bob and Cheryl are half way through their language school in France. This is the first part of their journey before they can go to Niger. We can imagine how difficult it would be to be immersed in a language that we haven't grasped yet. Very Frustrating at times I am sure. Our prayers are with Bob and Cheryl right now. Not only are we supporting them financially but we need to be supporting them daily in our prayers.

#### Bob and Cheryl's Prayers and Thanksgiving

**Praise** for all our friends and family who made our holidays so enjoyable by sending notes and gifts of encouragement.

**Pray** that God will help us overcome the fear of speaking (in French) and that we will meet people with whom we feel comfortable holding conversations.

**Praise** for our supporters who are so faithful.

**Pray** that God will send us encouragement as we both face discouragement in learning French.

**Praise** that we successfully negotiated the immigration service and can stay in France through our schooling.

**Pray** that God will continue to raise up people to meet the monthly financial requirements of our work in Niger.

### Marian Hungerford –serving in Cameroun, Africa

During the Advent season Marian reached out and helped some street boys by feeding them. Marian said, "A year ago these three boys were in the gutter, out of their minds with drugs and now are making their way and loving their Heavenly Father and following Him into a hopeful future."

2016 closes with good news! Marian is preparing to move into a bigger house. It will be more expensive. But as Marian explains, "We clearly need a larger facility to implement the idea God gave me for a guest house and hospitality ministry for teams moving from the North as well as a place for small group meetings."

Marian reports, "The Boko Haram danger seems to be calming down almost everywhere inside of Cameroun while heating up along the border towns. Camerounian soldiers are holding the line and paying the price."

Due to space constraints I am not able to publish the entire newsletters from our missionaries. You can find copies of the entire newsletters on our table in the fellowship hall. Please include all three of our missionaries in your daily prayers they need our support.

**February Birthdays**

2.....Tiffany Johnson

5 .....Pat Alcantra

14 .....Ward Erickson IV

15 .....Bob Klempan

16 .....Helen Mills

17 .....Brittanee

17.....Brandee Haynes,  
Childcare Supv.

23 .....Jim Turowski

27 .....Jim Tewksbury

29.....Annabelle Williams

**February Anniversaries**

11.....Bob & Liane Armstrong

**March Birthdays**

5 .....Chelette Williams

18 .....Henry Simons

19 .....Melody Knight

25 .....Kneeda Williams, CC Super.

27 .....Jim Mace

**March Anniversaries**

13 .....Cole & Maurine Simons

18 .....Steve & Judy Armstrong

*If there are any additions or corrections to the list  
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*Any comments or questions about the  
newsletter call Sharie Adrig-377-2448*

**Members Serving in February**

Altar Guild .....Ida Ficca  
Cheryl Ericson

Reader .....Bob Klempan

**Members Serving in March**

Altar Guild .....Jean Reed

Reader .....Jean Reed

**Sunday School Teachers**

Children's Sunday School

Carolyn Cartwright  
Judy Armstrong  
Ida Ficca & Mollie Erickson

Substitutes: Mary Moen

Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday night .....Pastor Tim

Sunday morning .....Pastor Tim

Women's Friday Bible Study .....

Judy Armstrong

**Your help during coffee hour?**

Thanks to all who are signing up to  
host coffee hour! If you are interested,  
the sign up sheet is on the counter in  
the fellowship hall!

Thank you to Carol R. for being our  
coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to  
Theresa P. for all your help in the  
kitchen during coffee hour.

