

# THE MESSENGER OF GOOD NEWS

April 2018

Our Savior's – Nazareth - Emmanuel Newsletter

## The Next Steps for ONE in Christ

Dear Members,

We just completed a special Parish council meeting where we met with Greg Kaufmann from the Synod Office. We discussed our parish's next step with Pastor Brian leaving. The next steps, which the council approved, are as follows:

1. We will be working out a pastoral contract with Pastor Nancy Amacher as our bridge pastor. This contract will be for the period of time we are without a pastor unless it is felt by the Parish Council or by the Synod Office that we need to have an interim pastor. In which case, our contract with Pastor Nancy will be terminated and we will enter in to the interim pastor agreement. The terms of interim and bridge might be new to you. So I will try to explain them a little.
  - a. A bridge pastor will fulfill the role of pastor for the hours and services covered in the contract. The parish can start to establish a call committee and start the call process right away.
  - b. An interim is a specially trained pastor who works with congregations to help them define their mission and heal. The parish will need to work with the interim prior to forming a call committee and starting the call process. The Parish council, Pastor Brian, and the Synod Office don't feel our parish needs an interim at this time.
2. We will be asking the congregation councils to seek and find members to be on a call committee. The number of members is determined by each churches constitution. These members will form the Parish's call committee. We have scheduled the first call committee meeting with Greg Kaufmann for Wednesday, May 2 at Nazareth. The members of the call committee will be asked to attend all meetings and will need to be present for all interviews of candidates. We hope they can have flexible schedules so the timeline can be as short as possible. Steps I see the call committee doing:
  - a. Congregation and Parish profile.
  - b. Obtain a list of candidates from the Synod Office and/or member of the congregations.
  - c. Determine if they would like to interview any of the candidates.
  - d. Interview the candidates (two interviews normally).
  - e. Select the candidate and put their name forth to the Parish council.
  - f. The Parish council, then each church council, and each congregation will need to approve the candidate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any Parish council member.

Thanks, Kaj Petersen, Parish Council President.  
Email: kepetersen1@gmail.com

## Summer Worship Dates Change

The Annual **Joint Sunday Service in the Park** has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Longwood Park. The previously announced date was not available.

## Items needed for Quilts and Kits SPRING CLEANING YET?

Now is the time many people start spring cleaning. If you come upon some gently used sheets and want to toss them out, stop and donate them to the quilters at Our Saviors. We are down to the bottom of the pile so if you're going to toss them, we sure could use them.

Also, if you do any garage sales this spring, again keep your eyes open for those sheets. Any size works starting with the twin.

## Lutheran World Relief Kits

We will continue asking for nail clippers and soap along with STURDY combs. They should NOT be able to bend and usually does not have fine teeth. Coming up next month will be focusing on baby kits items. If anyone would like to help organize the items that come in and keep a tally of what we have, please contact me.

*Brenda Noah, LWR Coordinator*

## Nazareth Youth Breakfast April 15<sup>th</sup>

The Nazareth Youth Breakfast that is normally held around Palm Sunday will be moved to be Sunday, April 15 due to several scheduling conflicts.

## Our Savior's Chicken Dinner Set

**ATTENTION**—Mark your calendar for the Annual Charcoal Chicken Dinner to be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2018**, serving from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will have a drive thru available plus serving in our dining hall. Besides chicken to be purchased by the quarter or half, we will serve potato salad, baked beans, dinner rolls, milk, coffee and bars/cookies. The price will be \$9.00 for half chicken, \$7.00 for quarter chicken.

To help defray costs, we will be asking for food donations; people to work preparing the food, set up tables, serve on Sunday, etc; and volunteers to circulate flyers. Cash donations are welcome also. A sign up sheet will be available at church starting April 8th.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer for any of the above, please call Cathy Langreck at 715-267-6711. Thank you.

## I'm Scared

### *An Article from Ananias*

I know that in last month's article, I said I knew that My Big Guy and I were moving, but I wasn't sure of what that meant. My Big Guy was already starting to fill up boxes, and he is still doing that.

But, can I tell you a secret? I'm afraid of boxes.

When I was a puppy, My Big Guy left the house while he was doing laundry. I went to check on it for him, and a basket that he left on top of one of the machines fell on me and trapped me. I was scared. When he got home, he rescued me, but ever since then I've been afraid I would get trapped again. All of these empty boxes scare me.

I'm trying to understand what this Oklahoma thing is that we are going to. My Big Guy has told me about the city and the churches he will serve, but I'm just not understanding what he is talking about.

It reminds me about the Bible stories that he has been reading to me. In John's Gospel, Jesus has a LONG speech after his last supper with his disciples. Jesus starts talking at the end of chapter 13 and keeps going all of the way through chapter 16. And you thought My Big Guy could talk.

Early on in his talk, Jesus says he is going away to prepare a way for his followers, and Thomas says they don't know where Jesus is going (14:5). After all that they saw and heard from Jesus, they still didn't understand. When Jesus was taken away, they all ran away and hid. Only one disciple went to the crucifixion. They were scared.

That's how I feel.

I know My Big Guy is excited about the new things and opportunities he will have. I'm excited about these drive thru restaurants he's told me about. The couple we have here give treats to good dogs like me, so I hope they do that down there too.

But I'm scared about living somewhere else. My Big Guy adopted me when I was a puppy. I remember my mom and dad, but only really remember living here. He's tried to explain that we may be living in an apartment, and that I can't bark at every noise outside, but I don't get what that means.

Just like the disciples didn't understand Jesus and what he meant until he returned from the grave, I don't think I'll understand what is going to happen until I get there and see it face to face.

My Big Guy can tell that I'm nervous, and I can tell he is nervous about this too. He is trying to do a lot of things at the same time. He tries to make me calm down, and I try to make him relax too. He feels better if I let him rub my belly and scratch behind my ears. I enjoy it too, but I let him do it because it calms him down.

My Big Guy told me that he learned a lot from his time here, but that he thinks he needs to go and work with other people, and that all of you need to hear from a different pastor. I didn't understand what he meant, and just sat looking at him. He explained it to me by pointing out that I play and chew on different toys. Sometimes I want to chew on the squirrel, but other times the rubber wrench is my favorite. Sometimes, I want something different.

He has told me about some of the really nice things you all have said. It really means a lot to him. He showed me some of the treats from his going away party. I really liked the cupcakes that looked like me. They were very pretty.

I don't know if I will get to see any of you again. I don't know if we will get back up here. It may not be until we all get to heaven that I can come over and let you pet me. When I get there, I know I won't have anything to be afraid of.

Until then, thanks for everything. I'm going to try to not be scared about this change. You all should try to not be afraid of the change for you. There will be a new pastor for you, and she or he will get there soon. They may not be My Big Guy, but they will be awesome in their own way.

Can I tell you another secret?

One thing I'm afraid of is that I may not be able to watch Packer games in Wisconsin. But don't tell My Big Guy. It would break his heart.

But I was born in Wisconsin!

**Love and Licks, Ananias**

### My Last 2 ¢

#### *Pastor's Ponderings*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and to serve God in this corner of the kingdom. I hope that these churches are in a better position now than when I arrived.

I have two final requests for you all, weighing in with my final two cents. You can use them or disregard them.

One is on page 5, a request to continue the **internet and social media work** that we started.

The second is about the short and long-term steps that you will be doing. In his message, Kaj Petersen writes that the first step of the call committee is to create a profile of this parish that prospective pastors will receive.

Please, take your time and be honest when you work on this. Describe the church and parish that you truly are. Do not describe the church and parish you **think** that you are. Do not simply tweak the profile I received seven years ago this week. You are not those churches.

The priorities of Our Savior's and Emmanuel from 2011 should not be the priorities of Our Savior's, Nazareth and Emmanuel in 2018 and beyond.

Describe who you are now. Determine what you want to be in the future. How do you want to serve God here in Greenwood, Owen-Withee and Longwood? How do you want to serve your neighbors?

Then figure out what gifts you need your next pastor to have to help you to be the churches and people of God that you are called to be.

Filling out that profile is the first step in the relationship you will develop with your new pastor. Please do not lie to her or him.

**God's Blessings Be With You All,  
Pastor Brian**

### April Prayer Lists

Each Sunday, we pray by name for about 15 members of Our Savior’s, Nazareth and Emmanuel on a rotating basis, as well as for various ministries of our churches and the wider Church. **Members & Ministries being prayed for in April are:**

**April 1** - Dan, Laura & Erik Hiipakka; Eugene & Lois Himes; Wendy, Kent, Lexi, Jonah & Xander Hinker; Donna Hium, Olga Hoehn

For our church councils, committee members & volunteers; for the staff of the ELCA Churchwide offices; for Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and the people it serves; for pastors, church leaders and members of other churches in our communities; For those who work with and for the poor & hungry.

**April 8** - Justin Hoivik, Jeremy & Jennifer Hoivik, Joshua Hoivik, Jessica, Max & Addison Holm; Michelle & Jeffery Iverson; Lucas Jacobs, Kyrah Larson and Anton Livingston

For the ministries and outreaches of our churches; for Lutheran Disaster Response & people who need its services; for the seminaries & colleges of the ELCA, esp. Newberry College, Pacific Lutheran University, & Roanoke College; for the staff of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin; for other pastors in our conference & synod; For those who work for justice.

**April 15**- Wayne & Donna Jackson: Carol Jaenke; Dennis, Kristi & Bennett Jaenke; Amber Johnson; Brettain & Kaitlyn Johnson

For our Sunday School, Luther League, Vacation Bible School, K3WL and C+LIFFE students, teachers, leaders & helpers; for Lutheran World Relief efforts and those whom it serves; for members of our Synod council and committees; for GECO, the Greenwood Ecumenical Community Organization; For those who work for peace and healing;

**April 22**- Andy, Dana, Zachary, Laiken & Kody Johnson; Eric, Tyler & Logan Johnson, Staci Wathke, Harry & Eleanor Johnson, Kaillie Johnson

For the health and work of the members of our churches; for members of the ELCA Churchwide councils and committees; for Luther Park Bible Camp and the young lives they change; for Weekend Owen Withee Kids meals, and the families who need its help; For those who head into danger while many are fleeing.

**April 29**- Mike & Shirley Johnson; Sara Johnson; Scott, Michelle, Kirkland, Madeline, Korinna, Braelynn & Makiya Johnson; Sue Johnson

For our church councils, committee members & volunteers; for the ELCA’s full communion partner, the Moravian Church; for our companion Synod in Malawi; for pastors, church leaders and members of other churches in our communities; For those fighting against prejudice & hate and for love & grace.

#### News from Our Savior’s

Eleanor Johnson has received word from Danny Rossow of the death of his sister, Nancy Weber. A memorial service will be held on April 21, 11 am, at Our Savior’s. She is also survived by her sister Peggy Frieske

# Happy Birthday!

### Emmanuel April Birthdays

4-Andrew Petke; 6-Carol Niemi; 7-Jeffery Karlen; 10-Sara Geiger; 13-Crystal Revord; 15-Katie Peterson; 16-Michael Karlen; 25-Bernie Shelton; 27-Colton Paczkowski.

### Nazareth April Birthdays

4-Kelsey Niemi; 15-Leona Christophersen; 27 Don (Barney) Miller.

### Our Savior’s April Birthdays

3-Ann Graski; 4-BonYen Frenn; 5-Ethan Schultze; 7-Patricia Acker, Penny Hebert, Lavern Kind, Julie Plautz; 10-Cheryl Plechacek; 11-Jane Dyre, Dana Johnson, Mary Denk; 13-Josh Harlander; 15-Larry Klabon, Olivia Klabon, Lucas Nielsen; 16-Aarica Seagren; 18-Jonah Hinker; 19-Westin Wuethrich; 20-Rob Scheuerman, Tyler Ystad Jr.; 21-Michael Olson; 22-Jeff Acker; 23-Peter Manthe; 24-Mandy Ruff; 28-Cassidy Graski.

### April Worship Leaders

#### Our Savior’s

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Hemersbach
<b>Communion Assts</b>	Christine Briski, Doug Felix, Wayne Nielsen
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Klabon, Trenton Klabon, Dallas Wuethrich, Dan Deegan

#### Nazareth

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Duranceau, Lana Wilbur
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Sue Sholes
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Mel &amp; Ruth Thompson</b> , Diana & Allen Wagner, Carol Duranceau, Allen & Anne Gajewsky, Mike & Michelle Renderman

### April Office Hours

Kay’s office hours in April will be as follows:

Mondays	10 am – 2 pm	Our Savior’s
Tuesdays	10 am – 12 pm	Nazareth
	12:30 pm-3: pm	Our Savior’s
Wednesdays	10 am – 2 pm	Our Savior’s
Thursdays	10 am – 2 pm	Our Savior’s

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6:30 am SONrise Worship (OS) 7:30 am Easter Breakfast (OS) 8:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Naz) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist (OS) 10:00 am Sunday School (Em) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Em)	9:00 am (OS) Quilting		1:30 pm W/ELCA (Em) 6:30 pm C+LIFFE at OS	9:00 am (Naz) Quilting  <b>Pastor Brian's Final Day</b>  5:30 pm Naz Church Council Meeting		WELCA Rally at Edgar
<b>First Sunday of Easter</b> 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Naz) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist (OS) 10:00 am Sunday School (Em) 10:30 am Sunday School (OS) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Em)	9:00 am (OS) Quilting 8:00 pm Dartball End of Year banquet at OS		6:30 pm C+LIFFE at OS 7:00 pm OS Church Council Meeting	9:00 am (Naz) Quilting		
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00 am Worship (Naz) 9:00 am Youth Breakfast (Naz) 9:30 am Worship (OS) 10:00 am Sunday School (Em) 10:30 am Sunday School (OS) 11:00 am Worship (Em)	9:00 am (OS) Quilting		3:30 pm K3WL (OS) 6:30 pm C+LIFFE at OS 8:00 pm Luther League Meet at OS	9:00 am (Naz) Quilting		
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Naz) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist (OS) 10:00 am Sunday School (Em) 10:30 am Sunday School (OS) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Em) 12:30 pm Gathering Group Travel Get-together at Trinity in Loyal	9:00 am (OS) Quilting		6:30 pm C+LIFFE at OS	9:00 am (Naz) Quilting  <b>Newsletter Info Due</b>		
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Naz) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist (OS) 10:00 am Sunday School (Em) 10:30 am Sunday School (OS) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist (Em) 12:00 pm Em Council Meeting <b>LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	9:00 am (OS) Quilting		6:30 pm C+LIFFE at OS  6:30 pm Call Committee at Naz	9:00 am (Naz) Quilting		Prep for OS Chicken Dinner

Pastor Nancy will not be available to lead worship on April 15. At publication time, we do not know if a supply pastor will be used.

## EDUCATION INFORMATION

### C+LIFFE Resumes After Easter

**C+LIFFE (Christian and Lutheran Identity & Faith Formation Education)** will resume on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior’s. Classes will continue through May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Sunday School

Sunday School at all three churches will have their last classes for the school year on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 2018 Vacation Bible School Dates

The ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish will host two Vocation Bible Schools in 2018. Emmanuel’s will be held **June 4-8** with an afternoon (12:30-3:30) schedule. Our Savior’s will be held **June 17-21** with an evening (5:45-8:00 pm) schedule.

**A registration form is on the cover of this newsletter.**

If you want to volunteer, contact Vita Gosse at 715-267-6853, Coordinator for Emmanuel’s VBS, at 715-267-6759 or Joan Turnquist, Coordinator for Greenwood Community VBS.

### **SCRIP UPDATE**

Updated order forms and Great Lakes merchant listings are available on the scrip table at Church. **The next Great Lakes Scrip Order will be Sunday, April 8, 2018**, in time for your Mother's Day and Graduation gifts!

Our scrip profit for February was \$69.08. Thank you for your participation in this program!

*Cathy Langreck, Scrip Coordinator*

## **WELCA Activities** Women of the **ELCA**

### Emmanuel

April 4 WELCA

**April Cleaning – Nancy Garrett & LoraLee Peterson**

### Our Savior’s

Mary’s Circle has not scheduled their next meeting.

#### Cards sent:

#### Thinking of You - Sympathy:

- Family of Beatrice Nielsen
- Family of Shirley Caliebe
- Peggy Friske & Danny Rossow & families upon the death of their sister, Nancy West

#### Thinking of You – Get Well

- Irene Bombach
- Jim Felix
- Harlan Nielsen

#### Thinking of You-Thank You, Farewell & Best Wishes

Pastor Brian Campbell

#### Thinking of You – Happy Birthday

Pastor Brian Campbell

*Chris Sautebin*

### Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally

The Chequamegon Conference WELCA Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 7 at St. John’s in Edgar. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Call Roni Kaczor-Smith at 715-613-0127 for more information.

## **Our Savior’s Keys Needed**

If anyone from Our Savior’s has a key to the OLD kitchen door, please turn it into the Our Savior’s office. We do not have an extra key for the sacristy, and have few spare lower door keys. During this time of pastoral transition, extra keys will be needed. If you have any keys that you do not need to use, please turn them into the Our Savior’s Office.

## **Social Media Person Needed**

Pastor Brian set up and maintained the parish website, Twitter and Instagram accounts, and each church’s Facebook pages. With his leaving, someone needs to take over those responsibilities. Not counting special events when photos would be uploaded, this would take 30 minutes to an hour per week. Most could be done while you are using these accounts for yourself.

These accounts have a much larger reach than just inside our church. Last week, our website had almost 700 page views by over 400 unique visitors. Articles on each Facebook page were seen by more people than have liked the church pages. These are outreaches beyond our doors. These impact people, and I ask someone to come forward to maintain them.

*Pastor Brian*

## **Congregational Giving & Attendance**

The Statement of Giving appears to keep members informed on the financial health of their congregation. The average budget expense is calculated by dividing the expenses from budget as approved at a church’s Annual Meeting, divided by the number of Sundays in the year. The difference is the amount, plus or minus, between that week’s offering and the average weekly budget expenses.

### **Our Savior’s Statement of Giving**

Date	Att.	Offering	Budget Exp.	Difference
03/04/18	50	\$915.00	\$2,191.00	(\$1,276.00)
03/11/18	57	\$2,831.00	\$2,191.00	\$640.00
03/18/18	55	\$784.00	\$2,191.00	(\$1,407.00)
03/25/18	75	\$2,148.00	\$2,191.00	(\$43.00)

### **Nazareth’s Statement of Giving**

Date	Att.	Offering	Budget Exp.	Difference
03/04/18	30	\$2,692.00	\$ 989.00	\$1,703.00
03/11/18	35	\$640.00	\$ 989.00	(\$349.00)
03/18/18	37	\$895.00	\$ 989.00	(\$94.00)
03/25/18	49	\$995.00	\$ 989.00	\$6.00

### **Emmanuel Statement of Giving**

Date	Att.	Offering	Budget Exp.	Difference
03/04/18	20	\$192.00	\$509.32	(\$317.32)
03/11/18	19	\$340.00	\$509.32	(\$169.32)
03/18/18	26	\$432.00	\$509.32	(\$77.32)
03/25/18	29	\$441.00	\$509.32	(\$68.32)

*Church Treasurers, Ushers and Church Office*

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 Nazareth Lutheran Church – Withee (ELCA)  
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Longwood (ELCA)  
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**Sunday Worship Times**

**Nazareth –Withee +** Worship at 8:00 a.m.  
*Sunday School During Services, Communion each Sunday.*

**Our Savior's—Greenwood +** Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
*Sunday School following the service, Communion each Sunday.*

**Emmanuel – Longwood +** Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
*Sunday School at 10 a.m., Communion each Sunday during Easter.*  
*Sunday School ends on April 29<sup>th</sup>.*

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**Vacation Bible School 2018 Shipwrecked! Registration Form**

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

where someone can be reached during VBS

Family Church Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Birth Date	Age/Grade	Special Concerns*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

\*Known allergies, medical, diet restrictions, or any other concerns

My children will attend: Longwood VBS (June 4-8) \_\_\_\_\_

Greenwood Community VBS (June 17-21) \_\_\_\_\_

For VBS music, please give us \_\_\_ a CD \_\_\_ a download card.

I hereby \_\_\_ GRANT \_\_\_ Do NOT Grant (please choose one)

permission to use pictures of my child(ren) on ONE in Christ

website, social media and/or in the local newspaper

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature