

# THE MESSENGER OF GOOD NEWS

March 2018

Our Savior's – Nazareth - Emmanuel Newsletter

## New Church Leaders

After the January Annual Meetings, new council leaders are determined at February Council meetings.

Our Savior's elected Kevin Lucas as President, Linda Turnquist as Vice-President, Cathy Langreck was re-elected to be Secretary and Brenda Noah was elected as Treasurer.

Nazareth elected Ryan Renderman as President, Donna Rasmussen as Vice-President, and Sue Sholes as Secretary. Michelle Renderman will remain as Treasurer.

Emmanuel elected Harold Briski as President and Chuck Peterson as Vice-President. Loralee Petersen and Kathy Petke remain as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

For the ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish, no changes were made to the leaders for the second year of our parish arrangement. Kaj Petersen was re-elected as President, Donna Olson was re-elected Vice-President, Cathy Langreck was re-elected as Secretary and Ryan Renderman was re-elected as Treasurer.

## Items needed for Quilts and Kits

### OS Quilters

OS Quilters are looking for gently used sheets for backing of the quilts. We can use flats sheets of any size and fitted, size double and larger. Also if you shop any garage sales this spring, keep on the lookout for fabric (cotton only-no double knit), children socks, t-shirts, gowns or sleepers, and of course, cloth diapers.

### Lutheran World Relief Kits

We are 2 months behind getting started in asking for donations to the LWR kits. Since we need so much soap for both the Baby Kits and the Personal Care Kits, let's start with soap, 3-4 oz sizes and nail clippers. As always, if you wish to donate money, we will do the shopping for you.

*Brenda Noah, LWR Coordinator*

## EDUCATION INFORMATION

### C+LIFFE Takes A Break During Lent

C+LIFFE (Christian and Lutheran Identity and Faith Formation Education) will take a break during Lent, and will resume on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's.

### Luther League News

The Luther Leaguers are working on the Easter SONrise Breakfast and the SONrise Service.

The next Luther League meeting is on **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm at Our Savior's**. The next **Gathering Travel Group Get Together** is Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm at Trinity in Loyal. Plans for what to bring will be discussed at our March meeting.

## Pastor Brian To Leave After Easter

In a letter sent to members of all three churches on February 15, Pastor Brian Campbell announced that he is resigning his call as pastor to the ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish after Easter. He has accepted a call to serve the Covenant Lutheran Churches of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, another collection of three churches.

After discussions with the Parish Council, his last day here will be Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council will be meeting with Greg Kaufman, an Assistant to the Bishop for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to begin the transition process.

Each church will need to nominate members to serve on a parish-wide call committee. The call committee will need to do a church and parish review of where the church and parish is, and wants to go, and what gifts and talents are needed for the next pastor to help lead everyone to get there.

## Going Away Reception

A Going Away Reception will be held on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Our Saviors. Refreshments will include: Coffee, Cookies, Kool-Aid, Water, and Crackers.

## Directories Almost Ready

Some photos and information needs to be turned in for Nazareth and Emmanuel to join Our Savior's in a combined directory. We hope to have the directories out in early April.

## Summer Worship Dates to Note

The Parish Council approved having a combined **Sunday Service in the Park** for Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Longwood Park.

**Nazareth's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration** will be July 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., with a lunch to follow. Emmanuel will join them for worship, and Our Savior's will decide if they will have their regular 9:30 AM service or join them.

For both Withee Days, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, and the Owen Jr. Fair, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, both Nazareth and Emmanuel will forego their own services those Sunday mornings, and invite their members to join in the community services. Our Savior's will still have their services on those days. Nazareth has asked that the Pastor lead the ecumenical worship service during Withee Days.

## Next Newsletter News

The April edition of **The Messenger of Good News** will arrive after Easter, on April 1. The due date for materials is Thursday, March 22.

## A Time To Change

### **Pastor's Ponderings**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. – Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

First, I want to thank everyone for the well wishes on my moving to Oklahoma. It took a lot of thought and prayer to make this decision. I believe it is in the best interest for both me and this parish.

I believe this will give each of the three churches and the parish an opportunity to prayerfully think and decide what path you will go on for the next several years.

The members of the churches will be asked to look at who their church truly is. Not who you want to be. Not who you used to be, but who you are. Then to decide where you want to go, and what you want to do. After that, you will need to decide what gifts and talents you want in the pastor you help you achieve that.

The churches are different than the ones I was called to serve 6 ½ years ago. Your needs are different. Your abilities are different. If you only take one piece of advice from me as I leave, **please be honest and thorough in your self-review and study.** You will discover truths you didn't know, probably both good and bad. But if you let it, it will guide you as you decide what and where these churches go in the next few years.

### **In The Short Term**

That process will take months. But I am leaving behind work that needs to be done.

Our C+LIFFE Confirmation program resumes after Easter. I will be here for their first session, but they have another 5 or 6 weeks of instruction to go, and someone(s) needs to teach those classes. I have a rough lesson plans prepared, but a teacher or teachers are needed.

I have played a large role in each of the Vacation Bible Schools. I have done the Opening and Closing events for each day, as well as having taught the Bible Discovery class. Someone else will have to do each of these. If someone is going to do the work to take on one of these three roles (Opening, Closing, Bible Discovery) at one of the VBS, please see if you can do it at both. Preparing to share the message of God's love to a group of children is challenging and thrilling. If you are going to do the work to do it well, do it for both churches.

I am working on making sure that those who will be picking up what I am setting down will have as many of my notes as possible, not to dictate what to do, but to provide a history of what has been done.

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

## We Are Going Away

### **An Article from Ananias**

My Big Guy has told you that we are moving away from here. I'm trying to really understand what that means.

Our house has become a collection of boxes and storage tubs. Most evenings and weekends he is putting things in them and moving them around. He has told me to stay away from them, and I do, most of the time. I want to see what he is putting in them. I really hope he packs all of my toys and treats.

My Big Guy has talked to me about where we are going. He is excited because he will be able to serve in a big city like he has wanted to. I'm worried about being in a big city. I don't know if I'll like all of the noise.

He also has told me that he feels bad about leaving all of you, and the things he isn't going to get to do. He really thought and prayed about this a lot. I had to give him lots of kisses.

I prayed too. I want him to be happy. I want him to do what he feels God is calling him to do. And if that means we move to Oklahoma, that is OK. Plus, he told me there are a lot of cattle farms in Oklahoma, so maybe I can get some steaks as treats!

He said that he will work with three churches down there, just like here, but they have different people and needs. At one church, most of the members are African-American, and live inside Oklahoma City. Another church is located close to a large Air Force base. The other church has a school across the street from it, and a hospital behind it. They are active in each of their communities, and have a thirst for Bible studies.

I know he is going to be busy, but I will find a way to help him out. Whether I keep working on my writing, or just let him give me belly rubs at the end of a long day, I will help My Big Guy do what God has called him to do.

**Love and Licks,  
Ananias**

## **ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish Lent & Holy Week Worship Services**

### **Wednesday Soupper Services**

*Meals are at 6:30 pm, worship service begins at 7:00 pm.*

Week 3    March 7    Emmanuel

Week 4    March 14    Nazareth

Week 5    March 21    Our Savior's

### **Maundy Thursday + March 29**

1:00 pm at Emmanuel + 7:00 pm at Nazareth

### **Good Friday + March 30**

1:00 pm at Emmanuel + 7:00 pm at Our Savior's

### **Easter Sunday + April 1**

6:30 am SONrise at Our Savior's + 8:00 am at Nazareth

9:30 am at Our Savior's + 11:00 am at Emmanuel

### March 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 March are:**

**March 4** - Deanna Frame; Randy Frederickson; David & Peggy Friske; Kyle Friske; Joan Frost; Arvin Gade; Alicia Gaede, Andrew Gaede, Anna Gaede; Curt & Nancy Garrett; Robert Garrett

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

**March 11** - Allen & Anne Gajewsky; Diane, Wayne & Tyler Genteman, Lindsey Genteman; Emily Gibboney; Vita & David Gosse; Ann, Todd, Alyssa, Ben, Cassidy & Dan Graski; Kourtney, Josh, Isabel & Emily Groshek

For the ministries and outreaches of our churches; for the seminaries & colleges of the ELCA, esp. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Midland University & Muhlenberg College; for our Synod’s Resource Center; for other pastors in our conference & synod; and for all who struggle to live out their faith.

**March 18** - Bea Hansen; Ben Hansen; Dave & Fern Hansen; Cindy, Corey, & Taylor Hanson; Richard Hartz, Adam Hartz, Andrew & Tiffany Hartz; Jon & Sue Haunschild

For our Sunday School, Luther League, Vacation Bible School, K3WL and C+LIFFE students, teachers, leaders & helpers; for all 66 Bishops of the ELCA; for Lutheran campus ministry programs; for food pantries, & other outreaches to those who hunger or are in need; and for those who work with and for the poor & hungry.

**March 25** - Penny, Louie, Melissa, Caleb & Emily Hebert, Jill Hebert, Riley Hebert, Carol & Steve Hemersbach; Denny & Nancy Henke; Amber, David, Hudson & Jamison Herboldscheimer

For the health and work of the members of our churches; for the work of the Women of the ELCA, both locally and nationally; For the staff of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin; for the Greenwood Ecumenical Community Organization; and for those who work for justice.

### 2018 Vacation Bible School Dates

The ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish will host two Vacation 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.

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.

# Happy Birthday!

### Emmanuel March Birthdays

1-Bernie Karlen; 3-Darren Wendt, Shasta Kloss; 5-Rodney Englebretson, Derek Englebretson; 7-Amelia Petke; 8-Gregory Sowieja; 16-Taylor Hanson; 22-Cody Niemi; 23-Cynthia Sowieja; 26-Dennis Wendt, Richard Englebretson, Stephanie Petersen, Wyatt Simenson; 30-William Simenson.

### Nazareth March Birthdays

2-Sierra Renderman; 9-Betty Matson; 15-Tammy Renderman; 20-Dale Niemi; 27-Idda Satonica; 29-Art Feldman.

### Our Savior’s March Birthdays

1-Fern Hansen, Brianna Ruff; 2-Patricia Kind, Leah Pentz; 7-Shirley Caliebe, Jason Denk; 8-Bonnie Englebretson; 9-Janice Clark; 10-Alicia Gaede, Lexi Hinker, Marcus Noah, Jeremy Olson; 11-Mike Ruff; 12-Tyler Ystad; 13-Greg Lucas; 16-Ben Graski; 18-Donna Manthe; 19-Mason Kohnert, Bob Moseley; 20-Brian Eckes; 21-Brettain Johnson; 22-Montana Acker; 24-Taylor Turnquist; 27-Pastor Brian Campbell; 30-Lois Wuethrich; 31-Michelle Johnson.

### March Worship Leaders

#### Our Savior’s

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lonna Klinke
<b>Communion Assts</b>	Doug Felix, Wendy Hinker, Cathy Langreck
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Clark, Dakota Clark, Mike Olson, Bob Moseley

#### Nazareth

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Henke
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Jim Rasmussen
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Travis Rogers &amp; Nicole Shattuck</b> , Art & Jane Petersen, Bob & Marj Oryszczyn, Ryan & Robyn Renderman, Sue Berseth and Joan Frost

### SCRIP UPDATE

The scrip profit for January was \$117.29. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

The next Great Lakes Scrip Order will be Sunday, March 11, 2018.

*Cathy Langreck, Scrip Coordinator*

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Naz</b> ) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) 10:00 am Sunday School ( <b>Em</b> ) 10:30 am Sunday School ( <b>OS</b> ) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Em</b> )	9:00 am ( <b>OS</b> ) Quilting 8:00 pm <b>OS</b> Dartball BYE	7:00 pm <b>OS</b> Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm <b>Lenten Soupper Meal at Em</b> 7:00 pm <b>Lenten Soupper Service- Em</b>	9:00 am ( <b>Naz</b> ) Quilting 10:30 (pBRC) CCCRC Svc 5:30 pm <b>Naz</b> Church Council Meeting		
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Naz</b> ) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) 10:00 am Sunday School ( <b>Em</b> ) 10:30 am Sunday School ( <b>OS</b> ) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Em</b> )	9:00 am ( <b>OS</b> ) Quilting 8:00 pm <b>OS</b> Dartball vs Neillsville		6:30 pm <b>Lenten Soupper Meal at Naz</b> 7:00 pm <b>Lenten Soupper Service- Naz</b>	9:00 am ( <b>Naz</b> ) Quilting		<b>Walking Together</b> UW Eau Claire
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Naz</b> ) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) 10:00 am Sunday School ( <b>Em</b> ) 10:30 am Sunday School ( <b>OS</b> ) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Em</b> ) 12:00 pm <b>Em</b> Church Council Mtg	9:00 am ( <b>OS</b> ) Quilting 8:00 pm @ <b>OS</b> Dartball Make Up Games	9:30 am (pBRC) Neillsville Retire Service 6:30 pm Parish Council Meet at <b>Naz</b>	3:30 pm K3WL ( <b>OS</b> ) 6:30 pm <b>Lenten Soupper Meal at OS</b> 7:00 pm <b>Lenten Soupper Service-OS</b> 8:00 pm Luther League Meet at <b>OS</b>	9:00 am ( <b>Naz</b> ) Quilting  <b>Newsletter Info Due</b>		
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Naz</b> ) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) 10:00 am Sunday School ( <b>Em</b> ) 10:30 am Sunday School ( <b>OS</b> ) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Em</b> ) 2:00 pm Pastor's Going Away Recpt <b>OS</b>	9:00 am ( <b>OS</b> ) Quilting 8:00 pm @ <b>OS</b> Dartball Make Up Games		7:00 pm SONrise rehearsal at <b>OS</b>	9:00 am ( <b>Naz</b> ) Quilting 1:00 pm <b>Maundy Thursday Service at Em</b> 7:00 pm <b>Maundy Thursday Service at Naz</b>	1:00 pm <b>Good Friday Service at Em</b> 7:00 pm <b>Good Friday Service at OS</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday of Lent</b> April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6:30 am SONrise Worship ( <b>OS</b> ) 7:30 am Easter Breakfast ( <b>OS</b> ) 8:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Naz</b> ) 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) 10:00 am Sunday School ( <b>Em</b> ) 11:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Em</b> ) No <b>OS</b> Sunday School	9:00 am ( <b>OS</b> ) Quilting		1:30 pm W/ELCA ( <b>Em</b> ) 6:30 pm <b>C+LIFFE at OS</b>	9:00 am ( <b>Naz</b> ) Quilting  <b>Pastor Brian's Final Day</b>		WELCA Rally at Edgar

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

**Emmanuel**

The ladies of Emmanuel’s WELCA look to resume their meetings in April. They are seeking women from other churches to join with them for a monthly afternoon Bible Study. If interested, please contact the church office.

**March Cleaning – Ilene Pribbernow & Sue Eloranta**

**Our Savior’s**

Mary’s Circle has not scheduled their next meeting.

**Cards sent:**

**Thinking of You - Sympathy:**

- Carol & Steve Hemersbach, upon the death of Carol’s brother
- Mike & Mandy Ruff & family, upon the death of Mike’s father

*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 is \$15 (including lunch) through March 19. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Call Roni Kaczor-Smith at 715-613-0127 for more information.

**So, You Want To Be A Member ...**

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish Churches, please contact Pastor Brian. He will set up a time to meet with you to discuss your church history with you, and what tradition or denomination you are most familiar with. He will then discuss the differences between that tradition and the understandings of the ELCA. This can be done in one or two meetings. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to become a member. We’d love to have you join us!

**Lenten Offering Opportunities**

The blue water jugs are out during Lent to collect an offering for the ELCA Youth Gathering and the [Global Farm Challenge](#). It is a yearlong, youth-driven effort to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church’s ministry to end hunger and poverty.

**Forty Days, Forty Items**

We have brought back the **40 Days-40 Items** Lenten offering. For each of the 40 days during Lent, remove an item from your closet or house to put into a garbage bag or box. On Easter Sunday or after, bring the bag or box to Emmanuel for their next Free Garage Sale.

*Pastor Brian*

**A Thank You**

Thank you for the expressions of condolence in the passing of my brother as well as two friends.

*Carol Hemersbach*

**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.

Attendance and offering totals are tracked differently by each church, especially for combined services and services on consecutive days.

**Our Savior’s Statement of Giving**

Date	Att.	Offering	Budget Exp.	Difference
02/04/18		\$1,019.00	\$2,191.00	(\$1,172.00)
02/11/18	60	\$3,220.00	\$2,191.00	\$1,029.00
02/18/18	47	\$1,082.00	\$2,191.00	(\$1,109.00)
02/25/18	34	\$1,209.65	\$2,191.00	(\$981.35)

**Nazareth’s Statement of Giving**

Date	Att.	Offering	Budget Exp.	Difference
02/04/18	33	\$2,049.00	\$ 989.00	\$1,060.00
02/11/18	38	\$815.00	\$ 989.00	(\$174.00)
02/14/18	20	\$122.00	\$ 989.00	
02/18/18	36	\$631.00	\$ 989.00	(\$358.00)
02/25/18	29	\$540.00	\$ 989.00	(\$449.00)

**Emmanuel Statement of Giving**

Date	Att.	Offering	Budget Exp.	Difference
02/04/18	40	\$365.25	\$509.32	(\$144.07)
02/11/18	29	\$395.00	\$509.32	(\$114.32)
02/18/18	8	\$225.00	\$509.32	(\$284.32)
02/25/18	16	\$295.00	\$509.32	(\$214.32)

*Church Treasurers, Ushers and Church Office*

**March Office Hours**

Pastor Brian’s office hours for March will be:

- Tuesdays 10 am – 2 pm Our Savior’s
- Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm Our Savior’s
- Fridays 10 am – 2 pm Nazareth

Most weeks, Mondays are his day off. Pastor Brian usually in meetings, leading worship or doing visits on Thursdays. **As always, the best way to contact Pastor Brian is by calling his cell phone, 715-773-2004, to set an appointment.**

Kay’s office hours will be as follows:

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

**Nazareth Youth Breakfast to be in April**

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



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### Sunday Worship Times

#### Nazareth –Withee

Worship at 8:00 a.m.

*Sunday School During Services  
Communion shared each Sunday.*

#### Our Savior's—Greenwood

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

*Sunday School following the service  
Communion shared each Sunday.*

#### Emmanuel – Longwood

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

*Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Communion each Sunday  
during Lent & Easter.*

#### Our Savior's/Emmanuel Churches Office

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### ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish 2018 Lenten Worship Services

#### Wednesday Soupper Services

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Worship service begins at 7:00 pm.

**Week 3 + March 7 + Emmanuel**

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**Week 5 + March 21 + Our Savior's**

#### Maundy Thursday + March 29

1 pm at Emmanuel + 7 pm at Nazareth

#### Good Friday + March 30

1 pm at Emmanuel + 7 pm at Our Savior's

#### Easter Sunday + April 1

6:30 am SONrise at Our Savior's

8 am at Nazareth

930 am at Our Savior's

1100 am at Emmanuel