

Grace and Peace,

The church season of Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday). Several biblical characters will join us for our midweek worship services and share their role in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Our schedule:

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 Worship/Communion/Imposition of Ashes  
Guest: Adam

Wednesday, February 21  
6:00 Supper (Served in church basement)  
Serving Group: Men's group  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Nicodemus

February 28  
6:00 Supper  
Serving Group: FROG  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Barabbas

March 7  
6:00 Supper  
Serving Group: Church Council  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Judas

March 14  
6:00 Supper  
Serving Group: Houston Youth  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Pilate

March 21  
6:00 Supper  
Serving Group: WELCA  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Thief's Father

March 29 Maundy Thursday  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Living Last Supper

March 30 Good Friday  
7:00 Worship  
Guest: Thief on the other cross

Blessings, Pastor Greg

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
January 17, 2018 Unapproved Council Minutes

Council members present: Steve Cain, Kate Andal, Amanda Hyronimus and Valerie Anderson. Pastor Myrmoe was also present.

President Steve Cain called the meeting to order. There is not a quorum present to be able to vote.

Pastor Myrmoe led in devotions.

Secretary minutes were reviewed.

Treasurer's report and budget was reviewed.

Old Business- The annual meeting will be followed by a potluck on 1/28/18.

New Business- A committee will be created to review and revise by-laws relating to roles and responsibilities of committee members.

**Committee Reports**

Christian Education- No report

WELCA- No report

Stewardship Development and Mission- No report

Membership, Outreach, Life & Growth – No report

Music and Worship – No report

Properties Committee- No report

Pastor's Report – All dates are filled to serve the Lent suppers.

A men's group will be meeting for fellowship and a Christian based video series the first Friday of every month, beginning February 2 at 6:30am in the Narthex.

Meeting adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Anderson

LETTER FROM MISSIONARIES: ANNE AND WILLIE, Yaounde, Cameroon

## Epiphany Greetings

We traveled to spend Christmas with Willie's mother and to celebrate her 90th birthday! We hope that the holidays were a time of peace and reflection for all of you and send you also our best wishes for 2018.

In November Anne was happy to travel to Liberia again to visit the health work of the Lutheran Church of Liberia and our colleagues there. The day we arrived at Curran Hospital was International Ebola Day. The director of the Esther Bacon School of Nursing and Midwifery, Deddeh B. Kamara (pictured with my favorite health resource, more copies of which they had just received for their library), made a point at morning devotions to remember what they had experienced, the colleagues and patients they had lost, and she reminded people to remain aware and prepared. They were testing new candidates for the school while we were there and were using the day to improve the candidates' knowledge about Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). We learned about the challenges and joys of Curran Hospital from Dr. Alan S. Gobeh, the director, who you see here admiring the materials in the nursing school's training lab.

On Sunday prior to our meetings we worshiped in Gbarnga and I tried to imagine how liberating it must be to be able to dance in close proximity as you take your offering to the altar, share the peace, take communion, after all of the strict precautions during the EVD outbreak.

I made this trip with my colleague Rev. Themba Mkhabela, who is also a Regional Representative in this region, based in Madagascar. In Liberia we had an excellent driver and were taken care of by Sue Larmouth, the coordinator of the LCL Malaria Program.

The LCL Malaria Program works in communities to increase awareness about malaria, its prevention and treatment. We visited three communities where it is working right now. In each place we met with a group that included local malaria educators and beneficiaries in the communities, men and women. You can see pictures above of two villages with their public meeting space, one before folks arrived, the second after. They told us of how they now understood how to reduce the number of mosquito bites they and their kids get, through cleaning up their

environment so mosquitoes aren't so close and sleeping under mosquito nets, for instance. And even though getting treatment is still difficult sometimes, in particular for smaller villages that have to go by foot to reach the neighboring village with a qualified health worker who can treat malaria, they see that their health has improved and that more people are surviving, especially children, because they seek treatment more quickly.

In the third village we met in a Pentecostal church. In all the communities we were welcomed and thanked because of the ELCA support, raised through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, to the LCL Malaria Program. In this village the traditional welcome was presented on the plate covered by a white cloth, carried by a woman from the village. On the plate, for us, was a candle, a bunch of sticks and cola nuts, as well as a nominal amount of cash.

We thank you, in turn, for your support of the work that the ELCA is able to do with our companions, in so many different areas that touch the lives of people, our sisters and brothers.

New Year's and the weeks following are often a time for people to visit family and friends. A couple Sundays ago we had these three over with some family too. Two are ELCA scholarship recipients who have come to study in Yaounde. Flavie Kelembho, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic, is pursuing a Masters in Hospital Administration at the Catholic University of Central Africa and Pastor Abdou Thiam, past-President of the Lutheran Church of Senegal, is pursuing a Ph.d. at the Protestant University of Central Africa. To the right is Francine Yaiman, who is from the Central African Republic and temporarily living here in Yaounde due to her work.

**Our mailing address is:**

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*Please use the above  
address to send a  
greeting to Anne and  
William from Emmanuel  
Pastor*

# FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 Men's Breakfast	2 6:30am First Friday Men's Group	3
4 8:30 Worship/ Communion 9:30 Fellowship Coffee/SS 10:45 Worship/ Communion	5	6	7 5:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Conf/FROG 6:30 Bell Choir	8 7:30 Men's Breakfast	9	10
11 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship Coffee/SS 10:45 Worship	12	13	14 7:00 Ash Wed. Worship/ Communion	15 7:30 Men's Breakfast	16	17
18 8:30 Worship/ Communion 9:30 Fellowship Coffee/SS 10:45 Worship/ Communion	19	20 9:00 Quilters	21 9:30 Naomi Circle 2:00 Faith Circle 6:00 Lent Supper 7:00 Worship 8:00 Council Meeting	22 7:30 Men's Breakfast	23 Wedding Rehearsal	24 Wedding
25 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship Coffee/SS 10:45 Worship	26 2:00 Bethesda Coffee	27	28 5:30 Senior Choir 6:00 Lent Supper 7:00 Worship			

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

## **PARISH SECRETARY**

We welcome Mindy Johnson as our new parish secretary. Her office hours will be Wednesday, 9:00 – 2:00, and Thursday 9:00 – 2:00. Give/email/drop-off all announcements for bulletin and newsletter to Mindy. Her email address is [emmanuel@bmtc.net](mailto:emmanuel@bmtc.net). A drop box is located near the secretary's office door to deposit items. Please give your items to be printed in the upcoming bulletin no later than Wednesday. Items for the upcoming month's newsletter are due one week prior to the last Sunday of the month.

## **SERVICE OF LIFE AND RESURRECTION**

To Christ's promise of eternal life we entrust Ruth Larsen. Ruth (Paulsen) was born June 6, 1924, north of Beresford. She died January 16, 2018, at Bethesda of Beresford. Ruth was 93. The funeral service of Life and Resurrection was January 23, 2018.

## **2018 BIBLE CAMP**

2018 South Dakota Lutheran's Outdoor Bible Camp registration is now open. Got to [LOSD.org](http://LOSD.org) for camps/dates/registration info. \$250 scholarships are available for Emmanuel youth to attend one of SD Lutheran's Outdoor Bible camps. Contact Pastor for more information. To save on registration, the early bird deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Mara Stillson, a member of our LO Synod staff, will be our guest on March 4<sup>th</sup> to share a message about the 2018 Bible Camp.

## **2017 OFFERING STATEMENTS**

2017 offering statements are available in the church office. Contact the church office.

## **SOUPER SUNDAY**

February 4<sup>th</sup> is our Souper Bowl Sunday. Bring soup (or other items) for the food pantry. Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt!