

Emmanuel Episcopal Church



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*We worship God and follow Jesus Christ, learning and growing together in the Holy Spirit to serve in the world.
We will love and welcome ALL.*

Fr. Greg's Pastoral Letter for APRIL 2018

Dear Emmanuel:

Alleluia! He is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

(No fooling!)

Happy Easter, everyone!

The events we observed in the life of the church during March were crazy in the life of Jesus and his disciples. From going about and doing his ministry, to arriving in Jerusalem to throngs of "fans and admirers", who eventually abandoned him, to the events of Holy Week, and finally to his death and resurrection... well, a lot happened in a few square miles.

And me... during the month of April I will be visiting those very square miles. One of the pilgrimages that Christians often dream of and make is to Jerusalem. Bishop Wayne Hougland has put together a trip and invited the members of his diocese to come along, and 40 took the bait. Me included. And I would covet your prayers as I make this journey. I will be gone from April 10 to April 23. What will we see? Well... here's some of what I'll see:

First tour day: Galilee. Second: Cana, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo & Caesarea. Third: Jericho, Qumran & Mount of Olives. Fourth: Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Fifth: Jerusalem and the Old City. Sixth: Masada and the Dead Sea. Seventh: Jerusalem. I have taken the extended stay and will be seeing other sights for three days. This will be, I anticipate, a once-in-a-lifetime trip. I am excited at the spiritual possibilities of walking where Jesus walked... especially so soon after Easter. I am not sure exactly what will happen while I am there, but I am certain that it will be "something"! Like I said, I will covet your



prayers during my journey.

Easter for us all provides an opportunity of being a hinge. A decided moment between what came before and what follows after. Jesus's ministry certainly changed after the events of Jerusalem. The Disciple's ministry clearly changed as well. Does ours? Are we different for having walked with Jesus during these 40 days? I hope so. I hope to be different for walking with Jesus for ten days this month. But as I had to decide to go on this trip, all of us must decide to go on this journey with Jesus. Perhaps we journeyed in a special way in Lent... perhaps we didn't. Perhaps this Easter was monumental for us... maybe it wasn't. But it could have been, and still could be. It just takes making the decision to go on that journey, and then letting it unfold. I did it. You can, too.

I think each of us can still walk in the footsteps of Jesus wherever we find them: in Jerusalem, or Northern Michigan. We just need to DECIDE to go on that trip with him, and then let the trip come to us. We've got the very best guide.

Have a blessed Easter, everyone.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg's April Announcements

Summer Camp-along!!! July 22-28, HERE AT EMMANUEL!!! We will be camping in our own backyard this summer...Tents in the grass and Campers in the lot. We will have crafts each morning, lunch, swimming each afternoon, dinner, and evening activities including S'mores around our fire pit! You can come for a single night or the whole week. You can drop off your kiddos and we will entertain them all day if you cannot join us (if we have the bodies)! This event will take the place of VBS and TLC for 2018. It will be our signature Family Event of the summer, so sign up NOW! We are asking for \$5/night for a tent spot, and \$10 a night for a lot-spot. This will help offset the cost of firewood, munchies, and beverages/supplies. Call Leah to reserve your spot!

Pledge Cards: Yep. Still accepted.

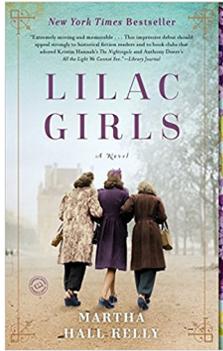
Wednesday Bible Studies will begin again on May 2.

Mondays at Nativity, Boyne City. Out of town for the weekend and didn't make it to church? Well, SOME weekends you get a last chance! During the school year, Fr. Greg celebrates Holy Communion at Nativity about once a month on a Monday at 5:30 p.m. The service is always followed by a potluck dinner, which is always delicious. So come join us, and bring a dish to pass if you'd like to add to the variety! Upcoming Mondays include Apr 9, & May 7.

APRIL BOOK CLUB NEWS

"The Lilac Girls" is Emmanuel's book group's pick for our April meeting. Written by Martha Hall Kelly, this piece of historical fiction tells the story of three very different

women during WWII. First is Caroline Ferriday, a socialite and former actress who lives in New York and works at the French Embassy. Next is Kasia, a spunky Polish teenager who wants to be part of fighting the Germans and is caught up in the Polish underground. And finally, the most gut-wrenching character is Herta, a Nazi doctor who convinces herself that she is doing the right and patriotic thing. By the book's end, the lives of these three very different women merge in a story that you'll not long forget. Although this is a piece of fiction, many of the characters portray real people of that time period.



We will be discussing "The Lilac Girls" on Monday April 9th beginning at 7pm at the home of Margo Todd. For more information, please contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com

BEYOND OUR WALLS CELL GROUP **NEWS FOR APRIL 2018**

As a result of the year end pledging increase the BOW Cell received an additional \$2600 for our budget. We applied \$300 more to the Thursday Soup Kitchen to supplement their needs for the upcoming year for the Montessori school and additional items for the kitchen. The remainder will be available for emerging needs.



We discussed the needs of the Mission Trip should they come up short on their funding. We felt that we could provide additional funding for the students from the emerging needs fund. Cathy Brown will keep us informed of the needs once all their fundraisers have been completed.

A major portion of our meeting was devoted to discussion the Wood Memorial God Send Fund. We discussed the need to setup guidelines for the selection and distribution of the funds. Joyce Riordan, Vestry Rep, who has had experience in leading groups in the church and community on the discernment process of establishing goals, criteria and related aspects of determining process volunteered to lead the BOW Cell through this. For our next meeting each of the BOW Cell members present was asked to take on a group in the community and ask their responsible group "What do you see/feel/think is the most important human need for our community now and into the near future." We will bring these to our next meeting and discuss them as we move along in our process. We will prepare a survey for the parish to respond to so that we engage you in the process. This will not be a rapid process as we feel that we need to invest time and talent into determining what will be the best approach to determining the distribution of these funds.

Upcoming events:

Deep cleaning at the Goldmine - on Sunday April 22 from Noon - 3 PM in two shifts, Noon - 2 PM and 1-3 PM. This is an adult only event. All the cleaning supplies will be provide by the Women's Resource Center. Those participating may want to wear gloves. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the entry way. We need 8-10

persons at each shift. See Dottie Hawthorne if you have questions. Dothaw1@gmail.com

CROP Walk -June 30 at Bay View - Our leader is Ron Rinker. It is never too early to start thinking about getting some teams from Emmanuel together to participate in this annual event. The first planning meeting will take place at Emmanuel on May 25th or June 1st. They are looking for more business sponsors this year.

~Dottie Hawthorne - BOW Cell Chairperson

APRIL 2018 NEWS **FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Out of all the events the church celebrates and remembers, there are two that are most important. They are, Christmas and Easter, the birth and death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The music at Easter should be the most joyful, uplifting music, full of praise and worship, worthy of the events that happened so long ago in the garden where Jesus rose from the dead. I hope you all have a chance to experience Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Vigil of Easter and of course, Easter Day. I will be, "pulling out all the stops" as the saying goes, to proclaim the wonders God has given us, the resurrection of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.



May the risen Lord bless you and your family and friends this Easter Day ~ Brian B.

PASTORAL CARE



Our mission is to provide a ministry of hope and caring so that no member of our congregation need be alone.

We are ready to visit you at home or in the hospital and will support you if you are going through a difficult time. We also work toward supporting friends and family who are involved in care giving. We respect the privacy

of our church family and keep all contacts confidential.

In March, our cell group met for an educational session with Dave Penniman to learn how we can use the Book of Common Prayer, as we provide our church members with compassionate care increasing the way we can also provide spiritual support.

Pastoral Care has completed the development of a booklet of inspirational readings, poems and prayers to share with our members when we provide support during home or hospital visits. If you have a favorite prayer, poem or scripture, please email it to Sharyn Olliffe, so it can be added. Be on the lookout for "HEALING PRAYERS FOR YOU"!

We welcome anyone who is interested in knitting a Prayer Shawl, to join us for a weekly

knitting circle every Wednesday at 10:30 in the Lottie Peterson Room. This wonderful ministry has comforted over 14 people since it was begun in 2017. We are excited to announce that Prayers Scarfs are now available to Emmanuel's men who are ill or going through a difficult time. The shawls have been blessed and are available through Leah or any of the Pastoral Care Cell members. Knitters are always welcome, the instructions are easy to follow, and the fellowship is warm and loving.

If you know of anyone who is going through a difficult time and could benefit from our ministry, please reach out to us. Please Contact: Fr. Greg 231.330.6209/ Sharyn Olliffe 248.909.5862/ Church Office 231.347.2350

*****SPECIAL THANK YOU: to the Pastoral Care Cell Group for their generosity, kindness and for making my desk look "BEAUTIFUL"!*** ~ Most Sincerely, Leah**

VESTRY NEWS IN REVIEW

Your vestry had guests at Monday's meeting. Dan Armstrong came to tell vestry all of the details about the Mission Trip to Cuba. Then, DJ Jones talked about the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation and how that works for Emmanuel's investments. Thanks to both DJ and Dan for their timely updates.



The EEC calendar is filling up for April! All kinds of things are happening! Please take your bulletin insert with the week's meetings and events home with you after services on Sundays, and join in something new this spring.

You can bring the products of your cleaned closets to the rummage sale accumulation area- watch for it!- in the undercroft. Rummage sale dates are May 4 and 5. We will need helpers to sort, stack, and work the check-out counters. Sign up sheet will appear on the bulletin board soon. Please join in!

And, our beautiful yard and garden will be needing a spring clean-up as soon as the snow vanishes. (soon, I hope). No experience needed, really, to volunteer as an Emmanuel grounds person. You need not have a green thumb, or even an inclination to wear or speak of green. There will be a work day coming. Watch for it, and join in!

Many thanks for all that you do, and happy Easter!

Sandy

APRIL 2018

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

April 1 Easter - no Coffee Hour
April 8 Frank and Dottie Hawthorne
April 15 TBD
April 22 TBD
April 29 TBD

BIRTHDAYS:

April 1	William Graham	April 1	Laurissa Wendland
April 2	Stacy Cook	April 2	Gordon Merritt
April 5	Bethany Fisher	April 5	Judy Varga
April 6	Paul Hagan	April 6	Virginia King
April 8	Mark Tarquini	April 10	Catherine Brown
April 10	Charlene Sproles	April 10	James Wendland
April 11	Cameron Carpenter	April 16	George Ash
April 16	Raymond Fisher	April 16	Amelie Janssens
April 17	Virginia Hume	April 21	Janice Haynes
April 22	Conor Ernsberger	April 22	Kimberlee Kelley
April 26	James Flom	April 26	David Jones
April 27	Robert Howse	April 28	Eero Gross
April 30	Reid Goble	April 30	Thomas VanDeventer



**CELEBRATE
YOUR SPECIAL
DAY!**

ANNIVERSARIES:

April 4th: Dean & Shirley Burns
April 5th: Michael & Catherine Atchison
April 9th: Bruce & Connie Booth
April 9th: Bruce & Cameron Koch
April 13th: James & Deborah Kan
April 17th: Herbert & Lynn Glahn
April 22nd: Thomas & Shirley Pinson
April 26th: Adam & Traci Wong



<u>April 1</u> EASTER	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>
RITE I Service: Lynn Duse, Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland, Kathy Audia	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse, Kathy Audia	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland
LEMes: Tom Hord - 1st Sharyn Olliffe	LEMes: MaryIn Graham - 1st Sharyn Olliffe	LEMes: Tom Hord Sharyn Olliffe	LEMes: Tim Tippett - 1st Sharyn Olliffe	LEMes: MaryIn Graham - 1st Dottie Hawthorne
POPs: MaryIn Graham	POPs: Tim Tippett	POPs: Tim Tippett	POPs: MaryIn Graham	POPs: Tim Tippett
LECTORs: Carolyn Penniman	LECTORs: Sharyn Olliffe	LECTORs: Lisa Ernsberger	LECTORs: Sarah Mosser	LECTORs: Bruce Turner
ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana TBD TBD	ACOLYTEs: Caroline Farley Katie Farley Juliana Liebler - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Suzy Carpenter Joe Farley Lillian Lamarche - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer Ellie Jones TBD	ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana TBD TBD
USHERs & GREETERs: Bill & Ginny King	USHERs & GREETERs: Bruce & Connie Booth	USHERs & GREETERs: Sarah Mosser, Joan Neubrecht	USHERs & GREETERs: Ashley Price, Wendy Price	USHERs & GREETERs: TBD
CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: DJ Jones	CHURCH OPENERs: Jeremy Rakoniewski	CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse
ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD
COFFEE HOUR: None - HAPPY EASTER!!	COFFEE HOUR: Frank & Dottie Hawthorne	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: Joyce Riordan	VPOW: Karel Howse	VPOW: Gretchen Lamarche	VPOW: Sandy Selden	VPOW: Frank Hawthorne

PLATE COORDINATOR: Robert Howse	PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: Ron Rinker	PLATE COORDINATOR: David Farley	PLATE COORDINATOR: Ben Ernsberger
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Check our website for the latest, up to date happenings at Emmanuel by clicking the link to our Church Calendar [here](#).

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Your 2018 EEC Vestry Members:

Sandy Selden, Senior Warden
 Frank Hawthorne, Junior Warden
 Joyce Riordan, Clerk
 Randy Evans
 Sierra Hilt
 Karel Howse
 Gretchen Lamarche
 Timothy Tippett
 Nina Wagar

Your EEC Staff Members:

Rev. Gregory Brown, Rector
 Brian Bogdanowitz, Music Director
 Leah Cell, Office Manager
 Christina Cartwright, Altar Guild Director
 Patricia Dovalina, Nursery Provider
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