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From the Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

We are halfway through Lent! How are you doing? Are you feeling any closer to God? Has your Lenten discipline (giving up or taking on something) made you more conscious of God presence in your life or aided you in integrating your faith into new actions or aspects of your life?

To the degree that you are able to say, "Yes." Bravo! Keep it up. To the degree that you are struggling, feeling no growth or that it is "too late" for this year, fear not. Every day we are given a new chance to start over, to act in new or renewed ways. There is still time. The spiritual journey is a marathon not a 100-year dash, and we can trust growth is happening even when we don't see the results in the moment. God meets us where we are and works and through our efforts to build us up in faith.

One opportunity to make the most of this Lent will be coming up shortly. Our Holy Week services will be Maundy Thursday (April 18 - 11am and 7pm; both at Emmanuel) and Good Friday (April 19 - Noon at Emmanuel and 7pm at Cross of Christ ELCA). Both of the evening services will be joint services with our Lutheran friends. The services these two days focus on particular parts of Jesus' story and they are tailored to help us understand and experience what Jesus did, why, and how these events intersect with our lives 2000 years later. Children are welcome and encouraged to come to these services. The unique aspects of each service will provide teachable moments to communicate to them about God and our faith.

Blessings upon you as you continue on your Lenten journey.

Faithfully yours,

Alan





Photo Directory

In preparation for welcoming a new Rector - and to aid to new (and current) members - we are taking another opportunity to assemble a photo directory. While we solicited pictures a year ago, the response was limited. So now is your chance. Please email to Leah (leah@eecpetoskey.org) by April 30 a current picture of you and your family. If you did send one last Spring, you are welcome to submit a more recent picture. Along with wearing a name tag, this is a wonderful gift that we can give one another in helping each other's name.

Website Updates

Asking each Committee and Leaders to take a look at your website page and, if it needs updates, please get those updates to Leah in the Church Office (office@eecpetoskey.org) soon as possible but no later than April 30, 2019.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Service Schedule Shift

Remember: Sunday, April 7 our early Sunday service will once again start at 8:00am!



INVITE TO EASTER VIGIL AT TRANSFIGURATION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Clergy and Parishioners of
Transfiguration Episcopal Church
cordially invite you to the
observance of
The Easter Vigil to be held the
evening of April 20th, 2019, at 7:
p.m.
at Transfiguration Episcopal Church
8119 M-68 Indian River, Michigan
231-238.2188
transfigepiscopal@yahoo.com

VESTRY REPORT APRIL 2019

Dear Friends,

This past month included a flurry of cell group ministry meetings, as members applied their calendars to planned activities for 2019. Personally, I developed a new appreciation for all the individuals and teams outside our formal organization who thread their way through the parish and our surrounding communities. My observations are supported by Father Alan's Lenten Preaching Series about the dimensions of stewardship-how each of us have ministries both within the church and through our life work, voluntary activities, support for others, study, and prayer.

On March 5, amid festive decorations, 110 parishioners enjoyed good food and fellowship at the Shrove Tuesday Dinner (up from 94 last year).

On March 6, our church observed Ash Wednesday in a joint evening service with Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. We were invited to Lent by the voices of a joint choir, including bells and the words of Isaiah 58:8, "Then your light shall break through like the dawn."

On March 8, Father Alan and David Penniman led a number of us in the first noon Brown Bag Bible Study in preparation for understanding the Sunday scriptures, and at 5 PM we held the first weekly Stations of the Cross, a highly meaningful event.

Youth Sunday on March 10 held special joy, as the sanctuary sparkled with young people, who performed admirably as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and Coffee Hour hosts. The sanctuary was filled by the bell-clear voices of the youthful Emmanuel Choristers.

Thirty EEC church leaders met for five hours on Saturday, March 16 for a Leadership Roundtable. The packed agenda included prayer and devotions, an overview of Episcopal Church history and organization, an enthusiastic update by the Rector Search Committee, and table discussions and a plenary session on the state of the church: hopes, joys, strengths, and challenges.

As we enter a northern Michigan spring, the parking lot is occupied by more cars and less snow!

God's Blessings,

Randy Evans



RECTOR SEARCH GROUP UPDATE

The "Rector Selector" group is moving at a steady and deliberate clip. We had the luxury of having Senior Warden, Randy Evans, take us through the results of our Myers Brigg Indicator surveys. It will be invaluable as we try to understand ourselves and the other members of the committee.



We have selected a book to use as guide on our search, the book "Rector Transitions" by Van Sheets. We are also getting a lot of input from the Bishop's Office in the form of the Reverend Canon Anne Hallmark from Traverse City. She has a lot of experience in rector searches and has served as an interim priest in a number of searches. We had a chance to sit down with her last Saturday and get some valuable counsel.

We are working diligently on producing a timeline that will help our parish understand the framework of the decisions and recommendations that this committee will need make over the coming year.

We will need to develop a community profile for our area as well as a profile for the church. Finally, we will need to define the traits and skills of the who we think our congregation need as its next rector. As a parish, you can look forward to being asked to participate in some small group meetings and to share your thoughts on the needs of our church.

Most of all, however, please pray for this committee and for our next rector as we trust the dutiful discernment process will allow us to find each other.

Your Rector Search Committee

BEYOND OUR WALLS COMMITTEE **APRIL NEWS**

We prepared for our opportunity to work with the youth of the parish and explain who we serve, those individuals outside the walls of our parish. This would be those primarily who participate in the soup/lunch program at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday's. We alternate with the Cross of Christ on a monthly basis. Shirley Burns and Dottie Hawthorne made up two big batches of chocolate chip cookie dough for the younger parishioners to bake cookies that would serve as dessert for the soup lunch on 3/21. Joan Holec was a great helper with the young people. The youngest of our parishioners were really excited to be participating in this opportunity.



We also moved ahead on on the Community Recovery Alliance efforts. Dottie presented the appeal to the Vestry for their support to Judge Charles Johnson in the development of an Emmet County Circuit Drug Court for adults. This appeal is being directed to other faith communities in Emmet County as well. The Vestry approved this appeal.

Dottie Hawthorne, BOW Chair

APRIL HARBINGER **YOUTH SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

We haven't reported to you all since October! We have had a lot going on and I'll give you a brief review of what we've been up to.

One of our greatest accomplishments this year has been the implementation of the new MEET THE CHURCH concept where worship center and Sunday school aged kids meet once a month with someone from a certain cell group (ministry group) to learn about what they do. In October, the kids worked with Karel Howse to work on the grounds outside. In November, they helped Blessings and Generosity set up for the harvest dinner. In January they worked with Ernie Mainland to make bread for the Eucharis. In February they worked with Pastoral Care to make note cards. In March they worked with both Beyond our Walls and the Northmen Den ministries to learn about how we feed those who are hungry in our community. These events have been a great way for members of our congregation and leaders of our ministries to meet the youngest members of our church.



In October we had a family Halloween party in which we had approximately 40 attendees. December, Saint Nick came to visit the kids again and we had over 50 people attend that

amazing evening celebration. Shrove Tuesday dinner was an amazing success and we were able to raise over \$1100 dollars for our youth programs! Thank you to all of you who supported this event.

In December and March we brought back YOUTH SUNDAY dedicated to having the youth perform most of the tasks of running a successful service. So far the kids have helped with greeting/ushering, acolyting, altar guild, choir, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and coffee hour. We are really proud of the kids and appreciate the patience and encouragement from the congregation during youth Sunday. There will be more to come!

The good thing is that what we planned to do this school year is what we have done. We continue to have awesome teachers and leaders that put in a ton of time and effort to make our youth program so successful. We also have a ton of support from all the families. Attendance for our Worship Center and Sunday School age youth has flourished this year! Since September we have averaged 15 youth at church per Sunday!

The schedule of events for **April** is as follows:

Worship Center & Sunday School

7	-	Meet the Church - Kids will be working with the Altar Guild
14	-	Lesson
21	-	Easter - no lesson, kids will be in church
28	-	Art with Sandy Selden

Youth Group

7	-	1:00-3:30pm @ PUMC - Stuffing Easter Eggs
27/28	-	Camping at the LTC Pigeon River Cabin

Submitted by: Ashley Price, Leader, Youth Spiritual Formation Cell Group

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Have you heard about the Pastoral Care Cell at Emmanuel? Are you alone or would you like someone in our church to listen or pray with you?

The goal of Pastoral Care 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.

The Pastoral Care team has been trying to contact all the parishioners in Emmanuel's directory. Sometimes the contact information is incomplete: please keep your information current. That would help us!

We all have challenges, special needs and/or medical concerns at one time or another. The

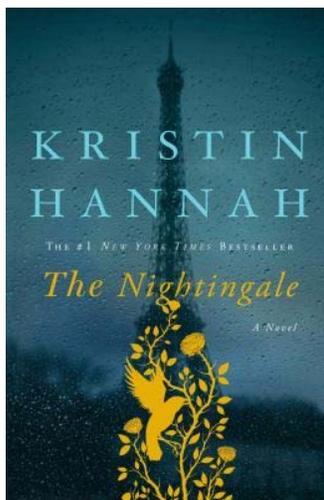


Pastoral Care team supports family and friends involved in caregiving with love and compassion. Please know all information gleaned is confidential.

If you know of anyone who suffering alone, please contact us. They may like to be contacte by a member of the Pastoral Care team or perhaps they would like the comfort of a hand knitted prayer scarf or shawl.

For more information, please contact Fr. Alan at 231.347.2350 ext. 111; Sharyn Olliffe at 248.909.5862; or the church office at 231-347-2350 ext. 110.

BOOK NEWS FOR APRIL



The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah follows two sisters, Vianne and Isabelle, who live in France in the late 1930's on the eve of WWII. They are estranged from each other and their father. This work of historical fiction follows the two very different paths Vianne and Isabelle take. Vianne husband Antoine heads to the front line, leaving her and her daughter home alone. When a German captain requisitions their home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Isabelle is a rebellious 18 year old searching for purpose with all of the reckless passion of youth.

We'll be discussing The Nightingale on Monday, April 8th 7pm, either at Emmanuel in the Lottie Peterson Room **OR** at the home of Margo Todd. For more information (and meeting location) feel free to contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS - APRIL 2019





Our Easter Sunday celebration will include glorious music performed by choir, brass quintet, and organ.

REHEARSALS
April 4th and 11th at 7:00 p.m.
April 17th at 8:00 p.m.
April 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Call or email the Emmanuel Music Office today to express your interest and to receive a music pack and listening/learning CD.

CHILDRENS CHOIR



Emmanuel Choristers

Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
in the Choir Room





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COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

April 7: Bruce & Connie Booth and Bruce & Nancy Turner

April 14: PALM SUNDAY - TBD

April 21: EASTER SUNDAY - TBD

April 28: TBD

BIRTHDAYS:

Apr. 1 William Graham

Apr. 2 Stacy Cook

Apr. 5 Bethany Fisher

Apr. 6 Paul Hagan

Apr. 8 Mark Tarquini

Apr. 10 James Wendland

Apr. 16 George Ash

Apr. 17 Virginia Hume

Apr. 26 David (D.J.) Jones

Apr. 28 Eero Gross

Apr. 1 Laurissa Wendland

Apr. 2 Gordon Merritt

Apr. 5 Judy Varga

Apr. 6 Virginia King

Apr. 10 Charlene Sproles

Apr. 11 Cameron Carpenter

Apr. 16 Raymond Fisher

Apr. 26 James Flom

Apr. 27 Robert Howse



ENJOY 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 26th: Adam & Traci Won



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<u>APR. 7</u> Time Change for Rite I to	<u>APR. 14</u> PALM SUNDAY	<u>APR. 18</u> MAUNDY THURSDAY	<u>APR. 19</u> GOOD FRIDAY	<u>APR. 21</u> EASTER	<u>APR. 28</u>
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8:00 a.m.					
RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland			RITE I Service: Kathy Audia, Lynn Duse, Ernie Mainland, Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland
RITE II Service: LEMs: Maryln Graham - 1st Tom Hord	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st Tom Hord	LEMs: Maryln Graham Sharyn Olliffe	LEMs: Maryln Graham TBA	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Sharyn Olliffe	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st Tom Hord
POPs: Sharyn Olliffe	POPs: Maryln Graham	POPs:	POPs:	POPs: Tim Tippett	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe
LECTORS: Joyce Riordan	LECTORS: Sharyn Olliffe	LECTORS:	LECTORS:	LECTORS: Daphne Weston	LECTORS: Sarah Mosser
ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer TBD TBD	ACOLYTEs: Caroline Farley Juliana Liebler Maylee Liebler - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs:	ACOLYTEs:	ACOLYTEs: Joe Farley Katie Farley Thomas Farley	ACOLYTEs: Josephine Caba Griffin Frentz Jack Frentz
USHERs & GREETERs: Bill & Ginny King	USHERs & GREETERs: Bruce & Connie Booth	USHERs & GREETERs:	USHERs & GREETERs:	USHERs & GREETERs: Sarah Mosser, Joan Neubrecht	USHERs & GREETERs: Ashley Price, Wendy Price
CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENER: DJ Jones			CHURCH OPENER: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Koch
ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse	ALTAR GUILD: Christina Cartwright	ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: Christina Cartwright Maryln Graham	ALTAR GUILD: TBD
COFFEE HOUR: The Booths & The Turners	COFFEE HOUR: TBD			COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: Jay Emmendorfer	VPOW: Karel Howse			VPOW: Gretchen Lamarche	VPOW: Ashley Price
PLATE COORDINATOR: F/D Hawthorne	PLATE COORDINATOR: Bob Howse	PLATE COORDINATOR:	PLATE COORDINATOR:	PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: F/D Hawthorne





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 2019 EEC Vestry Members:

Randy Evans, Senior Warden
 Karel Howse, Junior Warden
 Tim Tippett, Clerk
 Jay Emmendorfer
 Joan Holec
 Gretchen Lamarche
 Lauren Liebler
 Ashley Price
 Nina Wagar

Your EEC Staff Members:

The Rev. Alan C. James, Interim Rector
 Andre Strydom, Director of Music Ministries
 Leah Cell, Office Manager
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