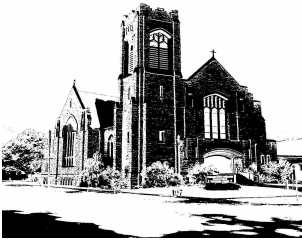


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“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2

How does someone become the King of kings and Lord of lords? In the history of this sinful world, many have become kings and lords by all manner of intrigue, deceit, power, and conniving. Even in a democratic society, where people choose their leaders, men and women are often elected not on the basis of leadership skills but on the basis of halfhearted promises of mere popularity. For those wanting to “get ahead” in the political realm, honesty and integrity sometimes are not high priorities.

And how do those who have grabbed power often act? Jesus once commented that “those who are regarded as rulers [in this world] lord it over” their subjects, taking advantage of their position. After sharing that insight, Jesus warned his disciples, “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all” (Mark 10:42-44).

Jesus himself is the epitome of this profound Christian truth: the greatest in God’s kingdom is the one who becomes the least, the servant and slave of all! Nowhere is this truth more brilliantly amplified than in Jesus’ cross. Though in his suffering and death Jesus might seem to have been the lowest of criminals, the truth is that his cross brings him the greatest eternal glory. God has exalted his Son to the highest place, that at his name every knee should bow and every tongue confess that our crucified and risen Savior is the King of kings and Lord of lords (Philippians 2:8-11).

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” (CW 122) is an ancient hymn written by Venantius Fortunatus (530-609). This Lenten hymn describes how Jesus “as a victim won the day” (st.1). After recounting the Savior’s redeeming work (sts. 2,3), the poet reveals how Jesus’ cross—that shameful Roman implement of cruel pain and death—is for us the “true sign of triumph” as the unequalled “symbol of the world’s redemption” (st. 4). By his cross, Jesus not only won eternal glory for himself but also for all those who trust in him!

Sing, Christian! Praise God that our Savior took up his cross and achieved glorious forgiveness, life, and salvation for us all!

Important News and Information

Worship Reminders – tell your denomination (Lutheran), your place of worship (Emanuel First), and your permission for the hospital to Each Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

Church Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

Quarterly Voters' Assembly—Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in room 9. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Women's Retreat—April 9-11, 2010 at the Lexington Lansing Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Hotel). This year's theme is *I am the vine, you are the branches*. As Christians, we know the best connection we have is to the True Vine, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let him strengthen your connection to him during this weekend filled with his Word! Additional information is available on the church bulletin board. You may register on line at www.tcwr.org.

Hospitalization– Thank you for continuing to register as a member of Emanuel First when a hospital stay is necessary. If you do not wish for a hospital chaplain to visit you please make this clear to the hospital. Follow this formula:

tell us you have been admitted as a patient. At Sparrow, Emanuel's registration number is 3006.

Visitation—the Board of Elders has discussed assisting Pastor Lindloff with member visitation, especially hospital visits. Current Board of Elders member, Steven Black is assisting Pastor Lindloff with this important work.

Pastor Lindloff can be reached at the church office: 517-485-4118 ext #11; at home: 517-487-0848; by cell phone: 517-281-5095; or by email: revlindloff@comcast.net.

Current address and telephone information for our members remains extremely important. Please pass along any changes/corrections to the church office.

Marriage planning day—January 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All couples planning weddings at Emanuel in 2010 are invited to attend.

Next Quarter's News-

letter— deadline is Sunday, April 11. The mailing of this newsletter is planned for Wednesday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m. We encourage all who would like to submit information for the newsletter to please do so. Information may be submitted electronically to elutheran150@comcast.net.

Financial & Membership Reports are included in this mailing. In the future the financial report will be mailed in the summer, after the close of the fiscal year. The membership report will continue to be mailed in January, after the closing of the calendar year.

Lansing Area Food Bank – Please remember our Lansing area food bank drop off point. Please donations in the chapel hallway receptacle provided for this charitable service. Personal items (hand or dish soaps, toilet paper, razors, etc.) in addition to the prepackaged and non-perishable food items are always needed. Thanks for supporting this work.

Large Print Editions— Enlarged versions of the bulletin as well as the hymnal are available in the narthex and also at the end of the ramp in the front of the sanctuary. The hymnal binders include not only the hymns but also the Psalm of the day and the order of service also. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

LENT 2010

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

(3:15 & 7:00 p.m. with free-will supper between services)

February 17—supper hosted by Missionary Society

Lenten Worship Services

(3:15 & 7:00 p.m. with free-will supper between services)

February 24—supper hosted by Friends of the Church Library

March 3—supper hosted by Friends of the Capitol Choir

March 10—supper hosted by Friends of the Emanuel Youth Group

March 17—supper hosted by Friends of the Church Library

March 24—supper hosted by Friends of the School Athletic Department

Maunday Thursday Worship Services

5:00 p.m. German Worship & 7:00 p.m. English Worship; both with Holy Communion

Good Friday Worship Services

1:00 & 7:00 p.m. both with Holy Communion

Easter Sunday Worship Services

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. with Easter Breakfast served between services

Invite a friend for Easter! Please speak with Pastor Lindloff if you could use an additional Easter Breakfast ticket or two in order to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to church for Easter.

2010 WINTER RETREAT

DATE: SATURDAY,
JANUARY 30,
2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.—
3:00 P.M.

\$12 PER PERSON; CON-
TINENTAL BREAKFAST &
LUNCH INCLUDED

PLEASE RSVP BY
1-17-10

PROFESSOR DAN
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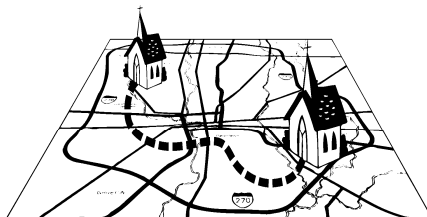
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OUT TO THE

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MEMBERS.

Membership Changes at Emanuel



Membership Transfers

Andrew Babinec from Emanuel to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ixonia, WI.

Daniel Babinec from Emanuel to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grifton, WI.

Darlene Babinec from Emanuel to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grifton, WI.

Rev. Timothy & Mrs. Sara Buelow & family from Emanuel to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELS) in Carthage, MO.



Boyd Miller

Reaffirmation of Faith



Don Wordell, born July 28, 1921, died December 21, 2009, buried December 29, 2009.

Released from membership

Judith (Purdy-Taylor) Conroy released to congregation not in doctrinal agreement